



The Sunbeam July 2018

Lansing United Methodist Church

Summertime Worship 9:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Alison Schmied

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner

Christian Education Coordinator: Debbie Geise



Vacation Bible School

July 9-13

From the Pastor

Volunteers No More



In a garden, sprouts from the leftover seeds of last year's crop are called volunteers. People who offer their labor without being asked and without expectation of pay may also be called volunteers. Both kinds of volunteers can be welcome surprises, but you may be surprised to know that the church is not a volunteer organization.

The church is a ministry organization. Its purpose is to worship and serve God by (1) creating disciples of Jesus who grow in grace as they (2) transform the world to God's reign. The people who do this become partners in ministry.

In the church, partners in ministry aren't like seeds that volunteer and sprout by happenstance. They are intentionally gifted and called by God for the work at hand, although they may not realize it.

There are always tasks to be done in the church. Those who offer labor without remuneration are ministry partners when their work is not for recognition or the sake of the task itself, but for the transformation of the ministry partner and of the world.

Ministry partners grow in grace as they become more like Jesus, who came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45). We grow in Jesus' image as we learn to serve without being asked (i.e., planted) for a particular task, and without expectation of reward for our efforts.

As a church, we raise up ministry partners who respond to God's call to the work of bringing forth God's kingdom. Opportunities to grow in faith as a ministry partner in or through Lansing UMC abound.

I am extremely grateful for the many ministry partners (invited and uninvited, expected and unexpected) who do the work of our church.

Find your new way to grow this summer as a Lansing UMC ministry partner!

Pastor Allison

Ahoy there! Come join your friends from All Saints and Lansing United Methodist Churches for:

Vacation Bible School

July 9-13, 6:00-8:15 p.m.

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Call 533-4070 for more information.

Register children three years old to entering 5th grade

We're gathering castaway crews on our VBS island to experience how Jesus rescues us from all of life's storms!

We'll have Bible adventures, hands-on crafts & exploration, games, and snack between exciting opening and closing gatherings filled with music and celebration of our growing relationship with God. This summer, we'll be adding preschool crews for children three years to entering kindergarten, designed to help our youngest grow in their faith in the most meaningful ways for them. The easiest way to register is on-line at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/lumc2018>

Register now to get a Shipwrecked music CD to enjoy before our VBS adventure begins.



Interfaith Community Dish-to-Pass Dinner

Thursday, July 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Myers Town Park

For the summer, we will meet in Lansing town park in Myers for our Interfaith Community dinner. These dinners are a result of collaboration among LUMC, Al Huda Islamic Center, Congregation Tikken v'Or (Ithaca Reform Temple), and members of the Lansing community.

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, come anyway as our guest (there will be lots food)! We are neighbors getting to know neighbors. All are welcome!

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream! Sunday Evening Ice Cream Social Gatherings, 6:30 p.m., at ice cream stands in four towns and two counties!

Try a different local ice cream spot each week. Buy your favorite cone, dish, or shake, or just come and enjoy the company and the chance to become better acquainted.

Sunday Ice Cream Social gatherings are casual and open to everyone. Bring a neighbor!

July 1: Scoops—104 Auburn Rd Lansing NY 14882

July 8: Laurie's Diner—1097 State Route 34, Genoa, New York 13071

July 15: Lake Breeze Ice Cream—2035 E Shore Dr. Lansing NY 14882

July 22: Cream at the Top—1258 NY-34B, King Ferry, NY 13081

July 29: Scoops—104 Auburn Rd Lansing NY 14882

August 5: Toad's Too—18 Railroad St, Freeville, NY 13068

August 12: Lake Breeze—2035 E Shore Dr. Lansing NY 14882

August 19: The Ice Cream Caboose—108 W. South St., Groton NY 13073

August 26: Scoops—104 Auburn Rd Lansing NY 14882

Sales Sales Sales! Now's the time you can help CWS!

For school supplies, the purchase power of a dollar is far greater in the summer than it is during the rest of the year. So now, we are asking for your help! Church world service school kits are distributed throughout the world including the United States. We already have tote bags, but we need spiral bound notebooks, boxes of 24 crayons, rulers (with centimeters and inches), pencils, manual pencil sharpeners, large erasers, and blunt-nosed scissors. Last year we assembled and sent 130 school kits. Items may be left at LUMC in the Narthex (under the coat hangers). For further information, please call Peg MacKenzie at 607-533-4432. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Last Call for Summer Camp!

Our annual conference offers five awesome sites with over 200 programs. While many have already run or are full, there's still plenty of summer camp opportunities. Visit our campsandretreats.org page to discover the best program for you or your child based on age, interests, and sites.

About paying for summer camp. LUMC's policy is to make sure all children can go to camp. Financial scholarships are available, and money should not get in the way of going to camp. You do not have to be a member of LUMC or of any church!

Attending Annual Conference Was Such a Joy!

This June, I went to Annual Conference for my first time. As equalization member for the Finger Lakes District, I was not elected, but I still got an equal vote—and only because my age demographic is under-represented. I thought this was unfair...until I saw just how few people under the age of 35 were present, even with this incentive in place!


My first impression was that the gathering was surprisingly large, with 1,500 people, about twice as many people as I was expecting! People were practically crammed through doors during the sign-in process, and everyone got a little irritated, but past the threshold things were pretty comfortable, and everyone relaxed.

Many of the Clergy who knew each other reunited instantly, like lost friends. I saw Marty Swords-Horrell and Bill Gottschalk-Fielding for the first time in forever, and at the same time! I had missed them so much! Thankfully they are both doing well. I chanced upon Pastor Jane Sautter outside of the Conference—she gave me a great hug and requested that I tell everyone how much she loves and misses LUMC. I pray all of UNY conference be blessed as we are to have such loving pastors.

On the second day several pastors gave excellent sermons, which were more affecting than I thought they could be. Overall felt like I learned something from each person who spoke. Some of the sermons were rather long, though, and I started feeling antsy around hour three. Thoughts like, "Didn't I come all this way to vote?" and "Why is he so slow?!" began to distract me. Once we started voting though, we audience members proved to be equally long winded.

Despite its sometimes tedious nature, the process which the larger United Methodist Church follows is truly transparent and democratic. I am proud to have seen it in action. In total we voted on 9 referendums. While I did not agree with all of the decisions, I was pleased with the process, and inspired by Bishop Webb's conducting the entire meeting with grace and fairness.

I would definitely recommend the experience to anyone! If you are interested in attending next year, please come see me in my office, or call 607-533-4070, so we can coordinate. —*Maxwell McKenzie*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park Pavilion D K.A.N. 5:30 Ice Cream Sundae Social 6:30 Scoops, South Lansing	2 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Haiti Committee 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	3 Needleworkers' Group 10:00 LIFT at Crossroads 6:30 Church Council 7:00	4 The United States of America by the Grace of God Free and Independent for 242 Years Church Office Closed	5	6	7 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00
8 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park Pavilion D Ice Cream Sundae Social 6:30 Laurie's in Genoa	9 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Wingmen 7:00	10 Needleworkers' Group 10:00	11	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 7:00
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Congratulations to Our High School Graduates...

Keyla Bay, Webster Thomas High School of Rochester, NY.
Granddaughter of Loretta & Gary Bidlespacher.

Karl William Czymmek, Lansing High School
Will study nursing at University at Buffalo
Son of Anne and Karl Czymmek, brother of Madeline Czymmek.

Brandon Scott Drake, Lansing High School,
will pursue criminal justice.
Grandson of Ed & Dottie Munson, son of Doyle & Judy Drake.

Olivia Gillespie, Ithaca High School,
will study chemistry at Cornell University
Daughter of Pat & Laurie Gillespie.

Anicah Noel Hall, Annapolis Area Christian School
will study environmental science and Spanish at University of Vermont
Daughter of Griff and Susan Hall, granddaughter of Bill and Judy Hinderliter.

Madison Nicole Jones, Lansing High School,
will study speech pathology and audiology at Hofstra University
Daughter of Jamey & Jamie Jones, sister of Abigail Alexa Jones, granddaughter of Steve & Lilly Ellison, and Jack & Sandra Jones.

Hannah Marie Massey, Brookwood High School, Snellville, Georgia
will attend Mississippi State, granddaughter of Beth & Darrell Bacorn.

Justin Scheidweiler, Dryden High School,
will attend Binghamton University.
Son of Steve Scheidweiler, brother of Ashleigh.

Leah Lucrica Alexander Smith, Lansing High School,
will study graphic design at Tompkins Cortland Community College
Daughter of Michael & Diane Smith, granddaughter of Jeanne Bishop.

Caleb Wilder, Lansing High School,
will attend SUNY Geneseo.
Son of Grant & Stacy Wilder, brother of Abby.

...and to Our College Graduates

Patrick Leo Battin, SUNY Brockport, BS, Health Science, MA, Liberal Studies.

Husband of Shanna Battin, son-in-law of Glenn & Vicky Swanson, son of David Battin, brother of Michael Battin.

Rachel Brock, University of Pennsylvania, BA, International Relations & French
will study for a master's degree at "Sciences Po" in Paris, France,
Daughter of Joel & Susan Brock.

Meredith Anne Czymmek, Binghamton University, BA, Economics and Comparative Literature.
Daughter of Anne and Karl Czymmek, sister of K. William Czymmek.

Liam James Fitch, Finger Lakes Community College, AS, Communications
will attend SUNY-Binghamton.
Grandson of Roy & Ev Hogben.

Stephen A. Lemos, Caldwell University, BA, Elementary Education,
with departmental honors.
Husband of Colleen Ryan Lemos, son-in-law of Lisa & Bruce Ryan.

Ryan Thomas Massey, University of Georgia, BBA, Marketing.
Commissioned as Second Lieutenant, ROTC program
will begin Army intelligence training.
Grandson of Beth & Darrell Bacorn.

Megan Miller, University of Pittsburgh, PhD, Psychology.
Daughter of Gerald & Joanne Miller, granddaughter of Bob Miller.

Daniel M. Stoyell, Cornell University, B.A., Computer Science
Will be employed at Facebook in California
Son of Peg and Dave Stoyell

James M. Stoyell, Cornell University, B.S., M.Eng., Computer Science
Will be employed at Facebook in California
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UMCOR Announces \$46 Million in Disaster Assistance

A new round of grants from the United Methodist Committee on Relief — including \$16.8 million to the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico—will build upon the denomination’s response to Hurricanes Maria, Irma and Harvey.

Much of the hurricane-related grant money will be used to fund the second phase of relief work.

Last fall, for example, UMCOR had approved a \$3.6 million grant for the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and assisted with the delivery of eight cargo containers of supplies, for a total of \$5 million in support.

Now, a \$15.5 million grant approved April 13 will allow that church’s “Re-born, Revive, Rebuild” project to move into the recovery phase, which local and federal authorities estimate will take more than a decade.

The goal is to aid 900 households through case management in 15 municipalities. The construction, health and educational components include the rebuilding of 450 houses, and funding of five health clinics and 14 tutoring centers.

The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico also received \$1 million to repair 39 churches destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Maria.

A third UMCOR grant of \$373,513 for Puerto Rico will allow for three additional positions for the church’s disaster recovery staff. A construction manager for residential repair, a communications professional, and a monitoring and evaluation specialist will help enhance the delivery of service to both survivors and communities.

While the Puerto Rican church’s recovery work does not cover the entire island of Puerto Rico, “they’re focusing their attention where it can be most effective,” Earl said.

After Puerto Rico, the next largest grant went to the denomination’s Florida Conference—\$8 million for the second phase of the conference’s Hurricane Irma recovery programs through 2020. The conference previously received an initial \$1 million grant for Irma relief work.

The Florida Conference also was approved for an additional \$300,000 grant to assist displaced Puerto Ricans who relocated to Florida after Hurricane Maria (that fund now totals \$500,000).

In the continued response to Hurricane Harvey, the Texas Conference will receive a \$4.8 million grant to assist 280 households “with safe, secure and

UMCOR grants (concluded)

sanitary housing, and the Rio Texas Conference will receive a \$5 million grant for recovery from Harvey. In both Florida and Texas, the conferences are partnering with other organizations to expand the recovery effort.

Louisiana Conference will receive grants of \$1.06 million to recover from historic flooding in August 2016 in the southern part of the state, and \$1.58 million for recovery from Hurricane Harvey, which caused extensive flooding in several parishes in the southeast.

The California-Nevada Conference will receive a \$1.3 million grant to support recovery from the 2017 wildfires that devastated parts of northern California.

Your donations on UMCOR Sunday make this possible. If you want to help some more, you can make a donation directly to UMCOR’s US Disaster Response. Make a check to LUMC specifying UMCOR Advance #901670 (or just UMCOR disaster) in the memo.

Remember, because we supported the UMCOR Sunday collection, every dime you donate today goes to its stated purpose of helping people recover from these disasters. UMCOR deducts no overhead or other expenses.

Church in the Park

Sundays in July; 9:30 a.m., Pavilion D

We will meet in Myers Park for church at 9:30 a.m. in Pavilion D (first big pavilion on the left). It is great to worship in the midst of God’s great creation. So grab a chair (or plan to sit on a picnic bench) and come on down!

To get to Myers Park (using the church as the landmark), head north on 34B (down the hill) to the four corners at the bottom of the hill. Turn left on Myers Road, toward the lake. Go straight at the four corners at the bottom, cross the tracks, and bear right into the park. There’s no charge to enter the park for church. If you are not a town resident, just let the park greeter know you’re there for the LUMC service. Turn left after the booth and look for the green “Welcome to Worship” banner on Pavilion D. If you get all the way to the marina and the lake, you have gone too far...

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
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9:30 AM
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32 Brickyard Road, Lansing, NY 14882
one mile north of the stoplight on
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