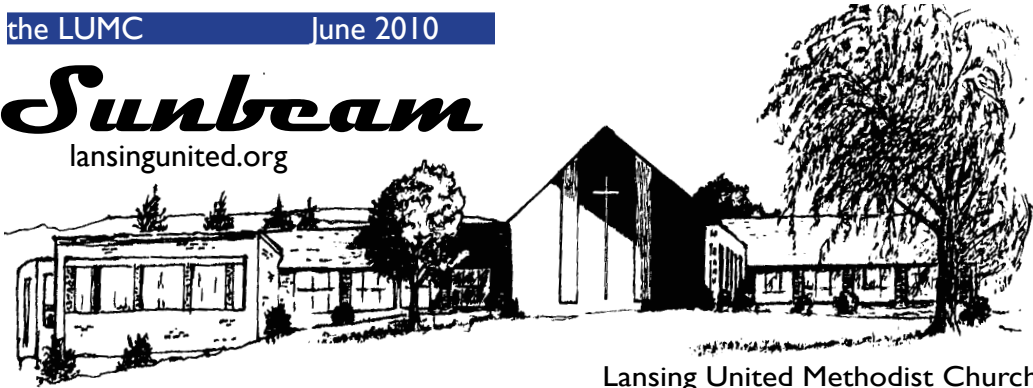


Please join us for worship at 9:00.
Praise and Prayer at the Fireplace, 6:00 PM, through June 20
Worship in the Park, June 27, 9:00

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Farewell and Godspeed

From the Pastor

I wrote my first *Sunbeam* column back in July 2003, which means (give or take a column or two) this issue marks my eighty-fourth and last contribution. Glenn Withiam could tell you (but is too kind to do so) that I've almost never met the "15th of the month" deadline. Part of the reason is that there are so many wonderful things going on at LUMC, I just didn't know where to start. Now, of course, my challenge is to figure out how to finish. But I don't want to make Glenn wait any longer (!), so let me just say three final things to you.

First: thank you! Serving as your pastor has been a privilege and a pleasure. The example of your faithfulness and the goodness of your friendship have blessed me. Rummage sale lunches, Disciple 1 classes, VBS costumes, Children's Time with Leopold, spring clean-up days, choir anthems, Confirmation retreats, CROP Walks, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services, Bible Study at the Bakers, coffee hours, Children's Musicals, staff meetings, prayer services—this mix of fun, friendship, and faithfulness has made my heart sing for almost seven years.

Second: good going! I've certainly seen God do some amazing things with us, through us, and in us during these years. I've commissioned a couple dozen teams on their way to Haiti, Guatemala, and Johns Island. I've taught or observed dozens and dozens of Sunday School classes for children and adults. I've sat

with Leopold among a crowd of children every Sunday morning. I've also watched these same children help with the collection, sing as a children's choir, and lead worship in other ways. I've watched our youth program grow a crowd of young people Thursday nights having fun and growing in faith together. I've listened to laughter roll down the hallway every Wednesday as a crowd of "sisters" in the Women's Bible Study gathered to learn and pray together. And, of course, there's that wonderful crowd of church folk and community friends who volunteer at the rummage sale, Food Pantry, and all sorts of other activities. I've taken great pride in the good work this congregation has done, with God's help and to God's glory.

Finally: keep growing! Because of the way we United Methodists deploy clergy, every pastor knows, "I won't be here forever." So the question we face is, "given the skills and gifts I bring and the needs and potential I see, where should my focus be?" Almost immediately I could see, when it came to mission, LUMC had it about right. In these areas, I've just wanted to be your cheerleader and "get out of the way" and let you work!

So my focus has been on spiritual formation: vital and transformative Sunday morning worship experiences, a "new and not-yet Christian" focused Fireplace Contemporary Service, an enriched Confirmation experience, a continuation of the Disciple Bible Study pro-

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Pastor's message (concluded)

gram, and the development of new Adult study opportunities, including the "Three Simple Rules" small groups. Christ's servants need experiences like these in order to feed their souls and expand their understanding. I'm no expert when it comes to these things, but I've tried to share ways to grow in our relationship with Jesus. As so many of you told me when I first arrived, "This is a Martha church, and we need a bit more of Mary in us, sitting at Jesus' feet." Whether that describes you or not, I can't say, but I will say I'm proud of the many ways you've sought to grow in your faith. As John Wesley taught us years ago, faith is a matter of both personal piety and social activism. I urge you to continue to seek a good balance in these areas.

Well, I need to close here so Glenn can get this to press. On July 1st I will pass on the role of pastor to Jane Sautter. You will see her biography elsewhere in this issue. I think she and you can anticipate a great future together. Though I will no longer be serving as your pastor, I will always be glad to count you as my friends. This is a precious, precious gift, indeed.

+Grace and Peace to you, my friends!

Pastor B.M.

Prayer Requests

Lisa Cotanch
 Jim Juenger
 Grey and Marie Larison
 Paul Lacey
 Joshua Marlette
 Alfred and Janet Passmore
 Sharey Travis
 Lee and Fran White
 Charlotte Wilson
 Deb, friend of Butmans
 Russ, friend of Lees
 Mourning families of Tom Fuller and John Neno, Sr.

Pastoral Transition Activities

Open house at church on June 8, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM for the Gottschalk-Fielding family. Stop by and say farewell.

A pastoral transition service is scheduled for the following Tuesday night, June 15, at 7:00. We will formally say goodbye to Pastor Bill and welcome to Pastor Jane.

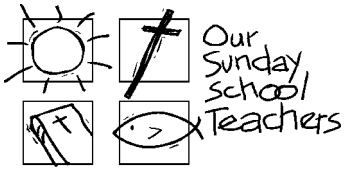
Save the Date for Church Cleanup

June 13

Please help us beautify the church, inside and out! The LUMC Trustees are sponsoring the annual "Spring Clean Up" on Sunday, June 13, right after church. Wear (or bring) your comfy clothes, and be ready to help with the usual gardening and mulching, kitchen cleaning, window washing, painting, and driveway patching. Bring your gloves and garden tools, if this is your area of interest. Snacks and beverages will be provided. The more the merrier! All ages welcome! Any questions can be directed to *Nan Makela* or any trustee. Thank You!

Thanks to Pete Peters for volunteering to assist Scott Bishop with snow plowing next season!—*The Trustees*

Worship in June



June is a month of transitions. Spring becomes summer. High school and college seniors become graduates. Sunday School students and teachers lay down their pencils and choir members hang up their robes for a few weeks. In the midst of all these yearly transitions, of course, LUMC will also begin the transition between pastors. I will preach my last sermon June 20, and Pastor Jane will begin to move into the parsonage shortly thereafter. Her

first sermon will be July 11, at the park. Lots of change. Yet as we reaffirm every Sunday when we gather for worship, God is the same today, yesterday, and tomorrow. Because this is true, we're able to live into and through all sorts of transitions, even finding blessings in them.—P.B.

June 6—*Second Sunday after*

Pentecost (Celebration of Our Sunday School): Today's lessons from I Kings, Galatians, and Luke all speak to us about God's desire to restore us to life. Though two of these stories deal with people who are physically dead (or near death), Paul's testimony in Galatians speaks about a deadness of soul. He was, in many ways, a "dead man walking." Are there "dead places" in your life? How does "life in Christ" revive us in this life? Read: I Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; and Luke 7:11-17.

June 13—Third Sunday after Pentecost: On June 19, over 2,000 United Methodists from all over upstate New York will assemble in Syracuse to unite together as one annual conference—the Upper New York Conference. The vision behind this union is our desire to reach out in love and service to our neighbors in upstate New York. For too many years, congregations in upstate New York have been over-focused on "tak-

ing care of themselves," while the needs of their neighbors have been overlooked. Pastor Bill, as one of the architects behind this union, will preach on what it means for followers of Jesus to really see and connect with their neighbors. Read: I Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; and Luke 7:36-8:3.

June 20—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Dads and Grads Sunday): The focus of today's message will be "A God Who Speaks to Us," based on the reading from 1 Kings. This will be Pastor Bill's last opportunity to lead the congregation in worship. Read: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; and Luke 8:26-39.

June 27—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: We will meet at Lansing Town Park in Myers. Come down to Myers Point Park and gather under Pavilion D for the first of our park services. Read: II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; and Luke 9:51-62.

Appreciating Our Teachers

We are blessed to have a wonderful team of Christians who generously share their faith with our children, youth and adults in Sunday School. I am grateful to be part of this team. Our mission is to spread the Word of God in what we say and do. In the children's Sunday School we recently began sending newsletters home that reflect the unit being studied in our classrooms. This gives parents an opportunity to participate and reinforce the message that is being taught here at church. Adult classes include a variety of book studies, discussions, visits from mission teams and guest speakers.

There are never enough words to express our gratitude for the gifts that our Sunday School teachers bring every week. Teachers this year include: Jo Baker, Bonnie Blair, Jim Blair, Amara Camp, Kevin Dunn, Jamey Jones, Janet Keefe, Melody Lombardo, Erin Peters, Christa Salmon, Shelly Uhl-Stark, Jeanne Taylor,

Dianne Walter, and Karyn Yahn. Many thanks to Sharon Powell for always beginning our Sunday School time together on a special note. Some of the adult leaders this year include: Dave Frahm, Sue Frahm, Cindy Howell, Jan Nagel, Rev. Dave Nicholls, Sharey Travis, and Dianne Walter. Special thanks to all the mission teams for sharing their stories with us.

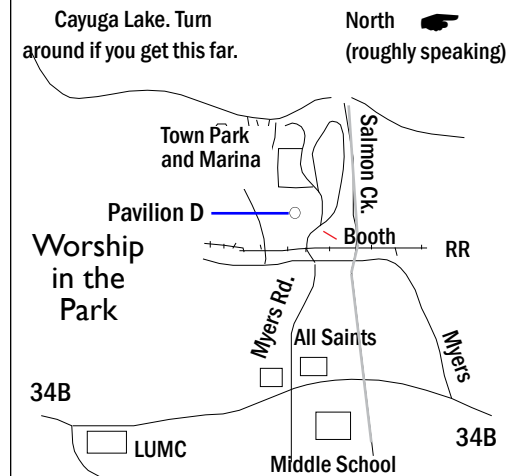
On Sunday, June 6, we will honor the teachers, shepherds and assistants at **Teacher Appreciation Sunday**. The Service of Worship will be children and youth-led. Please join us as we celebrate this special occasion. Following the service, the congregation is invited to the Teachers' Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

The combined effort of these devoted, faith-filled individuals creates a rich spiritual environment for all those who participate. Many blessings to all of you!—Marilyn Paradise

Refreshment Recruitment!

We are looking for 1 or 2 people to organize refreshments for Summer Church in the Park. Alternate Sundays with a friend! Also, you will have help if you ask. The dates are: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, and 25. It can be as simple as ice water and cookies and brownies, and, of course, paper products. If you are really ambitious, coffee could be served. There will be a dish-to-pass brunch on July 11 to welcome Pastor Jane. Only beverages would be needed that day. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please email or call Sue Frahm if you are interested.

Where to Find 9:00 Worship in the Park starting June 27



From church, go downhill on 34B to the four corners by the Middle School. Turn left on Myers Rd. downhill. Go straight at the stop sign, and cross the RR tracks. Bear right into Myers Park and then left after the booth. You don't have to pay to enter the park for this purpose. Look left for the LUMC banner on Pavilion D.

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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1
Quilt Bee 9:30

Church Council 7:00
Women's Book Study 7:00

2
Prayer Service 9:00

Choir 7:00

3

Senior High Youth 7:00

4

5
Mens' Breakfast
at Linda's in North Lansing
7:00
Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00

6
Worship 9:00
TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY
Teacher Appreciation Brunch ~10:30

K.A.N. 4:00
Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Worship 6:00

7

Staff Parish 7:00

8
Quilt Bee 9:30

Farewell Open House for
Pastor Bill and Family
5:00-7:30

9
Prayer Service 9:00

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

10

11

12
Mens' Breakfast
7:00

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Worship 9:00
Caregivers 10:30
CHURCH SPRING CLEANUP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Praise Singers Rehearsal 5:00
Fireplace Worship 6:00
Ice Cream Social at Laurie's 7:30

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Membership 7:00
Trustees 7:30

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Quilt Bee 9:30
Church Conference 6:30
Pastoral Transition Service
Farewell, Pastor Bill
Welcome, Pastor Jane
7:00
SUNBEAM DEADLINE
12:00 Midnight

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Prayer Service 9:00

Bell Choir 6:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Annual Conference in Syracuse
will unite four UM conferences
into one

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DADS AND GRADS
Worship 9:00

YOUTH MISSION CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Praise Singers 5:00
Fireplace Worship 6:00

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Mobile Food Pantry 10:00

Haiti Committee 7:00

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Quilt Bee 9:30

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Prayer Service 9:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Conference Haiti
Meeting 10:00

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Worship 9:00
Lansing Town Park
Myers
Pavilion D

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Food Pantry 3:00

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Quilt Bee 9:30

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Prayer Service 9:00

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Note: This calendar is current as of May 23. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

Introducing Pastor Jane Sautter

I grew up in Rome, New York, the third of four children (the last of the girls) in a pretty traditional family that was very active in the church. I graduated from Rome Free Academy and attended Ithaca College—briefly! I left Ithaca after one semester and began working in retail. I went to community college, received an Associate’s Degree in Business and continued working in retail. I married, moved to Remsen (north of Utica), and was fortunate to be able to stay at home with my children until they started school. During that period, I started taking courses at Empire State College. Over the next few years, I dabbled in classes, but was not terribly serious. When my marriage failed, I stayed in Remsen until my daughter graduated from high school. I obtained my B.S. in Human and Community Services from SUNY Empire, worked for Neighborhood Center in Utica for a while, and then worked for Catholic Charities as supervisor in a halfway house for recovering alcohol- and drug-addicted persons.



I also was active at the Remsen UMC and the pastor there, Virgil Versteeg, saw promise in me for ministry. When my daughter was looking at colleges, Virgil encouraged me to look at seminary as well. I went reluctantly and found that it was truly where I belonged (you’ll hear more about that later). I graduated from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio with a dual degree: Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies in Church History.

My first appointment was the two-point charge at Mannsville and Lorraine UMCs (not far from Watertown), where the congregations of these two small rural churches loved me into ministry. I left them and the NCNY Annual Conference to accept an appointment in the Pacific Northwest on the Yakama Indian Reservation in White Swan, WA. Over time, you will learn that my time there was truly formative and transformative. From White Swan, I returned to New York, to Camden, and from Camden to New Hartford. And that brings me to Lansing.

My daughter, Alice, is married to her high school sweetheart, Scott. They live in Remsen,

and they have two beautiful little girls who are the light of my life. Gracie is 4, and Emily is 2. I’m sure you will have plenty of opportunity to meet them! Alice is Nurse Administrator for Pinefield, an adolescent residential psychiatric unit. Scott works construction.

My son, Jim, is married to Rachael, who he met at freshman orientation in college. They live in New Jersey, where Jim is an electrician and a “hobby chef.” Rachael is the clinical director for a private school for autistic children. They have just purchased an historic home and are settling in.

I love to read, do Sudoku and crosswords, canoe and hike (I am very excited!!), and spend time with my granddaughters. I am close to my family, have a wide circle of friends, and really and truly love what I do. God has blessed me richly, and I try to never ever forget that! I am looking forward to our time together...a time of growing and learning and stretching ourselves toward God in many different ways.

—Pastor Jane Sautter

Rummage Sale Wrap-Up

What a week we had! Our Spring Rummage Sale raised a little over \$10,300 last week, before expenses. Many thanks to all of you who contributed items, food, ideas and your time to making the sale such a success! Special thanks for the extra time and attention you gave to sharing your insights on how this process works, from start to finish, with your new co-chairs. You made it a really fun experience!—Bonnie Blair and Shelly Stark



This was what Rummage Sale workers found on Friday morning, after the Thursday night derecho blew through. With some hard work, the sale opened on time and in good form.

The LUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry—Caring through Crafting

Did you know that the LUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating our first anniversary in May? What an amazing year it has been, using the talents of many to purposefully reach out to others during illness, grief, life struggles, baptisms, etc. in the name of Christ. Together we have prayed for and provided 64 people with hand knit or crocheted shawls! Pretty amazing! Many of the patterns we use have meaningful ties to our Christian faith, e.g., stitch patterns of three symbolizing the Trinity, or stitch patterns of twelve symbolizing the disciples. Many of us knit or crochet for someone specific and pray for them while we are creating the shawl.

Do you know someone who could be uplifted by the gift of a prayer shawl? Interested in joining this ministry? Contact *Karen Bishop* at 533-4744 or kbishop2@twcny.rr.com.

Really energetic workers, from elementary to octogenarian

Universal dedication & cooperative spirits

Many wonderful dishes to sustain the troops

Microburst? Thankfully, just another chapter in the rummage lore.

We—What treasures we have in our congregation!

Grateful for our friends in our community

Etiquette--Now we know how to properly set up a dishwashing station. ☺

Or (your choice)

Expectant—Go home and rest! We’ll be doing this again in October.



Beam me down, Scotty! Set coordinates for Lansing VBS!

Don't miss the fun at Vacation Bible School, July 19 -23! Preregister now for "Galactic Blast" using forms available at the church office or on the church website. (You'll get a great head start with the energetic praise music when you register because we have music CDs for registered families!) We'll be forming mission crews of kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, including our friends from

All Saints Church and anyone you'd like to bring along for the adventure. We'll be gathering on the Starship Galactic Praise for an unforgettable week of Bible learning, crafts, games, fantastic music and tasty treats. Please contact *Marilyn Paradise* or *Bonnie Blair* (257-0721) for more information.



Farewell Open House

Join us as we celebrate seven years with Pastor Bill Gottschalk-Fielding and his Family
Light Refreshments, Cheese, Crackers, and a Chocolate Fountain!

Tuesday, June 8th, 2010 - 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

to be held in the Lansing United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Please bring an appetizer to share & your Best Wishes for the Gottschalk-Fieldings!

Any questions can be directed to Karen Veener(592-1386), Sue Coles(533-4913) or Kristen Burt(266-8994)



Celebrate the Art of Summer!

With camera technology these days, everyone is a good photographer! Worshipers of LUMC are invited to select a photo from their summer escapades, frame it, and exhibit it at a church-wide photo and art exhibit in September called "In Celebration Of Creation!" (Any size photos will do!) — *Worship Committee*

Report from Tennessee

Rev. Fran Hemstreet, of Harrisville/Natural Bridge UMC (east of Watertown), received this note from a friend in Tennessee. She suggests that it's time to schedule VIM trips to help out.

Tennessee will be cleaning up for at least two years from this flood—we had everything that weekend—tornado, hail, driving rain and floods.

There are entire subdivisions who've lost everything and in my county, we still have folks who haven't gotten to their houses yet because the water is still surrounding it. I think 18 counties have been declared a disaster. Yesterday, a sink hole developed on Interstate 24 and it is at least 25 feet deep and covered 4 lanes of the interstate. So that is closed down until it gets repaired. I feel sorry for the emergency crews – they are working 12 hour days to try to get to everybody that needs help.

Most of the people do not have flood insurance because they weren't in a flood zone but got flooded and their homeowner's insurance doesn't cover it because it was a flood. FEMA and Red Cross came quickly and were a great help to some of the folks. They were at my house 2 days after I contacted them which amazed me.

Invite a Friend to Summer Camp at Aldersgate and Casowasco

2010 Summer Online Brochure and Registration

The 2010 Summer Camp Schedule, Brochure and Registration is available online at www.campsandretreats.org/. Here you'll find the program listings and descriptions of what will be offered at Aldersgate and Casowasco this summer. Online registration is set up and ready for campers to register for programs.

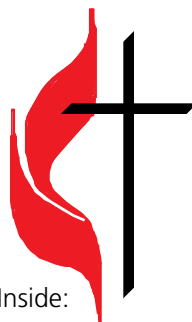
If you are a camper, invite a friend. The church will help pay some or all of the cost for you and for your friend. Plus, this year the camping ministry is offering a discount for you if you encourage another child to sign up. Check the website for details. Again, your friend does not have to be a member of this church, or any church. Your friend doesn't have to be a Christian. Your friend only needs to want to have a fun time among people who share the love of Christ. That's what camp is all about. So, think about inviting a friend to camp!

Sleeping mats from plastic bags

The youth group at Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, is preventing thousands of plastic bags from a landfill burial and giving them new life by making sleeping mats for the city's homeless from plastic bags.

Each mat requires 500 to 700 bags. Within two weeks, the youth group collected more than 3,000 bags from church members and local stores, with more are coming in all the time.

The youth group of about 20 seventh-through twelfth-graders began the project on April 25 and plan to complete six or seven mats by the end of July.—*From UMC news service*



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