

Please join us for worship at 8:30 or 11:00. Worship in the Park June 25 at 9:30 only.

the LUMC June 2007

# Sunbeam

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Lansing United Methodist Church  
Route 34B and Brickyard Road, South Lansing

Pastor: Bill Gottschalk-Fielding • Program Associate: Marilyn Paradise • Youth Coordinator: Kevin Dunn

## Honoring Our Sunday School Teachers

*June 10*

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From the Pastor

## A Time Apart

By the time you receive this copy of the *Sunbeam*, I'll have begun my 8-week sabbatical leave (June 4–July 29). Dori, the girls, and I will spend the first part of that period in England, retracing some of the footsteps of Methodism's John Wesley and Celtic Christianity's missionary-bishop St. Aidan. When we return here in July, I'll spend the second half of my leave reading, reflecting, and resting.

I'm enormously grateful for this opportunity: grateful to the Louisville Institute and our annual conference for financial support; grateful to the Reverends Dave Nicholls and Rollie Ryan for taking over some of my responsibilities; and grateful to you for allowing me this time. I know we'll miss each other and be glad when we are together again the first Sunday in August, but I also know God will bless us even while we are apart from one another.

Back in May during Sunday school I shared some hopes and dreams for my sabbatical time. In that presentation I referenced my application to the Louisville Institute where I named my longing to "connect" with Wesley and Aidan to learn how they helped non-church people become friends of Jesus. Though these men lived a long time ago (over 1,300 years ago in Aidan's case), their world and our world share some things in common. They both lived and worked in contexts where

the Christian faith was either unknown or forgotten. Yet, unlike many nineteenth century European and American missionaries, whose style of evangelism could often be overbearing, disrespectful, and imperialistic, the approach of St. Aidan and John Wesley was to embrace the good they found in the native culture while at the same time sharing the transforming good news of new life in Christ.

I think this is a healthy, balanced approach to connecting people with Jesus. Inspired by Wesley and Aidan, I hope to gain a new perspective on how a church can connect non-Christians with the living Christ.

That's my plan for this experience; what God will do through this time is up to God. Often the things I thought I wanted to learn weren't the things I learned or needed to learn. I know when I'm back among you in August I'll have stories to share. You, no doubt, will too. It will be good to catch up and continue our journey together.

Until then, God bless you! I'll keep you in my prayers and ask you to do the same for the Gottschalk-Fieldings.

+Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Bin*

### Angels for Abby Returns!

The Tompkins County American Cancer Society *Relay for Life* is scheduled for July 13 and 14, right here at our own Lansing Central School track and field. The whole Sharpless family will participate in the relay. We greatly appreciate your support and generosity in the past years! Our team, Angels for Abby, also has won "Best Tent Decoration" for several years because of our team spirit and desire to help find a cure for this horrible disease. We hope you can help again this year. Any size donation is a generous donation!

Please make your check payable to American Cancer Society, and send it to our home, 792 Ridge Road, Lansing NY 14882. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. PS. Abby's recent MRI favorable and she will not have another one for an entire year, and both she and Rob are doing great! —*Kathy Sharpless and the Sharpless Family*

### Shoes and Clothing for Afghanistan

Our collection continues of gently used children's clothing, boots, shoes, and sneakers. You can drop these off at the church or at Tops on Triphammer Road.—*Ed LaVigne*

### Welcome to Our Confirmands

Eight young people were confirmed on Pentecost: Luke Cutler, Jordan Lee, Howie Peters, Lindsay Petry, Trever Rounds, Cassandra Smith, Travis Smith, and Charlee Strowger. Congratulations and welcome to LUMC!

### Prayer Requests

- Robert Beach, 57 Jersey Hill Rd., Ithaca
- Betty Butler, 3005 Watkins Rd. A5, Horseheads, 14845
- Kelly DePrisco, 2475 E. Stephens St., Gilbert, AZ 85296
- Bishop Violet Fisher, 1010 East Ave. Rochester, 14607
- James Hall
- Fran Hansan
- Keith and Kristen Hansen, 21 Manchester Dr., Clifton Park 12065
- Deforest Heffron, Elcor Health Center, Horseheads, 14845
- James Hall
- Amber Heimbuecher, Anne Czymmek's sister
- Phil Hopkins, 5054 Erron Hill Rd., Locke, 13092
- Marion Ostrander, Cayuga Medical Center
- Tom Payne, 30 E. Meadow Dr., Ithaca
- Erma Powell, RD5, Box 5338, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
- Lorraine Reardon, Cayuga Medical Center
- Frannie Sampson, 1138 Auburn Rd., Groton, 13073
- Robyn Sundquist, 51 Concord Dr., Buffalo 14215
- Barb White, 96 Auburn Rd.
- Hilda Wilson, Buck Rd.
- Mourning family of Ernest (Scooter) Vann, Jr.

Please pray for those in the Armed Services in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other locations, including these family members and friends:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Shawn Butler      | Travis Potter     |
| Matthew Cornell   | Nick Prabhavat    |
| David Ferris      | Josh Randles      |
| Robert Gudbranson | Matthew Ravas     |
| Daniel LaBar      | Eric Tee          |
| Trevor Judd       | Vanessa Valentine |
| Shaun McCray      | Michael Wolfe     |

## Worship in June

As Pastor Bill explains on page 2, he starts his study leave this month, although he begins June at Annual Conference, where he has been asked to present information on the potential merger of the four upstate New York Annual Conferences. We are privileged to have as our guest preacher this month the Reverend Dave Nicholls. Below are the Lectionary verses for this month. The Lectionary provides readings for the entire Bible on the three-year cycle.

### June 3, 2007: Trinity Sunday, First Sunday after Pentecost.

Rev. Dave Nicholls will lead us in Holy Communion.

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31. Wisdom speaks; understanding raises her voice now to remind all of her presence with God in and through all creation.
- Psalm 8 (UM Hymnal 743).
- Romans 5:1-5. The character of our life in our Triune God: reconciled to God through Jesus and boasting in the sufferings of this age that lead us to hope in God's love poured out upon us and among us through the Holy Spirit.
- John 16:12-15. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 16:15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

#### Worship times

June 3, 10, 17: 8:30, 11:00;

June 25, Lansing Town Park, 9:30

Month of July, Lansing Town Park: 9:30

Month of August: Summertime worship at the church: 9:30

Labor Day Weekend, September 2, 9:30

September 9–December 16: 8:30, 11:00

### June 10, 2007, Second Sunday after Pentecost

We honor our Sunday School teachers this morning, as the children will lead our worship service.

1 Kings 17:8-24

Psalm 146 (UMH 858)

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17: Jesus dines with the Pharisee; A sinful woman washes Jesus' feet, the Pharisee complains, and Jesus explains that her sins are forgiven, for she has loved much, while the Pharisee loves little.

### June 17, 2007, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dave Nicholls will lead us in our last worship at the church for five weeks.

1 Kings 21:1-21a

Psalm 5:1-8

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3, Jesus raises a woman's son (compare to the sign given by Elijah in the reading from Kings).

### June 24, 2007, Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

#### Lansing Town Park at Myers, 9:30

Rev. Dave Nicholls will lead us in our first service at the park.

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 42

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39: Jesus casts out the demon, whose name is Legion.

If you don't want to open a book, all readings are available on [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) or at the Vanderbilt library ([divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/](http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/)).

## On Appreciation

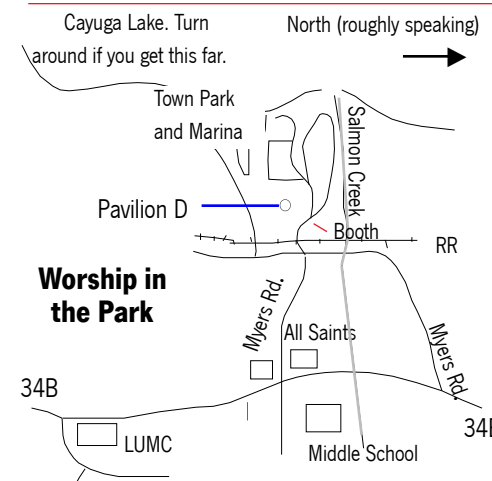
### Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that we serve your children and families during the Sunday School Year. To show our deep gratitude to our Sunday School Teachers, we will honor them at Teacher Appreciation Sunday on June 10. The Sunday School Picnic will follow the 11:00 AM Service of Worship, and the congregation is asked to bring a dish to share. This year, teachers include: Mary Adie, Bill Butman, Peg Stoyell, Debby Strowger, Kathy Sharpless, Jeanne Taylor, Kay Thomas, Stuart Thomas, and Dianne Walter. Shepherds and assistants include: Beth Acoff, Jo Baker, Dori Gottschalk-Fielding, and Karen Yahn. Youth Sunday School leaders include Nicole Earl and CJ Griffin, and Adult Sunday School leaders include Bob Cockram, Ed LaVigne, Jan Nagel, Rev. Dave Nicholls, Susan Schilleman, and Dianne Southard. One other thank you is to Sharon Powell for starting our Sunday School time with rousing songs.

When registering your child for Sunday School next fall, please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this exciting group of Sunday School teachers. There is an outline of the areas in need of volunteers posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. To help prepare you, we are hosting a training session for the beginning of September. This will provide you with the tools you will need to become a powerful influence on the lives of these young people. Please know how much we appreciate your commitment to our program. God Bless.

—Marilyn Paradise & Kevin Dunn

### Where to Find Worship in the Park



From church, go downhill on 34B to the four corners by the Middle School. Turn left on Myers Rd. downhill. Straight at the stop sign, and cross the RR tracks. Bear right into Myers Park and then left past the booth. Look left for Pavilion D.

### Peace with Justice Sunday—June 3, 2007

Across The United Methodist Church, compassionate people respond to God's call to be peacemakers. They advocate for human rights, buy fair-trade products, care for the environment, demonstrate for a cause, eradicate poverty, feed hungry people, mediate conflict, provide health care, seek affordable housing, and model nonviolence.

Because of the special offering received on Peace with Justice Sunday, God's people learn to coexist lovingly and peacefully. Global outreach through the General Board of Church and Society and annual conference-related peace with justice ministries transform lives. This supports our tradition of Wesleyan social principles.

SUNDAY

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Note: This calendar is current as of May 23.  
For updates to all LUMC events, visit [lansing-united.org](http://lansing-united.org) and see our virtual church calendar, and check the bulletin and announcement sheets when you're in church on Sunday.

1  
N C N Y Annual Conference in Syracuse

2  
Mens' Breakfast 7:00

3  
Worship 8:30  
Sunday School 9:45  
Worship 11:00  
COMMUNION • Trinity Sunday  
Peace with Justice

4

5  
Quilt Bee 9:30  
Caregivers 10:00  
  
Youth Ministry 7:00  
Staff Parish 7:00

6  
Bell Angels Polishing Party  
6:00  
Choir 7:00

7  
M.O.P.S.  
10:00  
  
Senior High Gathering  
7:00

8

9  
Mens' Breakfast every  
Saturday at Linda's in  
North Lansing  
7:00

10  
Worship 8:30  
Worship 11:00  
TEACHER APPRECIATION  
  
Sunday School Picnic 12:00

11

12  
Quilt Bee 9:30  
  
Church Council 7:00

13

14  
Senior High Gathering  
7:00  
Trustees 7:00

15  
SUNBEAM DEADLINE  
12:00 Midnight

16  
Mens' Breakfast every  
Saturday at Linda's in  
North Lansing  
7:00

17  
Worship 8:30  
Worship 11:00  
FATHERS DAY  
  
Lectionary Bible at Bakers 6:30

18

19  
Quilt Bee 9:30

20

21  
Midsummers Day  
  
Senior High Gathering  
7:00

22

23  
Mens' Breakfast every  
Saturday at Linda's in  
North Lansing  
7:00

24  
Worship 9:30  
Lansing Town Park  
  
Food Pantry Setup 9:30-1:00

25  
Food Pantry 4:00  
Haiti 7:00

26  
Quilt Bee 9:30

27

28  
Senior High Gathering  
7:00

29

30  
Mens' Breakfast every  
Saturday at Linda's in  
North Lansing  
7:00

## Off To Camp

Summer is here! When I was a child, the most exciting part of the summer was the time I spent at camp. As some of the children in our congregation will tell you, camp is a place where you can go and be yourself. It's a place where you can meet new friends and reunite with old ones. It's a place where you can get away, have fun, and feel God's presence and love.

For seven summers, I've worked as part of the staff at Casowasco, one of the two camps in our conference. Located just a half-hour away from LUMC north of Moravia, Casowasco has given me the wonderful opportunity to counsel and minister to hundreds of young people. This will be my eighth summer. Though still employed by this church, I've redistributed my hours for the rest of the year so that I'm able to rejoin the ministry team at Casowasco for the summer, starting on June 11 and ending the third week of August. I will be serving as a lead counselor of various programs, working with both volunteers and in direct care of children. I hope to see some of you there!

While I will be at Casowasco until August, I eagerly look forward to next fall and the active youth ministry at this church. The Youth Ministry Team has been hard at work planning activities and curricula for our Junior

and Senior High students, and we can't wait to see what God blesses us with.

If you haven't already signed up your child for a week or two at camp, don't fret! There's still plenty of time and space at both Casowasco and Aldersgate. I cannot overstate the power that camp can have in the lives of children. Whether it's the seed that we're able to plant, or the flame that we're able to fan, camp is transformative.

If you've never been to Casowasco, or haven't been in recent years, I urge you—I plead with you, please come and visit! Call the camp office at 315-364-8756 and schedule a time when you can swing by. At just half an hour away, you have a unique opportunity to see the ministry that is changing lives across the conference. Come for our evening worship to see 200 children singing praises to God!

*In Christ,  
Kevin Dunn*

*Coordinator of Youth Ministries  
kevin.t.dunn@gmail.com*

*P.S.—Do you know how to bait a hook? Have some good stories? Are a comedian or actor at heart? Congratulations, you're a perfect candidate to volunteer at camp! We seek adults with a strong faith who can share their life experience with youth who need positive role models. Call (315) 364-8756 if you're willing to be a light to a young person.*

### ***Come experience a day at camp!***

**Aldersgate Open House and Day at Camp - Saturday, June 9, 2-7 PM**

**Casowasco Open House and Day at Camp - Sunday, June 10, 2-7 PM**

Come and experience a day at camp; hike, do a craft, ride on a wagon ride, sing around the fire, meet the summer staff, go boating. Events are free! Chicken BBQ will be served.

**Still time to Register for Summer Camp—[www.campsandretreats.org](http://www.campsandretreats.org)**

Our church will help you pay for camp, up to the entire cost. Just ask—the door will open. You do not have to be a member of LUMC, a Methodist, or even a Christian. All you need is a desire to know more about God's love through Jesus Christ. Please ask at the LUMC office.

## **UMCOR in Mission: United Methodist Committee on Relief**

### **Kansas Tornado Relief**

Kansas was hit heavily by tornadoes May 4, 5, and 6, with more than 70 tornados reportedly sighted throughout the state. Greensburg, Kansas, a town of 1,600, was obliterated on May 4. The Greensburg United Methodist Church and parsonage were destroyed. Nine people were killed as the tornado traveled through the area.

In addition to Greensburg, other communities were hit May 5, including Trousdale, northeast of Greensburg, and rural Bennington, north of Salina. More tornados damaged residences near Longford, Kansas, northeast of Salina. The Trousdale United Methodist Church was heavily damaged. Heavy rainfall and flooding has forced evacuations throughout central and eastern Kansas as the storm continued to pelt the region.

UMCOR is assisting the people of Greensburg to respond to the May 4 tornado. UMCOR has issued an emergency grant to the Kansas West Annual Conference to help

with any initial needs. Additionally, UMCOR disaster consultant Cherri Baer is in Kansas to provide on site support to conference staff as they make their initial assessments and determine their next steps in recovery.

Please lift up this town in your prayers. You can give by writing a check to LUMC with a memo of Midwest Tornado Emergencies (UMCOR Advance #901680) or give online at [gbgm-umc.org](http://gbgm-umc.org). UMCOR is now using this Advance to better accommodate the generous response of United Methodists to this emergency.

### **UMCOR Needs Our Help**

With its work on the Gulf Coast, as well as in Kansas and elsewhere, UMCOR has depleted its emergency supplies. UMCOR maintains a disaster supply warehouse in Louisiana, known as Sager Brown. To make a donation to purchase more supplies, you can write a check to LUMC, with a memo, UMCOR Advance #901440, Material Resource Ministry.

## **Vote on Hymns for July 15 Hymn Sing**

**Sharon Powell will lead us in LUMC's ten most favorite hymns of all time in the Park Service on July 15. If you are reading this before June 3, vote for your favorite hymn!**

Vote only once, selecting your favorite from the hard cover United Methodist Hymnal. Place your votes on a slip of paper in the ballot box in the Narthex. Just write your name and the name of your favorite hymn.

**Deadline is June 3.**

## Church World Service News Upstate Update

### CWS Tools & Blankets

Families displaced by flooding and tornados in recent months feel the comfort of CWS blankets as they find temporary shelter and make plans for the future.

Rev. Jerry Kilgore, pastor of Presbyterian Church in Bound Brook, New Jersey, handed out blankets following severe flooding on the East Coast in April 2007. "At least one thing many survivors of the flooding do have is a gray blanket. People found out we had blankets and they started showing up. A lot of them have lost everything but they know they can come here and get a blanket." Some of the CWS blankets also covered folding cots that were stretched out in "every nook and cranny" of the church.

Recent floods in Aceh Province in Indonesia have also swept away people's belongings and all their possessions. Livelihoods have been lost and the people of Aceh face an uphill battle in the coming years.

CWS is assisting with water supplies, sanitation, and shelter. Blankets, health and baby kits, tents, tools, and water purification supplies have been distributed.

Your support of the CWS Tools & Blankets program is critical to these emergency response efforts. For more information call the CWS Regional Office in Syracuse at 888-297-2767 or [www.churchworldservice.org/tools-blankets/index.html](http://www.churchworldservice.org/tools-blankets/index.html)

### CWS Kits

During two days in early May, the interior of a large tractor trailer truck slowly filled with boxes of CWS kits as volunteers and staff at local collection sites across the state loaded kits dropped off from area churches.

Many dozens of these kits were from Lansing UMC, including Baby Kits, Health Kits, and School Kits. The truck returned to the warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland, with almost 9,000 kits from the Upstate New York Region. CWS is deeply grateful to all churches, groups, and individuals who made this possible!

Despite these wonderful efforts, School Kits are still urgently needed.

Church World Service reports that School Kits are being pulled out of arriving deliveries at the warehouse and sent out immediately.

### School Kit

- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors
- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper 8-1/2" X 11", containing 140-200 sheets of paper. No filler paper, please.
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One large eraser
- Twelve sheets colored construction paper
- One box of 24 crayons

### Sorting and Packing Party in New Windsor, Maryland, November 2007

Registrations Are Being Accepted for Bus Trip to New Windsor, Maryland, November 5-9, 2007. The trip goes to the CWS kit warehouse and distribution center. Volunteers are greatly needed to help sort and pack incoming kits. Other highlights of the week-long visit include an opportunity to work and shop in the "Greater Gift" processing center, evening speakers, and an afternoon of sightseeing and dinner in Washington, DC.

Seats are still available. Call May Arnett at 1-888-297-2767 or download a registration form at [www.cwscrop.org/newyork/pdf\\_files/BusTripBrochure07.pdf](http://www.cwscrop.org/newyork/pdf_files/BusTripBrochure07.pdf).



Are you retired or soon to retire ??  
Have you felt God nudging you to take part in some mission...  
but you never had time ??

***This could be your chance !!!***

I am retiring on September 30, 2007, as Administrator of the Mission our church has in Verrettes, Haiti. The Haiti Committee is looking for several people to carry on this work, much of which is done right here at home. Though I have "worn many hats" in my years with this mission, the committee thinks it is time for the "hats to be worn" by many people. Would you wear one—only one—of several? We do not expect one person to do it all.



***Which "Hat" Might Fit You ??***

***Recording***—Keeping track of contributions and sponsors and donors

***Financial***—Authorizing money in Haiti during the year for program needs

***Tracking progress***—Student records and reporting progress to sponsors

***Personal relationships***—Corresponding with students and forwarding students' letters to sponsors



These jobs are all carried out here at home. Going to Haiti is not required, but is possible.

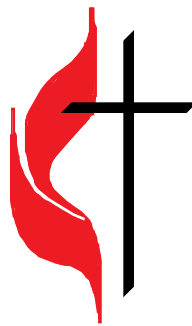


I can work with volunteers this summer to share my routine. A major job is ***Traveling to Haiti***—continuing a relationship between our churches and the students and schools in Haiti, interacting with our students, visiting their families. Getting to know them is exciting and rewarding. Several people might like to do this, alternating the yearly trips. They would bring back the information for the work that is carried on during the year by the volunteers at home.

I will be going to Haiti in September, God willing. Would someone like to go, to experience Haiti, to meet our "kids," to actually see what LUMC is doing in one little corner of Haiti???—*Barb Denhoff*

**For information on the Haiti mission generally or the September trip, call Barbara at 315-539-3362 or 315-521-4615, or phone Katie Payne, 257-2792; or Reenie Sandsted, 533-7568.**

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To reach the pastor. During Bill's sabbatical, Rev. Dave Nicholls and Rev. Rollie Ryan are sharing Pastoral Care duties. Please contact the church office at the above number.

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