


The LINK

January 2024

*Please check our website for changes
regarding any posted events.*



A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



**May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;**

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**Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;**

**Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;**

**Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the
shadows;**

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**Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their
causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.**

**God's Love, Peace, Hope and
Joy to You for the Year ahead.**

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NEW Children's UNDERWEAR and SOCKS

There are bins at the east and west doors for you to deposit NEW Children's underwear and socks. These are the most needed items requested by Oxford Open Handed, serving Oxford, Lake Orion, and surrounding areas, our local charitable kids clothing and youth sports equipment resource.

Any questions, please see Trudy Carney, as she volunteers her time weekly at their location.

By appointment only at 22 W Burdick, Oxford, visit oxfordopenhanded.org or call 248-491-3042 to schedule shopping appointments or for donation hours and volunteer opportunities.



Hello Friends!

We have a new ministry, which augments our Meal Train ministry, for our friends who need longer term help with meals! I'm excited to tell you about it!



Meal Train Meals will still be available for anyone needing shorter term help with meals, such as a return home after surgery, bringing a baby home, or short-term illness. For those times when our friends need longer term help, we now have Freezer Meals! These are meals, stored frozen in our church, which can be made available on a quick turnaround basis (which was difficult with the Meal Train) or for longer term needs. At this time, we have individual dinners, but as our needs change, we could also have casseroles suitable for family sized meals.

We will get a smallish group of people together periodically to help assemble the meals. These meals are simple to assemble and then fully cooked before freezing, so families or other small groups can easily do this!

Contact me, Emily Graffeo, at 248-705-2025, by text or call, or email me at emilygraffeo@gmail.com to let me know you want to be on the list for a future assembly day.

Would you be a Freezer Meal Friend? We need your help! To be a Freezer Meal Friend, please take one or more of these actions:

- ◆ *Have a need we can fill with longer term meal delivery*
- ◆ *Sign up to help assemble the meals – dates to be determined*
- ◆ *Donate to Meal Train Ministry*
- ◆

Thank you so very much for your help!

Angel Tree 2023 Update

The House of Providence is so grateful for the generosity of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church! Your response to the 2023 Angel Tree was nothing short of amazing. Delivery was on December 12 and the staff was so happy to see your gifts! Not only did you provide the girls with individual (wish list) items for under the tree but they will also have gift cards to purchase items from Amazon. There were passes to the theatre in Oxford, certificates for pizza and a Kroger gift card for a few special treats. Thank you to everyone who participated in this LOUMC tradition.



**Thanks,
Susan**

I want to thank so many of you for the cards, texts, phone calls and most of all, prayers I've been receiving after my multiple fractures from my husband falling on me. My left leg, foot and ribs got the worst of it and I'm in a non-weight bearing brace for maybe 6 weeks before moving to a brace and boot I can stand on. Our friends have a meal train for us and I never realized what a blessing that is. So to you that are a part of LOUMC's meal train or thinking about it, it's a wonderful relief to those that need it. Please keep the prayers coming and especially for my "nurse, waiter & chauffeur" Tim.

**In Christian Love,
Lynne Winter**

**FIRST - We need your help
"UN-decorating" the church
on Sunday, January 7th @
11:30 a.m. (following
service), Please come!!**



UN -
Decorating
Party

And Second...

We offer a special thank you to all who were able to help decorate the church inside and out for the Advent season. The spirit of this community was filled with kindness and a willingness to work together on whatever jobs needed to be completed. Thank you so very much.

Also, a special thank you to Martha Northcote for providing a wonderful pizza dinner - the fellowship was most welcome!

*Nancy Ochoa
Worship and the Arts*

A Very Special THANK YOU goes to the American Legion Post 233 for their very generous donation to our Outreach ministries that are provided for our community. We thank you and want each of you to know that we appreciate your involvement in our community!

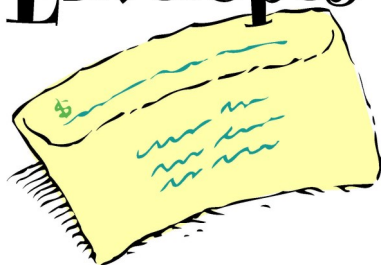


SCRIP - Please think about using the Scrip Program at LOUMC to purchase gift cards. We are able to purchase hundreds of gift cards at a discount for you to purchase at face value. Major retailers, restaurants, gas stations, hotels and movie theatres are available in different denominations. Also, the Kohl's gift card can be used to pay your credit card bill, we can also get Menards gift cards. 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 contact Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 trudycarney@aol.com.



Happy New Year!

Offering Envelopes



2024 Giving Envelopes –If you would like to received a booklet of weekly Offering Envelopes with your number on them for 2024, please send a note or call the office. They will be available for pick up at the table outside of the church office. Any questions, please see or call Pat in the office.



January

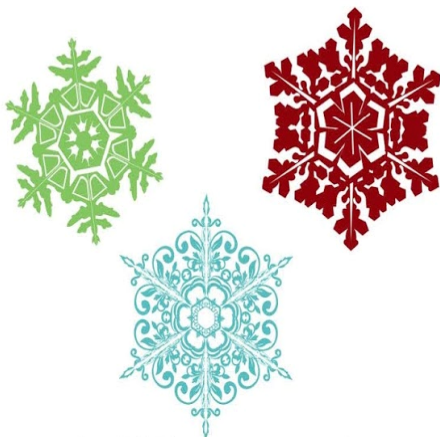
31 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to write 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 43:16-19
Day 2- Lamentations 3:22-26
Day 3- Ecclesiastes 3:11-15
Day 4- Psalm 98:1-9
Day 5- Psalm 90: 12-17
Day 6- Jeremiah 29:11-14
Day 7- Philippians 3:7-14
Day 8- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Day 9- 1 Peter 1:3-9
Day 10- Mark 12:28-33

Day 11- Ezekiel 36:24-28
Day 12- 1 Chronicles 16:8-14
Day 13- Colossians 3:12-17
Day 14- Hebrews 12:7-13
Day 15- Isaiah 40:28-31
Day 16- Philippians 4:4-9
Day 17- Luke 14:28-35
Day 18- Romans 12:1-8
Day 19- Romans 12:9-16
Day 20- Romans 12:17-21

Day 21- Psalm 37:1-6
Day 22- Psalm 37:7-11
Day 23- Psalm 37:18-19, 23-24, 27-28
Day 24- 2 Peter 1:1-4
Day 25- 2 Peter 1:5-11
Day 26- Romans 8:18-25
Day 27- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
Day 28- Psalm 27:1-4
Day 29- Psalm 27:5-8
Day 30- Psalm 27:9-14
Day 31- Choose your own verse



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



January

Weekly Events:

Sunday

10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour (FH)
11:30am Adult Bible Study

Monday

9am-3pm Sunny Days
10:30am BibleStudy(Sh-106)
5:30-6:30pm In person
Community Meals

Tuesday

10:30am Sermon Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday

8am Local Business LBN
9am-3pm Sunny Days
10am Hallelujah Handbells

Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club
10-11am -Mom & Tot
12pm--3pm Sunny Days

Friday

9am-12pm Sunny Days
Office Closes at noon

Daily

8 PM-Narcotics Anon (123)

Sun	Mon	Tue
	1 January 1st <i>There WILL be</i> <i>Community Meals</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2
7	8	9
14	15	16 <i>Paint Creek</i> <i>4-H 7pm</i> 
21	22	23 <i>Pat Vacation</i>
		
28 <i>Pat Vacation</i>	29 <i>Pat Vacation</i>	30 <i>Pat Vacation</i>

2024



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6 8am Johnny Black's UMM 
10 	11 <i>UMWF—10am Trustees /SPRC</i>  United Women in Faith	12	13
17 10am Book Club 	18 Finance Zoom 7pm	19 10am Prayers & Squares meeting	20
24 <i>Pat Vacation</i>	25 <i>Pat Vacation</i> Church Council 7pm	26 <i>Pat Vacation</i>	27 <i>Pat Vacation</i>
			
31	February 1st	February 2nd	February 3rd

Contributions Welcome!

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway **NEXT** to 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 \$10 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:

December 3rd - Altar flowers to celebrate the life of Eric Keller.

December 10th - altar flowers in memory of loved ones.
Given by Michele Kellogg.

December 10th - Steeple lighting given in honor of Walt and Pat Van Conant's 49th anniversary.

December 17th - Altar flowers given in celebration of Mary Jean Hanson's birthday on 12/18. Given by Cindy Katz.

December 17th - Altar flowers given in honor of Sharon Keener's birthday on 12/16.

December 17th - Steeple lighting given by Ken and Amy Elwert, recognizing granddaughter Rosemary's 2nd birthday.

December 24th - Altar flowers given in memory of Irene Remer, given by Sally Kelley.

Steeple lighting given **December 24th and 31st** in honor of Sharon Keener's birthday.

Special Thank You to those who gave anonymously to these funds.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Anthony is on vacation the month of February, helpers needed.
Please contact Gail Vettrano or Ralph Reseigh.

UMWF - Bake Sale, Sunday, February 11th.

*Shrove Tuesday Tuesday, February 13th
- Pancake Supper by the UMM.*

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**



*Lent begins Wednesday, February 14th (Valentine's
Day) with services in the evening.*

Blood Drive will be Thursday, February 22nd.



Presidential Election is Tuesday, February 27th.

Furniture & Jewelry Sale will happen mid-March.

*Easter Sunday is early this year - on Sunday,
March 31st.*

Rummage Sale is planned for mid-April.

Volunteers are always needed for these events.

NAMI Metro SUPPORT GROUP



Adult discussion group for family member(s) or friend(s) of someone diagnosed with a mental illness. Share challenges and support each other. Learn about resources to get

additional help. You're not alone. **Meets 2nd**

Wednesday of the month via ZOOM.

To register: desteffes@charter.net

Contact Debbie or Bryan Thom if you have any questions. 248.762.1141 or bryandebthom@gmail.com

NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness

<http://namimetro.org/>



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

CARDBMAKERS FOR CHRIST - Greeting Cards are available for Holidays, Birthdays, Get Well, Anniversary, Sympathy, Thinking of you, available in the church office. Proceeds benefit mission outreach. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



Dear Prayer Quilt makers,

Thank you so much for the wonderful prayer quilt. It is so amazing and I am just so overwhelmed with all the people have said a prayer, wrote a note, and tied a know. It is just so amazing. Thank you so much for all the prayers.

*Love,
Bob Erickson*





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

About People

Jyl Acker, Sharon Anton, Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Ruth Carlson, Linda Carpenter, Sally Dugas, Bob and Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Virginia Ford, Susan Houle, Marilyn Joul, Janine Langegger, Joy Makedonsky, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Edward Naylor, Kareen Olson, Pat Parkin, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Bill Stark, Laurie Trafton, Roger Waite, Ross Waite, Don White, Lynne Winter, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

Prayer Chain: Kathy McMinn @ 248-770-8390 (text)
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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, intergenera-
tional 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: January 15th for February LINK

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

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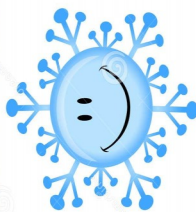
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