

The † Sunbeam

February 2014

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sautter

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Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner

Tired of Winter? Think Summer...Camp



Top photo: Casowasco, Bottom two photos: Skye Farm

Strangely Warm

It's hard for me to believe that it has been a year since I traveled to the Holy Land. There are times that it seems like it was so very long ago, and at other times it seems like yesterday! What has not changed, though, is the impact that trip had and continues to have on my understanding of scripture and the life of Jesus.

Just yesterday, in the confirmation class, I was reminded of how very close the wilderness is to Capernaum. I am often reminded of just how far Jesus walked during his ministry (especially since we were traveling in an air conditioned bus!). Life for Jesus was far more difficult than we can imagine... finding food and shelter was a challenge under the best of circumstances. Even though Israel and Palestine have grown immensely, there are plenty of opportunities to see camels and Bedouins. In preparation for Christian Believer, I pulled out the map of Jerusalem to locate Nehemiah's Water Gate, where Ezra the priest read the Law to the people. And, because I am like so many others, this prompted me to look up other things about the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem.

At Christmas time, I was given a gift of a plant that was taken (smuggled? borrowed?) from Bethlehem in full bloom during the holiday season. While I love plants at any time of year, this one was particularly meaningful because I could visualize this plant being in bloom in the Shepherd's Fields at the time the angels proclaimed Jesus' birth in the stable.

I can't tell you the number of times that this trip has caused me to reflect on scripture or Jesus or the life of the church in a very different way. It is not something I take for granted and I am grateful that you made the time available to me.

My life has been profoundly changed by a mere ten days in the Holy Land. My heart was "strangely warmed" by this experience! God has the power to change our hearts at any time, in any place...so in this season of Valentines and hearts, let's think about how God is working in us. I know God is working in me...and I pray God is working in you!

*Many blessings,
Pastor Jane*

The boats are waiting...



Time to Sign Up for...Summer Camp!

Yes, registration for summer camp is now open throughout the Upper New York Annual Conference. Our Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) has posted program details on its website and you should see brochures around pretty soon. If you went to camp recently, you might already have yours! LUMC will also have a supply. You can use the brochure or register on line.

CRM offers programs and experiences for children, youth, families, and adults at our six centers throughout the Conference. For summer camp, you can attend Aldersgate (in the western Adirondacks), Casowasco (our neighbor), Findley (close to the edge of the earth beyond Jamestown), Sky Lake (in the Southern Tier), and Skye Farm (in the eastern Adirondacks). Retreat programs and events will be held at Asbury (not far from Letchworth), and will include adult, clergy, family and youth retreats.

To view programs or to register, go to www.campsandretreats.org and select the site you are interested in.

For more information, contact any of the six centers directly below, or via general e-mail at info@campsandretreats.org or call (855) 424-7878 ext. 309.

CRM accepting applications for year-round, seasonal and summer positions

Camp & Retreat Ministries is also accepting applications for the staff positions: Director of Program and Outreach for Camp & Retreat Ministries, full time (Conference Office, Syracuse); Office Assistant, part-time year-round (8-10 hours per week; Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Silver Lake); and Office Assistant, seasonal (8-10 hours per week seasonally; Findley Camp & Retreat Center, Clymer). CRM is also accepting applications for Summer Ministry Team positions at all six camp & retreat centers.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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

Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00

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Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30

Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30

3
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Christian Believer 12:30

Staff Parish 7:00

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Adult Choir 7:00

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Christian Believer 7:00
Senior High Youth 7:00

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Needleworkers 10:00

8 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

Sweetheart Dinner for Youth Mission 5:00
All Saints

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Worship 9:00
Sunday School 10:30

Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30

Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30

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Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Mobile Food Pantry 10:00
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00
Christian Believer 12:30

Trustees 7:00

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Adult Choir 7:00

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Christian Believer 7:00
Senior High Youth 7:00

14 Needleworkers 10:00

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Men's Breakfast 7:00

SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight

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

Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive

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PRESIDENTS DAY
Pancakes and Prayers 6:30
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30
Christian Believer 12:30

Haiti 7:00

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Membership 7:00
Worship Committee 7:30

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

Bell Choir 6:00
Adult Choir 7:00

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Senior High Youth 7:00

21 Needleworkers 10:00

22 Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Lansing Food Pantry 1:00

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Adult Choir 7:00

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Christian Believer 7:00
Senior High Youth 7:00

28 Needleworkers 10:00

Note: This calendar is current as of February 3. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org.

Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, February 8th
5:00 – 7:30 PM
In the All Saints Parish Center

Join us for our traditional “Sweetheart Dinner” to benefit Youth Mission. This time it is being held at All Saints and led by Chef Karen Gisler. This is a family-friendly event. The spaghetti dinner will help raise funds for Youth Mission trips to Hurricane Sandy-affected Union Beach, NJ, this summer and to Guatemala to build a house in early 2015. The cost of the dinner is just \$5 per person; you can pick up tickets from any youth mission member or at the door the night of the event.

It should be a wonderful event! All are encouraged to come and enjoy the evening: good food, good music, enchanting ambience, and a lovely time with friends/family!

Thank you for all your support!

Upcoming Lansing Youth Mission Trips in 2014 and early 2015:

New Members Invited: Come to All Saints February 9, 6:30 PM

The Youth Mission team is being formed for a work trip to help with Hurricane Sandy restoration in Union Beach, New Jersey, during the week of July 27 to August 2. The Youth Mission team will also be planning for one or more trips early in 2015 to Guatemala to help build a house for a family in the San Lucas region.

Participation in Youth Mission is open to any high school age youth from LUMC and All Saints along with their parents or guardians and other interested adults (including current 8th graders).

Please join us, with one or more parents or guardians if possible, at our next monthly youth mission meeting:

Sunday, February 9, 6:30 PM in the All Saints Parish Center.

If you cannot make this meeting, but are interested in participating in Youth Mission during the coming year, please contact either Chris Miller (533-0095 or email: sixmillers94@gmail.com) or Dave Stoyell (533-7947 or email: peganddave@juno.com) to indicate your interest. Don't hesitate, as plans are moving ahead.

Stay tuned for the Talents and Goods Auction, the next Youth Mission fundraiser, to be held in late March at LUMC.

Plan Ahead for the Church Chicken BBQ in May

Here's another way to erase the winter blahs: let's start thinking about our annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ. Mary Searles and Peg MacKenzie have been hard at work recruiting workers and getting the BBQ team squared away. Now we just need someone to coordinate the event that day. If you'd like to help us out, please contact Pat Gillespie at gillespiepd@hotmail.com or 266-0232.

Young Adults Game Night

YAF (Young Adult Fellowship, 20-30 something crowd) will meet February 21 for Game Night!

Join us for Fellowship food & Fun on Friday, February 21 at the home of Karen Veaner.

R.S.V.P. 592-1386 or AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org

A special appeal for the people of West Virginia

As you have probably heard, a chemical spill in West Virginia left approximately 300,000 people in nine counties in the southwest region of the state unable to use their tap water. The emergency began Jan. 9 when the chemical 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, a chemical used in coal processing, leaked out of a 40,000-gallon tank at a Freedom Industries facility along the Elk River. It now appears that other chemicals also leaked, and the safety of the water is still uncertain. We know you can use it to flush the toilet, but after that...

Updates of the response by The United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) are posted on the West Virginia Conference Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wvumc and on the West Virginia Conference website at www.wvumc.org. In short, it's still a mess.

Upper New York Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is asking members of the Conference to set aside a time of prayer for those affected by the chemical spill and to consider giving financial support for the ongoing response.

If you would like to help out (perhaps to pay for some bottled water), you can write a check to LUMC, with the memo marked with “WV chemical spill.” We'll send it on to the UMCOR. You can also make your check to the Upper New York Conference, again marked for WV chemical spill, and mail it to the Upper New York Conference Treasurer, 324 University Ave., 3rd Fl., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210. Again, they'll forward it to UMCOR.

Just as a reminder, every dime you give goes directly to the emergency work. Unlike any other organization, UMCOR keeps no money for overhead. That is taken care of with One Great Hour of Sharing and other church sources. Something to keep in mind when One Great Hour rolls around again.



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