



# *The Sunbeam* June 2018

Lansing United Methodist Church

**Worship 9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM • PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Pastor: Alison Schmied**

**Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner**

**Christian Education Coordinator: Debbie Geise**

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**Graduation Sunday, June 10**

## From the Pastor

What's in a Name?

It is common to develop insider language. For instance, I often say LUMC instead of Lansing United Methodist Church. People catch on, eventually. LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together, a group that meets for dinner at Crossroads at 6:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month) may take a little longer for people to decipher.

Some objects are named differently at church, such as elements (found on the communion table, not the periodic table) and bulletin (gives you the order of worship, not a pithy news summary), and Sunbeam, which shines a metaphorical light on what's happening within the congregation.

A recent youth gathering speaker used the acronym COG-POW to remind youth that each of us is a "Child of God" and therefore a "Person of Worth." Sometimes we need to be reminded. Many different media bombard us daily with opinions of how we measure up—or what we ought to do in order to improve in some way. It is easy to feel judged by all we have done, or left undone.

The song "Hello My Name Is," by Matthew West, puts this truth to music. We need to learn to listen with discernment, being careful about which voices we believe. In the music video, the challenge of maintaining a healthy identity as God's beloved, "a child of the one true King," is shown by competing nametags such as regret, defeat, mistake, forgotten, and loser.

Recently, to illustrate how well we know the voices to which we are to listen, we challenged three children to hear many congregation members say "Hello, my dear sheep" and discern which voice belonged to their family member. All three did a perfect job of recognizing their grandmother, mother, or sister, as each one spoke.

Learning to listen to God's voice—and to recognize the lies that other voices tell—is a lifelong learning project. Even if you don't need to be reminded today that you are a COG-POW, chances are good that someone you will see today needs to be reminded. In your words and actions. I hope you will tell them.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has lavished upon us that we should be called the children of God. And indeed, that is what we are." (1 John 3:1).

Blessings,



## Adult Sunday Forum Opportunities

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., June 3, 10, and 17

**The Wired Word**, with Judy Hinderliter—in the Asbury Classroom  
Confront world news with scripture and hope. The Wired Word pulls topics straight from the headlines and offers thought-provoking questions to encourage us to dig deeper. Join in a rich discussion of current events in relation to scripture and everyday life.

**Mere Christianity**, by C.S. Lewis, with Laura Alexander—in the Library  
A former atheist, C.S. Lewis came to believe in God through discussions with his colleague at Oxford, J.R.R. Tolkien, and became one of the strongest contemporary voices for Christianity.

"Mere Christianity brings together Lewis's legendary broadcast talks in which he set out to 'explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times.' Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations; C.S. Lewis provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith..."—Harper Collins Publishers

## Adult Ministries

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,  
brood o'er our nature's night;  
on our disordered spirits move,  
and let there now be light.—Charles Wesley

## Safe Sanctuaries Training at LUMC

June 16, 9:00 a.m. to noon, with Diane Withiam

Calling all VBS mission partners! Everyone who works with children or vulnerable adults must have this training, as well as a biennial background check. This training invitation is being offered to all churches in the district, so *please* register with the church office *ASAP*, as the course is limited to 40 participants.

## LUMC's CWS Depot

LUMC was the designated CWS kit depot for Tompkins county from April 2 to 17 this year. Peg MacKenzie's garage was used for the kit drop off and storage space. Then, with the assistance of Jean and Richard Simmons, the kits were transported to Syracuse, where they were picked up by a tractor trailer en route to the CWS warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. We collected 207 school kits (including 130 from LUMC), 162 hygiene kits, and 20 cleanup buckets, for a total of 389 kits.

## **Interfaith Community Dish-to-Pass Dinner**

Thursday, June 28, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church, 309 Highland Road, Cayuga Heights

**D**o you sometimes wonder what this world is coming to? Do you sometimes ask, “Why can’t we all just get along?” YOU can make a difference. It’s not just about a great meal and great conversation (although you will experience both of these). It’s about building relationships and setting an example for our children, our community, and the world.

These monthly Interfaith Community dinners are a result of collaboration among LUMC, Al Huda Islamic Center, Congregation Tikun 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, be our guest (there will be lots food)! Neighbors getting to know neighbors. All are welcome!

## **Hate Has No Home Here**

**H**HNHH was started in Chicago by a group of neighbors and has since spread across the United States and beyond. “The Hate Has No Home Here project seeks to declare neighborhood residences, businesses, and places of community free from hate speech and behavior, providing safe places for conversation, work, learning, and living.” - hatehas-nohomehere.org

This project has no political affiliation. It is meant to remind us what it means to be American. Celebrate! Our diversity enriches us! We can disagree with each other without hating each other. Together we can create an atmosphere of hope.

Spread the message that hate has no home in our community. Put a sign in your yard. Hang a poster in your school or place of business. Contact Karen Veaner, [AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org](mailto:AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org) for your free yard signs and posters.

By the way, the slogan was imagined by a 3rd grader and a kindergartener. And a little child shall lead them...

## **A Somewhat Complete List of Nearly Everything**

**A**s the Pastor’s administrative assistant, my job is to help organize and coordinate the various groups of the church and the services we offer. Since I was a child, growing up in LUMC, I have always been amazed by the wonderful grassroots enthusiasm of our congregation--when someone sees an opportunity and a need, they fill it, and when someone sees someone else working they, naturally, ask to help. This industrious spirit of our church is one of our greatest strengths. But when our congregation is doing countless activities throughout the year, church-wide coordination can be challenging! I get the sense that it is a primary duty of my position to improve our congregation’s coordination, without disrupting individuals’ enthusiasm.

To take a step towards better communications, I create a handy document each week to explain some part of the church’s functioning concisely. Over the past few weeks I have completed the following documents: an updated lay leadership list, a list of the church budget lines, a copy of our 2017 statistical report, an updated call list, an explanation of the liturgical calendar cycle, a list of 2018-2020 holidays highlighting liturgical seasons, and an (incomplete) list of church events. I call this collection of document “A Somewhat Complete List of Nearly Everything.”

I would like to put this collection of documents on a table in the Narthex for people to peruse at their convenience and submit comments and feedback so that I can improve the document overtime. I am also open to requests, if there is a function of the church that you think should be explained in print, please let me know! You can contact me by phone: 607-533-4070, or by email: [lumcoffce@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lumcoffce@twcny.rr.com)—Maxwell T. MacKenzie

## **Church Clean-up Day**

**J**une 10, 2018 is LUMC’s annual church clean up day. Please join us as we weed and mulch the gardens and landscape around the church, along with some window washing. Wear comfy clothes, and please bring garden gloves, shovels, and rakes if you have them. We need lots of volunteers to carry out this important task in a timely manner. Please join in to help us beautify our church. We’ll begin after the service 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 snacks for everyone. If you have any questions, please ask any trustee. Thank you and we look forward to your help.—The Trustees

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><i>Lansing United Methodist Church</i></p>		<i>June 2018</i>			1	2 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00  Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00  Upper New York Annual Conference
3 Worship 9:00 Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30  Senior High Youth 5:30 K.A.N. 5:30	4 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  Wingmen 7:00	5 Needleworkers' Group 10:00  LIFT at Crossroads 6:30 Church Council 7:00	6	7	8	9 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
10 GRADUATION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Led by High School Youth Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30  Senior High Youth 5:30 Youth Mission 6:30	11 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  Trustees 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	12 Needleworkers' Group 10:00	13 Bell Choir 6:30	14	15 Sunbeam Deadline Midnight	16 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
17 TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY FATHER'S DAY  Worship 9:00 Sunday School Picnic 10:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive  Rescue Mission Dinner 3:00 Senior High Youth 5:30	18 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  Wingmen 7:00	19 Needleworkers' Group 10:00  Worship Committee 7:00	20	21	22	23 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
24 Worship in the Park 9:30 Myers Town Park Pavilion D  Senior High Youth 5:30	25 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  Wingmen 7:00	26 Needleworkers' Group 10:00	27	28 Interfaith Dinner 6:00 First Congregational Church	29	30 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

## Another Look at the North Carolina Adult Mission

*Steve Alexander recently presented the following thoughts in regarding a recent adult mission trip. In April, Steve was joined by Laura Alexander, Holly Hardie, Eric Keilbach, Dave Stoyell, and Glenn Withiam for an expedition to Washington, North Carolina, to help some folks get their lives back to normal in the wake of Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and flooding from Hurricane Maria's storm surge in 2017.*

**O**ur goal on this trip was to bring the Hope of Christ to those who might be in need of it. While measuring hope is difficult due to its qualitative nature, we think we accomplished our goal.

We witnessed hope in the eyes of Loraine, a British woman who met her American husband while serving in the Royal Navy. Once they were married, her husband took Loraine back to his home town—Ithaca, New York. They both retired from Ithaca College in the '90s and settled in North Carolina. Loraine's daughter, Kate, and two grand-daughters also settled in Washington, NC. Due to storm damage the foundation of Kate's house is crumbling, and they have closed off a good part of their home because of black mold. Loraine and Kate had enough money to clear some property and purchase the material for a new house but not enough to hire a contractor. She reached out to the North Carolina UMC disaster response committee for help in building the house. This was our job site for the week.

We also witnessed hope in Loraine's two granddaughters. Each day they would get off the bus from school and come and look at their new rooms. On the Thursday of our trip we were able to finish the drywall and get some primer on the walls, with happy results. I would invite you to talk with Holly Hardie about her experience that afternoon when the girls came to see their bedrooms.

We witnessed hope in our site supervisor, John. A retired electrical worker who travels around the United States working for faith-based disaster relief organizations. He has personally brought hope to hundreds of people and allowed teams like ours to work effectively and efficiently. If you have never met someone who is truly touched by God (though John would vehemently deny God would ever associate with him), then join us on our next trip and we will show that person.

If you have building skills and want to share them we'd love to have you join us. But the true purpose of the trip is to bring hope to others and all you need for that is belief. If anyone is interested in a future trip, we will be headed out again in September, perhaps again to North Carolina, but the location is open at the moment. Please talk with me, or Laura or anyone of the team just returned from North Carolina.

## Church in the Park

June 24, and Sundays in July; 9:30 a.m., Pavilion D

**W**e will meet in Myers Park for church at 9:30 a.m. in Pavilion D (first big pavilion on the left). You can help with one or more of the tasks that help us set up for this service. This includes hauling the "park tubs," containing materials (such as blankets for the children's story) and other equipment for the service, setting up the pavilion (cleaning up and arranging the tables as needed), setting up the audio (training provided), being a greeter, and providing and serving refreshments.

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. Cross the tracks at the bottom, 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...

## Summer Camp Registration Is Open!

**T**he Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministry Area is excited to share our 2018 summer camp and retreat programs with you! Discover five awesome sites with over 200 programs. Summer Camp provides endless laughter, meaningful worship, and important friendships. Retreats provide a unique experience in a beautiful setting. Visit our [campsandretreats.org](http://campsandretreats.org) page to discover the best program for you or your child based on age, interests, and sites.

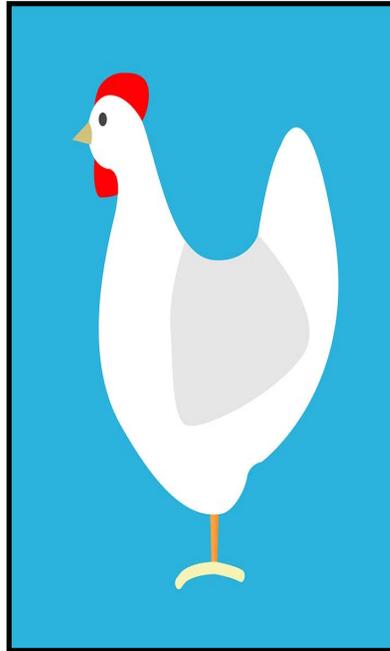
**About paying for summer camp.** LUMC's policy is to make sure all children can go to camp. Financial scholarships are available, and money should not get in the way of going to camp. You do not have to be a member of LUMC or of any church!

## Lansing Youth Mission

# Chicken B-B-Q

**Lansing Town  
Hall and Ballfields**

**Saturday June 9  
10:30 a.m.—Gone**



**\* First 200 dinners receive a roll from Texas Roadhouse!  
Dinners \$10—Include a half chicken (by Dave Hatfield),  
roll, salt potatoes, baked beans, and dessert.  
Half chicken only—\$7**

**Come out and support local youth from  
LUMC & All Saints as they prepare for  
mission trips to Second Wind Cottages  
(2018) and Guatemala (spring 2019).**

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## VBS Is Set for July

July 9 through 13

**V**acation Bible School will be held with our friends from All Saints and the community for five faith-filled evenings from July 9 through 13, 6:00-8:15. We're looking forward to an unforgettable "Ship-



wrecked" week of discovering how Jesus rescues us from all of life's storms! VBS is for kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, and for the wonderful people who make it happen once they are going into 6th grade and up. If you're interested in getting involved with planning or during VBS, please contact Bonnie Blair, 229-2847, or [theblairs@twcny.rr.com](mailto:theblairs@twcny.rr.com).

### **Ithaca Sunday Squares—Free Square Dancing!**

**Sundays 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Temple Beth-El Social Hall, 402 N. Tioga St., Ithaca • Use Street-level Entrance on Court Street

Do you wanna dance? Come with a partner or come by yourself! Any dancer welcome, beginner or expert. Questions? Contact Richard Rosenfield, 607-257-1638, or email [cancall10@gmail.com](mailto:cancall10@gmail.com).

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GRADUATION SUNDAY  
JUNE 10

TEACHER APPRECIATION AND SUNDAY  
SCHOOL PICNIC  
JUNE 17

CHURCH IN THE PARK  
JUNE 24

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