

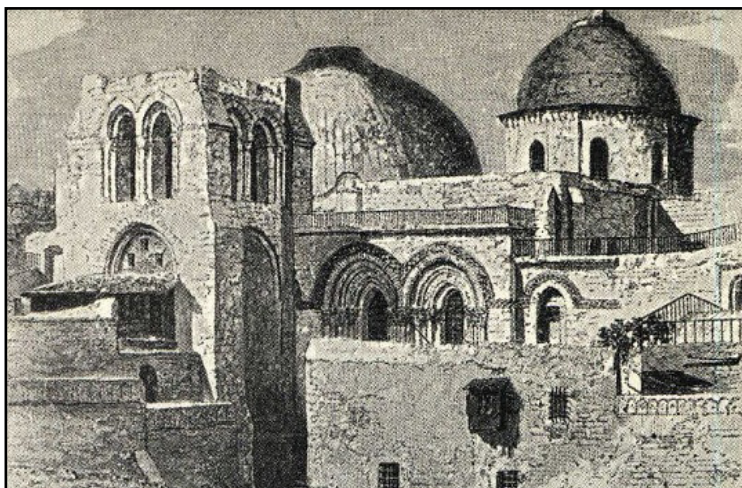
Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM • Sunday School 10:30 AM

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Impressions of the Holy Land

Well, I hardly know where to begin... So I guess I will begin with some first impressions of the trip to Israel/Palestine:

- the country is highly westernized and modern;
- there is no one dominant “race” or ethnicity;
- signs (billboards, etc.) are in Hebrew and Arabic—we had no idea what was being advertised!;
- green, green, green (at least in the Galilee);
- the term “the Galilee” puzzled me until I thought about the Finger Lakes or the Adirondacks;
- Israel (Palestine) is tiny—about the size of New Jersey;
- when we think of “old” we don’t think in terms of thousands of years; and
- vegetables and fish for breakfast?—YUM!!

These were the physical impressions that struck me right off...the emotional impact still catches me off-guard. The music being sung by the choir and the rehearsals for “Lord, Is It I?” have brought me to tears. References in scripture conjure up sights and sites. It truly was a blessing to be in these holy places during a holy time...and I am sure that as certain scripture passages roll around, there will be more insights to share.

Right now, I would like to focus on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This site is known as a “traditional” site, meaning that there is more traditional evidence than historical evidence that this is an actual site of the crucifixion or burial (most of the sites in the Holy Land are traditional—designated by St. Helena in the 4th century).

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre (or Basilica) is one of the sites purported to be Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified. It is located within the Old City of Jerusalem, but would have been outside the wall of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus. It is currently a functioning church to four sects of Catholicism: Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox, and Coptic. Since these four groups cannot come to terms with who should lock and unlock the church, the Muslims have taken that responsibility! The church has a chapel, very ornately decorated with lots of gold, where one is able to kneel beneath an altar, reach through a decorated hole in the floor to touch the rock that is said to have held the cross. Down a rather steep flight of stairs is a slab of stone where Jesus may have been laid when taken from the cross. Still within the church, down a hallway, there is a chapel where a tomb is said to have been located. The building is enormous and heavily decorated with icons and statues. It is dimly lit and there are many services taking place in the

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many chapels within the building. While the gaudiness of this site didn’t excite me, I was moved by the devotion of many of the pilgrims. It was terribly crowded, but the cacophony of many languages was thrilling.

I was much more deeply moved by the Garden Tomb...but I’m going to make you wait until next month to hear about that! I’m sure that I will find plenty to share with you over the next few months (years?), but I want you to know how much I appreciate LUMC’s support in allowing me to have this experience. It has changed me in many ways and I am truly grateful....

*Many blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Feinstein Food Pantry Challenge Continues in April

All donations to Food Pantry received between now and April 30 will help earn grant money from the Feinstein Foundation, which divides \$1 million among anti-hunger agencies throughout the United States according to the amount of donations the food pantry receives. The more we donate, the more of this grant money the Lansing Food Pantry will receive. As you may expect, the number of families helped by the Food Pantry has increased significantly during these hard economic times. If you are able to make a monetary donation or gift of non-perishable food items, your gifts would be greatly appreciated, and they count for the challenge.


Monetary donations are most helpful because the Food Pantry can really stretch a dollar through purchases from the Southern Tier Food Network (e.g., yogurt for 9¢!). One hundred percent of your donations are used by the Lansing Food Pantry for members of our Lansing community in need.

Camping Sunday—April 21

We have six wonderful United Methodist camps in the Upper New York Conference, and the closest, Casowasco, is just half an hour from LUMC. We’ll have a visit from our friends at Casowasco on Camping Sunday, April 21. You can register for camp right now, long before the popular camps fill up (casowasco.org). Casowasco’s Open House and Day at Camp on Sunday, June 16, from 2:00–7:00 PM, with the annual chicken barbecue. No charge to visit camp and only \$9.00 for adults for the BBQ dinner and \$6.00 for children ages 4-12. No charge for children 3 and under. They’d appreciate it if you reserve a spot for the meal: 315-364-8756, a free call from Lansing’s 533 landlines.

Game Throwdown—Sunday, April 14

Join the Young Adult Group on April 14, at 12:30, at the Enchanted Badger, 335 Elmira Road (Ithaca), just before the Hampton Inn. Bring a snack to share and be ready to play from their library of board games.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30	2	3 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	4 Adult Study Group 7:00 Senior High 7:00	5 Needleworkers 10:00	6 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers Meeting 10:00
7 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Bible Study 3:30 Kids in Action Now 3:30 Fireplace Praise Service 5:45	8 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 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	9 Staff Parish 7:00 "Good" Movie for Youth 7:00	10 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	11 Adult Study Group 7:00 Senior High 7:00	12 Needleworkers 10:00 Confirmation Retreat 3:30	13 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
14 NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Young Adult Fellowship 12:30 @ Enchanted Badger, Ithaca Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30	15 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Disciple I Bible Study 12:0 Haiti 7:00 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight	16 Membership 7:00	17 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	18 Spring Fling Dish to Pass 6:00 Adult Study Group 7:00 Senior High 7:00	19 Needleworkers 10:00	20 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
21 CAMPING SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive Confirmation Bible Study 3:30	22 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Disciple I Bible Study 12:00 Lansing Food Pantry 3:00	23	24 Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	25 Senior High 7:00	26 Needleworkers 10:00	27x Mens' Breakfast 7:00
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Youth Mission Plans Superstorm Sandy Mission Trip

After completing three mission trips to San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala in 2012, our Youth Mission group has reorganized and is preparing for its next mission trip in July which will be to Rockaway, New York, to help with the Superstorm Sandy reconstruction effort on Long Island.

A cooperative effort of All Saints R.C. Church and LUMC, Youth Mission usually sponsors a trip every two years, alternating between a foreign and domestic destination. However, we have added an additional mission trip this summer in response to the devastation caused downstate by Superstorm Sandy.

Youth Mission is open to high school students, including current 8th graders who will have entered high school by the time of the next trip. Parents and other interested adults join in supporting Youth Mission efforts.

The group meets on the second Sunday of every month at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall of All Saints. At the March meeting, the group acknowledged and thanked Steve Palladino for the outstanding leadership he has provided the group over the last 7-8 years. Chris Miller, of All Saints, has agreed to assume the role of chair of the group. A steering committee, composed of adult and youth representatives from both churches meets in between meetings to guide the group and prepare for the monthly meetings of the whole group.

At this writing, most of the 17 available slots for the July 21-28 Rockaway mission trip have been filled. Contact Dave Stoyell or Andrea Conlon, LUMC members of the steering committee, or any of the youth or parents involved, for more information about the group or upcoming trip. You don't need to be able to go on this trip to be involved with Youth Mission, as we will also begin planning for a new mission trip in Spring 2014, and will perhaps engage in some other activity locally (one- or two-day projects).

Two fundraisers are scheduled between now and the upcoming trip. A Chili Dinner on Sunday, April 28 (to be held at All Saints), and a Chicken BBQ, to be held by the Town Ball fields on Saturday, June 8. Mark your calendars to hold those dates and stay tuned for more details. As most of you know, the ongoing can and bottle collection also supports Youth Mission. That is held every third Sunday of the month, when cans and bottles can be dropped off at worship time. Thanks for your support!—*Dave Stoyell*

Church Dish-to-Pass Dinner—April 18

Save the date !!!! April 18, 2013. The "Spring Fling" dish-to-pass dinner will be held at the church that night. Bring your best casserole or other food item. Gather about 5:30 PM and eat by 6:00 PM.

Membership will provide coffee, tea, and drinks for all. All are welcome!! This is a fun social time. No fund raising, just fun raising.—*Beth Bacorn*

Coffee Time Signup

Volunteers are still needed to set up and clean up for our Sunday coffee hour following worship. Duties include preparing coffee; setting out tablecloths, coffee mugs, coffee fixings, and cookies; and washing up afterwards. Individuals, families, or groups can volunteer for a week at a time. Sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall!

Greeters Needed

Please join our team of friendly faces to greet your church family members and visitors on Sunday mornings. It is fun and easy! Plan to arrive at church around 8:30 AM to welcome those arriving to attend the 9:00 service, distribute the weekly bulletin, and organize the children who sign up for the weekly collection offering and to count attendance. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Even volunteering one Sunday per month would be terrific. Thank you! We need you! Please email Mary Adie at madie@twcny.rr.com with any questions you may have.

Come Play with Our Adorable LUMC children

Presently there is no Nursery Coordinator. Instead we are inviting you to volunteer for one Sunday a year in our nursery from 9 to 10:00 AM. We volunteers love getting to know both the children and their parents. Sign up on the sheet on the Nursery Room Door or contact Kay Moore (607 533 7394), Kay@mooretrees.com.

Thank you, Judy Hinderliter and Nan Makela, for the perfect paint job in our Nursery. And you saved the rainbow and Noah's Ark!! You are 2 of the many behind the scenes workers that keep LUMC spotless. Thank you.—*Kay Moore*

Volunteer Drivers Needed For LOAP

Long ago, LUMC identified the need for the Lansing Older Adult Program (LOAP), which provides such services as the Lansing Senior Van. Van drivers are needed, if you have time to volunteer. The LOAP van takes Lansing senior residents for such purposes as doctor appointments, nutrition meals at Woodsedge, shopping trips, senior citizen meetings, and special group trips. If you wish to assist in the program, please call the Lansing Senior Van dispatcher, Barbara Bills, at 257-4496.

UPIWORD '13

Holiday Inn at Syracuse/Liverpool, April 26-28, 2013

UPIWORD 2013 will explore what it means to be called a Child of God through music, worship, workshops, and friendships. It's shaping up to be another exciting weekend for teens in the Upper New York Annual Conference. Registration closes April 11 (by snail mail). Cost includes your room and all programming, but meals are on your own.



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