

Please join us for Worship at 9:00 AM Sunday school 10:30 AM



The Sunbeam

January 2013

Lansing United Methodist Church
lansingunited.org

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Blessed
are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

From the Pastor

Envisioning 2063

The Mayan calendar frenzy that had many thinking that the world would end didn't come to fruition and now we are welcoming 2013. Some of us made resolutions that will be history by the time you read this; some of us gave up on resolutions years ago. Some of us look forward to a new year with excitement; some of us with dread...but each 24-hour day unfolds regardless of how we feel about it. We cannot predict the future and what it might bring, but we **can** adjust our response to what happens around us.

For us here at LUMC, 2013 will be a year of celebration as we commemorate our 50th anniversary as a congregation. We can enter into this time of remembering with a wistfulness that those days are behind us...or we can be energized by the spirit of our founders. There is a lot to be said for remembering, but we should use the information we glean to forge the future.

As we discuss and plan our celebrations, we also need to discuss and plan what we think LUMC might be like in 2063 (boy, that even looks weird!!) and take some steps in that direction. How can we insure that the church will be relevant that far down the road? Where do we need to be planting seeds that will grow into a bright future? Who do we need to be discipling? How do we go about it? What will mission work look like? How will we be involved?

Many of us will not be around in 2063 (still looks weird), but our thoughts and ideas and stories and legacies will survive us. What is it we want to leave behind? How do we want to impact the future of LUMC and the future of the church of Jesus Christ? We can't wait...the time is now...God is calling us to define ourselves and our ministry.

What will 2013 bring to us? What will we bring to 2013? Lots to think about as the New Year begins!!

*Many blessings and a
Happy New Year!
Pastor Jane*

Note: The church office is closed the first week of January. Pastor Jane will be available by phone at 315-225-6170.

Parsonage Open House on Twelfth Night

Saturday, January 5

1:00–4:00

The Fireplace Praise Service

The Fireplace is an uplifting worship experience scheduled for the first Sunday of January, beginning at 5:45 PM.



Children's Musical

Rehearsals will soon start for the children's musical, "Rescue in the Night," the story of Daniel, which will be performed on March 17. The musical is open to all children in grades 3 through 8 (and grade 2 by permission). Rehearsals are generally scheduled after Sunday School until about 2 PM each week with a few extra early evening rehearsals and a Saturday dress rehearsal in the last week. Organizational meeting is January 6, right after Sunday school. —*Diane Withiam, Lisa Ryan, and Laurie Gillespie*

Adult Sunday School in January

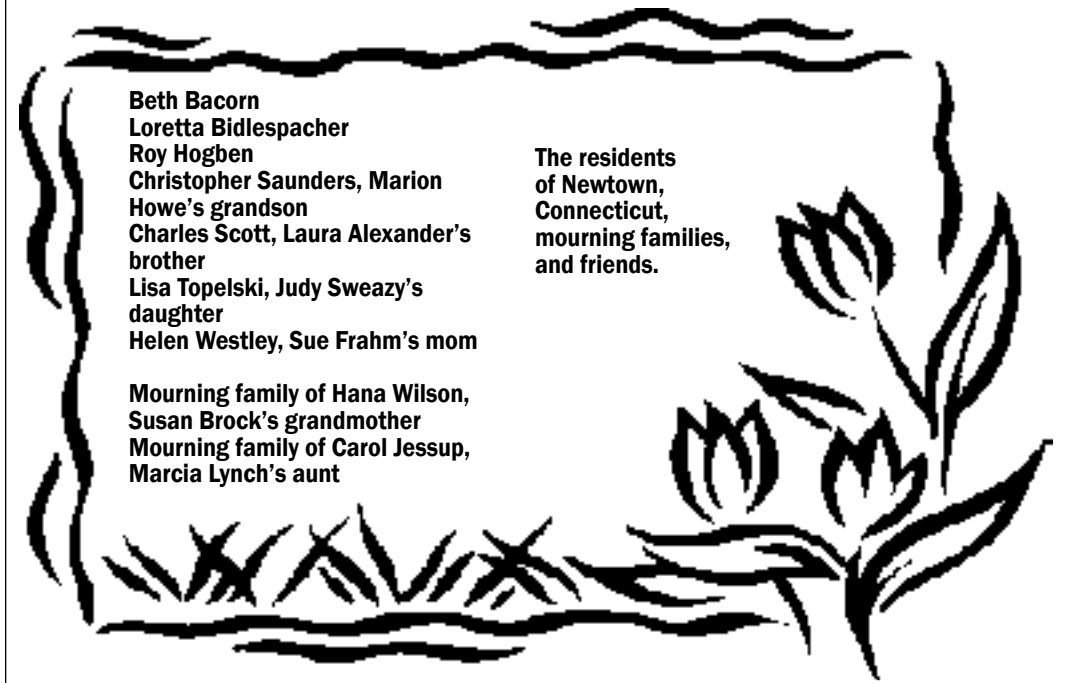
Herbs and Plants of the Bible,
with Melanie Steverson Jarvis

Prayer Concerns

Beth Bacorn
Loretta Bidlespacher
Roy Hogben
Christopher Saunders, Marion
Howe's grandson
Charles Scott, Laura Alexander's
brother
Lisa Topelski, Judy Sweazy's
daughter
Helen Westley, Sue Frahm's mom

Mourning family of Hana Wilson,
Susan Brock's grandmother
Mourning family of Carol Jessup,
Marcia Lynch's aunt

The residents
of Newtown,
Connecticut,
mourning families,
and friends.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

January 2013

Note: This calendar is current as of December 18. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

2 Prayer Service 9:00

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4 Needleworkers 10:00

5 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00

Parsonage Open House 1:00-4:00

Church Office Closed

Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00

Adult Study Group 7:00

6 EPIPHANY
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Children's Musical Info Session 11:30

K.A.N. 3:30
Fireplace Praise Service 5:45

7 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00

Staff Parish 7:00

8 "Good" Movie for Youth 7:00

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

10 Senior High 7:00
Adult Study Group 7:00

11 Needleworkers 10:00

12 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

13 BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30

Youth Mission Organizational Meeting 6:30 at All Saints

14 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00

Trustees 7:00

15 Disciple IV Bible Study 12:30

Membership 7:00
Worship Committee 7:30

SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

17 Senior High 7:00
Adult Study Group 7:00

18 Needleworkers 10:00

19 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

20 HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30

Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive
Young Adult Fellowship 6:00

21 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00
Haiti 7:00
INAUGURATION DAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



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

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

24 Senior High 7:00

25 Needleworkers 10:00

26 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

27 Worship 9:00
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29 Disciple IV Bible Study 12:30

Finance 7:00

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

31 Senior High 7:00
Adult Study Group 7:00



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Church World Service Kits

It's always a good time to bring in supplies for the Church World Service Kits. With the recent disasters in New Jersey, New York, and other locations these kits are extremely useful, particularly the baby and health kits. Remember, the only rule is, no substitutions.

Baby Kit

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

Note that all items should be new.

Health Kits

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One comb
- One metal nail file
- One bath size bar of soap
- One toothbrush
- Six Band-aids

The kit also includes toothpaste, but to prevent problems with out of date products, a cash donation is the best way to provide toothpaste.

Thursday Adult Study Group

The Thursday study group resumes January 3 with *The Bible from Scratch*, which will also be the topic. January 10. On January 17 and 31, the discussion will be *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus*. Please join us for any and all sessions. Drop-ins are most welcome.

School Kit

- One pair of blunt scissors
- Three spiral or tape-bound 70-count pads or notebooks of ruled paper 8-1/2" X 11" (or 8" X 10 1/2"), containing 200-210 sheets of paper. No loose-leaf, filler paper, please.
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One large eraser
- One box of 24 crayons (no more, no less)
- One 12" x 14" cloth bag with cloth handles, to hold the above items

Shipping is a real expense these days, so donations of \$2 per kit for shipping would be most helpful.

Thanks from the Giving Tree

Lansing UMC and All-Saints RC Church teamed up to provide Christmas gifts for about 86 children this year. The gifts which you donated were handed out during food pantry just before Christmas, so thanks for helping out. Special thanks to Moores for providing this year's tree, and to the K.A.N. kids for making the great decorations.

Human Relations Day Offering

January 20, 2013

Human Relations Day strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. It supports the following mission initiatives:

(1) **Community Developers Program** (57 percent). The Community Developers Program is a network of racial- and ethnic-based congregations and communities throughout the country committed to systemic change through: advocacy, community organizing and development, economic development, youth organizing, and social action.

(2) **United Methodist Voluntary Services Program** (33 percent). This program supports community organizations that work through volunteers to challenge injustice and to improve the lives of those whom Jesus called the "least of these." One UMVSP example found on the UMC website was students at United Methodist-related Philander Smith College in Little Rock. One Thanksgiving week students hosted a Faces of the Homeless symposium, volunteered at a shelter and soup kitchen, slept in cardboard boxes outdoors overnight, and collected food and clothing for 100 needy families.

Other lessons have come from a letter-writing campaign to lobby for tougher drunk-driving laws and public forums with consciousness-raising guest speakers.

Mission Opportunities 2013

Lansing's Youth Mission, a joint project of All Saints RC Church and LUMC, will re-organize during a meeting on January 13, at 6:30, at All Saints. Adults are welcome to support our youthful missionaries in many ways. This year's mission will most likely involve a domestic trip, which will be discussed at the meeting.

Sandy Recovery

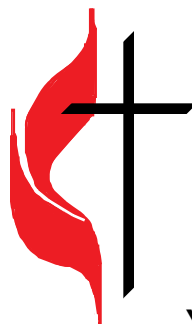
The Hammondsport UMC invites your expression of interest in their planned trip to New Jersey to help with recovery from Sandy. They have set up time for a mission team working from March 25 through April 6. Team members are welcome to work for just one or both of those weeks. The first team meeting will be this month. This is the group I worked with in Gulfport, MS, and Houma, LA, and they are well organized. Probable plan is to stay in a church and prepare meals. The team will work on projects that have been set up by UMCOR. If interested, see Glenn Withiam or contact organizer Diane Albright in Hammondsport wgc2 at empacc dot net.

Gulf Coast Trip?

Forest Grove (Oregon) UCC has proposed a mission trip to Gulfport in the spring. Details are not firm. This is the group that Pastor Jane and others from LUMC worked with in White Swan, WA. Excellent group to work with.

The Southern Tier

Our southern tier friends are still rebuilding, and UMCOR is working there also. A mission team there could work a day and then come home. If interested, see Pastor Jane, Marcia Lynch, or your editor.—*gw*



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JANUARY 6
EPIPHANY!**

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