



The Sunbeam June 2016

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM (9:30 ON JUNE 26)

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sutter

Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



Hail and Farewell

A Celebration of Transition

June 5

From the Pastor

And Suddenly...

I'm finding it hard to believe that my time with you is coming to a close. It has been a wonderful six years...challenges have been met with grace and conflicts have been minimal. It has been a joy to serve you, and I will miss you all terribly!

We have two more commandments to consider from *Ten Commandments for Pastors Leaving a Congregation*, by Lawrence Ferris, both of which are gut-wrenching! The first is "Thou Shalt (Usually) Stay Away Once Thou Hast Left" and the other is "Thou Shalt Grieve." Let's take them separately.

The "unwritten rule" among United Methodists is that the outgoing pastor will not be involved in the life of the congregation in any way for one year. While it is flattering for the former pastor to be asked to officiate at weddings or funerals, it undermines the authority of the current pastor-in-charge. I will maintain social contacts with the Lansing community, but the emphasis will be on social. There are many more things to talk about besides what is happening at church...even for pastors! Of course, I would like to be notified of illnesses, births, and deaths among the congregation so that I can hold you in my prayers, but don't expect our past relationship to continue in pastoral care ways. I can be your friend, but I will no longer be your pastor... and there is a huge difference! I will be available to Pastor Alison whenever she might need insight or historical perspective, but she will be the only person with whom "church business" will be discussed. I ask that you honor the boundaries that will be set in place when I leave.

Grieving...wow, I hardly know where to begin. I have been grieving this move for almost a whole year. It started last summer when I realized I was leading worship in the park for the last time. It continued with many lasts... Advent, Christmas Eve, Lent, Easter, Confirmation. All of these have been meaningful and difficult. You have added so much to my life of faith, and I will miss worshipping with you. I will miss the music, the children, the laughter, the love. It will not be easy to find another community of faith where I will be able to worship.

So, my dear friends, you have left an indelible mark on my heart and I will grieve seeing you every week (day) for a long time. The other side of this is that you, too, will grieve the loss as well. For some of you it will be the loss of the familiar, for others it will be the loss of friendship. My only advice would

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From the Pastor (concluded)

be that you be gentle with one another and with Pastor Alison. She, too, will be grieving the loss of relationships in Liverpool. Give yourselves plenty of room and time to deal with all of the feelings you will be feeling.

Through all of this, remember that you are loved deeply – by me and by God!!

*Many blessings,
Pastor Jane*

A Service of Celebration and Farewell

Lansing United Methodist Church

June 5, at 4:00 p.m.

Lansing United Methodist Church will gather to celebrate the pastorate of Jane Sautter and to welcome our new pastor, Alison Schmied. As part of this transition, please join us for this Service of Celebration and Farewell on June 5, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. With song and prayer, we will say farewell to Pastor Jane Sautter, as she moves into retirement, and say welcome to Pastor Alison Schmied, as she becomes our new pastor.

Please join us.

"Overdue Book" Notice

Sometime over the past couple of years, I loaned books to people. One is out of print and is very special to me. The other is a replacement of a book that I already replaced once! If you find either of these books in your bookshelf or in your "to be read" pile, I would appreciate their return!

Crucified Love, by Robin Maas (this is a relatively small pinkish colored book)

One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd, by Jim Fergus
Thanks!!—PJ

Music at the Park

We have a keyboard player for four of the six Sundays at the Park, but we could use help with musical leadership on the other two Sundays. You don't have to play the keyboard (or an instrument) to lead the music for a morning.

Help is needed on the last Sunday of June (first Sunday in the Park), and the last Sunday of July (last Sunday in the Park).

Note that Pastor Allison will be joining us on July 3 and officiating for communion, but the Bishop has determined that moving pastors will not have to preach on that first Sunday after they move.

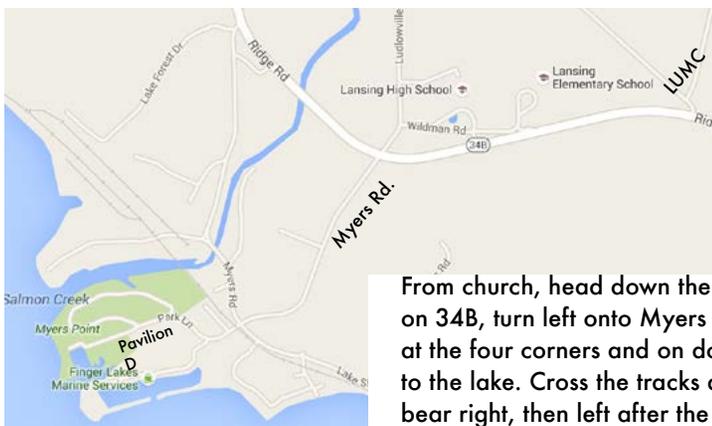
Please see Diane Withiam or any member of the worship committee for more info or to help out.

Speaking of Worship in the Park

Worship in the Park starts June 26 and continues throughout all of July at Myers Town Park. We will be in Pavilion D, which is to the left after you enter the park. Park entry is free for church (even if you're not a town resident). Just tell the nice people at the booth that you are here for church. Look for the green "Welcome to Worship" banner. We meet rain or shine, so make sure to dress for the weather. (Usually it's just beautiful down there.)

There's plenty of seating on the picnic tables, but many people like to bring their folding chairs, for comfort or just because.

In addition to the music leadership mentioned above, the worship committee always can use assistance in hauling stuff to and fro, so if you would be willing to bring down hymnals, provide some goodies or set up drinks, let the committee members know.



From church, head down the hill on 34B, turn left onto Myers Rd. at the four corners and on down to the lake. Cross the tracks and bear right, then left after the booth. Green banner on Pavilion D.

Adult Sunday School

Three choices! The following 3 classes will run simultaneously on June 5 and 19 from 10:30 a.m.-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 Wired Word, with Judy Hinderliter

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!

Adult Sunday School, June 12

TALK BACK Sunday! with Karen Veaner.

Reflect on LUMC's Adult programming and curriculum. Share your feedback and ideas. Help shape the future of adult education, fellowship & service opportunities.

Cave Quest VBS 2016!

VBS registration is now open! Please go to CaveQuest2016.eventbrite.com or scan the QR code to register child attendees or adult and youth volunteers! Lots of volunteering positions are still available! VBS is July 18th-22nd, 6-8:15pm. Please talk to Kevin Klippel with any questions (youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org)



Annual Church Cleanup

June 5, 2016 is LUMC's annual church clean up. Please join us as we spruce up the outside gardens and landscape around the church, along with some window washing and kitchen cleaning. We will have mulch delivered to place around the bushes out front, and in all the flower gardens. Wear comfy clothes and please bring garden gloves, shovels & rakes if you have them. We need lots of volunteers to carry out this important task. Please join in to help us beautify our church. We'll begin at 10:30, but ask that you be considerate of the Sunday School classes still in session for the first hour. We'll have drinks and snack for everyone. If you have any questions, please ask any Trustee. Thank you and we look forward to your help.—*The Trustees*

Adult Mission Highway Cleanup

Saturday, June 4

10:00 a.m.

This is our semi-annual trip through the ditches to clean up our section of Route 34B. Many hands make light work, so please join in.

Thanks.

A note from Karen Veaner: A colleague brought this retreat to my attention and I thought it may be of interest:

Mothers Healing Together Retreat

July 22-24, 2016

Wiawaka Holiday Lodge in Lake George, NY

Loss of a Child and the Pathway to Healing... Losing a child is the most devastating experience a mother can endure. There is forever a hole in her heart, yet life continues to move on around her, for the world stops for no one. This retreat is designed as a respite from the real world and an opportunity to share, learn, grow, and heal with other women who are walking this emotional path. The journey will include gentle yoga, outdoor activities, healing circles, labyrinth walks, and a time for quiet contemplation. The weekend will be designed to meet the needs of the individuals in the group and each member will experience the beauty of sharing, reflecting and renewing in a caring, supportive environment at one of the most beautiful spots on Lake George, the "Queen of the American Lakes."

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about"

Retreat Leaders include:

Joleen Mahoney Roe, Melodee James, Mary Ann Pitzer, Kathleen Fisk, & Margaret Snow

\$305—includes meals, program and lodging

Call 518-668-9690 to make a reservation

Lansing Boys Residential Center

Hygiene Items Drive

—in Preparation for the end of the school year Carnival. As right now we have 50 residents and I am looking to have an even bigger even better carnival than we did last summer. Without the help of our community friends that will be difficult. The hygiene products would be used as prizes for our young men. We would ask for the typical things like men's body wash, men's lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, iTunes cards, shampoo and conditioner, ear buds, air fresheners, doo-rags, and colored pencils and markers. I am looking to do the Carnival in mid-July. We could use all the help we can get.—*Dee Cooper*

If by chance you are reading this before May 28...

LUMC Memorial Day Weekend Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 28, 11:00 a.m. until gone at the Lansing Town Fields. Full dinner (chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, dessert): \$9.00; chicken only: \$7.00. The Lansing Town Fields are located in front of the town hall on Route 34/34B (Auburn Road) between the four corners and Rogue's Harbor Inn. Just watch for the smoke...



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presents...

Annual Chicken Barbeque

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Lansing Town Ball Fields
11:00 a.m. 'til gone

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Lansing Youth Mission
Teens from our community who are making a difference.

Lansing Youth Mission Chicken Barbeque

Saturday, June 11
Lansing Town Fields
11:00 a.m. 'til gone

Full Dinner	\$9.00
1/2 Chicken Only	\$7.00

Takeout only

All proceeds help fund Lansing Youth Mission trips to Guatemala in February & April 2017.

The Lansing Youth Mission group is a collaborative effort of youth from Lansing United Methodist Church and All Saints Catholic Church, who provide service to those in need in our community and beyond.

Campaign Committee Update

The steering committee for the building program is in the process of organizing the financial campaign. Current plans call for the campaign to ramp up soon. Stay tuned.

Upper New York Annual Conference

The Upper New York Annual Conference is set for June 2 through 4 in Syracuse. This meeting sets the priorities for our conference for the next year.

Register for Camp

On Camping Sunday, we were happy to welcome Nairobi from Camp Casowasco, who told us about her experiences as a camp counselor. Now is a good time to pick a camp. Remember that LUMC will help each child go to a week of camp. Children can invite their friends who do not go our church (or any church). Thanks to Rick and Charla Hayes we have extra camping funds to make sure everyone gets a campership for one week at camp.

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Lansing United
Methodist Church

WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30

SUMMERTIME WORSHIP

STARTS JUNE 26

9:30

MYERS TOWN PARK

Lansing United Methodist Church

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