



# *The Sunbeam* March 2018

Lansing United Methodist Church

**Worship 9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM • PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Pastor: Alison Schmied**

**Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner**

**Interim Christian Education Coordinator: Debbie Geise**

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**Holy Week 2018**

**March 24 to 31**

## From the Pastor

### The World Worth Saving

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (*John 3:15, NRSV*)



**W**e know that God believes that this world is worth saving. Although our culture tends to focus on personal salvation from our personal sins, this verse reminds us that God’s concern is much bigger than just you and me. The world is full of situations, circumstances, systems and societal actions that cry out for redemption.

The need for redemption is overwhelming. On February 14, a 19-year-old killed 17 innocent people in a Florida high school. This was not an isolated event. It was our country’s 30th school shooting, on the 45th day of 2018.

No matter what solutions seem most viable to you, there is great agreement that school shootings should never happen. This occurrence screams the need for societal change, for the world to be saved from the effects of individual, communal, societal, historic and systemic human sinfulness.

Our Lenten study has challenged me to pray the news. Lifting these realities in prayer, I have been looking for God’s presence in these events.

God’s self-giving presence is revealed in the actions of a football coach who lost his life shielding students from bullets with his body.

God’s comforting presence is with family members and friends of the deceased as they mourn.

God’s healing presence is in the words and actions of crisis responders, including parents of victims of previous school shootings, who share their experience, strength, and hope to help survivors and their families heal.

God’s suffering presence is in solidarity with those who were wounded, whether by bullets or by experience.

God’s redeeming presence is shown in the commitment of those who say, in words and actions, this must never happen again.

May we make God’s redeeming presence known in the world today, that all God’s children might live.

*Pastor Alison*

### A World Worth Saving

Adult Forum Lenten Study with Rev. Alison Schmied

Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m., March 4, 11, 18, and 25

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m., March 7, 14, 21, and 28

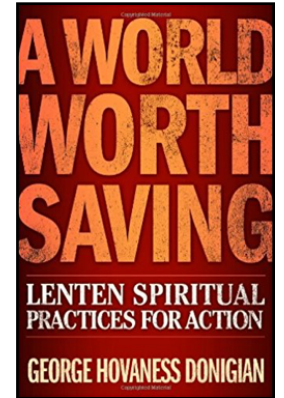
*A World Worth Saving*, by George Hovaness Donigian

It’s not too late to join our Lenten study!

God thinks the world is worth saving and invites you to join in the movement of redemption. We’ve only just begun to make a connection through prayer and other inner spiritual practices with outward actions of mercy and compassion.

Dare to be challenged to grow in your prayer life by praying about daily news reports, discovering the needs around them, and responding with love and compassion. You will discover ways to: serve others, feed the hungry, seek justice and fight injustice, offer healing, and extend friendship.

Join this ongoing, engaging study during Sunday Forum at 10:30 a.m., in the library, or Wednesday evenings in the junior high classroom. This spring, look for spiritual growth and opportunities for reflection.



### Lenten Simple Suppers

Wednesdays in March (7, 14, 21, and 28) 5:00–7:00 p.m.

LUMC Fellowship Hall

**T**ake a break from your hectic week. Take a break from distractions and consider your relationship with God and those around you.

Each Wednesday during Lent, a simple supper of soup and bread will be available in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Dinner is free. We serve an open table—all are welcome. Gather just for dinner, if you wish. A room for quiet meditation will be available in the Senior High Classroom, or join our Lenten study, *A World Worth Saving*, with Pastor Alison at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High Classroom.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith. Find your path of self-reflection and spiritual discovery, and invite others to join you as you seek to observe a holy Lent.

## Palms and Passion in Scripture and Song

On March 25, the congregation will open the celebration of Holy Week with palms, scripture, and song to commemorate Palm Sunday. Scripture for that day continues through remembrance of the Passion of Christ with readings from Mark's Gospel, hymns, and anthems.

Note: One of the pieces calls for a unison choir of children and treble voices. See Diane Withiam if you'd like to sing on Palm Sunday.

## The Troubabbles of Zerubbabel

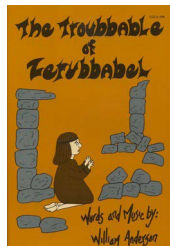
### Children's Musical, March 18

Nine children and their support staff are working hard to bring you this year's Children's Musical during worship service on Sunday, March 18.

We tell the story of Zerubbabel, who led the people out of Babylonian exile and was called to the ruins of Jerusalem to rebuild the temple of Solomon. We at LUMC know something about the challenges of a building project, so you are invited to learn about Zerubbabel's tribulations and how the people met and overcame them.

Check out Zerubbabel's story in Jeremiah 52:4, 13; Ezra 1:1-2; Ezra 3:10-11; Ezra 4:2-3; and Haggai 1:13-14.

This is our fourth presentation of Zerubbabel. Leopold the camel played a supporting role with Stephanie Peter as the title builder in 2004; Caitlin Hardie led the cast in 1996; and we don't remember who was involved in 1989! If anyone has pictures from these previous presentations, please share.



## UMCOR Sunday is March 11

The United Methodist Committee on Relief enacts the faith of United Methodists globally. UMCOR is the arm of the church that responds in crisis to help communities rebuild. UMCOR is committed to those people in need of relief, healing and restoration.

When crisis occurs, UMCOR not only responds, but also stays for the slow work of rebuilding, making the impact of its work long lasting.

While staying involved with relief and assistance for long-lasting impact might not seem efficient in our culture of instant gratification, it is how UMCOR is able to help people become self-sustaining again, or for the first time, in the wake of natural disaster, drought or the diseases of poverty.

All of the work that is done by The United Methodist Church through UMCOR helps people get their lives back, instills hope and builds up communities. This work of hope and restoration is what Jesus calls us to do. Our gifts on UMCOR Sunday next week allow this to continue.

## “Lord, Is It I?”

### Presented on Maundy Thursday during Holy Week

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, the Lenten play “Lord, Is It I?,” by Ernest K. Emurian, will be presented in the Lansing United Methodist Church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Following the play, Holy Communion will be served. “Lord, Is It I?” is set in the upper room as Leonardo da Vinci portrayed it in his painting The Last Supper. Each disciple reflects on his life with Jesus and ponders Jesus’ statement that one of them will betray him. Nursery care will be available.

## Interfaith Community Dinner

On Thursday, March 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the interfaith community, Lansing residents, and Lansing United Methodist Church will co-host an interfaith community dish-to-pass dinner. We welcome all of our neighbors: Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Quakers (the list goes on), and those unaffiliated with a specific faith group. All are truly welcome.

We hope you will join us for an evening of great food, fellowship, and conversation. Please bring a labeled vegetarian or dairy dish-to-pass. If time or budget make bringing a dish a hardship, please be our guest!

Please check the calendar at [www.LansingUnited.org](http://www.LansingUnited.org) for this month's location. You are welcome and encouraged to share this invitation!

## K.A.N. Takes Action in the Fight Against Malaria

Our Kids in Action Now families would like to celebrate with our congregation the 30 nets that will be sent on their life-saving mission following K.A.N. fundraising concessions at the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby at the end of January. K.A.N. families provided special baked treats and enthusiastic



service at the concessions. It was special to see each of the K.A.N. members present help our customers become aware of how their purchases would help fight malaria and save lives.

We thank these families, the Lansing Cub Scout Pack, and our church family for their commitment to this important ministry! Thank you also for your prayers for the families that receive these nets, that they will thrive and have a chance to live the lives that God intends for them. If you would like to send a net and save a life through Nothing But Nets, you may use this link to find the K.A.N. team donation page: <https://fundraise.unfoundation.org/team/140826> or visit the United Methodist Church's Imagine No Malaria web page to learn more about the United Methodist Church's efforts in the fight against malaria at <http://www.umc.org/topics/imagine-no-malaria>. Thank you!—Your Kids in Action Now

## Building Dedication and Celebration

Plan Now to Be Part of It

Thursday, April 19

On the evening of Thursday, April 19, Lansing United Methodist Church will welcome Bishop Mark Webb to preach at the dedication of our newly renovated facility. The building will be dedicated to the work we built it to facilitate: making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bishop Webb is the spiritual leader of our Upper New York Annual (Regional) Conference of The United Methodist Church. The Upper New York Conference comprises 867 local churches and 65 new faith communities in 12 districts, covering 48,000 square miles in 49 of the 62 counties in New York state. Our mission is to “live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God’s love with our neighbors in all places.”

As we dedicate the new facility, we will celebrate the many past accomplishments that brought Lansing UMC to this point in its history, and accept God’s call to grow beyond the reality of what has been in the past into the reality of what can be in God’s future.

Youth and children are invited to join in singing during this event. See Diane Withiam.



## Rummage Sale! May 4 & 5

It will be Rummage Sale time soon!

Sale dates: May 4 and 5—Set-up starts April 28

The Rummage Sale is an important ministry of the church. Far more than just a way to raise money, it is an outreach to the workers, who share fellowship; the shoppers, who outfit their homes and wardrobes; and to the whole community, far beyond LUMC and Lansing. If you have participated in this ministry for years or are interested in joining us for the first time, all are welcome!

Please save these dates:

- Saturday, April 28. Set up outside, especially raising the tents, but also bringing display items out of storage (if time permits).
- Sunday, April 29, set up inside after Sunday School.
- Monday, April 30, through Thursday, May 3, working inside and outside. Donations are received Monday through Wednesday. There will be sorting, talking, displaying, smiling, pricing, and building friendships.

Questions? Please contact the church at 607.533.4070, me at 607.592.6542 or email [elavlumc@aol.com](mailto:elavlumc@aol.com). Thank you.—*Ed LaVigne*

## LUMC Finance Report

Here is a quick update of the LUMC Operation Budget for 2017 and some thoughts regarding 2018. Our Audit has been completed once again by Pastor Selover, and I am grateful to report that we ended the year with a surplus of \$3,913. As you may recall our initial budget offering for 2017 carried a deficit. On the income side, we showed an increase over budget for pledges and plate received. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Special events were off from budget due mainly to the lateness of our fall rummage sale. All told, our operating income was \$307,679 for the year ending December 31, 2017, or \$1,302 more than planned.

Overall staff and committee chairs did an excellent job of managing our dollars by investing \$303,705 of the total available for things that make our church the place we want to worship and share our gifts. Spending commitments were \$26,978 less than budget (8% less than expected). During 2017 we invested in our operations in the following categories: adult, children, and youth ministries: \$11,586; maintenance, operations, taxes, and utilities: \$27,602; and administration and staff totaled \$259,435.

Moving forward in 2018, we are projecting a negative budget based on our needs of a growing congregation. The finance committee of Joel Brock, Jim Blair, Vicky Swanson, Michael and Kelly Tracy, Marcia Lynch, William Thibault, Michael Coles, and I are confident with the operating budget we have proposed and expect with careful management we will once again be able to report some good news next year at this time.

Things to be aware of and be grateful for in 2018:

—87 Total Pledges for 2018, of which 18 are new pledges! Total pledges for the year are \$240,536, up over \$10,536 than budgeted or 4.6%.

- We anticipate that our special events will be back on budget for 2018.
- There are two onetime additions to our budget: \$2,000 to recondition our bells, and \$4,500 based on the needs for our new building, which the trustees will oversee.
- There is \$7,500 line item for a trustee reserve fund to address future maintenance needs of our parish. We will make quarterly adjustments to the trustee reserve after approval by the finance committee based on our quarterly review. There will be a cap placed on the trustee reserve fund and trustees will be putting a plan forth.

As always, this plan is faith based, with everyone contributing what and how they can. Copies of the 2018 budget are in the Narthex and available in the church office. Further questions and concerns should be directed to the Finance Committee or me. As always, we are open to new ideas, hearts, and minds on this or any other church committee.—*Barry Putnam*



*Lansing United  
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*March 2018*

SUNDAY

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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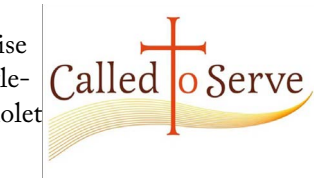
## Acolyte Commissioning

On Sunday, January 28, Sharon Butler Bowman, Debbie Geise, and Pastor Alison commissioned 17 of our children as acolytes. The newest acolytes are our third graders, Harrison Davis (son of Wendy Davis), Jenna Geise (daughter of Dan and Debbie Geise), Elijah Littlejohn (son of Seth and Naomi Littlejohn), and Violet Tracy (daughter of Mike and Kelly Tracy). We recognized the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who have participated in training in the past and who also serve as acolytes, Ryleigh Bowman (daughter of Sheila Bowman and granddaughter of Sharon Butler Bowman), Aurora Davis (daughter of Wendy Davis), Stephen Geise (son of Dan and Debbie Geise), Izzy Gustafson (daughter of Jennifer Gustafson), Benton Hamilton and Lawson Hamilton (sons of John and Elizabeth Hamilton), Oliver Jackson (son of Brian and Angie Jackson), Aidan Maloney (son of Sean and Christine Maloney), Michael Morgan (son of Monica Morgan), Anna Weaver-Mule (daughter of Marlo Weaver), Juneau Walter (daughter of Todd Walter and Christa Salmon), John Wyszowski (son of Kevin and Denise Wyszowski), and Scott Leo Yoest (son of Lonnajeane Yoest).

We thank all of these young people for their commitment to bringing the Light of Christ into our worship service and leading us to carry Christ's Light into the world as we leave worship. We are blessed by their gift each week. We are also blessed by Sharon Butler Bowman's passion for teaching our young people to carry Christ's light. Through her living example, they can truly see what shining His light really means. The impact of her own training as an acolyte has led her to step forward in faith to share this with the next generation of light bringers, and for that we are so grateful. We also appreciate the parents and grandparents who give these children their faith foundation and support them by bringing them to church early to be ready to acolyte. God bless you all!

## Summer Camp Registration Is Open!

The Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministry Area is excited to share our 2018 summer camp and retreat programs with you! Discover five awesome sites with over 200 programs. Summer Camp provides endless laughter, meaningful worship, and important friendships. Retreats provide a unique experience in a beautiful setting. Visit our [Camps and Conferences ministry](#) to discover the best program for you or your child based on age, interests, and sites.



## "Touch the Water" Baptism Class

On February 4 and 11 following Sunday School, Pastor Alison and Debbie Geise offered a two-part class to explain baptism and what it means as a follower of Jesus. We have the joy of having several children who are anticipating their baptism when the time is right, and this was a wonderful preparation for that time. Seven youth participated in this class with their parents: Jenna and Stephen Geise with Dan Geise, Izzy Gustafson with Jennifer Gustafson, Elijah Littlejohn with Naomi Littlejohn, Acadia and Juneau Walter with Todd Walter and Christa Salmon, and Scott Leo Yoest with Lonnajeane Yoest. We listened to the contemporary Christian song, "Resurrection Power," by Chris Tomlin, and discussed how the music video illustrated the sacrament of baptism. We talked about how we are baptized by water and the Holy Spirit. The children discovered how God's saving grace and their own repentance can wash sins away through the power of Christ's resurrection. The children also took on the difficult task of making sense of the language used in the three promises made at baptism. They did a wonderful job of understanding and applying what these promises mean in their lives. We also explored how baptism is the start of a holy journey as we are incorporated into the Body of Christ. It was a Spirit-filled time together for all of us, and Pastor Alison and Debbie are filled with the blessing of these children and their families in our midst. Thank you to each family who devoted time, commitment, and heart to this valuable time together with their children!

## Vacation Bible School

### Put "Shipwrecked" on Your Calendar

Here's a bit of summer cheer in winter months: Vacation Bible School with our friends from All Saints and the community will be held for five faith-filled evenings on July 16 through 20, from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. We're looking forward to an unforgettable "Shipwrecked" week! VBS is for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, and for the wonderful people who make happen once they are going into 6th grade and up. If you're interested in getting involved with planning or during VBS, please contact Bonnie Blair, 229-2847, or [theblairs@twcny.rr.com](mailto:theblairs@twcny.rr.com).



## First Annual Winter Festival: Winter Game Night and Potluck Dinner

On February 10, we welcomed a beautiful mix of 55 children, youth, adults, and seasoned seniors as we shared engaging giant games and regular-size board and card games. Building a giant Jenga tower, holding huge Uno cards all at once, putting your whole body into Hungry Hungry Hippos, and walking around a spacious Sorry game board were among the highlights of the giant games. Candy Land and Rummikub were other regular-size favorites. A rousing and truly intergenerational game of Pictionary filled the fireplace area as laughs and shouts filled the air! The hot chocolate bar warmed our insides as the fellowship among us warmed our hearts. Craft projects of making Valentines for our Woodsedge friends also took place, along with some snowman crafts. Project coordinator at Woodsedge, Esther Thurston, who came to play and enjoy our night with us, took the Valentines back to Woodsedge to deliver to the residents. Our evening concluded with a hearty potluck meal. Thank you so much to all who came to share our evening, to all who helped before, during, and after the event, and to all who brought yummy food to nourish us. A special thank you to our junior and senior high youth who helped with the giant games, crafts, and hot chocolate bar: Lucas Jackson, Walter Read, Maddy Jones, Carly Blair, and James Blair. We look forward to the next festival which will happen in the spring.

## Safe Sanctuaries Training

Our Lansing UMC policy states that “all adults who have regular and direct contact with children, youth, or vulnerable adults will be Safe Sanctuaries trained.” Basic training offers an interactive and engaging experience to develop understanding of why and how we prepare ourselves to understand, identify, prevent, and—when necessary—respond to situations involving abuse or neglect of a child, youth, or vulnerable adult.

LUMC offered Safe Sanctuaries training on February 10. Nineteen people completed the training, around half of them from LUMC and the rest from other churches in our District. It was a good day to discuss difficult topics.

The next opportunity to gain basic Safe Sanctuaries training comes up on March 10, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at Christ UMC of Locke and Moravia. If you have regular and direct contact with vulnerable populations at LUMC and have not yet completed basic training, you are called to join. (If you attended pre-2017 training in lecture format, before this interactive format was put in place, you might also elect to join.) Contact the church office to sign up.

## What Is “Hate Has No Home Here” About?

A Cornell student whose mother was one of the founders of the Hate Has No Home Here project (started in Chicago, now nationwide and beyond; see <https://hatehasnohomehere.org>) made a compelling presentation at one of our interfaith community dinners. There is interest in getting a project going in Tompkins County. Members of the Interfaith Community are at work laying the groundwork and exploring the logistics of moving forward.—*Karen Veaner*

From [www.hatehasnohome.org](http://www.hatehasnohome.org):

**The need.** Hate, unchecked, can make neighbors feel fearful and unwelcome in their own communities. The Hate Has No Home Here project reminds us what it means to be American.

**The message.** The Hate Has No Home Here project seeks to declare neighborhood residences, businesses, and places of community free from hate speech and behavior, providing safe places for conversation, work, learning, and living.

**Who’s behind it?** The “Hate Has No Home Here” sign project began with a group of neighbors from North Park, a Chicago neighborhood characterized by its diversity of age, race, nationality, and ethnicity. Many ties bind the residents of North Park to one another; the most notable is the neighborhood school, Peterson Elementary School, where the student body reflects the demographics of the neighborhood and where educators and families are committed to celebrating diversity. The phrase used in this poster was imagined by a third grader and kindergartner at Peterson Elementary School; Steven Luce, a North Park neighbor and designer, created the graphics; and neighbors Catherine Korda, Barbara Nordlund, Megan Trinter, Carmen Rodriguez, Jeanne Marie Olson and Kurt Peterson secured the translations, organized and launched the campaign.

**The plan.** Hate Has No Home Here encourages other communities to participate in combating hateful messages and behavior in their neighborhoods by going beyond the poster or sign. In the North Park neighborhood, we have used this opportunity to gather neighbors, start conversations about protecting and encouraging each other, and make plans for using resources to educate others.

**What’s the point?** The Hate Has No Home Here movement is built around a simple idea: it’s easy to hate people we don’t know. Posters and yard signs are just the beginning. What starts as powerful, positive messaging continues in relationship-building, dialogue, and communal action. When neighbors of different races, religions, and nationalities move past indifference to investment in one another, we knock out the underpinnings of racism and intolerance, and make possible a better future for our communities.

## **Update on Robin's Nest Christian Preschool**

### **Gift of Robin's Nest Being Considered by LUMC**

**T**he building housing Robin's Nest, a Christian Preschool located at 56 Burdick Hill Rd., has been offered as a gift to Lansing United Methodist Church. The Christian Preschool would become a ministry of Lansing United Methodist Church, and the house and land in which the preschool is situated would become the property of Lansing United Methodist Church.

In keeping with the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the Church Council voted to pursue the required procedure to accept this gift of real property. The Trustees, Finance Committee, and Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) have all been working on finding or developing the information necessary for their approval. The next step is for the Church Council to submit the report of these groups to the District Committee on Building and Location for approval, and forwarding a proposal for how this accepting this gift would further the mission and ministry of Lansing United Methodist Church to our District Superintendent Jeff McDowell for approval. After that, the proposed gift can come before the whole church in a Charge Conference for a vote.

Several people have inquired about the status of this process. An executive summary is placed on the table in the Narthex. Because there are many different pieces of the puzzle being addressed by many different people, please feel free to speak with Bill Hinderliter, Church Council Chair; Bill Thibault, Board of Trustees Chair; Glenn Swanson, Trustee Liaison to the Robin's Nest, Barry Putnam and Joel Brock, Finance Committee Co-Chairs; Dianne Walter, Director of Robin's Nest Christian Preschool, or any of the members of the Board of Directors of Robin's Nest Christian Preschool: Kathy Blankenship, Wendy Davis\*, Debbie Geise\*, Erin Hays, Naomi Littlejohn\*, Ami Stallone, Kelly Tracy\*, Dianne Walter\*, and Denise Wyszkowski\*. (\*indicates a Robin's Nest Board Member who is also a member of Lansing United Methodist Church.)

## **Lansing Youth Mission Talents and Goods Auction Sunday, April 8, 12:00 p.m. at Lansing United Methodist Church**

To benefit Lansing Youth Mission work trips for Second Wind Cottages this summer in Newfield and to Guatemala in spring 2019

**W**here else can you get home-cooked dinners delivered to your home, several hours of yardwork, pet walking or babysitting, baked goods, gift certificates to some of the finest area restaurants and other businesses, music and exercise lessons, tickets to Cornell athletic events?...and the list goes on. The answer is the youth mission goods and talents auction.

We'll be set up in time for you to browse our silent and live auction items during coffee hour on April 8. The auction will start after Sunday School; lunch will be available.

Look for the sneak preview list of auction items, which will be on Facebook or at LUMC and All Saints as the auction draws near. We'll also have an "auction item of the day" on Facebook, so stay tuned!

### **Powerful Tools for Caregivers Classes**

**T**hose who care for spouses, parents or others with illnesses such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, stroke, or other disabling conditions often struggle to balance caring for the needs of a loved one in relation to other demands on their time.

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging, in cooperation with other area service providers, sponsors a six-week class titled "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" to provide family caregivers with tools to take care of themselves while caring for a loved one.

You can choose from a daytime class or an early evening class at the locations listed below. These 90-minute classes are offered free of charge and are designed to provide you with the tools to balance caring for a loved one with your own self-care and other demands on your time. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call the Tompkins County Office for the Aging, 274-5482 to inquire about the classes or to register.

**Six Wednesdays, March 21 - April 25, 10:30 a.m. - Noon at Kendal at Ithaca, 2230 N. Triphammer Rd., Ithaca or**

**Six Mondays, March 26 - April 30, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 PM at McGraw House, 221 S. Geneva St., Ithaca**



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**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25**  
**WORSHIP 9:00 AM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29,**  
**"LORD, IS IT I?," 7:30 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30**  
**SERVICE 7:00 PM**

**EASTER! APRIL 1**  
**SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00 AM**  
**WORSHIP 9:00 AM**

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