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April 1, 2015

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of the United Methodist Church of Lake Orion

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Palm / Passion Sunday ***March 29th*** ***8:00, 9:15, and 11:00***

Holy Week begins with children waving palm branches and crowds shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!" But then events quickly turn as what began looking like a coronation for Jesus becomes his crucifixion.



Holy Thursday - April 2nd - 7:30

At Jesus' Last Supper, he tells his disciples that one of them will betray him. Our service this evening will feature a re-enactment of the Last Supper based on DaVinci's painting of the same name. Each disciple will share his reaction to Jesus. Holy Communion will be served by the disciples to the congregation.

Good Friday - April 3rd - 7:30 – LOUMC

Darkness came when they crucified Jesus. Our evening service will begin in the darkness, move through the message of the cross, and send us forth with a reminder of God's sacrificial love for us revealed in Jesus.

Prayer Vigil – Friday, April 3rd at noon until ***Saturday, April 4th at noon***

Sign up for a half hour block of time to be in prayer (either in your homes or at the church). More details are inside of the LINK.

Easter Sunday – April 5st – 8:00, 9:15, and 11:00

Christ is risen! Celebrate the power of God's love to triumph over death! Songs of Easter praises and the scents of Easter plants will fill our Sanctuary! Though the tomb is empty, let the temple be full! Bring your friends and neighbors. Share the Good News!



Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Prayer is the lifeline of the faith community. One of the ways that members of our congregation observe Holy Week and the Passion of our Christ is through our Good Friday Prayer Vigil, which will begin on **Friday, April 3rd at noon and continue until noon on Saturday**. By individ-

ually signing up for a half hour each, we try to cover the whole 24 hour time frame with our prayers, meditations, music, and reading of the scriptures and other devotionals. You can participate in our vigil at your home, at church, or wherever you choose.

Throughout Lent, we have been focusing on our church's involvement in several missions: Love in the Name of Christ, CROP Walk for Hunger, Reverse Church in Pontiac, and Mission Guatemala. We ask that you include these ministries in your prayers

There are signup boards at the church entrances. Just choose a time and sign your name, as well as where you plan to pray. If you cannot get to the church to signup, just contact Donna Waite (248-693-6201, ext. 206 or donna.waite@lakeorionumc.org), and she will tell you what times are open. There will be helpful instructions on the signup boards for those who would like more direction for their prayer time. The church will be locked for your security during the evening and early morning hours, but a key will be made available to you via a lockbox on the door. You can find out the combination by contacting Donna.

The Youth Mission Team Flower Fundraiser

Our middle & high school youth will be accepting your flower orders for bedding plants, vegetables, herbs & baskets from April 26 until May 10. Orders will be delivered to the church Slater Street parking lot on Saturday, May 17. Proceeds support our LOUMC youth mission team. If you have any questions contact Jill Brzezinski (248-628-9599) or jbrzez@netzero.net

**PLANT
SALE**

April Showers Bring May Flowers

All church Spring clean-up. Please bring your gardening tools and be ready to dig in on Saturday, April 18th at 9am. We will be raking and cleaning flower beds. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Schmidt at 248-420-9716. Thanks from the Master Gardeners.



Spotlight on Staff

Cristie Tyrrell, Accompanist

This month we are featuring our own accompanist Cristie Tyrrell in this segment called "Spotlight on Staff". I bet you didn't know that Cristie in fact has been accompanying musicians in this church since 8th grade!

To the people of LOUMC Cristie and the piano seem to be inseparable... It all started when she was in 2nd grade when her grandparents bought her a piano.

And when four years later Cristie's dad became the state park manager at Bald Mountain State Park, the family started planting roots in Lake Orion. That was the Stark family of 4: Cristie, her younger brother Mike and her parents Carol and Bill.

I bet you also didn't know that Cristie graduated from MSU – wait, you might have figured that one out with all the Spartan fan gear she is wearing - but she graduated with a degree in personnel administration! Who knew!

Here at LOUMC she met her husband Don. They got married in 1993 and have two beautiful children, Katie (senior at LOHS) and Drew (freshman at LOHS).

Cristie keeps very busy with her two jobs, being the accompanist at the church and the choir accompanist in the school district. Her two children who are very active in sports and music keep her on her toes, too. If time permits Cristie also likes to do crafts, scrapbook, repurpose furniture, and she enjoys gardening.

Both Christie and her husband love to travel.

We are very lucky here at LOUMC to have Cristie sharing her musical talent with us. Thank you, Cristie!

Music is in
the air...
piano music
that is!



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.

Princess Party Helpers

The Princess Party is rapidly approaching (Saturday April 25th), and the Planning Team wants to remind you that there are many areas where you can help:



Decorations

Tea Party worker

Helping with hairdos, nails or face painting

Helping in an activity room (crafts, games, karaoke)

Silent Auction worker (Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning)

Provide an item for the Silent Auction

Setup Friday night or Saturday morning

Need a big Cleanup Crew on Saturday at 4:00 to get the building ready for church

Make phone calls to those who sign up to help

Make a monetary donation

You can sign up on the tear-off slip of the Sunday morning bulletin or contact Donna Waite at 248-693-6201, ext. 206.

One last thing: we are looking for princess-type clothes and accessories that we can borrow for our photo booth. And we would like to borrow the Disney Princess version of the Candyland game, so we can use it to plan our own giant version.

Please remember that all the profits from this party is to help Esthers' Children in Recife, Brazil keep the girls off the street and safe from human trafficking. Thanks for your participation in this important ministry!



Flowers for Easter!

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 is 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.



**Get ready to travel back
in time
for a life-changing
adventure!**

**VBS 2015, July 27-31
9:00 a.m. - Noon**

Each day begins at Blast to the Past Bash where kids will sing, shout, praise, pray, and be introduced to a Bible story and the daily theme. Then they travel to the other sites at Bible Blast to the Past: Timeless Truth Tent where kids will explore the Bible story in a variety of interactive ways; Backtrack Bazaar where kids have time to move around, have fun, and fill up on snacks; Discovery Ruins where kids discover ancient arts and facts through science and crafts; and Mission Quest Cave where kids are encouraged to serve others! All these fun activities connect to the Bible story and the timeless truth of God's everlasting love! And at the end of the morning, they travel back to Bible Blast to the Past Bash to be encouraged to love God and to be motivated to serve others.

It takes a lot of teens and adults to bring our VBS to life, so we hope you will consider saving this one week in July to be involved in this awesome ministry for our children. Contact Donna Waite at 248-693-6201, ext. 206, or e-mail her at donna.waite@lakeorionumc.org if you would like to be involved in VBS in some way.

Registration for children attending VBS will begin sometime in May. The registration form will be available on the church website, www.lakeorionumc.org, and at the church.

We will be waiting for some brave time travelers to join us in learning about God, serving others, and having fun!! Spread the word!!

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Saturday, April 4 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.

LAKE ORION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

A PROM FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Friday, May 15, 2015
6:30 – 9:00 pm

Lake Orion United Methodist Church
140 E Flint Street
Lake Orion, MI

A meeting for parents/guardians will be held on Tuesday, May 5th at 7 pm at the Orion United Methodist Church prior to the event for those who wish know more about the nature of the event that your young adult will be attending. In addition, we will be exploring other ways that we might offer support and activities to you and your family member.

Come Join the Fun!

"Hair & Makeup"
Beauty Bar will be available for the ladies starting at 5 pm
Food & Beverage
Games
Formal Pictures



Ages
16-40

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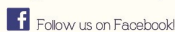
Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Age: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____ Allergies: _____

Any special accommodations that might be made to ensure a positive experience? (Registration cut off is May 1st)

YES! I am interested in participating in the beauty bar. (Please arrive at 5 pm if you choose this option)



Register online at anighttoremember.eventzilla.net

For more information contact Lake Orion Methodist Church at 248.693.6201
or email john.ball@lakeorionumc.org

Weekly Scheduled Events :



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)
 06:45 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

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| 5  | 6 Office Closed | 7 |
| 12 10:45 AM-Princess Party Planners (103) | 13 12:00 PM-D. Waite Small Group (105) 06:30 PM-Stephen Ministry Training (105) 07:00 PM-KOTR Planning Team(103) | 14 09:30 AM-Sisters Faith Circle (Sh) 07:00 PM-Support Group (105) |
| 19 Confirmation Sunday 10:45 AM-Princess Party Planners (103) 12:15 PM-Lunch with Pastors | 20 12:00 PM-D. Waite Small Group (105) 06:30 PM-Stephen Ministry Training (105) 07:00 PM-"Chasing Ice" Documentary (104) | 21 09:00 AM-Prayers Squares (Naz) |
| 26 Stephen Ministry Sunday 10:15 AM-Blood Pressure Screening 10:15 AM-Esther's Children Silent Auction (FH) | 27 12:00 PM-D. Waite Small Group (105) | 28 |



APRIL



| | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 07:30 PM-Maundy Thursday Service | 3 Office closes at Noon 12:00 PM-Prayer Vigil until Noon Saturday 07:30 PM-Good Friday Service | 4 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (OS) |
| | 8 | 9 09:00 AM-FISH (Sh) 07:00 PM-Trustee (Sh) 07:00 PM-SPRC (205) | 10 | 11 |
| in t | 15 10:00 AM-Work at Baldwin Kitchen (OS) | 16 07:00 PM-Finance (Sh) | 17 07:00PM-Girl Scouts (Sh) | 18 09:00 AM-Flower Bed Clean-up Confirmation Day Trip |
| s & | 22 | 23 07:00 PM-Church Council (105) | 24 10:00 AM-LINK Assembly (Sh) 06:30 PM-Princess Party Decorating | 25 10:00 AM-Princess Party Set-up 02:00 PM-Princess Party |
| | 29 | 30 07:00 PM-Mission Team Meeting (105) | | |

RESURRECTION:
 THE POWER OF LOVE
 THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

APRIL 12 - MAY 17

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Sign up for a small group starting 3/22
 @www.lakeorionumc.org

Does Human Trafficking Occur in Michigan?

Did you know that Michigan ranks No. 2 for human trafficking sex trade behind only Nevada? In an effort to crack down on adults and juveniles abducted and used as sex slaves, Gov. Rick Snyder has announced a new team, the Human Trafficking Commission, to fight this crime. Besides apprehending the traffickers, this team will also focus on helping the victims.

How does human trafficking begin? A lot of times it's by trick and coercion. Traffickers look for vulnerable individuals who are lonely or have low self-esteem, sometimes from broken homes or with other problems. They especially target those who have run away from home. They befriend them, gain their trust, sometimes get them drunk or hooked on drugs. They take them away from the vicinity of their homes so they have nowhere to go.

Shopping malls are lucrative sites for traffickers. Our own Great Lakes Crossing has been used by traffickers. Another danger zone is the internet. Even legitimate internet sites like Craigslist feature services which may use human trafficking. Investigators comb through sites like those to identify potential suspects.

Lake Orion United Methodist Church is concerned and wants to join in the fight to stop this crime. The Princess Party with a Purpose is a fundraiser for Esthers' Children, which fights trafficking in Recife, Brazil. In upcoming weeks and months, we will turn our attention to what is happening right here in our area. Just know that it is out there, educate yourself and your family, and be safe.

HAVE YOU MET THE PENNY JUG?

You may have seen the "Penny Jug" sitting on the counter near the coffee mugs each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall and wondered, "what in the world is that thing for?" Well the Penny Jug has been sitting there quietly for 11 years now, and she loves your spare change and she puts it to good use. Over those 11 years, the \$2392.50 she has collected has been evenly divided between two wonderful projects...the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky, where several of our congregation has worked to help the local people with home repairs and "No More Malaria" which provides treated bed nets to help guard against that awful disease. Feeding the Penny Jug is fun plus you are helping people both here in Appalachia and in faraway Africa.



In Thanks

Thank You Funeral Angels

The family and friends of Bill Middleton were so pleased with the meal and generosity of all of you. We served over 150 people. I want to thank you all so very much for your time, talent, and donations:

Shareen DiGasbarro, Sandy Weaver, Kareen Olson, Faye Nordquist, Mary Mansfield, Kathy Cavan, Shirley Bommarito, Jeff Noonan, Patti Kalso, Marcia Keller, Linda Nixon, Linda Ferguson, Karen Maschke, Susan Montgomery, Marian Middleton, Jim Wright, Trudy Carney, Sharon Waite, Barb Lieb, Joyce Marker, Karen Craven, Carol Herman, Beth Widgren, Emily Graffeo, Linda and Marvin Vanderver, Debbie Schmidt, Carol Schlicht, Nancy Popchock, Carol Stark, Jan Butcher, Julie Brandt and family, Carol Haley, Charlie Weaver, Jim Pearce, and Ginny and Phil Lavender.

If I missed anyone, I apologize. You were a wonderful crew.

THANK YOU!!!! Ardis Pearce

Working In The Kitchen

A reminder to those scheduled to work in the kitchen on **Wednesday, April 15**: Jim Childers, Michele Kellogg, Phil & Ginny Lavender, Linda Nixon, Nancy Ochoa, Jim Pearce, Barbara Shulze, Jay Verran.

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

Special thanks to all those who helped with the 4th and 5th Grade Lock-in on March 7-8: Brenda Ulery, Christy Propst, Julie Falcon, Carol Schlicht, Jeff Noonan, Marcia Keller, Kelly Burk, Sheila Burke, Ale & Joy Tomlinson, Dan DiGasbarro. Kristin Love, Mark Lantzy, Greg Brandt Todd Butterfield, Jessica Brennecke, Kiersten Ihrke, Holli Tompkins, Rob Charlton, Brad Smiles, Greg Heyboer and Jim Wright. **21 youth had an AWESOME time, thanks to you!!**

Dear Congregation of the Lake Orion UMC. We thank you for your prayers, blessing & thoughtfulness. The card with so much love & the handmade prayer quilt touched our family & loved one in such a difficult time. Your kind efforts came and lifted our spirits and we are so appreciative. With love, The Family of Martin Nickel

United Methodist Women

SAVE THE DATE!!!!—UMW Spring Dinner - Wednesday - June 3rd - Indianwood Country Club - 6:00PM

Entertainment - DeeDee Tibbits - an inspirational speaker and musician.

More information to follow!!

“Sisters in Faith” will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 9:30 a.m. in Shalom.

The “Circle of Hope” will meet on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104.

Is Climate Change Real?

On Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m., you are invited to attend a viewing of the 2012 documentary film *Chasing Ice* in Room 104. Acclaimed environmental photographer James Balog heads to Greenland, Iceland and Alaska in order to capture images that will help to convey the effects of global warming. Balog was initially skeptical about climate change when the issue entered scientific discussion, but after his first trip north, he becomes convinced of the impact that humans have on the planet and becomes committed to bringing the story to the public.

Within months of the first trip to Iceland, Balog initiates The Extreme Ice Survey - an expedition to collect data on the seasonal changes of glaciers. Balog and his team deploy cameras that utilize time-lapse photography across various places in the Arctic to capture a multi-year record of the world's glaciers.

After being plagued by numerous technical problems and health issues, Balog and his team are finally able to collect time-lapse photos that depict the drastic erosion and disappearance of enormous, ancient glaciers. Length of the documentary is 75 minutes. This showing is sponsored by the United Methodist Women's Circle of Hope, and is open to everyone. Childcare is available by contacting Donna Waite (248-693-6201, ext. 206) by Sunday, April 17th.

The portrait of Jesus, by Rembrandt, graces our Sanctuary in memory of Charles and Dorothy Carpenter.

Volunteer needed to provide the bread for Sundays and other special services that we have Communion. If interested, please contact Lynne Winter at lynniewint@aol.com.

THANKS**HUGs to...**

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

To Suzanne Baber, Joyce Cumo, Joyce Falls, Marian Middleton, Emily Graffeo, Debbie Schmidt, Trudy Carney, Pam Moreman, Laurie Trafton, Sue Noonan, Shirley Bommarito, Christine Wehrl, Jim Wright, Alan & Beth Widgren, Stacy Dodson, Linda Nixon, Mark Lantzy, Andy Love, Carolyn Eickel, Chad Griffith, Rick & Patty Kalso, Nadine Jacques, Joe Rowden, John Gubesch, Jeanne Draggoo, Paul & Sandy Reile, Jeff & Jenny Koncelik, Tim & Joyce Marker, Janet Salswedel, Joyce Suzore, Dawn Figueroa, Diann Orlowski and Bob Butler for ushering & greeting

to Christina Tomlinson, Korinne Ihrke, Lia Vitinaros and Julianne Christensen for serving as acolytes.

to Ralph Reseigh, Don Northcote and Ron Nordquist for being lay readers.

to Jeff & Janet Leigh, Jack & Charlotte Patton, Barry & Amy Schwerin, Don & Martha Northcote, Jerry King and Linda Leavens for hosting Fellowship Time.

to Jim Childers, Ron Nordquist, Cynthia Du, and Tim & Joyce Marker 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, Bruce Denton, Linda Fairchild, Doris Kalso, Carol McCormick, Patti Miechiels, Chuck Myers, Garry Reynolds, Randy Riley, Baby Mack Rojas, Judy Wright
Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members

Norma Remer's new address: Autumn Ridge of Clarkston, 5700 Water Tower Place, Room 120, Village of Clarkston, MI 48346

New Member: Please welcome Scott Borow as a new member of our church.

Jane Lukacs (Ruth Tucker's Daughter) address: P.O. Box 2547, Farmington Hills, MI 48333.

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 DEADLINE: April 15th for May 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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Stephen Ministry

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John Potter office ext. 208

248-265-4687 home

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Debbie Heyboer office ext. 209

Youth Director

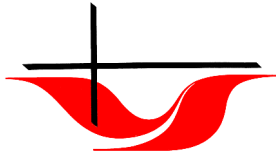
Aaron Gross office ext. 205

Nursery Director:

Jeri Melton

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