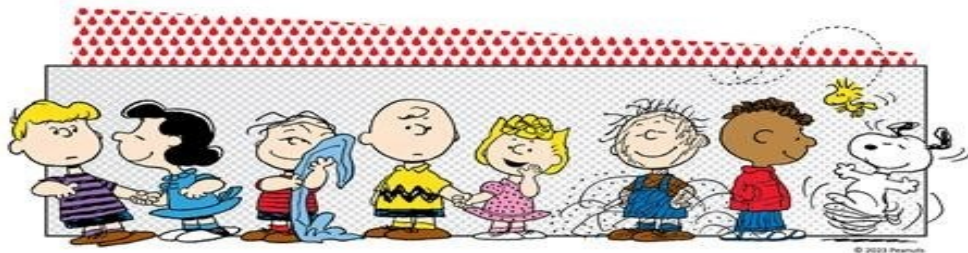




# The LINK

January 2025

Please check our website for changes regarding any posted events.



**Be a friend. Give blood.**

**WE NEED YOU!!!!**

**The next blood drive is:  
Thursday, January 23, 2025  
12 noon to 6:00 pm**

**Where: Lake Orion United Methodist Church  
Sign up online at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
(sponsor code: LOUMC1)**

You can also do Rapid Pass online on the day of the blood drive. The "Blood Donor" app from the American Red Cross also makes the donation process easier, and includes Rapid Pass on your smart phone.

**Any questions please call Kathy Castillo at  
248-770-3215.**



The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood."

American Red Cross

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE



## Angel Tree



Kathy Castillo and Susan Montgomery delivered the gifts from this year's Angel Tree to the House of Providence Friday, December 13th. The Activities Coordinator at H of P could not say enough about how much they appreciate our gifts! Not only the fact that it bolsters what they give to the girls, our gifts are items they girls have specifically requested. The two photos show the delivery of the gifts and the tree that is in their living room and used to present the gifts on Christmas morning. This room is very welcoming with a fireplace and a grand piano – it is lined with a variety of toys and activities for the girls. Since it is the first time we have been allowed into the facility we were quite honored!



Thanks,  
*Susan and Kathy*

HAPPY  
**New Year**

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...  
PSALM 90:17a



## *Christmas Un-Decorating*

**FIRST - We need your help “UN-decorating” the church on Sunday, January 5th @ 11:30 a.m. (following service), Please come!!**

**And Second...**

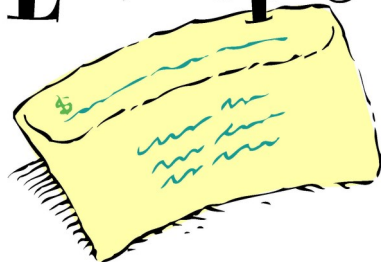
We offer a special thank you to all who were able to help decorate the church inside and out for the Advent season. The spirit of this community was filled with kindness and a willingness to work together on whatever jobs needed to be completed. Thank you so very much.

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*

**2025 Giving Envelopes** –If you would like to received a booklet of weekly Offering Envelopes with your number on them for 2025, 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.

# Offering Envelopes



# *Always Needed:*



**Feeding the  
Community**

## **COMMUNITY MEALS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND FOOD COLLECTION**

Community Meals currently provides 125 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 of \$425 a night.

### **Items needed:**

Cream of Chicken Soup

Chicken Broth

Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti Noodles

Diced Peaches

Cut Green Beans (canned)

Beef Gravy

Chicken Gravy

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Baked Beans

Beets, Diced

Applesauce

Tomato Soup

Elbow Macaroni

Kidney Beans

Pineapple Tidbits

Grated Parmesan Cheese

Tropical Fruit (NOT individual size)

Mandarin Oranges (NOT individual size)

Zip Lock Sandwich or Gallon Sized Bags

*Commercial size cans are helpful.*

*Please place on wire rack in Fellowship Hall.*

*Gift cards for Gordon's and Costco are welcome!*



# Be a *HALL WALKER*

8:30 - 3 Mon - Thurs  
8:30 - 12 Fridays



Join Us! With the changing seasons, and nasty weather approaching, come here for your exercise!

Become a  
**LOUMC**  
*Hall Walker*

Don't drive to the mall; park here and walk the halls safely at LOUMC.

Just let the office know when you're here, hang up your coat in Room 123 and get walking!



## Do you Pray?



I loved this interpretation of Prayer. What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends.

That's a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, 'drive safely' or 'be safe'. That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone by your heart. \*That is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling.

A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being.

**\*Keep praying always\***

Please consider joining our team! We're looking for additional people to be Fellowship



# COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Time Hosts at LOUMC! You'll be assigned a Sunday once every 6-8 weeks. You'll have to be at church 30 minutes early to make the coffee and set up the kitchen but still can still be in the sanctuary during worship time. Whether you've been here for years or are a newcomer, we'd love to have you join our team. Please email Pat in the office at [loumc1@lakeorionumc.org](mailto:loumc1@lakeorionumc.org) if you're interested. Brad Smiles will reach out to you with instructions on being a Fellowship Time Host. Thank you.

## **Greeters Needed**

We need your friendly faces to greet folks as they come to Sunday services. We have basically three doors that people enter, and if they're new they don't know where to go. Would you like to be that person to tell folks where to go?? Once they are here, we can invite them to coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, or where the Nursery is located for those young families. We just need your smiling faces to welcome those people, and to say hello to all your friends and families joining us. You will need to arrive about 1/2 hour before the service begins, and then head upstairs for the service. Please see Kathy McMinn or send her a text at Kathy McMinn @ 248-770-8390 (text) or email to [KathyMcMinn@cavtel.net](mailto:KathyMcMinn@cavtel.net)



*Greeters*  
Welcome Worshippers

# January



## Weekly Events:

### Sunday

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

### Monday

9am-3pm Sunny Days  
 10:30am Bible Study (Sh-106)  
 5:30-6:30pm In person  
 Community Meals (FH)  
 7pm Disciple Class

### Tuesday

10:30am Sermon Study  
 6:30pm Choir Practice

### Wednesday

8am Local Business LBN  
 9am-3pm Sunny Days  
 10am Bells Practice

### 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	Tues
<b>December 29</b>	<b>December 30</b> <b>BY 9 AM LAST DAY TO HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS COUNT FOR 2024!</b>	<b>December 31</b> <b>New Years</b> Office Closed at noon
<b>5</b> <b>Un-Hanging of the Greens</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20 Office Closed</b> 	<b>21</b> Paint Creek 4-H 7pm 
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>



# 2025



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
er 31 Eve on	<b>January 1st</b> Office closed	<b>January 2nd</b>	<b>January 3rd</b>	<b>January 4th</b> 8:30 UMM Breakfast  10am Widows Fellowship Breakfast
	8	9 10am UWF Trustees SPRC 	10	11
	15 10am Book Club	16 Finance	17 10 am Prayers & Squares meeting	18
	22	23 Council 	24	25 <b>Rev Jon Clapp Memorial</b>  6pm NA Speakers Meeting
	29 <b>PILLS</b>	30 <b>PILLS</b>	31	<b>February 1st</b> 8:30 UMM Breakfast  10am Widows Fellowship Breakfast

## **Contributions Welcomed!**

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway next to the church office. The fee for **altar flowers is \$33** 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 1st** - Altar Flowers in memory of Gaines Greenhill. Given by Nancy Ochoa and family,

**December 8th** - Altar flowers given in celebration of Walt and Pat Van Conant's 50th wedding anniversary.

**December 8th** - Altar flowers given in memory of Eric Keller's passing 3 years ago.

**December 15th** - Live stream given in celebration of Janice Hammond and Sharon Keener's birthdays..

**December 22nd & 29th** - Steeple lighting given in honor of Sally Kelley and Irene Remer.

**Month of December** - Steeple lighting given in celebration of Walt and Pat Van Conant's 50th anniversary.

**Month of December** - Steeple lighting given in celebration Ken and Amy Elwart's granddaughter Rosemary's 3rd birthday.



# LIVE Streaming

We are now broadcasting our Sunday Services LIVE on the internet

**Join us as we sort and clean bottles  
on**

**Wednesday and Thursday,  
January 29th & 30th**

**9:30 am to 12 noon**



**THIS IS A SERVICE PROJECT  
We need your help to recycle!**

**Lions, Friends, Family, Neighbors**

All supplies will be provided. We have determined that a 2 hour workbee is best for each day.



**Community Meals  
program is in need of  
cookie donations. We are  
looking for donations  
once a month of 3 dozen  
cookies. Cookies can be  
homemade or purchased.  
Contact Trudy Carney @  
trudycarney@aol.com or  
call or text 248-320-4809.**





## SMALL GROUPS

**Sunday mornings** Adult Sunday School is meeting in the Library off of the Fellowship Hall following worship service. The group is using the **Adult Bible Studies** series curriculum, and is open to anyone. Grab a coffee from Fellowship Hall and join in.

On **Monday mornings** at 10:30, a small group of ladies study the Bible for anyone interested. Class members,

who are willing, take turns facilitating each session. They meet in the Shalom Room.

On **Monday evenings** from 7:00-8:45, **Disciple Bible Study** is a small group available for anyone interested. They meet in the Overflow Room and ZOOM is available.

On **Tuesday mornings** at 10:30, a small group is available for anyone interested. Class members, who are willing, take turns facilitating each session. They meet in the Overflow Room.

## 7 PRAYERS FOR

# January

*Wishing you peace, love, joy and new energy every day.*

**MAY YOUR FINANCES MULTIPLY.**  
**MAY YOUR HEALTH IMPROVE.**  
**MAY YOUR FAMILY BE LOVED.**  
**MAY YOUR FRIENDS BE BLESSED.**  
**MAY YOUR PAINS LESSEN.**  
**MAY YOUR WORRIES DISAPPEAR.**  
**MAY GOD BLESS YOU,**

*and hold you in the palm of his hand today & always.*

**Amen**

-Babz

inspire. Positive soul sensations **IPSS**

# January

## 31-DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

*Commit to spending 30 minutes a day writing 1 to 2 passages from the daily reading. Writing out Scripture will help us to memorize it and spending time with God helps us to know Him and His Word better.*

FOR EVERY ONE  
OF GOD'S  
PROMISES IS  
*Yes in Him*



### *Questions to journal*

What does this passage teach about the Lord?

What are some doctrinal truths found in this passage?

After reading this, how should my relationship with God change?



- DAY 1: GENESIS 17:7
- DAY 2: DEUTERONOMY 31:6
- DAY 3: PSALMS 84:11-12
- DAY 4: PSALMS 103:12-19
- DAY 5: PSALMS 138:7-8
- DAY 6: PROVERBS 3:5-7
- DAY 7: PROVERBS 18:10
- DAY 8: ISAIAH 26:3-4
- DAY 9: ISAIAH 40:31
- DAY 10: ISAIAH 44:22
- DAY 11: EZEKIEL 36:26-27
- DAY 12: MICAH 7:19
- DAY 13: MATTHEW 6:31-34
- DAY 14: LUKE 11:13
- DAY 15: LUKE 18:27
- DAY 16: JOHN 1:12
- DAY 17: JOHN 6:44-45
- DAY 18: JOHN 14:2-3
- DAY 19: ROMANS 8:32-35
- DAY 20: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13
- DAY 21: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20-22
- DAY 22: GALATIANS 5:22-23
- DAY 23: PHILIPPIANS 4:19
- DAY 24: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17
- DAY 25: HEBREWS 8:6-7
- DAY 26: HEBREWS 13:20-21
- DAY 27: JAMES 1:5-7
- DAY 28: 2 PETER 1:4-8
- DAY 29: 1 JOHN 1:9
- DAY 30: 1 JOHN 2:25-28
- DAY 31: REVELATION 21:3-4

Our thoughts

And prayers

Are with you.



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

## **About People**

Sharon Anton, Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Ruth Carlson, Linda Carpenter, Gayle Cater, Karen Clapp, David and Linda Fairchild, Virginia Ford, Larry Gaskins, Lesa Holth, Susan Houle, Marilyn Joul, Jerry King, Janine Langedger, Joy Makedonsky, Edward Naylor, Kareen Olson, Pat Parkin, Rich Popchock, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Bill Stark, Pamela Tomaszewski, Laurie Trafton, Ross Waite, Bonnie Walker, Don White, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

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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, 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: January15th for February LINK**

Contact the church office if you wish to be taken off the mailing list.  
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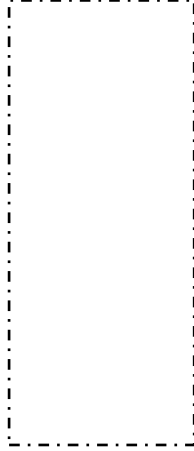
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**Marlin Luther King Day**