

The LINK

December 2022

Please check our website for changes regarding any posted events.



Advent / Christmas

Friday, December 2nd – Hanging of the Greens – 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to come decorate – the Sanctuary, the rest of the building, and outdoors. Strong, willing workers needed. We will eat pizza when everything is done, as is our custom.

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve Services
4:30, 9:00, & 11:00

4:30 Family Friendly Service

This service, while family-friendly, will not be as “kid-ish” as in previous years. (This service has often been like Vacation Bible School Christmas!) It will still be shorter and have activity for children, but maintain all the traditional elements of Christmas Eve - carols, communion, and candlelight.

9:00 Choral Service

This service will include all the traditional elements of Christmas Eve – carols, communion, and candlelight – and feature music from the Chancel Choir. This service will most closely resemble our usual Sunday morning service, including a blend of some contemporary music and videos.

11:00 Midnight Bell Service

This service is traditional as well, with carols, communion, and candlelight. It will offer special gifts of music (rather than the Chancel Choir) and conclude with ringing the church bell and singing a verse of “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” to usher in Christmas morning.

Sunday, December 25th – Video only, no in-person
Michigan Conference Virtual Service of Lessons & Carols

The Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church has put together a service of Lessons and Carols for the Sunday of Christmas. Bishop Bard is encouraging each congregation to use this service for their worship that morning. The link will be available on our website.

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Feeding the Community

COMMUNITY MEALS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND FOOD COLLECTION

Community Meals currently provides 140 meals Monday nights from 5:30 to 6:00 pm.

These meals are provided through donation of money and food.

Currently, with the increased cost of food and packaging, the cost of providing meals is an average \$375 a night.

Items need are:

Cut Green Beans (canned)

Tomato Juice

Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti Noodles

Diced Peaches

Cream of Chicken Soup

Beef or Chicken Gravy

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Grated Parmesan Cheese

Tropical Fruit (NOT individual size)

Mandarin Oranges (NOT individual size)

Zip Lock Sandwich or Gallon Sized Bags

Baked Beans

Beets, diced

Diced Tomatoes

Tomato Sauce

Tomato Soup

Elbow Macaroni

Kidney Beans

Pineapple Tidbits

Commercial size cans are helpful.

Please place on wire rack in Fellowship Hall.

Gift cards for Gordon's and Costco are welcome!



Christmas Anniversary Tea & Cookie Party!

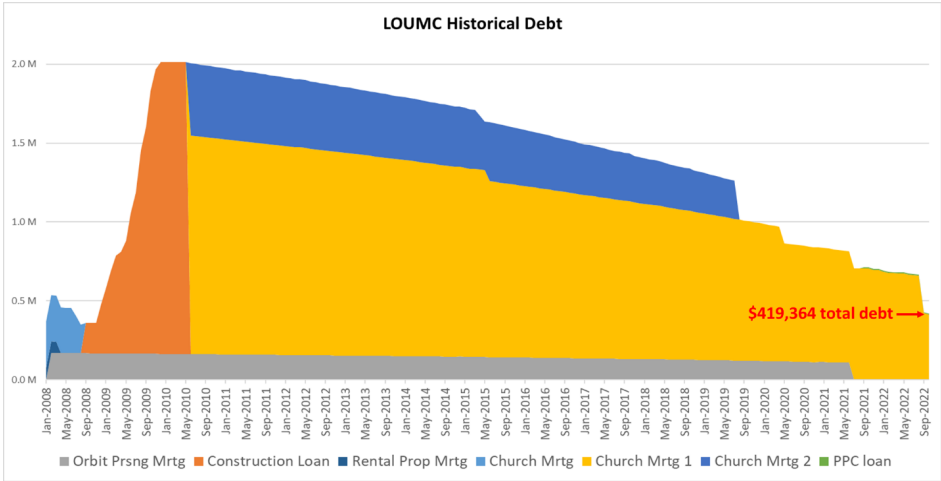
**Sunday, Dec 18th, following service:
Join us for a coffee hour as we reminisce
about our anniversary celebrations and
the holiday on the fourth and final Sunday
of Advent.**

**Please bring a dozen or two of your
favorite cookies, we'll put them out, all
nice and pretty, and we can all share
them and look at some of the photo
albums that look back at our celebrations
of LOUMC.**

**Volunteers needed for cookie donations and
clean up crew. Please call the office and let
Pat know.**



Hello Friends and Members of LOUMC,
It has been a while since you have heard from the Finance Committee so today I will give you a short update. Most of you know that as a church we have made great strides in reducing our total debt. In the chart below you can see that through the end of September we only owe \$419,364 which is down from a peak of \$2 million dollars after our last major building project in 2009:



For our latest reduction we used 75% of the proceeds from sale of the Orbit Parsonage to pay off \$239,000 of debt on our main church loan. Your church staff has been doing an excellent job of minimizing costs this year and keeping expenditures focused on the ministries of the church. The only area where we have exceeded our planned budget is in the church maintenance area where we have had some expensive items that needed to be repaired. Overall, we have still spent less than we had budgeted for the year.

All that said, our overall giving is behind our expenditures. Through the end of September we have spent \$75,000 more than the offerings received. On behalf of the Finance Committee and the whole church, I sincerely ask that any of you who are behind on your giving to see if you can get caught up. For the rest of you I ask that you be thankful for all the God has given each of you and prayerfully consider if you are able to increase your giving to help continue the great work that is being done within our church, out in our community, and across the world.

Thanks,
Don Tyrrell

Hanging of the Greens

Friday, December 2nd @ 6 p.m. please come and help decorate our church for the Christmas Holiday. We need people to help with the Christmas tree, hang the roping, place candles in the windows, etc. Worship and the Arts welcomes your help and will celebrate with a pizza party afterwards. Please sign up so we know that we have pizza for all!



HANGING OF THE GREENS



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We are printing historical info about our church as we celebration our 150th Anniversary.

Our basement was dedicated on December 11, 1872 and \$2,000 was raised to enable to work to go on. The church was finished the following summer. In 1892 minutes frequently mention of the purchase of wood for heating. After considerable dickering, it was purchased for \$1.25 a cord. A furnace was not installed until 1914. When it was purchased and the committee reported its installation, they also asked for instructions regarding how it was to be paid for. They were authorized to borrow the money, times have not changed.

The year 1892 also marked the beginning of an organized Official Board, the envelope system of giving, and a printed order of service. A budget plan was not adopted until 1911, and ushers, numbering eight, were made an official appointment in 1915.

Our Church's Anniversary



Please consider helping with events with your time and funds. Contributions can be made to LOUMC with **“Anniversary”** in the memo line on the envelope.

Contributions Welcomed!

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway across from the church office. The fee for altar flowers is \$30 for the arrangement and you take the flowers home with you to enjoy following the service.

There are also sign up sheets for Steeple lighting for \$20 a week, which helps with the electric utility bill; and livestream which pays for the broadcast of the worship services, by the week for \$30 or \$100 for the month.

We appreciate those who assist us in creating a welcoming sanctuary.

Thanks for those who have chosen to decorate our church with the altar flowers and other gifts:

November 6th - Steeple lighting, in celebration of Ron and Faye Nordquist's 61st anniversary.

November 6th - Altar flowers given in memory of Ruth Lowe's birthday.

November 13th - Steeple lighting given in loving memory of Kimberly Poland, daughter of Walt and Pat VanConant.

November 20th - Altar flowers given in loving memory of my mother, Iva Hawley's 101st birthday. Given by Linda and David Fairchild.

November 20th - Steeple lighting given in celebration of Doug Bastian and Joyce Rapp's birthdays.

November 27th - Steeple lighting, given in memory of Trevor Blaylock.

November 27th - Steeple lighting, given in celebration of Rod and Jan Harp's 50th anniversary. Given by Rick and Patty Kalso.

November 27th - Altar flowers given in loving memory of Gaines Greenhill, given by his family.





**150th Anniversary
Ornaments are still
available for Sale!**

Our 150th Anniversary Committee is offering for sale Commemorative ornaments of our church building as a memento of this anniversary. You can see from the image that they are quite lovely and detailed, and are of fine quality. The Committee is selling them for \$20 an ornament, but would certainly

welcome more with proceeds going toward funding anniversary events. Ornaments can be purchased after worship in Fellowship Hall. You can also send in your check (made out to LOUMC) to the office with "ornament" in the memo line and the Committee will set one aside for you and let you know when to pick it up.

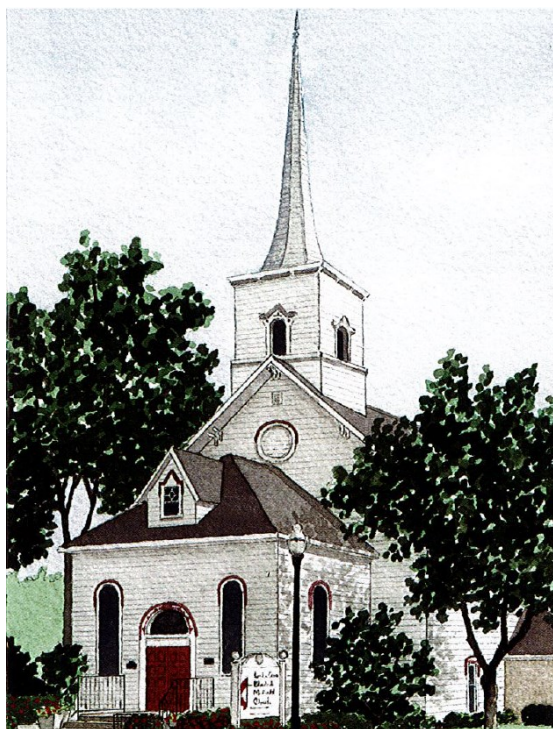
Thank You!

Church family:

I would like to thank the people at church who have inquired about me after my fall. You have been very thoughtful in sending cards, also phone calls and visits. How can I be so lucky?!

God Bless you good people.

Charlotte Brown



**Notecards are
available**

***We have these 4 x 6
blank notecards for
you to purchase. They
are available at the
Scrip table in
Fellowship Hall during
coffee hour. Cards are
\$3 each or 4 for \$10.
Profits are split
between the 150th
Anniversary and
Worship and the Arts
committees.***

A HUGE THANK YOU!!

On behalf of the Hallelujah Handbells, I would like extend a heart-felt THANK YOU to all who participated in our LOUMC Has Talent! Show, as well as to those who attended and supported us with your generous donations!! It was a fun afternoon and a very successful fundraiser. We were able to have all 5-octaves of handbells AND all 5 octaves of hand-chimes serviced! We were also able to reimburse the church for a large portion of the amount budgeted for the bell maintenance. Your generosity is so appreciated. Blessings!!

Janice





DECEMBER

Weekly Scheduled Events:

Sunday

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee Hour (FH)

11:30am Adult Bible Study

6 pm Youth Café

Monday

9-3 Sunny Day Preschool

10:30am BibleStudy(Sh-106)

5:30-6:00pm Drive Thru

Community Meals

Tuesday

Book Study 10:30am

7pm Choir practice

Wednesday

9-3 Sunny Day Preschool

Sermon Review 10:30am

Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club

1 pm Bell practice

12-3 Sunny Day Preschool

Friday

Office Closes at noon

9-12 Sunny Day Preschool

Daily

7 PM-Narcotics Anon (123)

Sun	Mon	Tue
4 	5 7 pm - Small Group –The Wesley Challenge (120) UMW -Nut Delivery begins this week - Room 103	6 Pill bottles 1-3 in room 122
11 	14 7 pm - Small Group – The Wesley Challenge (120)	13
18 Cookie Party 	19	20 7 pm - Pair Creek 4H Meeting
25 Video only no in-person service	26 NO COMM MEALS	27

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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Church Council	2 	3 8 am UMM Lake House Breakfast 
s n	7 Pill bottles 10-12 in room 122	8 Pill bottles 10-12 in room 122 10 am UMWF Meeting Trustees SPRC 	9	10 Bells Practice
	14 6:30-8pm - Small Group -Celebration of Discipline. (120)	15 Finance	16	17
nt	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 4:30pm 9pm 11pm
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The “Angel Bells” in Memory of Erin Keener

We hear this story from Erin’s parents, Sharon and Dennis Keener, who volunteered to provide the Angel Bells in her loving memory. Here is their story:

The fifth octave of our Handbells was given in memory of Erin Elizabeth Keener. Erin was born May 15, 1983 in New Hampshire. She was such a delightful, sweet, beautiful little girl, and a ray of light to everyone she met. As it is for so many others, Erin was only to be with us for a short time. Even though she lived her short life in New Hampshire, her home was in Michigan, where her family’s heart resided and still lives. The Lake Orion United Methodist Church is one place that has remained constant. Her Hauxwell Family were early members, and her Grandma Sarah is the oldest member of our congregation today.

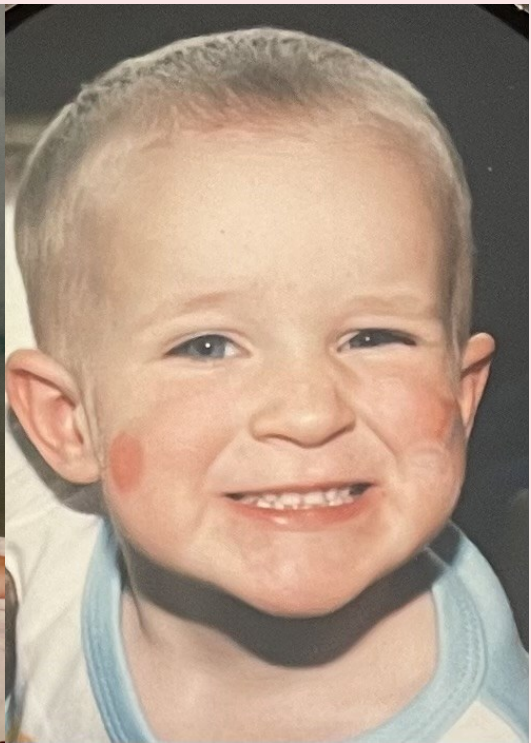
Erin died February 20, 1987. She was honored at two funeral services, one in New Hampshire, surrounded by her many beloved friends, and the other here, in this sanctuary.

The choice to gift the bells to the church was preceded by the generous donation by the Foster Family of the main octaves of the Bells, begging the need of fullness and light.

We, her Daddy and Mama, think of them as the Angel Bells. Hearing them being played, in this space, is a wonderful reminder of the joy and light she shared with us all. Please join us in hearing the brightness and feeling the softness the sweet notes bring whenever they are played.

Thank you to all the ringers who have brought these twinkle bells to life for the past 35 years, and to those who will in the future.

*Peace and love,
Dennis and Sharon Keener, and Erin*





Christmas

31 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1-Isaiah 7:14-17
Day 2-Isaiah 9:6-7
Day 3-Isaiah 11:1-5
Day 4-Isaiah 11:6-10
Day 5-Isaiah 40:1-5
Day 6-Isaiah 52:7-10
Day 7-Jeremiah 33:14-16
Day 8-Psalm 72:1-7
Day 9-Psalm 72:8-14
Day 10-Psalm 72:15-20

Day 11-Psalm 95:1-7
Day 12-Malachi 3:1-3
Day 13-Matthew 1:18-20
Day 14-Matthew 1:21-25
Day 15-Matthew 2:1-6
Day 16-Matthew 2:7-12
Day 17-Luke 1:26-29
Day 18-Luke 1:30-34
Day 19-Luke 1:35-38
Day 20-Luke 1:46-50

Day 21-Luke 1:51-56
Day 22-Luke 2:4-7
Day 23-Luke 2:8-12
Day 24-Luke 2:13-16
Day 25-Luke 2:17-20
Day 26-Galatians 4:4-7
Day 27-Philippians 2:5-8
Day 28-Philippians 2:9-11
Day 29-James 1:16-18
Day 30-Titus 3:3-7
Day 31-Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalms 119:18

Matthew 25 Ministries Recycling Pill Bottles

This ministry is an ongoing project for the United Methodist Women since 2018. We collect used prescription bottles to recycle them for 3rd world countries who can not afford to buy them. To date we have shipped over 3,050 bottles.



Because of COVID we have not had a recycling day in 2 years plus. However, the collecting has been on going. We need your help to get these bottles ready to ship.

The dates are as follows: Tues. Dec. 6 1-3 pm

Wed. Dec. 7 10-12 Thurs. Dec. 7 10-12

We will be working in Room 122 each day LOUMC. *Enter from the Anderson Street entrance & follow the signs.*
(we have determined that a 2 hours work bee is best per day)
What we need is you, friends and family.

All supplies will be provided to sort, remove labels, clean & sort.

P.S. We are happy to share this ministry with other groups to start their own recycling group.



ARE YOU A WIDOW OR A WIDOWER?

Join us! We meet every Tuesday
at Collier Lanes in Oxford at noon.
Come bowl or go out for lunch!



For more information call
Joe (248) 693-2454 or
Nadine (248) 475-9036



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charitable organization. Make future purchases through smile.amazon.com and the church will receive .5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Same products, same prices and same service with no cost to you for the benefit to LOUMC. **For 3 months (April—June) we received \$129.02 from your purchases.** Questions? Contact Trudy Carney trudycarney@aol.com (248-693-2558).



SCRIP Please think about using the Scrip Program at LOUMC to purchase gift cards. We are able to purchase hundreds of gift cards at a discount for you to purchase at face value. Major retailers, restaurants, gas stations, hotels and movie theatres are available in different denominations. This program benefits many ministries of the church, the General Fund and outreach such as Community

Assistance and Missions. Contact www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating retailers, or Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 trudycarney@aol.com.

Year Round Stewardship

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year round – consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes each week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Visit the LOUMC website at www.lakeorionumc.org for the link that will take you to the LOUMC giving webpage to set up your online contribution.



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NO PAYPAL ACCOUNT NEEDED!

LOUMC Angel Tree is coming soon!

Your Angel Tree committee is planning to "hang the angels" on our tree in Fellowship Hall with plenty of time to spare for Black Friday sales. This year's tree is benefiting the House of Providence girl's home in Oxford. The event is hybrid in 2022 so that there is an online version and a physical tree. Church members can select an angel from the tree in Fellowship Hall, purchase the item, then return it to the committee (someone to be in Fellowship Hall by the tree after worship) unwrapped and with the angel attached. Those who prefer can use this link to access our Target Gift Registry: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/loumc-angel-tree-2022>



Questions: Kathy Castillo at taxkat@comcast.net or Susan Montgomery at susan.montgomery518@gmail.com.

Did you know???

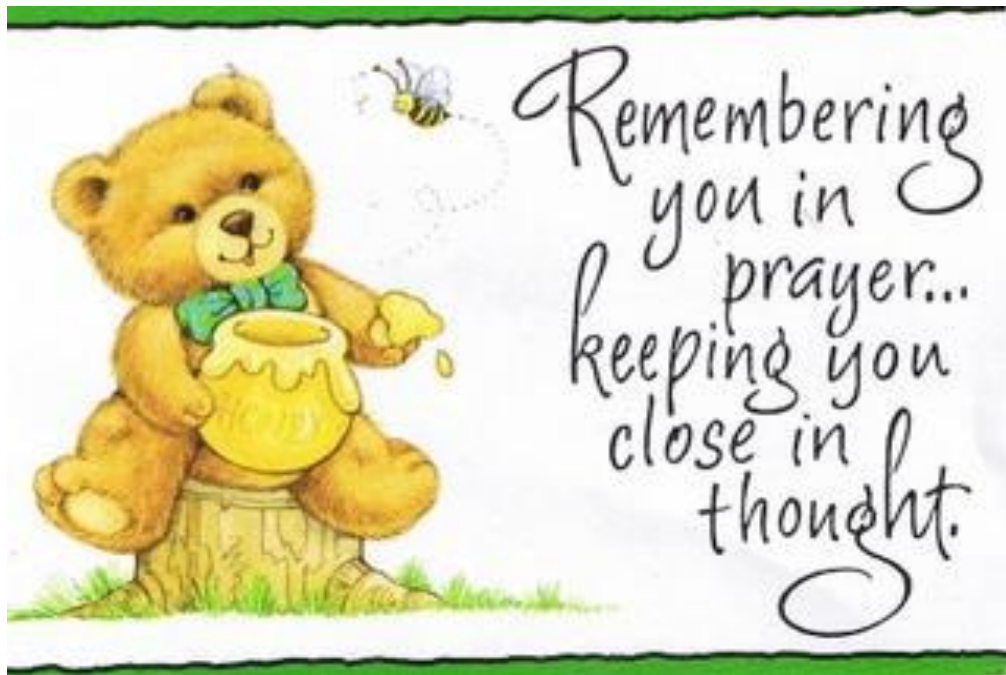


That there is a church dropbox at the Slater Street door. If you happen to stop by to drop something to the office, and building doors are closed, feel free to drop your item into the dropbox.

It is emptied weekday mornings. The office has the key, so it can't be left for anyone other than staff. This is an easy way to drop off your tithe to be counted

on. Just an easy way if your time is rushed and it's too late to put into the US Mail.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our families and friends.

About People

Jyl Acker, Sharon Anton, Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Linda Carpenter, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Gloria Dunning, Bob and Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Janine Langegger, Joy Makedonsky, Pat Matthews, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Edward Naylor, Bill Olson, Pat Parkin, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Joe Rowden, Karen Schadel, Carol and Bill Stark, Laurie Trafton, Roger Waite, Ross Waite, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

Prayer Chain: Kathy McMinn @ 248-770-8390 (text)
KathyMcMinn@cavtel.net

We at **Lake Orion United Methodist Church (LOUMC)** are a diverse, inclusive, caring, and Christ-like community.

Our mission is to connect people to God, one another, and the world, through engaging worship, ongoing spiritual development, intergenerational family ministries, relational mission, and joyful stewardship.

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE &
LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 10:00 AM**

www.lakeorionumc.org

ELEVATOR available at the Slater Street entrance

OFFICE HOURS: Mondays –Thursdays: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FRIDAYS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Office Closed Friday afternoons

LINK DEADLINE: December 15th for January 2023 LINK

Call the church office if you would like to be taken off the mailing list.
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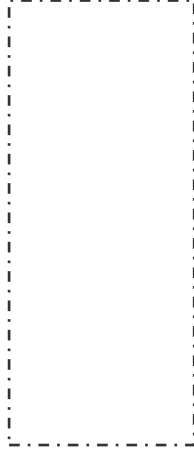
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