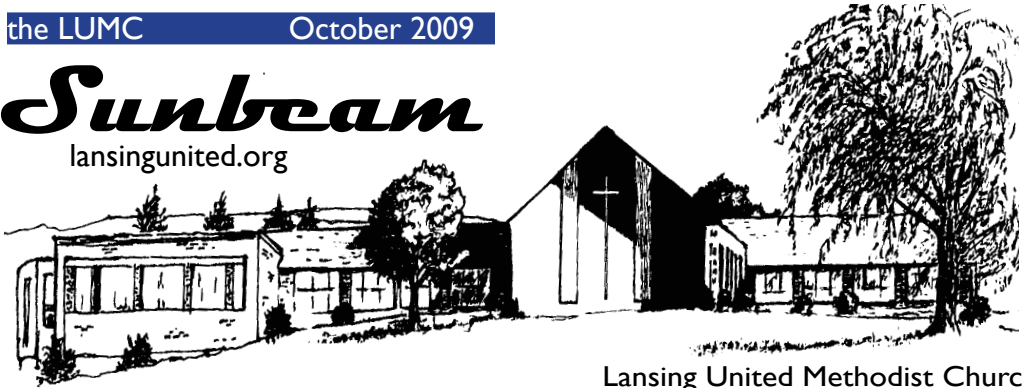


Please join us for worship Sunday at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Wednesday at 9:00 AM

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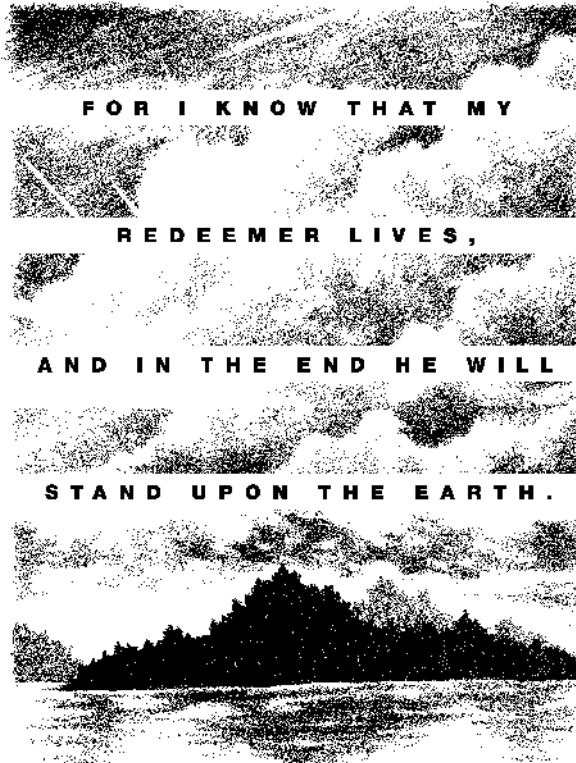
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The Summer of Our Discontent

From the Pastor

At least on the national scene, it seems an apt name for this summer would be “the uncivil summer.” The freshest example on my mind is the inappropriate interruption of the President during an address to a joint session of Congress by a member of the House of Representatives. But all summer long, especially during the many “health care town halls,” there were instances of rudeness, disregard and disrespect. Civil society can certainly accommodate passionate disagreement (and a healthy democracy actually requires it), but shouting down and spitting upon other people is never called for.

John Wesley, the 18th century founder of Methodism, dealt with this issue directly with his three simple rules—the first rule in particular: Do no harm. Explaining the implications of living out this rule, Wesley told Methodists to avoid “fighting, quarreling, brawling, brother going to law with brother; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing...” He specifically told Methodists to keep from engaging in “uncharitable or unprofitable conversation; particularly speaking evil of magistrates or of ministers.”

I think Wesley’s instructions remain pretty valid today, and I’d like to challenge us to practice them everywhere we go. We may not have many opportunities to talk with public officials, but we have daily chances to show respect

to clerks, teachers, health care providers, and telemarketers. Even (and especially) when we have a complaint to share or a dispute to settle, Christians need to practice civility. It is simply a form of the “neighbor love” Jesus commands. It is how we live out his mandate to “Do unto others as you would have done unto you.”

It may be hard to imagine, but in today’s often uncivil environment, “thank you,” and “yes, ma’am” are radical acts of protest and dramatic signs of Christian witness. Such words are also concrete ways of expressing Christian love.

Thank you for listening.
+Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill

Worship in October

Worship is the heart of congregational life and LUMC has a pretty healthy heart! A lot of wonderful experiences are planned. Our 6:00 pm evening contemporary worship service (The Fireplace) will meet every Sunday in October except the first Sunday (10/4). Come for “piano and drums, coffee and snacks, worship and fellowship.” During our Sunday morning services, be ready for a “surprise” each week. I won’t say anything more about that, but expect something fun each week as we seek God together. If you’re able to stop by the sanctuary Wednesdays at 9:00 am, several of us are meeting for a brief, 15-minute prayer service. Even if you can’t join us, send your prayer requests and we’ll be glad to pray for you.—P.B.

October 4—**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (World Communion Sunday)**: Read: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; and Mark 10:2-16.

October 11—**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**: Read: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; and Mark 10:17-31.

October 18—**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Laity Sunday)**. Pastor Bill gets the day off, as church members lead the service. Learn more about LUMC’s missions and Job One. Read: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; and Mark 10:35-45.

October 25—**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**: Read: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; and Mark 10:46-52.

Prayer Concerns

Louise Barr, Lee Christopher, Brent Larsen, Fran Sampson, Larry Spiero and family

Church World Service Health Kits

Thanks for all your school kit donations for the past couple of months. Let’s take a look at the items for the health kits this month. Bring in any of the items listed here and please leave them in the box in the entryway. Remember, no substitutions, due to international customs rules. You’re always welcome to donate cash for shipping or to allow CWS workers to purchase items. As a reminder, toothpaste is purchased by Church World Service just before the kits ship, to avoid stale dating. So, please don’t leave toothpaste because we can’t send it.

- One hand towel
- One bath size bar of soap
- One washcloth
- One toothbrush
- One comb
- Six Band-aids
- One metal nail file
- \$1 for toothpaste

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

October 2009



Lansing United Methodist Church

Note: This calendar is current as of October 24. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org to see our virtual church calendar, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

1 Apple Pie Bee 8:30

Senior High Youth 7:00

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3 Mens' Breakfast every Saturday at Linda's in North Lansing 7:00
Rummage Sale Setup 9:00
Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00

4 Worship 9:00 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:30
Safe Sanctuaries Training 10:30
Children's Ministries 11:30

Praise Singers 5:00
The Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

5 Caregivers 9:00

Staff Parish 7:00

6 Quilt Bee 9:30

7 Prayer Service 9:00

Choir 7:00

8

Senior High Youth 7:00 at Lakeview

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Rummage Sale 8:00

10 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Rummage Sale Cleanup ~12:00

11 Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30

Praise Singers 5:00
The Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

12

13 Quilt Bee 9:30

Church Council 7:00

14 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

15

Senior High Youth 7:00
Trustees, if needed 7:30
SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight

16

17 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

18 Worship 9:00
LAIY SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:30
CROP Walk

Praise Singers 5:00
The Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

19

Mobile Food Pantry 10:00

20 Church Staff 9:00
Quilt Bee 9:30
Peanut Brittle Bee 1:30

Membership 7:00

21 Prayer Service 9:00
Peanut Brittle Bee 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

22

Peanut Brittle Bee 9:00

Senior High Youth 7:00

23

Peanut Brittle Bee 9:00

24 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

25 Worship 9:00
REFORMATION SUNDAY
Sunday School and Fall Festival 10:30

Praise Singers 5:00
The Fireplace Contemporary Worship 6:00

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Food Pantry 3:00

27 Quilt Bee 9:30

Finance 7:00
Youth Ministry 7:00

28 Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study 9:30

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

29

Senior High Youth 7:00

30

31 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
CWS Fundraising Breakfast 8:00

Bringing God's Message Into the World

Part of our responsibility as Christians is to carry the good news into the world. Although this may not always be an easy task, it is part of the church's responsibility to teach discipleship and provide opportunities to grow and share in one's faith. We live in a community that embraces God's good work. It's evident at the CROPWalk, Relay for Life, and Habitat for Humanity just to name a few. **October 18th is CROPWalk Sunday.** This is an opportunity to share God's word as we raise awareness for world hunger.

On Sunday, October 4, Rev. Rolly Ryan will lead the adult Sunday School class and talk about **what it means to be a mentor.** What is a mentor and what does mentoring involve? He says, "Fortunate are the people who have experienced mentors in their Christian walk. And even if you cannot identify mentors in your life experience—you can be one for someone else." The following week, Rev. Ryan speaks on "The Other Book of the Church." The *United Methodist Hymnal* is not only a book of hymns but is an anthology of Christian experience and worship, as well. Inside the cover reads: "Our hymnals serve as instruments by which the spiritual heritage received from the past is celebrated in the present and transmitted to future generations. Next to the Bible, hymnals have been our most formative resource." Matthew Binkewicz visits on Sunday, October 18, and shares **his upbringing in the Orthodox Church.** Matthew is an ordained Russian Orthodox priest who had spent many years in a monastic community. He will highlight some ancient traditions that have been passed

down and are now included into what we know as church today. On Sunday, October 25, Sue Frahm and Cindy Howell team up and talk about the **seasons and symbols in the church.** Everywhere you look in the sanctuary, there are symbols and colors that represent seasons of the church. Please join us as we continue to explore roots of our faith and ways to share it.

The children begin a unit entitled "Psalms and Songs." The **Book of Psalms** is a collection of songs and poetry that God's people used in worship in Biblical times. Some say that the psalms represent the human experience and may reflect one's relationship with God. The children will hear a message that whatever they are feeling at any particular moment, God is with them. They, too, have also been involved in sharing God's word. **Loaf of Love** collection boxes were distributed in the Sunday School classes a few weeks ago and the money that has been collected will be given to CROPWalk. A portion of the money collected supports our local food pantry.

The last Sunday of this month, we will celebrate the Fall Festival. I can only reveal the date, the details will follow.

We hope the classes and events during the month speak to you as we all do our part in bringing God's word into the world.—*Marilyn Paradise*



Thanks for Your Support

The many people who sponsor students and those who provide other support and donations have blessed LUMC's Haiti program. For sponsors who have already paid for this school year, thank you for providing students in Haiti the opportunity for an education. For sponsors who have not paid yet, this is a reminder to return your sponsor's form with your contribution or written indication of intent to give.

One ongoing need is for donors to give money for the support of the canteen (a meal program) at the Banique Methodist School and L'Ecole la Providence. A second need is for donors who would be willing to give to the Verrettes Higher Education fund, which supports University students by meeting their financial needs beyond what sponsors give. This school year it will cost \$100 US per month to feed university students. This cost increase is due to inflation.

The students and programs in Haiti need prayers for a successful year and the support of many people. Thank you to all who have blessed the Haiti program with their money, their time, and their prayers.—*Dean Benware*

Peanut Brittle!

Peanut Brittle Bees are scheduled October 21 and 22 from 9am to 9pm and October 23 from 9am 'til noon.

Sign up sheets are on the Narthex bulletin board. Join the fun for an hour or all day!!!!

We need your empty coffee cans! You may leave them in the kitchen anytime.....the 'peanut brittle fairy' will wash them.

Questions?? call *Dot Buckley @533-4289* or *Fannie Welch @533-4664*

Apple Pie Ministry

LUMC gives apple pies as a welcoming gift to people who have visited our church. If you know of a person or family who would appreciate an apple pie, let Sandy Cleveland or Pastor Bill know.

The next apple pie bee is October 1. Setup is at 8:30. Bring your favorite paring knife or rolling pin and cloth. We'll bake till midday and then enjoy a piece of fresh-baked apple pie.—*Sandy Cleveland*

Habitat Project: Breed Rd. Update

Construction continues at Lansing's Habitat for Humanity Home at 100 Breed Road. Over the summer the foundation was set and framing is under way.

This is your chance to be a missionary right here in Lansing. Please consider giving us a few hours, a few afternoons, or a few of your friends for a workday!

Please check your calendar, dust off your tool belt, and be the next TCHFH supporter to help us put our mission in action. If you would like to participate, contact Shannon Wheeler, construction coordinator, swheeler.tc@habitatnys.org or www.tchabitat.com—*Tompkins Habitat for Humanity*

Lansing CROP Walk

October 18

Lansing's CROP Walk will be October 18. Pledge forms are in circulation. Plan to be or support a CROP walker. This provides funds for local food programs, as well as food programs elsewhere in this country and around the world.



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