
Lansing United Methodist Church

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

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Visiting the Garden

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In the Garden

As promised, I will share with you my experience of the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem. Tucked away in the Old City of Jerusalem, behind a stone wall, is a lovely garden managed by a Christian group out of the United Kingdom. It was a delight to be in the garden with the flowers in bloom and the birds chirping in the month of February! While this, too, is a traditional site rather than an historical site, this is the place where I could truly envision the burial and resurrection taking place.



There are some facts that give some credibility to this site:

- It overlooks a stone face filled with small caves that are shaped like a skull (really!), giving credence to “the place of the skull”;
- This place of the skull, where the crucifixion might have taken place, would have been outside the wall of the city;
- There is a large cistern that would have meant the original garden was owned by someone of means (Joseph of Arimathea would have fit the bill!). That such a garden was present also supports that fact; and
- Inside the garden wall are burial caves.

Perhaps it is the story of Mary Magdalene that made this site so moving for me. I love the idea that Mary stayed to look for Jesus and then thought he was the gardener. I love the idea that Mary was the first to recognize Jesus. And I was able to visualize all of this happening right before my own eyes!

Throughout the garden are several chapel areas set into alcoves. This was where we were able to worship and celebrate Holy Communion. Just writing this brings tears to my eyes as I remember how powerful that experience was. Communion is always emotional for me, but the peacefulness of the place and the enormity of the possibilities of the physical place truly overwhelmed me.



Now you have heard about two possibilities for the sites of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus...the site of the Garden Tomb and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Which one is real? I cannot

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From the Pastor (concluded)

answer that...and it is just as possible that neither site is the actual site. I know for certain, though, that being in both of these places made me stand back in awe and in wonder of our risen Lord! I pray the same for you...

Many blessings,
Pastor Jane

LUMC BBQ

The traditional LUMC Memorial Day weekend Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until gone. Dave Hatfield has generously agreed to barbecue the chicken. Dinners will be \$8.00, and a half chicken will be \$6.00. Plan to help out if you can. Proceeds from the barbecue will benefit the LUMC operating budget. For more info, call Ed LaVigne at 533-7603.

Sign Up for Camp

The camping catalogues for Casowasco, Aldersgate, and our other Upper New York camps are now online and in print. You'll find Casowasco's camps at www.casowasco.org. The sooner you make your application, the better your chances to get your choice. Popular camps do fill up. Join your friends (new and old) for a fun-filled week enjoying nature, new adventures and experiencing God's love in all that you do!

Remember that LUMC will not let money stand in the way for any child going to camp. Assistance is available through LUMC's Camperships. Look for applications in the Camp Agent's folder in the mail crates near the office door. This 'Campership Fun' is funded by our congregation's support. The main fundraiser is the annual hanging flower basket sale in May during the Rummage Sale, thanks to Rick & Charla Hayes. Our motto has always been, "no one gets turned away", so please help us by allowing our kids to experience one of the best weeks of their summer!

So, watch for the flower display at the community center in South Lansing during the Rummage Sale.

You can see Casowasco at the Open House on Sunday, June 16, from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. and discover what a day at camp is like! There will be swimming, wagon rides, arts & crafts, site tours, and a sing-a-long by the campfire. That's all free; and for a reasonable cost you can top it off with a chicken BBQ dinner. Please register for the meal: \$9.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children ages 4-12, and free for children 3 and under. Call 315-364-8756 to register for the meal; it's free call from Lansing's 533 phones.

Questions now? Contact LUMC Camp Agent Karyn Yahn (533-4322 or jkjyahn@wildblue.net).

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



**Lansing
United
Methodist
Church**

*May
2013*

1
Prayer Service 9:00
Women's Bible Study Annual
Luncheon 11:00

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

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Senior High 7:00

3
Needleworkers 10:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Rummage Setup 9:00
Prayer Shawl Ministry/
Caregivers Meeting
10:00

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Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30

Confirmation Discipleship 11:30

Kids in Action Now 3:30
Fireplace Praise Service 5:45

6
R U M M A G E S A L E S E T U P A N D S O R T I N G
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Mobile Food Pantry 10:00
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00

Staff Parish 7:00

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Prayer Service 9:00

Choir 7:00

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Senior High 7:00

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Needleworkers 10:00

Rummage Sale 8:00 AM
Flower Basket Sale for Camping Fund
Community Center

11
Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Confirmation 8:00
Rummage Cleanup 12:00

12
MOTHERS DAY

Worship 9:00

Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30

13
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Bible Study at Woodsedge
10:30
Prayer Service, Woodsedge
11:00
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00
Trustees 7:00

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Disciple IV Bible Study 12:30

"Good" Movie for Youth 7:00

15
Prayer Service 9:00

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

SUNBEAM DEADLINE
12:00 Midnight

16

Senior High 7:00

17
Needleworkers 10:00

18
CHANGE THE WORLD WEEKEND

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

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**PENTECOST
CONFIRMATION
HERITAGE SUNDAY**
Confirmation Discipleship 8:00
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30
Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive
Young Adult Fellowship 6:30

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Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Disciple I Bible Study 12:00

Lansing Food Pantry 3:00

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Membership 7:00
Worship Committee 7:30

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Prayer Service 9:00

Bell Choir 6:00
Choir 7:00

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Senior High 7:00

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Needleworkers 10:00

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00
Chicken Barbecue 11:30

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**TRINITY
PEACE WITH JUSTICE**
Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30

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MEMORIAL DAY
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30

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Disciple IV Bible Study 12:30

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Prayer Service 9:00

Choir 7:00

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Senior High 7:00

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Needleworkers 10:00

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Note: This calendar is current
as of April 25. For updates
to all LUMC events, visit
lansingunited.org, and check
the bulletin when you're in
church on Sunday.

Time to Rrrrrrummmmmage

The Spring Sale will be held **Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11**. Volunteers needed Saturday, May 4 (for setup), through Saturday, May 11 (for cleanup), and anytime in between.

Start cleaning out those closets, basements and attics. Rummage will be here before you know it. Tents will go up Saturday, May 4, and set up begins Sunday, May 5, after fellowship time.

Sign-up sheets are now up in the narthex. Please sign up as early as possible, even if you don't know exactly when you can help. That will help us make sure everyone gets the best information ahead of the sale. And feel free to bring along a friend to help, too!

Nancy Myers and Jan Reeves will be supervising Café Rummage again. Sign-up sheets are in the kitchen and food donation sheets are in the fellowship hall. We need donations starting May 4. The lunch break for fellowship lifts everyone's spirits, and we're also serving breakfast from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, Monday through Thursday. So, come early! Also, please give Jan a copy of your recipe to share in our Café Rummage cookbook!

Fingerlakes-based Team Starts Sandy Rebuilding in New Jersey

The first team of Volunteers in Mission started the rebuilding effort for northern New Jersey during Holy Week (the last week of March) and continued during Easter week. Although Superstorm Sandy hit in late October, due to the extent of damage, it has taken this long for the New Jersey folks to be able to organize the rebuilding (as opposed to emergency response teams, which began their work long ago). I joined the team for the second week, driving to Red Bank, NJ, on Easter Sunday to stay at the UMC there. The next day, we were thrown out of the church and spent the rest of the week at Aldersgate UMC in East Brunswick. This occurred because the Red Bank fire department was concerned about volunteers sleeping on the floor (in blowup beds). This was despite the fact that this church was completely wired with a fire alarm system that would wake the dead. Aldersgate UMC was set up with cots and perhaps had a more understanding fire department.

Our team, which included five high school youth, worked to rebuild two homes and restore the fellowship hall of Union Beach UMC. Typical of mission trips, none of these was on our original list of possible projects. I worked all week at the church, where the fellowship hall is a former Army barracks that was moved to the site and attached to the sanctuary. Flood water was about six or so inches deep in the hall, but stopped just short of the sanctuary. For reasons that are not clear, the emergency team took down all the walls and the ceiling. They also started ripping up the subfloor, but mysteriously stopped and left town (and a big hole). Our job was to put the ceiling back up and start on the top half of the wall. We had to leave the lower wall sections open for the electricians, who would come when we had the job far enough along for them. **Continued at right**

Sandy Cleanup (concluded)



Union Beach UMC Fellowship Hall, in progress

Because the rebuilding effort is so new, the New Jersey folks were not yet supplied with tools and equipment. We had some very handy team members who brought a trailer full of tools. Additionally, we purchased about \$1,000 worth of tools and equipment and left that for future teams. Prep work (including insulating walls and fixing the floor) took a day or so, but by Tuesday we could start putting a few drywall boards on the ceiling. At that point, we hoped we might get most of the way on the ceiling. By Friday we had the electricians pulling cable, while we finished the ceiling, the top half of the walls, and then could start closing in the bottom walls, except where we needed electrical inspection. I know the New Jersey people were pleased at this progress.

We were at the church because the townspeople had specified the church's fellowship hall was at the top of the fix-up list, ahead of people's homes, because it will be the only meeting space for all of Union Beach. Although the church is looking forward to once again holding Sunday school there and hosting dinners, this will also provide space for the rest of the Boro. (City Hall is stacked full of building materials.)

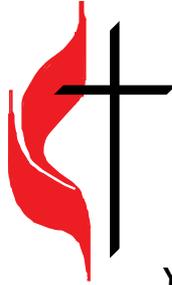
In addition to the tools that we purchased, our team was able to leave a donation of over \$10,000 for the New Jersey recovery effort, thanks to many donations. Thanks so much to the many people who gave me support. Your donations are much needed and appreciated.—*Glenn Withiam*

Youth Mission to the Rockaways for Sandy

Lansing Youth Mission has started raising funds for its July mission trip of about 16 youth and adults to Rockaway, New York, to help with the Superstorm Sandy reconstruction effort. Please mark your calendars to attend our next fundraiser, a Chicken BBQ at the town ball fields on Saturday, June 8.

Hurricane Sandy Clean Up Planning Meeting

If you are interested in going to New Jersey and help clean up and rebuild, you are invited to an informational meeting at the Penn Yan UMC Memorial Building at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 13. Trip dates will be determined with those interested in going. Participants need to be at least 18 years old for this mission trip. If you can't make the meeting but want more information, call the Penn Yan church at 315-536-6711 or email Pastor Jeff Childs at revchilds@hotmail.com.



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RUMMAGE SALE, MAY 10 AND 11

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