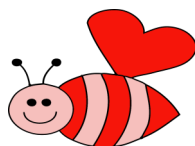


The LINK



February 2022

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

The Breath Prayer

Written by Sheridan Voysey

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit

I receive your love & release my insecurity

I receive your joy & release my unhappiness

I receive your peace & release my anxiety

I receive your patience & release my impulsiveness

I receive your kindness & release my indifference

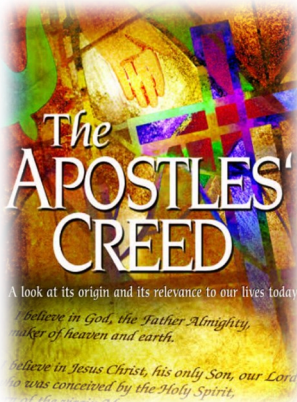
I receive your goodness & release my ungodliness

I receive your faithfulness & release my disloyalty

I receive your gentleness & release my severity

I receive your self-control & release my self-indulgence

Artwork by @jodie888



During the Sundays leading up to Lent (which starts with Ash Wednesday, March 2nd) we will experience and talk about the different elements of the Apostles' Creed. Following upon Baptism of the Lord/Baptism Affirmation (1/16) and the Baptism of Rosalynn Weir (1/23) where the Creed figured prominently in the liturgy, it seems especially appropriate to spend some time with this classic text of the Church.

Most often the creeds are presented as well-defined tenets of doctrine, check lists of standards and beliefs that Christians must dutifully memorize and assimilate. But the creeds are more accurately understood as expressions of faith developed in particular contexts. They were carefully crafted in community, through conversations that were often contentious. But the consensus to which the creeds' composers eventually came faithfully reflected their experiences of God and their commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ. In recognition of the experiential nature of the creeds, and of the Apostles' Creed in particular, we will reflect on each portion of the Creed using one of the Psalms. The Psalms will serve to mediate the individual elements of this creed to express their devotional power as well as their theological purpose. For, like faith itself, the creeds are not only a matter of the head but also of the heart. Our LOUMC youth will also be learning about the Apostles' Creed during their evening sessions, using Adam Hamilton's book, *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*.

SERMON SCHEDULE

January 23	CREED #1	God the Father Almighty	Psalm 103:1-19
January 30	CREED #2	Jesus Christ, God's only Son	Psalm 2
February 6	CREED #3	The Holy Spirit	Psalm 51:1-17
February 13	CREED #4	Church/Communion of Saints	Psalm 145
February 20	CREED #5	Forgiveness of Sins	Psalm 130
February 27	CREED #6	Resurrection of the Body	Psalm 16

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;*
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,

Contributions Welcomed!

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway across from the church office. The fee for altar flowers is \$25 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, 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 gift of altar flowers:

January 16th - Given by Trudy Carney in memory of our parents' January birthdays - Wilfrid and Phyllis Wiseman.

January 23rd - Given by the Hauxwell family; Two arrangements to celebrate the shared birthdays of Sarah Hauxwell and Don Northcote.



Message from Bishop Bard

Finding Resilience, Kindness, and Determination During COVID



Dear Friends in Christ in The United Methodist Churches of Michigan,

I greet you in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the peace and power of the Holy Spirit. May the light of Christ, which we celebrate in the epiphany season, surround you.

One year ago, I sent a pastoral letter

with the following: “Recent news about the coronavirus continues to encourage caution. Cases of COVID remain high across our nation and state, as do hospitalization rates. We continue to set daily records for new infections across the country.” Sadly, I can write the same today. With the omicron variant spreading rapidly, positive test rates are extraordinarily high, as are daily cases. Thankfully, it appears that this variant is less virulent, particularly for those who have been vaccinated and received vaccine boosters.

If you are not vaccinated, I encourage you to get vaccinated. Get vaccine boosters when appropriate. It remains the most important thing you can do to care for yourself and others. The unvaccinated remain those most likely to be hospitalized and suffer severe illness, even with the omicron variant. Get vaccinated and encourage your fellow church members and family members to get vaccinated.

Given rising cases across the state and nation, it makes sense that our churches would strongly encourage and even require masking by everyone when meeting in person and indoors. After vaccinations, masks are the next best tool we have for slowing the spread of the coronavirus, and slowing the spread also prevents the virus from developing into additional new variants. Wear a mask, a high-quality mask that will offer protection. Together, masking and vaccinations will help us turn the tide against COVID.

While we experience the omicron surge, church leaders should

consider moving worship, discipleship groups, and other meetings online for the coming weeks. You know the unique circumstances of your community and are in the best position to make decisions about gathering, whether in-person or online. Moving to virtual worship and meeting is one strategy to consider in navigating this current surge seriously.

In response to this omicron surge, The Michigan Conference has delayed opening its offices for outside groups and encouraged our committees to continue to meet virtually, both through the end of March. Our Appointive Cabinet moved its January appointment retreat online. In a recent essay, directed mainly toward faith leaders, Christian historian and author, Diana Butler Bass wrote: “The next few weeks will be hard. Do not panic. Do not give up. Instead, be prepared. Exercise leadership that models truthfulness, care, and healing. Remember to pray, take small breaks as needed, cry often. But do not surrender. Please keep doing what is right. You aren’t broken; you’re just worn down, sad, and tired. Even in the midst of it all, there’s still love, a healing God, good people, and a beautiful purpose for your life and theirs. You are being called to be your best self as a leader, friend, and neighbor. Tell the truth with intelligence, assurance, integrity, and insistent resolve. Act with compassion and courage. That’s our path to real hope.”

Friends, I continue to believe that by God’s grace, we can muster the resilience, kindness, and determination to do what needs to be done to navigate this pandemic. As followers of Jesus, we can and should lead in promoting public health, furthering the common good, and caring for the well-being of others. When we act out of love for neighbor and care for our community, we offer a powerful witness to the grace of God in Jesus Christ. We allow the light of epiphany to shine more brightly in our world.

Grace and Peace,
David Alan Bard
Michigan Area Bishop



February

28 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.

Week 1

DAY 1- MARK 12:28-31
DAY 2- LUKE 6:27-36
DAY 3- ROMANS 12: 9-16
DAY 4- ROMANS 13: 8-10
DAY 5- 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-7
DAY 6- 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 8-13
DAY 7- EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Week 2

DAY 8- 1 PETER 4: 7-11
DAY 9- 1 JOHN 4: 7-12
DAY 10- 1 JOHN 4: 13-16
DAY 11- 1 JOHN 4: 17-21
DAY 12- JOHN 15:9-13
DAY 13- JOHN 3: 16-21
DAY 14- DEUTERONOMY 10: 12-19

Week 3

DAY 15- DEUTERONOMY 11: 13-15
DAY 16- DEUTERONOMY 11: 18-23
DAY 17- MATTHEW 22: 37-40
DAY 18- MATTHEW 5: 43-45
DAY 19- JOHN 13: 34-35
DAY 20- JOHN 14: 15-21
DAY 21- ROMANS 5: 1-8

Week 4

DAY 22- ROMANS 8: 28-30
DAY 23- MICAH 6: 8
DAY 24- 1 JOHN 2: 15-17
DAY 25- 1 JOHN 3: 1-3
DAY 26- HEBREWS 10: 24-25
DAY 27- DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-9
DAY 28- LUKE 10: 25-28

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



We will be printing historical info about our church for our 150th Anniversary celebration all through 2022.

In 1831 mention is made of the Clark and Eaton schoolhouses where traveling circuit riders conducted services to “proclaim the gospel” for the settlers in this area. Settlers met regularly in the Eaton School until 1866. These early meetings preceded a more formal congregation and church.

Please pray fully consider helping with events with your time and funds. We want to celebrate 150 years of our church. Contributions can be made to LOUMC with “**Anniversary**” in the memo line on the envelope.





February

Weekly Scheduled Events:

Sunday

10:00am Worship
10:00am Kids on the Rock
6:00pm Youth Cafe

Monday

9-3 Sunny Day
10:30am Bible Study (Sh-106)
5:30-6:00pm Community
Meals Drive Thru
7pm Jesus in the Gospels
Book Study

Tuesday

9:15am Bell practice
10:30am Jesus in the
Gospels Book Study
7pm Choir practice

Wednesday

9-3 Sunny Day

Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club
12-3 Sunny Day

Friday

9-12 Sunny Day
Office Closes at noon

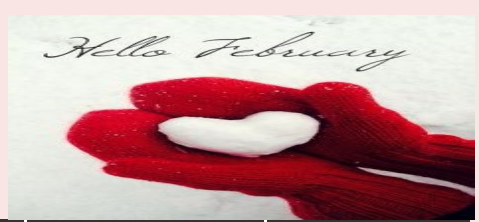
Saturday



Daily

7 PM-Narcotics Anon 123

Sun	Mon	Tue
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6	7	8
<u>Anthony on vacation all week</u>		
13	14	15
	Valentine's Day 	7 pm—Paint Creek 4H Meeting
20	21	22
	Presidents' Day 	
27	28	

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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Groundhog Day 	3 <i>Anthony on vacation</i>	4	5
	9 NAMI Zoom Mtg To register: desteffes@charter.net Contact Bryan or Deb Thom for info bryan debthom@gmail.com	10 <i>Trustees</i> <i>SPRC</i>	11	12
	16	17 <i>Finance</i>	18	19
	23	24 <i>Church Council</i>	25	26
	<i>Anthony on vacation</i>			
				



**Lake Orion United Methodist Church
150th Anniversary Celebration
1872 - 2022**

Anniversary ornaments for sale available soon!

**Rededication of the Church Cornerstone
Pentecost Sunday. June 5, 2022
Tea Party Reception following Service**

**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
(during the Community Lions Club Jubilee)
Hosted by LOUMC UMW
Saturday, June 25, 2022**

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
Sunday, September 18, 2022
Harvest Meal following church service**

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough _____ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should _____ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, _____ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is _____ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come _____ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, _____ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear _____ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it _____.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

_____ PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4



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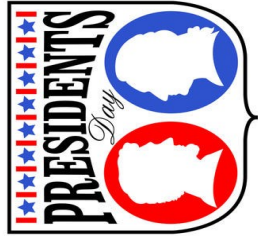
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