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VOICE OF TRUTH

YOUTH MUSICAL BY DENNIS AND NAN ALLEN

PRESENTED BY

3-IN-1 DRAMA

FEATURING:

HANNA BURKE, EMMA FARRELL,
 OLIVIA HAMMOND, CHARLEE KNOTTS, KACY LANFEAR,
 JANINE LANGEGER, SIERRA LANGEGER, ABBY SMILES,
 BECCA SMILES, JOY TOMLINSON, REBEKKAH TOMLINSON,
 CHEYENNE WATTERS, AMANDA WAYNE

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

AND 2:00 PM, 3-IN-1 REVUE

"THE VOICE OF TRUTH SAYS

'DO NOT BE AFRAID!'"



Ugly Shoe Contest/ Fundraiser



From February 15- March 8, bring in your grungy, "unique", or just plain ugly shoes to enter the CROP Walk Ugly Shoe Contest! The shoes and entry form will be displayed in the fellowship hall through Sunday, March 8. Vote for the ugliest shoe through donations to our CROP Walk. The CROP Walk supports Church World Services (CWS), Love Inc, and Oxford/Orion FISH. The shoe raising the most money will be crowned LOUMC Ugly Shoe 2015 and the owner will receive \$25 to spend at the Scrip table. Any questions, please contact Kendall Todd or Jenny Todd at (248) 628-2958 or jenny.todd@sbcglobal.net



Spring is coming and so is Easter!

That means it is almost time to order flowers to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morn! Every Easter, the Worship and the Arts Committee sells flowers to raise money to purchase summer plants for the church gardens. We sell Easter

lilies, daffodils, azaleas, and hydrangeas that decorate the sanctuary for Easter. If you purchase any flowers you can pick them up on Easter morning after the 11 A.M. service or any time afterwards. The flower sales will begin on Sunday, March 8th, after the 9:15 service, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions call Daryl DeBano at (248-693-2366) or email her at dardebano@gmail.com.

RED BIRD MISSION BABY SHOWER/ OCTOBER, 2015

Now is a great time to find all kinds of bargains, during season closeouts, for our church's 11th Annual Baby Shower, which goes to the mission's Family Services Outreach Program. This extremely important part of the Red Bird Mission helps young families with diapers, formula, supplies and of course new clothing for their newborn children up to the age of 3 years old. This church has sent literally thousands of pieces of new and hand-made clothing to Red Bird over the past 10 years and I wish all of you could see the looks of joy and gratitude on the faces of the staff when we walk in with our MULTIPLE BAGS of donations from all of you! **Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort and know that it is deeply appreciated every single year!**

United Methodist Church of Lake Orion

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
NURSERY CARE is available during the 9:15 & 11:00 services
KIDS ON THE ROCK (Age 3-Gr. 5) is during the 9:15 & 11:00 services
[youth café] (Gr. 6-12) is during the 9:15 service
ELEVATOR available at the Slater Street entrance
HEARING IMPAIRED AIDS are available for worship services
OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM—5:00 PM
 with lunch from 12-1
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesdays at 3:00
LINK DEADLINES: February 15th for March 1st LINK
 *Call the church if you would like to be taken off the mailing list at 248-693-6201.



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, spiritual formation, intergenerational family ministries, relational mission, and grateful stewardship.

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Lisa Goyette office ext. 202

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989-980-7699 cell
Children's Ministries

Youth Director
Aaron Gross office ext. 205

Director:
Donna Waite office ext. 206

Nursery Director:
Jeri Melton

Stephen Ministry
Coordinator:

Accompanist:
Cristie Tyrrell



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following people for their help in and around the church this past month:

To **Rick & Patty Kalso, Joe Rowden, Nadine Jaecques, Jeff & Jenny Koncelik, Jeanne Draggoo, Charlie Weaver, Dan DiGasbarro, Jack & Charlotte Patton, Janet Salswedel, Chris Wilson, Jack Brown, Stan & Rosemary Ford, Trudy Carney, Joyce Cumo, John Gubesch, Diann Orlowski, Becki Doyle and Bob Butler** for ushering & greeting

to **Sydney Brzezinski, Becca Smiles, Nate Fox and Kiersten Ihrke** for serving as acolytes.

to **Jeanne Draggoo and Ginny Lavender** for being lay readers.

to **Jeanne Draggoo, Diane Hanson, Cindy Katz, Lori & Howard Bryan, Jerry King and Linda Leavens** for hosting Fellowship Time.

to **Paulie Egner, Cynthia Du, Angela Weaver and Virginia Ford** for being Fellowship Time Greeters.

To all those who planned, shopped, prepared, served or cleaned-up for the Monday Night Community Meals throughout the past month.



ABOUT PEOPLE

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Juanita Brandeberry, Shareen DiGasbarro, Linda Fairchild, Bob Hollenbeck, Doris Kalso, Carol McCormick, Patti Miechiels, Chuck Myers, Norma Remer, Garry Reynolds, Randy Riley, Baby Mack Rojeski, June Rupert, Phyllis Wiseman, Judy Wright
Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members

Mary Jean Hanson's new address is : Heather Pines, 8541 N. Eston Road, Clarkston, MI 48348. Mary Jean would love to receive cards from her church family.

Spotlight on Staff John Potter, Organist/Choir Director

John Potter has enjoyed playing the organ and directing the vocal and handbell choirs of LOUMC since 2004. John grew up in Grand Rapids and studied piano early, with his first lesson at age 8. With both his mother and grandmother being organists, John became an organ major at Grand Valley State College, where he received his degree. John married D'Anna in 1983, and they have two daughters – Laura and Erin. John also works for Helderop Pipe Organ, which manufactures, rebuilds and restores pipe organs.

In his spare time, John enjoys photographing and learning about various architectural marvels located around the world.

The members of LOUMC thank John for his dedication and gift of music, and thank the choirs and John together for making "a joyful noise unto the Lord", faithfully each Sunday.



EXPERIENCE GOD AT SUMMER CAMP !!



Did you know that we have 10 United Methodist Summer Camps just in Michigan?!? The Camp and Retreat Ministries staff are already preparing for a mountaintop summer of Christian camping ministry with children, youth, adults, and persons with special needs. A week of camp gives a young person a faith-building experience with more waking hours than a year's worth of youth group

or Sunday School. It's an intense, fun, faith-forming adventure that many youth and adults point to as a major milepost in their faith journey. Parents can expect activities that grow faith, build relationships, instill self-confidence and develop leadership skills in their campers.

Friendships, campfires, Bible studies and worship, swimming, sports, crafts, games, music, drama computers, horses, and so much more!! For more details, check out the 2015 Camping Guides online at www.umccamps.org for the camps in the Detroit Conference, www.umcamping.org for camps in West Michigan and www.campmichigamme.org for the camp in the Upper Peninsula. There are also a few camping guides on the welcome tables. Register soon to have the best chance of getting the camp and date you want.

There are also a number of summer staff positions for young adults, so check those out on the websites also. Lives are transformed at our United Methodist camps. Carefully selected and screened staff and volunteers provide the Christian role models that young people hunger for. Faith decisions are made. Lots of amazing activities and incredible fun in a Christian community.....the perfect place for your child or youth this summer!!

Scouting Transforms Lives!



Our church will be celebrating Scout Sunday this year on **March 8th**. During the 9:15 and 11:00 Worship Services, we will be recognizing ALL scouts, boys and girls, past and present, as well as their leaders. We encourage all scouts to wear their uniforms that morning. We hope you will be there to help our church family show their support for all the scouting programs and the many ways that they help our young people become the very best they can be.

Church Loan Refinancing

In April, LOUMC will be required to refinance the loan that we secured in 2010 for the new addition on the church. The estimated balance at that time will be \$1,570,000. We are planning to pursue a loan from the Michigan Area Loan Fund of the United Methodist Church. On March 8, 2015 between the 9:15 AM and the 11:00 AM services a church conference will be convened with the purpose to authorize the trustees to enter into such a loan on our behalf. The Michigan Area Loan Fund (MALF) has a maximum loan limit of \$1,500,000 so we will need to secure approximately \$70,000 in additional funding prior to the beginning of April. While a grant from the conference may be available to cover part of that amount, we are asking people to consider contributing money to the "Refinance Fund" to help us achieve this goal. Contributions made for this purpose should be over and above your normal giving so that there isn't any impact to our budget.



The Legend of The Shamrock



Long ago, when Ireland was the land of Druids, there was a great Bishop, Patrick by name, who came to teach the word of God throughout the country...This saint, for he was indeed a saint, was well loved everywhere he went. One day, however, a group of his followers came to him and admitted that it was difficult for them to believe in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Saint Patrick reflected a moment and then, stooping down, he plucked a leaf from the shamrock and held it before them, bidding them to behold the living example of the "Three-in-One." The simple beauty of this explanation convinced these skeptics, and from that day the shamrock has been revered throughout Ireland.



In Thanks

Thank you to my church family!

I wanted to thank our church family for all of the cards, notes, phone calls, emails, visits to the funeral home and just the words of sympathy & encouragement that you've provided over the last two months to me and my family. I want to especially thank Pastor Larry, Pastor John, Gina Adams & Lisa Goyette for spending time with us at the hospital and nursing home. Thank you Pastor John for officiating my mom's funeral – it was a beautiful service and you did a wonderful job of honoring her wishes and celebrating her life. My mom would have been very happy to know that you officiated her funeral – she would always tell us how “cute” John was when she visited our church! Thank you also to the Quilt Ministry...the quilt you gave my mom is now in my living room and a reminder as to how caring and supportive our church is every day. I love our church because of the people in it!

Brad, Patty, Abby & Becca Smiles

NOW HEAR THIS...A big THANK YOU to everyone who so graciously donated so many warm, cuddly items for our annual "Warm Hands, Warm Feet" drive. We were able to deliver 34 hats, 15 pair of gloves, 2 pair of mittens, 57 scarves, 140 pair of socks...isn't that awesome?...8 pair of bedroom slippers, 21 sets of hats, mittens and scarves plus 5 shawls. Some of these items were given to us by the ladies from the Senior Center. We appreciate all of you and how faithful everyone is when we ask for help. Many of these items were given to Love, INC last week and the rest will be taken before you read this. Someone's hands and feet are a lot warmer on these cold days and nights...thanks to you!

Working In The Kitchen

Thanks to those who worked at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on **Wednesday, February 18:** Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Michele Kellogg, Ginny & Phil Lavender, Jim Pearce and Jay Verran.

We do not work at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen in the Month of March.

Please contact Charlotte Brown at 248-391-0753 if you can help or know someone that would like to help.

United Methodist Women



“Sisters in Faith” will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m. in Shalom.

The “Circle of Hope” will meet on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103. Donna Waite will present the program, “Lenten Reflections.” Childcare (paid for by the UMW) is available by contacting Donna at donna.waite@lakeorionumc.org or 248-895-9599 by Sunday, March 15th.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Saturday, Mar. 7 at 7:30 a.m. They meet at CJ's in Lake Orion for breakfast. All of the men of the church are invited to attend.

Florida Picnic

There will be a snowbird picnic in Florida on March 11th. If you have any questions, please call The Dingman's at 248-842-7829.

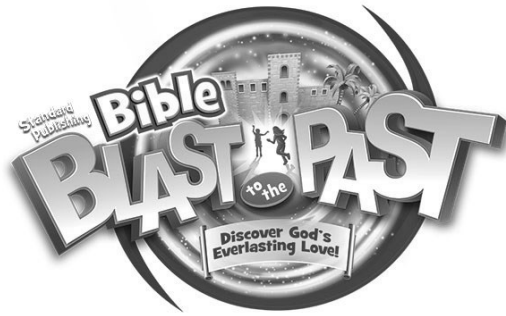
Beach Party!!

Lake Orion UMC's
4th and 5th Grade Lock-In



**Starting at 3:00 p.m. on
Saturday, March 7th
and ending at 10:30 a.m. on
Sunday, March 8th.**

**Lots of Games and Activities
A Picnic Dinner with S'Mores
Hide-and-Seek throughout the Church
Special Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**



VBS 2015, July 27-31

9:00 a.m. - noon

Watch for more details in upcoming months.

Registration begins in May.



Look for more details in the April Link.

Lenten Luncheons

During the Lenten Season we are holding three luncheons highlighting mission: local, national, and global. The luncheons will take place following the 11:00 service, and will include presentations on each of the ministries, as well as the opportunity to contribute to them and/or participate in them

The remaining schedule is as follows:

March 8th -- CROP Hunger Walk

(walk itself takes place May 3rd)

March 22nd -- Mission Guatemala

(team travels to Guatemala in July from LOUMC)

The CROP Hunger Walk is affiliated with Church World Service, the CROP Walk raises monies that are used locally (Love INC & Oxford/Orion FISH).

Mission Guatemala is a faith-based nonprofit working in the highlands of Guatemala in the community of San Andrés Semetabaj. Working with them, we will strive to help meet the basic needs of the Guatemalan people, as they collaborate with communities there to improve **health, education and nutrition**. We will be sending a team of 24 youth and adults there this July.

Please let us know that you are coming by signing one of the sign-up sheets at either the Anderson Street entrance or the Slater Street entrance, or call the office.



51 North Brewery and The Lake Orion
United Methodist Church

BEERS & Hymns



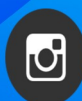
Monday, March 30th

7 pm

**Canned Food
Drive and
10% of beer
sales donated
to Community
Free Meals**



**Join us for a night
of singing old
school hymns while
sipping on some
hand crafted brews.**



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51 NORTH BROADWAY STREET
DOWNTOWN LAKE ORION

Princess Party with a Purpose



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2015

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Age: 3 years old - 5th grade

Place: United Methodist Church
140 E. Flint St.,
Lake Orion, MI

Cost: Children \$20, adults \$10

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Maximum Cost per immediate family \$60.

Register online at www.lakeorionumc.org

Questions? Call Donna Waite at 248-693-6201.

Choose your activities: Crafts, hairdos, nails, face painting, games, singing and dancing, karate demonstration. End your royal adventure with an unforgettable Tea Party at the Ice Castle while parents check out our Silent Auction.

*All proceeds from this event will be
donated to ESTHERS Children,
a non-profit organization
devoted to prevent human trafficking
of young girls in Recife, Brazil.
For more information, visit website at
www.estherschildren.org.*

Weekly Scheduled Events :



MARCH



Sunday

8:00, 9:15, 11:00 Worship Service
 09:15 Kids on the Rock
 09:15 [youth café]
 10:15 Fellowship Time (FH)
 11:00 Kids on the Rock
 11:00 Adult Bible Study (108)

Monday

10:30 Bible Study (Sh)
 11:45 Tai Chi Sword & Tai Chi (104)
 05:30 Community Meal (FH)
 07:00 Testify Practice
 07:00 Small Group (51 North)

Tuesday

09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
 10:00 Staff Meeting (103)
 07:30 Chancel Choir

Wednesday

10:00 Bible Study (103)
 06:00 3-in-1 (AC)
 06:45 CODA (Sh)

Thursday

09:00 Yoga (203/4)
 09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
 09:30 Hallelujah Handbells
 05:30 Oakland County Services

Friday

Saturday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 10:45 AM-Princess Party Planning (103)	2 07:00 PM-Peer Support (105)	3 10:00 AM-J. Solack Small Group (105)	4 06:45 PM-A. Gross Small Group (Youth) 06:45 PM-B. Watters Small Group (108)	5 11:00 AM-Blood Drive 07:00 PM-SPRC (205)	6	7 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (OS) 04:00 PM-4 & 5th Grade Lock-in (AC)
8 3rd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Begins 10:30 AM-4 & 5th Grade Lock-in ends 12:15 PM-Lenten Luncheon (FH)	9 06:30 PM-Stephen Ministry Training (105)	10 09:30 AM-Sister's in Faith (Sh) 10:00 AM-J. Solack Small Group (105) 07:00 PM-Support Group (105)	11 06:45 PM-A. Gross Small Group (Youth) 06:45 PM-B. Watters Small Group (108)	12 09:00 AM-FISH (Sh) 07:00 PM-Trustee (Sh)	13	14
15 4th Sunday in Lent	16 06:30 PM-Stephen Ministry Training (105) 07:00 PM-Circle of Hope (103)	17 10:00 AM-J. Solack Small Group (105)	18 06:45 PM-A. Gross Small Group (Youth) 06:45 PM-B. Watters Small Group (108)	19 07:00 PM-Finance (Sh)	20 10:00 AM-LINK Assembly (Sh) 07:00PM-Girl Scouts (Sh) Girl Scouts sleep over	21 Special Youth Mission Team Meeting
22 5th Sunday in Lent 10:15 AM-Blood Pressure Screening 11:00 AM-3-in-1 Musical 12:15 PM-Lenten Luncheon (FH) 02:00 PM-3-in-1 Musical	23 06:30 PM-Stephen Ministry Training (105)	24 10:00 AM-J. Solack Small Group (105)	25 06:45 PM-A. Gross Small Group (Youth) 06:45 PM-B. Watters Small Group (108)	26 07:00 PM-Church Council (105)	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30 06:30 PM-Stephen Ministry Training (105) 07:00 PM-Beers & Hymns (51 North)	31 10:00 AM-J. Solack Small Group (105)				