

Lansing United Methodist Church
Worship 9:00 AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sautter

Christian Education Coordinator: Adam Bacher

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



100 Bears and 50 Years

A Place You Belong

I was looking through my favorite book of poetry a few minutes ago (The House of Belonging by David Whyte) and happened to notice that one of the chapter headings is “Belonging to Places.” I have read and reread these poems for close to fifteen years, but never paid much—or any—attention to the headings. As I pondered my oversight, I was struck by how often we overlook where we belong.

Belonging is so important to us all—being accepted by our peers, finding that place where we really “fit,” knowing that we are part of the group. We often think that this is something experienced only by teenagers (adolescent angst). But all of us, regardless of age, want to belong. We at LUMC have this amazing capacity to nurture belonging. The barriers to being part of this community of faith are all but non-existent. Basically, to be included here you just need to show up! I believe that this is one of the unique qualities of Lansing United Methodist Church.

Sometimes, we may overwhelm our newcomers by trying too hard to get them involved, but for the most part, we give people space while welcoming them in. And we invite them to belong...not necessarily join, but belong. It doesn't take a long time to find out that you belong in the family of LUMC; it can seem like it happens overnight.

It becomes so comfortable, so easy, that we often don't even recognize that it has happened.

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.*

Every week we sing these words as our children come forward for their message, but I would like to suggest that the words are more inclusive. These words include all of the children of God...young and old, big and small, newcomers and oldtimers...even you and me! So, as we celebrate our history this month, let's remember that we all belong here—thanks be to God!

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Pie Bee for Membership Committee

There will be a PIE BEE on October 24 @ 9:30 AM @ the church. Any & all help will be appreciated. Bring your sharpest knife, smoothest rolling pin & join us as we replenish our pie “stash”. We need peelers, rollers, bakers & laughter. Call Sandy Cleveland if you have questions 533-7169. We expect to make about 24 pies for newcomers. All I have ever heard was positive feedback regarding the tasty pie.—Beth Bacorn

LUMC's 50th Anniversary— Celebrate, Inspire and Reaffirm

Lansing UMC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the next twelve months, beginning with the observance of the merger, on October 13, 2013. Lansing United Methodist Church was founded in October 1963—accomplished by the “blood, sweat and tears” (and yes, money) of a visionary group of fellow Christians—and made possible by divine guidance of the Holy Spirit! Before that there had been five local churches in the area that were each struggling financially and facing major renovations. These Founders (a number of whom still sit in LUMC's pews on Sundays) were able to “come together and dream big,” creating a vibrant congregation and spacious church building.

In honor and celebration of this powerful example of God's grace, LUMC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with events over the next year. Pastor Jane Sautter challenged the congregation to “think big” again about what is possible to accomplish (with God's continued grace) in the next 50 years. Will current congregation members be visionary like our LUMC Founders were 50 years ago?

The theme for the year is Celebrate, Inspire, Reaffirm. We are looking forward to upcoming events over the year—all of which will be energized with the 50th Anniversary theme.

Sunday, October 13

- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Bishop Mark Webb
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Founder's Panel moderated by Connie Bishop Mabry and Diane Bishop Smith (youth members at the time of the 1963 merger)
- 12:30 p.m. Dish-to-pass Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Ringers and Singers Concert (including homecoming choir)

Sunday, October 20

Anniversary Stewardship Campaign Kick Off

Saturday, November 9

50th Anniversary Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 23

Lansing Youth Mission/
50th Anniversary Turkey Trot 5K

Thursday, November 28

Lansing Community 5K

Saturday, January 25

“LOL with God”—an adult night out at Church

Tuesday, March 4

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Sunday, July 27

Revival and chicken barbeque at Myers Park

 More to come

Lansing Youth Mission Takes on Superstorm Sandy

by Daniel Stoyell

This past July, the Lansing Youth Mission went to Rockaway, New York, to help those affected by Sandy through Next Step Ministries. When we arrived, we were greeted by extremely friendly staff, who challenged us to a game of four-square before we even got in the door. After settling down, we got to know the staff and the groups from other states. Before we knew it, it was the next day, and time to start work. We were split into teams with people from Lansing.

One group from Lansing completed three tasks over the course of the week, clearing debris from someone's house, taking down moldy walls, and painting the walls of another house. My group went to the home of a woman who lived near the bay and whose house was completely flooded by rising tides.

Driving down the street on the affected area, one wouldn't even know anything was wrong. It looked like any suburban neighborhood, with the only ominous signs being the occasional house with huge heaps of belongings piled on their lawn, which we later learned were being aired and dried to prevent mold. We got to our house, which had been being worked on for weeks now. Our job was to install the flooring in the entire bottom floor, a task that would end up taking the rest of the week.

Later that day and throughout the rest of the week, we discovered Next Step Ministries had a surprisingly campy feel in addition to the mission work. Each night, we had worship in a very contemporary setting, with a few songs we recognized from the Fireplace service as well. There was also a daily message, and plenty of time for games and hanging out with new and old friends. Each day on the worksite, right after lunch, there was time for a devotional period where we answered some questions and discussed what we had been learning throughout the week.

The week flew by in a blur of activity and some leisure time. An experience that most affected many of us was on Thursday, when in lieu of the regular worship service we went down to the shore to wash the feet of our group, as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The experience was both inspirational and humbling as we knelt low to wash the feet of our group that we had worked with throughout the week and prayed over them as well. When the week ended we all left knowing that we would bring home a wealth of memories in the work we had done and the friends we had made. When the floor was finally completed, the final board we put in had a short prayer and all of

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Youth Mission (concluded)

our signatures along the bottom, so we could leave a permanent mark of our work in the house. However, we all knew as we were doing so that we were leaving a part of ourselves in that house in Rockaway as well as our prayers and signatures.




UNY Extended Cabinet Helps with Sandy Recovery

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb and 11 members of the Extended Cabinet traveled to Atlantic City, N.J., during the week of September 9 to 13, for recovery work from Hurricane Sandy.

Organizers told the volunteers that there are still 8,000 people in Atlantic City displaced from their homes and 44,000 across the state of New Jersey. The Cabinet volunteers worked at the Atlantic City home of Elise and her young adult son, True. They had three feet of water on the first floor, which entered through a hole ripped in the roof by the hurricane. Work began on their home in mid-August. The UNY volunteers removed carpeting and a ceiling in a bedroom, and cleared the backyard of enough debris (much from the tear-out of the home) to fill a dumpster.

Joining Bishops Webb's team in New Jersey were: Genesee Valley DS Ted Anderson, Crossroads DS Darryl Barrow, Niagara Frontier DS Wayne Butler, Executive Assistant to the Bishop Christine Doran, Director of Connectional Ministries Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, Mohawk DS Sung Ho Lee, Cornerstone DS Sherri Rood, Oneonta DS Jan Rowell, Mountain View DS Cathy Hall Stengel, Northern Flow DS Beckie Sweet, and Albany DS Rich Weihing.

A big thank you to Sid and Sandy Cleveland for their offer to arrange for the re-seeding of the lawn which badly needed some help after the septic replacement. We appreciate their efforts and the time spent throughout the process to be sure it got off to a good start. It looks great now!—Nan Makela on behalf of the Trustees

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><i>Lansing United Methodist Church</i></p>		1	2 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	3 Senior High Youth 7:00	4 Needleworkers 10:00	5 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00
6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Kids in Action Now 3:30	7 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Staff Parish 7:00	8	9 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	10 Senior High Youth 7:00	11 Needleworkers 10:00	12 Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Homecoming Choir Rehearsal 4:00
13 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Worship 9:00 Bishop Mark Webb, Guest Preacher Sunday School 10:30 Founders Panel 11:00 Dish-to-Pass Luncheon 12:30 Ringers and Singers Concert 1:30	14 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30	15 Trustees 7:00 Membership 7:00 Worship Committee 7:30	16 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	17 Senior High Youth 7:00	18 Needleworkers 10:00	19 Men's Breakfast 7:00 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight
20 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive Charge Conference 4:30	21 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Haiti 7:00	22 Pastor Jane at Bishop's Retreat	23 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	24 Senior High Youth 7:00	25 Needleworkers 10:00	26 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
27 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Fall Festival 12:00	28 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Lansing Food Pantry 1:00	29 Finance 7:00	30 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00	31 Senior High Youth 7:00	<p><i>October 2013</i></p> <p>Note: This calendar is current as of October 2. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org.</p>	

Trip to Haiti: September 2013

by Dean Benware

My trip to Haiti gave me a glimpse into the improvements the new

President has made in people's lives through infrastructure and education. The first thing I noticed was a more modern airport facility. This entry point to Port au Prince is air conditioned and well lit. There are more immigration officers so the lines move faster. After you leave the airport you notice the newly paved roads. Existing major roads have been repaved and when I arrived in Verrettes, I found streets that were never paved were now paved. At the mission house in Verrettes in addition to me there were Peter and Carol Loveland, Evans, Jordany, Maxo, Akim and Ameid. These were students with the program who helped us do our work.

I began each day by doing my daily Upper Room Bible devotion with these young Haitians. We tried to eat breakfast before the day became too busy, but sometimes people came before we had time to eat. On these days we would work with some people then take a break to eat. Our days were very busy meeting with students, doing banking, getting information from schools and receiving old friends.

Sunday morning church began at 6 AM and lasted until 8:40AM. It was a mixture of praise, prayer and bible study. The air had the sweet smell of perfume and cologne. Pastor Solange recognizes us not just as visitors but members of the church. Many people greeted us after church as long lost friends.

Throughout the week we worked with students in the program as they came with their report cards. We also had many families come hoping for a scholarship for their children and with regret had to tell many people there was no possibility. The students were excited that soon they would be back in class.

Occasionally, we have a student that exceeds all expectations and surpasses all their classmates. The Haitian grading system is 1 to 10 with passing being a 5. There are many students that have grades of 5 to 6. Ronick Romulus has always had good grades and was in Seconde at Maitre Gary's school this past year. His grade report was 1st session 8.67, 2nd session 9.07 and 3rd session 9.30. He will be in Rheto this year and then only has Philo to finish his education. This is a young man that really deserves the opportunity for university.

There are many stories about the people of Haiti I could share with you



The LUMC Clothes Horse Is Preparing to Trot

On October Food Pantry day, Monday, October 26, at 3:00, we, the Clothes Horse Project's five "drivers" plan to continue our stated objective, which is to distribute our congregation's donations of preowned jackets, coats, sweaters, mittens, snowpants, scarves, and winter hats to any of the 100 clients of the Lansing Pantry who can use them. The items be left at any time with Karen Paetow, our Office Manager; our tables on food pantry day are set up by Gary Travis. We thank these two members of our LUMC staff for cheerfully and faithfully by taking on these jobs. The warm outerwear is laid out on the tables. Our guests are encouraged to help themselves.



Now that we are starting our fourth year, most congregation members realize that the continued success of the Horse depends on contributions of clothing. We welcome the gifts of new members, of course.

For those who forgot to clean their closets for the Rummage sale, or wish they had had the gumption to give up a certain useful, but-no-longer-to-me item, now is that chance for retribution! We suspect you have something for the Horse, and there's someone in Lansing who can find it a comfort in the wintry weather ahead.

A couple of able-bodied volunteers to load and unload the truck each month would be welcomed, as would be anyone who would like to help on Food Pantry Days.

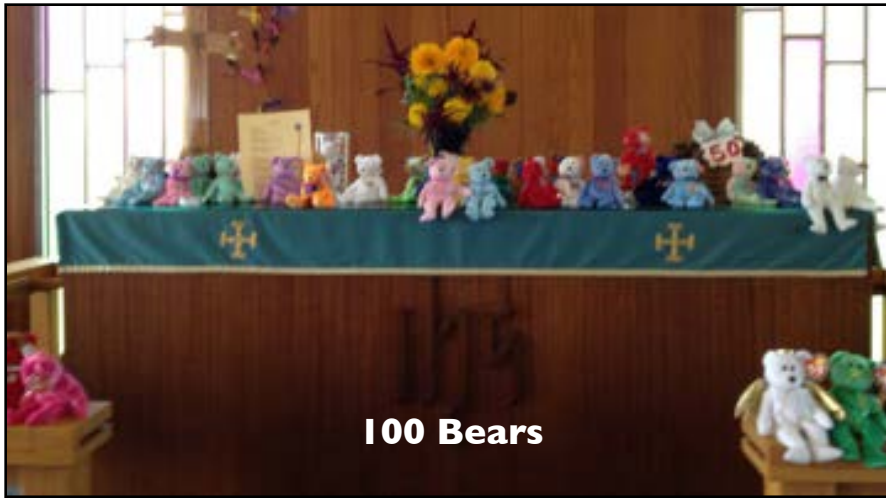
—Char W., Kathleen W., Harriet L, Shelly D. and Kate P.

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from this incredible weeklong experience, but I think the words of a student that successfully passed his Philo exams can best sum up why we provide a scholarship program in Haiti. The student's name is John Lincoln Thelusma Cezar, and he said, "I thank God, the program, and committee every day of my life for the opportunity to receive an education. I also thank my supporters for believing in me. Without your support I would have no education and my life would have no meaning. I will continue to pray to God to bless the committee, the supporters, Madame Barbara and Mr. Dean.

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100 Bears Visit LUMC Worship



100 Bears

One hundred bears appeared unexpectedly at worship in September, together with this poem.—Ed.

100 Bears,
Some of them rare,
All of them gems,
Just like our congregation

100 Bears,
Spanning 9 interations,
Older ones laying the path for new
generations,
Just like our congregation

100 Bears,
All of them different, yet all much
the same,
Each with its own unique gifts,
Just like our congregation.

100 Bears,
Formed for so many purposes,
Yet all made for joy,
Just like our congregation

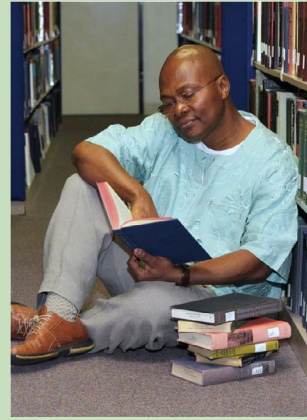
100 Bears,
As you will observe,
Eagerly waiting for their call to serve,
Just like our congregation

100 Bears,
That's really fifty times two,
50 to honor our anniversary true,
Plus 50 more to see the future
accrue;

So, 100 Bears,
Where will they go?
To children in need or for elderly
comfort?
Whatever their path, I hope they
will trumpet
God's love for all and each piece of
creation,
Just like members of our
congregation!

World Communion Sunday

*A Churchwide
Special Sunday Of
The United Methodist Church*



Changing the World, One Life at a Time.

World Communion Sunday

October 6

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

United Methodists relate to World Communion Sunday by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering, which often enables first-generation students to attend college.

Your gifts to the World Communion Sunday offering equip racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities.

Your Generous Gifts Provide:

- World Communion Leadership graduate scholarships for graduate national & international students;(General Board of Global Ministries);
- Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program: Undergraduate scholarships for Ethnic Scholarships for national and international students within the U.S. (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry) and
- Ethnic In-Service Training (non-degree) (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry).



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of Serving and Praising
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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
KICKOFF
OCTOBER 13
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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