

The Sunbeam May 2016



Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Satter

Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



Pentecost

Confirmation Celebration

May 15

From the Pastor

Focusing on the Spirit

Time is positively flying by! The eighth commandment from the Farris book is one we all need to be attentive to... "Thou shalt help thy successor have a good beginning." Most of the nut and bolts of this task will be my job, but you, too, are responsible for Pastor Alison having a good beginning.

Pastor Alison and I have already met on two occasions at this writing and will meet several more times before I move. I will take care of seeing to it that she has lots of information about you all (that will be the fun part for me!). She already has a complete packet of information about the building project. She has the church history and a directory. I will see to it that she gets a 2016 budget and Lay Leadership list. I am compiling a list of "what happens when" in month by month format for her. That's detail work. That's stuff that helps a great deal in transition.

BUT...the important information is about the spirit of LUMC...and that's where you come in. Making sure that Pastor Alison has a smooth transition is sole responsibility of SPRC. Little things like wearing your nametag (even in the park), reminding Pastor Alison of your extended family (e.g., I'm Mary and I'm married to Joe and Peter and Ann are our children), offering to take her around town to show her where people live and just being neighborly go a long way toward making one feel welcome.

Some "not to dos" might include coming into the office to tell your life story in the first few weeks of Pastor Alison's ministry. Getting settled at home while getting settled at work is time consuming and exhausting. Be mindful of Pastor Alison's need to have down time during this process. Also, do not inundate her with all the "how it used to be" stories. She will be forging her own way in her own way. Especially, please do NOT tell her repeatedly "how PJ did it!" I will be available to her for any questions she might have, but again, she needs to find her own path at LUMC.

My prayer for all of you is that you will share your warmth and grace and passion with Pastor Alison just as you have shared it with me.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Retirement Party for Pastor Jane Sautter

Saturday, May 21, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Myers Park, Pavilion B

At 12:30 p.m. a dish-to-pass lunch will begin the festivities. BBQ chicken and dessert will be available. Master Chef Dave Hatfield needs to know how many chickens to grill, so please RSVP by May 9 to Pat Gillespie at gillespiepd@hotmail.com with "PJ's Party" in the subject line, or call 607-266-0232.

- A collection for Casowasco is being taken to honor Pastor Jane. Please make checks payable to LUMC with "PJ-Casowasco" in the memo line. The tax deductible donation may be placed in the blue box in the fellowship hall or mailed to Skip Hardie, 187 Storm Road, Groton, NY 13073.
- For more information, contact Judy Hinderliter (jk.hinderliter@gmail.com), Kay Moore (kay@mooretrees.com), or Holly Hardie (hardie.holly@gmail.com).

Camp Sunday!

Sunday, May 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Casowasco staff members will lead Children's and Youth Sunday School in camp songs and fun activities in preparation for a fun summer at camp! Perhaps a couple special surprises are in store too... you'll have to come to find out!

Note: This is a real good time to choose your camp and register! Remember, LUMC will help every child who wants to go to camp. You do not need to be a member of this church or any church to go to camp. This offer has no expiration date!

Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale

Friday and Saturday, May 6 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and May 7 8:00 a.m. till gone

The Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale will take place again this year at the Lansing Community Center, thanks to Rick & Charla Hayes and the Lansing Lions. The sale days are Friday & Saturday, May 6 and 7. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the LUMC Campership Program.

Children's Ministry Team Gathering

Sunday, May 22, 10:45 a.m.

Children's Ministry will hold our last gathering of the spring on May 22 at 10:45am. We'll wrap up our spring semester and make a few early decisions about next fall. Note that this is during the normal Sunday School hour, as Casowasco leaders will be joining us that day to lead Sunday School.

Youth Group Field Trip(s)

Friday, May 27

There's no school (yay!) so Jr. and Sr. High (7th-12th grade) are invited to join Kevin on a splendid hike of Buttermilk Falls! We'll park our cars at the lower park (entrance just beyond and across from Home Depot) and do the loop comprising the Gorge Trail and Rim Trail (about a mile in total). Obviously, ice cream at Purity afterwards! Then later on, after we all go home and shower, we'll meet back at the theater to see the new Captain America movie! You don't want to miss this rippin' good time!!!

LUMC Memorial Day Weekend Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 28, 11:00 a.m., at the Lansing Town Ball Fields

The traditional LUMC Memorial Day weekend Chicken BBQ will be held at the Lansing Town Ball Fields on Saturday, May 28th from 11:00 a.m. until the food is gone. Dave Hatfield has generously agreed to barbecue the chicken. Dinners will be \$9.00, and a half chicken will be \$7.00. Please plan to help out!

Café Rummage

Please Help with Food & Staple Items

An important part of the Rummage Sale is the support of Café Rummage, which feeds the volunteer workers—the lunch break for fellowship lifts everyone's spirits! Nancy Myers and Mary Orr will be in the kitchen supervising Café Rummage again this spring. Sign-up sheets will be in the kitchen soon. We will also need a number of staple items, posted on the Café Rummage donation boards in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Please take the posted note with you for shopping and return your donations to the Kitchen by Saturday, May 7, clearly labeled for Café Rummage.

Spring Rummage Sale—Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, May 7–Saturday, May 14

Tents will go up on Saturday, May 7, and set-up begins after fellowship time on Sunday, May 8. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex! Please sign up! Feel free to bring along a friend to help too! We are always in need of the following items: grocery-size paper bags, masking tape, and donations toward the cost of the dumpster rental. For more information, please contact Rummage Co-Chairs Ed LaVigne (607-592-6542) or Shelly Stark (607-342-1491).

Rummage Week Schedule:

Saturday, May 7:

- Deadline for Café Rummage Staple Items
- Tents Go Up (Contact: Scott Bishop)

Sunday, May 8:

- Set-Up Begins after fellowship time
- Donation Drop-Off Begins at 3:00 p.m. (until Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.)

Monday - Thursday, May 9, 10, 11, and 12:

- Sorting, Organizing, & Pricing
- Café Rummage Open to feed our hungry workers!
- Donation Drop-Off Ends Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13:

- Sale Opens: Outside at 8:00 a.m. & Inside at 9:00 a.m.
- Sale Closes at 8:00 p.m.


Saturday, May 14:

- Sale Opens at 8:00 a.m. & Ends at 1:00 p.m.
- Clean-up Begins at Noon!

LUMC Needs a New Rummage Sale Chair

Learn the Ropes at Spring Rummage, May 7–14

Rummage sale co-chair Ed LaVigne has announced that the spring rummage sale will be his last one as chair, due to time constraints as Lansing Town Supervisor. He offers to meet with anyone who wants to pursue this rewarding task. Says Ed: "I have had the pleasure of co-chairing this wonderful event with Shelly Uhl Stark for many years." For more information, please contact Ed at 607-592-6542 or elavlumc@aol.com. (Note: To date, there have been no responses to this appeal. Please prayerfully consider this important role to keep this wonderful event going! Thank you!)

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 K.A.N. 5:30 | 2 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Bible Study @ Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Staff Parish 7:00 | 3 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) 6:30 Crossroads LUMC Forward 7:00 | 4 Women's Bible Study 9:30 followed by Luncheon See you in September! Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Flower Basket Sale at Community Center for Campership Fund 8:00</div> Wingmen 6:30 | 6 Senior High Youth 6:00 | 7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">RUMMAGE SALE SETUP</div> Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl/Caregivers 10:00 | |
| 8 MOTHER'S DAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 | 9 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study @ Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at Blairs (due to rummage) 12:00 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Trustees at Southards 7:00</div> | 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">RUMMAGE SALE SETUP</div> | 11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Note: From May 2 through 13, and May 31, the church office will be on irregular hours. We recommend that you call ahead.</div> Choir 7:00 | 12 Wingmen 6:30 | 13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Rummage Sale 8:00 Each Day Cleanup Begins 12:00 Saturday</div> Senior High Youth 6:00 | 14 Men's Breakfast 7:00 | |
| 15 Worship 9:00 PENTECOST Confirmation Celebration 10:30 Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Sunbeam Deadline Midnight</div> | 16 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Bible Study @ Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 | 17 Needleworkers Group 10:00 VBS Planning 7:00 LUMC Forward 7:00 | 18 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 19 Wingmen 6:30 | 20 Junior High and Senior High Hike at Buttermilk Falls SP Followed by <i>Captain America</i> Senior High Youth 6:00 | 21 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Pastor Jane's Retirement Party Myers Town Park 12:00 | |
| 22 Worship 9:00 CAMPING SUNDAY Sunday School 10:30 Children's Ministry 10:45 | 23 Pancakes and Prayer 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Food Pantry at the Rink 1:00 | 24 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Worship Committee 7:00 | 25 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 26 Wingmen 6:30 | 27 Senior High Youth 6:00 | 28 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Chicken Barbecue 11:00 till gone</div> | |
| 29 Worship 9:00 | 30 MEMORIAL DAY LUMC Office Closed | 31 Needleworkers Group 10:00 | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p style="color: red; font-style: italic; font-weight: bold;">Lansing United Methodist Church</p> </div> </div> | | | <p style="color: red; font-style: italic; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">May 2016</p> | |

VBS Planning Session

Save the Date—May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Planning for VBS is running full steam ahead! Our next meeting is a big one! We'll need everybody that's volunteering (station leaders, crew leaders, music leaders, etc.) to come out for this one, as we'll be going over specifics



of what we're all doing. It's important for everyone to have an idea what everybody else is doing, not only so that things run smoothly, but so we can thread the themes of what is being taught effectively from one place to the next. It's also never too late to volunteer! There are always places that can use more help, so please let Kevin know



(youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org) if you'd like to be involved in any way!

VBS Request

Do you have any massive cardboard boxes (like for a mattress or dresser) laying around? Give them to Kevin so he can use them to decorate for VBS! Just leave them in his office and he'll make them into something AWESOME! Start getting them in now; deadline is the end of the school year! Thanks!

LUMC Office Irregular Hours in May

The office manager will be out for ankle surgery on May 2nd and recovery for two to four weeks afterward, depending on the doctor's orders. Office hours will be irregular, depending on when other staff are in the building. If you need something from the office, please call first.

Women's Bible Study Last Spring Gathering & Luncheon

Wednesday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study group will hold its last gathering of the spring on Wednesday, May 4th, at 9:30 a.m. followed by a dish-to-pass luncheon. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Large Classroom. Regular Women's Bible Study will resume in the fall.

Adult Sunday School in May

Three choices! The following 3 classes will run simultaneously on Sunday mornings from 10:30am-11:30 a.m. All classes are open and you may join in at any time. Please contact Karen Veaner with any questions you may have at AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org or (607)592-1386

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy, with Jim Evans.

Follow the path of one renegade disciple and discover the power of faith, courage, and action.

As Adolf Hitler and the Nazis seduced a nation, bullied a continent, and attempted to exterminate the Jews of Europe, a small number of dissidents and saboteurs worked to dismantle the Third Reich from the inside. One of these was Dietrich Bonhoeffer—a pastor and author. Eric Metaxas takes both strands of Bonhoeffer's life—the theologian and the spy—and draws them together to tell a searing story of incredible moral courage in the face of monstrous evil.

"... the story of a life framed by a passion for truth and a commitment to justice on behalf of those who face implacable evil..." —Alan Wolfe, *The New Republic*

"... Bonhoeffer (is) a clear-headed, deeply convicted Christian who submitted to no one and nothing except God and his Word." —*Christianity Today*

The Wired Word, with Judy Hinderliter

The Wired Word returns! This course offers a rich and vibrant discussion of current events in relation to scripture passages and everyday life.

Meditation: A Conversation with God, with shared leadership

Meditation meets weekly in Pastor Jane's office. This class offers an opportunity for quiet reflection & focused intentions with the purpose of finding greater spiritual awareness—a time to talk with God. New members are welcome to join any time. Join in as the spirit moves you!

"Developing a discipline for finding solitude with God helps us to follow the voice of the Spirit, who wants to lead us to new places, new people, and new forms of service." —Henri Nouwen



Haiti: One Last Urgent Need

While two of the Verrettes university students have graduated, Aniel Estime is still in classes and hopes to graduate in July. Like Jean Clifford and Wilphane, the university in the Dominican Republic is taking advantage of these Haitian men, and college tuition costs are outrageous. Half of the money has been raised but we still need \$3,000. If you would like to make a contribution to their graduation, please write a check to LUMC and place “university student” in the memo line.

Editor's note: Aniel sent this thank you message to Dean Benware, who has been on the ground with this effort to continue the education of these men, which was interrupted by the Haitian earthquake. At the time, the best (maybe only) option was to continue in the Dominican Republic. No one could foresee that the political situation there would deteriorate to the extent that has occurred. Thus, the best plan is to help Aniel finish his education so that he can return home. At the end of the note, Aniel refers to Barbara Meal Denhoff (Mrs. Barbara), who continues to be a large part of our Haiti mission, even though she moved from Lansing to Seneca Fall several years ago.—*gzw*

How are you Mr. Dean? I can say that it's always a pleasure for me to write you sir! Today I do not go to the internship and just come from church I though better to write you! There is one thing that makes me a little feel good are some good practices that I'm doing in the internship and the last Seminar was a super experience for me, so, I believe that's a significant experience throughout the study, it's like a melting pot of the learning in the classes each day of the university Mr. Dean but based more in how to do structures in water and how to manage the water in our environment! And each time I think of those precious acquisitions of knowledge thanks to the God and the program, so, my duty to the program

Concluded at right

Haiti Connection (concluded)

is a whole recognition for the rest of my life and help others to have the same opportunities than me in their life socially, religiously and economically. I have to thank my sponsors, the program and particularly you and Mrs Barbara.

Mr. Dean, about the graduation, there was a meeting with us in this last weekend, so, all information will be available this week and I will let you know all information!

Mr. Dean, about the cost of the graduation, you have writing us some things, wanting that our parents participate in the cost of our education especially in the graduation; it would be a very good idea in case that my mom had something to give really Mr. Dean. I never forget the day that God put me in this program, and consciously I knew it was God who did it exactly for me cause it's was really a moment of total despair ; in that moment I lost my father and Mr. Dean I was praying God and He comforted me. Then, since that time, I have no one in my family with who I can count on economically. When I went Haiti for the last December I saw that the mother's house fall down! I have no family can give me absolutely nothing. It's always a pleasure for the Haitian families can give everything to their children even when they are adults in case that the parents have!

Mr. Dean, it's always a pleasure to write you and my supporters and thank you for all, so, I always say that the program is my life and where ever I get or the position that I'm to occupy in life, thanks to God and to this program.

Thank you so much Mr. Dean, I hope you will share this letter with the committee and the sponsors.

God bless you all! A greeting for the sponsors and especially for Mrs. Barbara.



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PENTECOST, MAY 15

RUMMAGE SALE MAY 13-14

BARBECUE MAY 28

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