



The Sunbeam October 2017

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM

AT THE CHURCH, BRICKYARD ROAD

Pastor: Alison Schmied

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



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From the Pastor

Refocus and Renovate

After Moses led the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt, they wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Bible scholars say that this forty means a very long time, more like a gazillion than like (39+1).

We've been worshipping in beautiful Myers Park all summer. Sometimes it feels like we've been away from our familiar spaces for a gazillion weeks instead of fifteen. The journey toward the promise of a newly remodeled facility is a long one. Like the Israelites, we are grateful for God's provision—it did not rain during worship on even one Sunday this summer! And we are grateful for forgiveness, for the Sunday we set up worship in the pavilion reserved by East Shore Christian Fellowship, and they graciously changed their plans to help us.

In our time away from the building, we have been reminded that being the church is about so much more than gathering in a facility! "Church can happen anywhere" t-shirts remind us that the church is the people who gather in Jesus' name and put our beliefs into action.

To re-focus our life together as a church, we are starting a congregation-wide study called Renovate. Because we learn more when we discuss and apply concepts to our own lives, I encourage you to join a small group, or create one, to discuss the material. Each group will meet at least 6 times, to build spiritual community and to help discern the direction God is calling our congregation to go next.

I thank God for the signs of renovation and renewal all around us. May the renovation of our facilities facilitate growth into a closer relationship with God and with one another, for a gazillion people, including you and me.

Blessings,



A Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Yes, it seems early, but now is the time to plan this seasonal favorite. We need your help with inviting (marketing & promotion) and hospitality (ushering & cookie reception). Please bless this service with your time and spiritual gifts. In particular, we need string players. Yes, violins, violas, cellos, and basses, this is your moment. Please see Diane Withiam or contact Karen Veaner, 592-1386, or AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org.

Renovate: Building a Life with God

"What if we could rebuild our life in a way that could be lived for God?" —Jacob Armstrong

You are a spiritual house, our congregation is a spiritual community, and God is ready to start the renovation. There has been a lot of attention on the beautiful building project here at LUMC. Now is the time to focus on the spiritual renovation of ourselves, as the houses in which the Holy Spirit dwells, and of the plan God has for our congregation as a community of faith. Where is God calling you? What is God's call to our LUMC faith community?

This is not a do-it-yourself project. Join in this small group study of **Renovate: Building a Life with God**, by Jacob Armstrong, and experience the power of the Holy Spirit as we gather together to seek God's vision for us and explore what it means to build a life with God. This church-wide, six-week study, began officially on October 1, but many groups have not yet met.

Confirmed small group opportunities at the time of publication: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon (young adults); Monday, 12:30 p.m. at church, 7:00 p.m. Fiddler's Green; Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Drake Road; Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., King Ferry; Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Woodsedge; Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Conlon Road.

Choose the time that works for you. Listen. Envision. Plan. Build. Make the connection and find the beauty and grace that awaits your spiritual renovation. *With God, all things are possible. —Matthew 19:26*

For more information, to find a group or get a book, contact Karen Veaner, AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org or 607.592.1386

Women's Bible Study

Resumes October 18

The first class of the 42nd season of the Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study will be October 18, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The discussion will initiate the study of the Gospel of John. The class will meet at the church. Please call Jan Nagel at 533-4086 if you plan to attend so that student books for the class can be ordered and available for the first class.

Woodsedge Bible Study: Making Sense of the Bible

Rediscover the power of scripture today. Explore and discuss the nature of scripture and some of the challenging passages. Adam Hamilton's study led by Karen Veaner, begins Monday, October 16, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the upstairs lounge at Woodsedge.

Welcome to Lansing Youth Mission!

Lansing Youth Mission is a collaborative effort of youth from Lansing United Methodist Church and All Saints Catholic Church to provide service to those in need in our community and beyond. The objective of our group is to bring the participants out of their comfort zone and expose them to communities very different from their own and teach them about the circumstances that caused those conditions.

Youth Mission trips in the recent past have included domestic hurricane disaster relief trips to coastal communities in New York and New Jersey, as well as international work and immersion trips to Guatemala to assist with building houses, participate in service projects, and support agricultural efforts.

Our next trips will tentatively take place in summer 2018 (domestic) and spring 2019 (international), depending on interest. Youth Mission trips are made possible through family contributions as well as group fundraisers. Examples of fundraising events are: talents & goods auction, chicken BBQ, and pancake breakfast. Fundraising is an important component of Youth Mission, in part to help build teamwork, with about 6 events per year, and full participation is expected.

Our kickoff meeting has already occurred, but we're still looking for more team members. If you are interested in learning more about or participating in Lansing Youth Mission, please contact either Pat Gillespie (gillespiepd@hotmail.com) or Sabine Coates (sabine.coates@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful group of teens and adults who work to span cultures and borders, sharing faith and talents with open hearts and open minds to help others help themselves and to grow with them.—*Pat Gillespie*

Lansing Youth Mission Bottle & Can Drive

October 15

Youth Mission collects returnable bottles and cans on the third Sunday of every month at the time of the morning Worship Service. Please bring deposit bottles and cans in boxes or tied plastic bags to the collection point near the handicapped parking sign. The group also has an account at Lansing Bottle & Can Redemption Center (very convenient, 3106 North Triphammer Road). If you take bottles and cans to the center, please ask them to credit the returns to the Lansing Youth Mission account. Thank you for your help!

Rummage Sale Is Almost Here!

Rummage Sale Will Be October 27 and 28

Hello everyone. It is that time of year. Time to Rummage! Our church's construction and renovation project has generated many questions pertaining to the Rummage Sale. Such as:

1. Will there be a fall rummage sale? YES!
2. Will the hours be the same? YES! This means setup outside Saturday, October 21. Setup inside Sunday, October 22 after Sunday school. Accepting donations from 3:00 p.m. on October 22 until 6:00 p.m. on October 24. Note that we **really cannot** accept materials at other times this year. Sale hours will be the same as always, starting at 8:00 a.m. both days.
3. Will the rooms be affected? Some will be changed, and some will remain the same. All concerns will be respected.
4. May anyone volunteer? YES. This is a community ministry. Please come and invite your friends.
5. What tools do we need to bring? Please bring your Love, your Tolerance, your Flexibility, your Compassion for others, and your Smiles and Hugs.
6. Whom do I ask if I have questions? Contact Ed LaVigne at 607.592.6542, or elavlumc@aol.com.

This will be a positive memorable once-in-a-lifetime experience, as we return to our rebuilt church. I look forward to sharing God's love with you and our entire community.—*Ed LaVigne co-chair Lansing United Methodist Church Rummage Sale* ♥

Lunchtime Chicken Barbecue

Friday, October 13, Noonish

Town Ball Fields

Everyone loves a chicken barbecue, and the LUMC Trustees are hosting one on October 13. With the help of an LUMC crew, Dave Hatfield will fire up the pits at the town ball fields for a lunchtime sale on Friday, October 13. Proceeds will benefit the Trustees' account for church maintenance and repair. For information, check with Dave for info on how you can help out on that Friday morning, 533-7158 or contact or Bill Thibault (billtebo@yahoo.com).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 9:00 Junior Choir 11:30 K.A.N. 5:30	2 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Communion at Woodsedge 11:00 Wingmen 7:00	3 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT) 6:30 Crossroads	4 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	5	6 Senior High Youth Group 7:00	7 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00
8 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30	9 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	10 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Church Council 7:00	11 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	12 Staff Parish 7:00	13 Chicken BBQ • Town Fields Senior High Youth Group 7:00	14 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS Rescue Mission Dinner 3:00 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive Sunbeam Deadline Midnight	16 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	17 Needleworkers Group 10:00	18 Women's Bible Study 9:00 Junior Choir 6:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00 Scheduled at Church!	19	20 Junor High Youth Group 7:00 Senior High Youth Group 7:00	21 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Rummage Sale Tent Setup 9:00 Junior Choir 6:00
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Stewardship Campaign

This month we are asked to reflect on all the God has given us, and consider our support of all the mission efforts made by LUMC, both locally and far away. Our support of LUMC's core functions make possible all the programs and missions that you read about on these pages. You'll be hearing more from our Stewardship Team in the weeks to come, but think now about how we can do even more to share the message of Christ's love. It starts with a humble budget and moves to...well, we don't know where we go next, but God does!

Lay Leadership Nominations

Here I Am, Lord...But Where Do You Want Me to Go Next?

Young Samuel heard God calling his name in the night, but it took him several tries to hear what God meant. Prayerfully listen to how God is calling you to serve through your church. The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) is praying for the Holy Spirit's direction as we recruit church leadership for the coming year. Our goal is for each church member to find a place to serve. What will your 2018 ministry be?

Family Fall Fest

Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m.

LUMC is hosting its annual Family FallFest on Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 p.m. and everyone is invited! Children and youth will have a hayride, cider pressing, plenty of fun! Bring out the whole family for one of our favorite events of the year!

Interfaith Community Dinner

Thursday, October 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Place to be announced

Neighbors getting to know neighbors! Everyone is welcome! Please bring a labeled vegetarian or dairy dish-to-pass and an open heart to meet new friends. (If time or budget make the "dish" a hardship, just plan to attend as our guest!) Join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and conversation. Want to get involved? Questions?

Please contact Karen Veaner at AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org

World Communion Sunday

October 8

As we join with Christians around the globe in sharing the Last Supper with Christ, we also receive a special offering that provides support for people who are trying to better themselves. Countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy. On World Communion Sunday, your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. For more information:

www.umciving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday.

Adults in Mission

A team from Lansing and West Sand Lake (near Troy) traveled during the week of September 17 to Brigantine, New Jersey, near Atlantic City. We worked on Bob and MaryAnn's house, which had first been damaged by Superstorm Sandy and then was further wrecked by a fraudulent

Much drywall work by Diane Skroback...



contractor, who took all their money and left them with barely a frame, which sat open to the elements for two years. Thanks to UMCOR's New Jersey organization, A Future with Hope, Bob and MaryAnn's house is now almost completely rebuilt—five years after the storm—and we worked on hanging and finishing drywall (plus some painting). About 3,000 New Jersey families are still out

of their homes due to the storm, but the reality of the situation is that the volunteer stream to New Jersey will fade, due to the need for volunteers to go to Houston and Florida. Remember, if you make a donation to UMCOR flood relief, every dime goes to help as you specify. —Glenn Withiam, on behalf of team members Laura and Steve Alexander, Sharon Bowman, Bryce Gitner, Eric Keilbach, Diane Skroback, and Nancy Wayman



Just How Far Can 22 Cents Go?

From October 12 through 15, about 2,000 volunteers, including our Junior High Youth and K.A.N. kids, will have the privilege of hand-packing nutritious meals for children around the world as part of the 8th Annual Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack in Ithaca. These meals, called MannaPack meals, quickly reverse and prevent malnutrition. Each MannaPack costs 22¢ to make, and for about \$80, a child can eat for a year: that is one less child of 18,000 children who die each day in developing countries from malnutrition and hunger-related diseases. Volunteers for each two-hour shift can pack enough meals to feed over 80 children for a full year, and then pray over each of those meals.



Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), founded in 1987, is a Christian non-profit committed to feeding God's children, hungry in body and spirit. The organization has volunteers hand-pack meals, the expense of which is covered by donors (fmsc.org).

The goal for this year's Ithaca Mobile Pack is to have 2,000 volunteers pack 303,264 meals, costing \$66,718. At some point during this year's mobile pack,

someone will pack the 2 millionth meal packed here in Ithaca!

Would you like to sponsor our youth and K.A.N. volunteers as they pack these incredible meals? Look for a donation box at worship services, or drop a check in the offering plate made out to LUMC with Feed My Starving Children in the memo line. Here are a few memorable ways to set aside money for FMSC:

- Sponsor a youth or K.A.N. volunteer for a certain amount based on how many meals you think they can pack.
- Tally how many times you open your refrigerator in one week and put a set amount of money aside for each time opened.
- Have potatoes for dinner one night to highlight what a meal is like for many hungry families around the world, and set aside the money saved on that meal.
- Or join the mobile pack yourself! (ithacamobilepack.org).

Contact Bonnie Blair, theblairs@twcny.rr.com to by October 1 for more information.



Christmas Band

LUMC's Christmas band will play on Christmas Sunday, December 24. But now is the time to plan to join the band, which plays reasonably simple arrangements of Christmas carols. All instruments are welcome, at all levels. Please see Diane Withiam if you would like to play. We'd love to have you! (diane.withiam@gmail.com)

LUMC Hosts Dinner at the Rescue Mission

Sunday, October 15

The Rescue Mission is an important shelter located in downtown Ithaca. Once a month, LUMC assembles and serves a dinner to shelter residents (with leftovers going to homeless people and others). Check with Laura and Steve Alexander regarding a food donation—something that will feed a bunch of people. Or perhaps you would want to serve the meal (that someone else cooked!). You will meet a group of very appreciative people, whose lives have been interrupted and who need a hand getting going again. (lalexander1169@gmail.com)

Become a Greeter

Do you like to smile? • Do you like meeting new people? • Are you ready to be an ambassador for Christ? Then consider being a greeter at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service!

We will need two adults each Sunday, to arrive at the church narthex between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. to put out the collection basket, sign-up sheets, meet and greet people (especially newcomers!), and record the attendance numbers for the 9:00 a.m. service. Our main goal is to make all who enter our doors feel the warm welcome for which LUMC is so well known, and also to escort anyone needing a helping hand to available seating in the sanctuary. Please consider joining our friendly team!

Please contact Mary Adie at mea36@cornell.edu, or see the a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A note from Lorraine Groat: Hello Brothers and Sisters of LUMC

May God Bless you all. Had a couple of rough months. Had to move my things out of the house and put it in storage. Left some, gave some to donations, and Kathy and John brought most up in a rental truck end of July. Then my youngest daughter Debra suddenly passed away on August 1, so had much unexpected expense I hadn't counted on. But God will provide. I'm confident of that and should get caught up by November? Hopefully, P.T.L. In God's service—may he continue to bless LUMC and its flock.

—Lorraine Groat

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WORSHIP

9:00 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN US!

RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 27 AND 28

Lansing United Methodist Church

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one mile north of the stoplight on

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