



The Sunbeam November 2017

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM

32 BRICKYARD ROAD

Pastor: Alison Schmied

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner

Give
thanks
with a
grateful
heart

Thanksgiving 2017

From the Pastor

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV

In her 2012 book *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*,* Anne Lamott identifies the main interactions in our relationship with God and with one another. Here are three of my prayers for Lansing United Methodist Church.

Help us, Lord, to live into the roles you have called us to. May we recognize and act on your call in each of our lives—to acts of justice and mercy, private study for spiritual growth, and public practice of our faith for the encouragement of others—with greater clarity than we see the faults of others.

Thank you, Jesus, for all that you have done, are doing, and have promised to do within and through this community of faith. We are grateful for the vision and courage of the predecessor Methodist churches that joined together to form LUMC: Asbury, Lansingville, Ludlowville, Myers, and North Lansing. May we inherit their sense of purpose and their commitment to making your gospel known and lived in their communities.

WOW! Holy Spirit, you are amazing. So much has happened in the last year. You have been with us, encouraging us, and walking with us, even through the valley of the shadow of death. You have been with us, through a church playground build; a building addition; the growth of interfaith community relationships among children, youth, and adults; and new friends who have vowed to join us in following you. May we continue to work with you and with one another to renovate both our meeting place and our spiritual lives, so that your creative, redeeming, sustaining love might continue to grow our church and our community.

Amen 

Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers (New York: Penguin Group)



Pastor Alison,
Sharon Bowman,
and Deb LaVigne
(l to r) attended
the District Laity
Banquet at
Geneva's Club 86

Looking Ahead to Advent

Advent begins on December 3. During this time we look forward to the coming of the Holy One and prepare for the long awaited arrival of the Messiah. Here are some of the events we will share during this marvelous time. Full details next month.

Giving Tree. *Late November, early December.* Each year we arrange for gifts for a special group of families. The Giving Tree will be up in the Narthex starting the week of Thanksgiving. Take a tag or two. You'll find that selecting gifts for the Giving Tree is the most rewarding shopping you will do all year. Thank you so much for reaching out in Christ's love as His love touches you this Christmas!

Advent Wreaths: *The History & Symbolism.* **November 26, 10:30 a.m.**

Does Advent always get the jump on you? Ever late getting the wreath prepared? Join us during Sunday School one week before Advent starts, as we explore the rich tradition and symbolism of the Advent wreath. Greens and supplies will be provided to prepare your family wreath or make a new one. Bring pruning shears, scissors, and a heart ready to open to this wondrous season.

Greening the Church. We'll prepare the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, December 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. You can make wreaths or help prepare other decorations. This is a great way to begin the Christmas season. Breakfast will be provided.

Advent Study: *All I Really Want: Readings for a Modern Christmas*, based on the devotional book by Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell.

Let's just get one thing straight: this book is not going to help you "simplify the season." It's not going to help you throw a stress-free Christmas party or create the Best Christmas Ever in five easy steps. I'm not here to simplify anything for you. Neither is God. If you have too many cookie exchanges or whatever, you're just going to have to find a way to deal with that yourself. This book is actually designed to complicate the season. It's here to invite you to think and pray a little more deeply about it.


And this year, isn't that all you really want?—from the book

Note: Rev. Caldwell will join us in worship on December 3.

Festival of Lessons and Carols. **December 10.** Hear Bible readings and sing songs telling the story of Jesus' birth. (Rehearsal is December 9, 10:00 a.m.)

Children's Pageant. **December 17.** For this year's pageant, the children and youth will present several different views of the Nativity, based on the perceptions of various participants. A birthday party for Jesus will follow.

Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. **December 24.** The fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. We will have our regular Sunday morning worship at 9:00 a.m., and two Christmas Eve services, one at 5:00 p.m. and the other at 8:00.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>November 2017</i>			1 Women's Bible Study 9:00 Renovate! Group 1:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	2 Renovate! Group 10:00	3 Junior High Youth Group 7:00 Senior High Youth Group 7:00	4 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00
5 COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS SUNDAY Worship 9:00 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Charge Conference 3:30	6 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Communion at Woodsedge 11:00 Renovate! Group 12:30 Wingmen 7:00	7 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT) 6:30 Crossroads	8 Women's Bible Study 9:00 Giving Tree Signup 12:30 Renovate! Group 1:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	9 Renovate! Group 10:00 Staff Parish 7:00	10 Junior High Youth Group 7:00 Senior High Youth Group 7:00	11 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
12 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 CONSECRATION SUNDAY Junior Choir 11:30 Youth Mission 6:30	13 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Renovate! Group 12:30 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	14 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Renovate! Group 7:00 Worship Committee 7:00	15 Women's Bible Study 9:00 Renovate! Group 1:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00 <u>Sunbeam Deadline Midnight</u>	16 Renovate! Group 10:00	17 Junior High Youth Group 7:00 Senior High Youth Group 7:00	18 Men's Breakfast 7:00
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Whole Hearts Poured into Service for Starving Children and Flood Relief

Both the Junior High Youth Group and Kids in Action Now had a powerful experience packing meals during the Ithaca MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children on Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14. Friday evening, Junior High Youth Group was part of 101 volunteers who packed 124 boxes containing 26,784 meals, feeding 73 children for a year. On Saturday afternoon, the K.A.N. kids helped pack 118 boxes containing 25,480 meals, feeding 69 children for a year. Thanks to your generous contributions, over 2,900 of these meals were paid for with \$635 in donations made by LUMC, Junior High, and K.A.N. families. We thank you for continuing to pray for the children who will thrive in this coming year because of these contributions, and that the work of Feed My Starving Children will continue to be blessed



throughout the year until we have an opportunity to pack more meals next fall.

We also want to thank you for your generosity in providing flood bucket supplies and donations of \$210 used to assemble 8 flood buckets during this month's Kids in Action Now Meeting. Special thanks to Marcia Lynch, who met with the K.A.N. kids to talk with them about her experiences sharing God's love with three families in Owego by helping them clean up after flooding. As part of this year's theme, the K.A.N. kids are experiencing what it means to give God our whole hearts, which allows Him to show us how our service and kindness in His name brings healing in the face of loss and allows God's children to thrive in the face of need. Thank you again for your love and encouragement of our children and youth as they grow in their faith and relationship with God!



Lansing Community Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 21, 7:00
Asbury Church Assembly of God

Rehearsal Monday, 7:00

Mission Central Hub Collects and Sends Out Flood Supplies

The Flood Buckets packed by LUMC's K.A.N. group were added to a truckload of buckets being collected by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for flood relief. The Upper New York Conference Mission Central Hub was in great use as Mike Block, a member of the VIM Steering Committee and a member at Immanuel UMC in Camillus, and Dave Greer, president of United Methodist Men at Baldwinsville UMC, helped load 624 Flood Bucket Cleaning Kits and 1,544 Health Kits to go to the main campus of Mission Central located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. From there they will be shipped to areas where UMCOR is helping with hurricane and flood recovery, including Florida, Puerto Rico, and Texas.

Renovate Group Opportunities

—Meeting Through November 19

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. at LUMC; Mondays 12:30 p.m.–2 p.m. at LUMC; Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. at LUMC; Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the home of Peg and Dave Stoyell.

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. Questions? Contact AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org.

Woodsedge Bible Study: Making Sense of the Bible

Looking for a morning Bible Study? Rediscover the power of scripture today. Explore and discuss the nature of scripture, and some of the more challenging passages. Adam Hamilton's study, led by Karen Veaner, meets Mondays, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the upstairs lounge at Woodsedge.

Interfaith Community Dinner

Thursday, November 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at LUMC

People of all faiths, and all people with faith in the power of community are invited to a community dish-to-pass dinner on Thursday, November 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Dinner is free and open to all. Please bring a labeled vegetarian dish-to-pass and an open heart to meet new friends. If time or budget, make the "dish" a hardship, please be our guest. Join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and conversation in our updated Fellowship Hall! You can help to strengthen our community by sharing this invitation. Will you support this effort with an hour of your time to help with set up or clean up? Contact AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org.

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WORSHIP

9:00 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN US!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

ASBURY CHURCH

TRIPHAMMER ROAD

Lansing United Methodist Church

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one mile north of the stoplight on

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