

The LINK

March 2019

Education Moment: "Lent"

Lent is a season in the Christian year that lasts for about six weeks. It begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and ends before Easter Sunday. Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty (40) days, in commemoration of the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation. Many people practice giving up temptations (or things that are not so good for them) during Lent. In the Bible, many references are made to the number 40. Here are just a few (see how many others you can find):

- ☐ Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)
- ☐ The Hebrew people wandered 40 years in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33).
- ☐ It is the traditional belief that Jesus laid for 40 hours in the tomb, which led to the 40 hours of total fasting that preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church (the biblical reference to 'three days in the tomb' is understood by them as spanning three days, from Friday afternoon to early Sunday morning, rather than three 24 hour periods of time).

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

E C C L E S I A S T E S 3 : 2 0

My friend, Pat Gooch, wanted me to thank the church for the beautiful quilt. She was so happy to get it. It was made of all the colors she loves. The notes she got will keep her encouraged, as she is back in the hospital and will not be home for a very long time. Love and Blessings - Jo Knotts



A heartfelt thank you for your kindness, cards, and hugs as we have mourned the passing of my mother, Marilyn Duguid.

- - Jim and Linda Fitzpatrick



GET ON BOARD.... We will have our annual rummage sale from the end of April through the beginning of May! We hope as you do Spring Cleaning, you will remember this and offer some of your unneeded “Good Stuff” to the Rummage Sale.

The sale will follow a similar format as in other years. The dates are:

Sunday, April 28th—drop off 11:00 am to 2 pm

Monday, April 29th—drop off 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 30th —drop off 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 1st—sorting and pricing 9:00am to 5:00 pm

(no drop off) - Church Family Sale—5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 2nd— Sale 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday, May 3rd—Sale 9:00 am—5:00 pm with **\$5.00 bag sale**

Beginning at 2:00 pm

Saturday, May 4th - Sale 8:00 am to 10:00 am **ONLY**

Clean up 10:00 am until done

Please help us with donating goods, sorting, pricing, and selling goods, buying “good stuff” and clean up, believe it or not, it is fun!!

As in the past, we will **not** be able to accept crib mattresses, infant car seats, encyclopedias and dictionaries, typewriters, computer parts and components, TV's, auto parts, desks, and gas-powered equipment.

Thank you for your support as we raise funds for our kitchen refurbishing..

In Faith,
Worship and Arts Committee



Euchre Anyone???

The next LOUMC Euchre night is the third Friday of the month, so it will be **Friday, March 15th**. All are welcome and sign up will be on the board outside Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5/ person and will be used to cover snacks and beverages. Please sign up outside Fellowship Hall so we can

plan for seating, etc. Check in is at 6:30 pm and games will begin at 7:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.



VBS 2019
SAVE THE DATE
July 22—26, 2019

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Hello Faith Field Trippers!
We have two more field trips set up
for the month of March, and we'll
start signing up each Sunday in
February. Save these dates!

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph
Catholic Church – evening (7 pm)

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Great Vespers Services at St. Mark
Orthodox Church –
4 pm (in Rochester)

If you have any questions, please give me a call: Emily
Graffeo 248-705-2025



LEADERS NEEDED!

Still looking for leaders and subs for **ALL** Elementary
Sunday School classes! If you LOVE children and are
interested in learning more about the program, please
contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or
dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.



B I B L E

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When men fail you.....	Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	Psalm 51
When you have worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	1 Cor. 13
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns.....	Mark 10
How to get along with fellowmen.....	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity.....	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful.....	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty.....	Psalm 37
If your losing confidence in people.....	1Cor. 13
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Psalm 126
If you find the world growing small, and you great.....	Psalm 19

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DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD

What is Lent?

Lent is an important season in the Church's year. Every year Christians use Lent to prepare themselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday.



When is Lent?

Lent is the forty days before Easter. Christians do not include Sundays in the forty days because they celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.



United Methodist Men will host a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5th in Fellowship Hall from 5 - 7 pm. Please come join us as we enter into the Lenten Season.

FAT TUESDAY Pancake Dinner



Weekly Scheduled Events:



Sunday

08:30, 10:00 Worship
 10:00 Kids on the Rock
 10:00 Youth Cafe
 11:00 Fellowship Time
 11:30 Adult Bible Study (205)

Monday

10:30 Bible Study (Sh)
 11:45 Tai Chi Sword & Tai Chi (122)
 05:30 Community Meal (FH & 105)
 07:00 Disciple II class (120)
 07:00 Small Group (Lockhart's)

Tuesday

09:00 Mothers Morning Out (Nur)
 10:00 Disciple II class (120)
 07:00 Chancel Choir

Wednesday

06:45 BNI (FH)
 10:00 Sermon Review (120)
 07:00 Worship Team Practice

Thursday

09:00 AM - YOGA (122)
 09:00 Mothers Morning Out (Nur)
 09:30 Hallelujah Handbells

Friday

06:00 Women's NA (123/124)

Saturday

Daily

08:00 PM-Narcotics Anon. (123/124)

FH=Fellowship Hall
 Nur=Nursery
 OS=Offsite
 Sh=Shalom Room

Sun	Mon	Tue
3	4	5 <div>FAT TUESDAY Pancake Dinne</div> 
10 <div>First SUNDAY IN LENT</div> 	11	12 <div>01:00 PM UMW (Sh)</div>
17 <div>St Pat's Day</div>	18	19 <div>09:00 AM Prayers & Squares(108)</div>
24 <div>BLOOD PRESSURE BOOK SCREENING</div> 	25	26
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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 07:30 AM - UMM Breakfast (CJ's)
6 7 pm Ash Wednesday Services	7 07:00 PM SPRC (205) No Yoga today	8	9	
13 07:00 PM NAMI (Sh)	14 07:00 PM Trustees (Sh) No Yoga today	15 EUCHRE 	16 9am - 1pm Resurrection Baskets (FH)	
20	21 07:00 PM-Finance (Sh)	22 Fundraiser Setup	23 OHYA Fundraiser	
27	28 7:00 PM-Church Council (120)	29 The Season of Lent	30 	

CREATE EASTER BASKETS FOR 70x7 MINISTRIES

**Location: Lake Orion United Methodist Church
140 E. Flint Street Lake Orion, MI 48362**

**Saturday,
March 16
10am - 12pm
Sponsored by:
provideInc**

Join us and help create what 70x7 Ministries lovingly refers to as "Resurrection Baskets". We will be filling baskets with comfort items, snacks, gifts, and a bit of candy to bless the receiver with gifts of encouragement and reminders of God's love. Volunteers from 70x7 Ministries will distribute the baskets we create to people in need and/or those living "at risk lifestyles" on the streets of Detroit prior to Easter, this April. This service project is great for individuals or families and any age - young children to seniors - are welcome! Questions: Lori@provideInc.org



EASTER BASKET SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR 70x7 MINISTRIES:

- Easter baskets, any kind (The dollar stores usually have nice ones)
- wash cloths (to place in the bottom of the Easter baskets
– NO PLASTIC OR PAPER GRASS PLEASE!)
- candy and chocolate (individually wrapped)
- cellophane Easter Basket wraps
– Easter or gift basket cellophane bags, not on a roll please.
- bags of chips or crackers
- colorful plastic Easter eggs
- colorful ribbon for tying plastic bags on Easter Basket
- decorative shoelaces
- small bottles perfume, body spray, and men's cologne
- fruit snacks or fruit roll-ups
- gum
- hair clips and headbands
- lip balm for men and boys (Chapstick, Burt's Bees, Carmex, Blistex, Aquafor)
- mini bottle of bubbles
- nail polish
- nuts
- packaged cheese & cracker
- pens and pencils (Easter-themed for kids is nice)
- ribbon – colorful, for tying plastic wrap over Easter baskets
- small softcover Bibles or New Testaments
- books - especially spiritual books, books about Jesus and Easter
- small flashlights
- small mirrors
- small toys
- note pad
- sunglasses
- superballs
- trail mix
- wristbands or bracelets



ITEMS WE DO NOT NEED AT THIS TIME:

- stuffed animals
- lip gloss or lip balm for girls and women

REMINDER: United Methodist Women meet March 12. We are looking forward to Juli Stephens share her journey since leaving Lake Orion and moving to Detroit. Her life has been an inspiration in helping those less fortunate and we hope you can join us. We will be meeting at 1:00 in the Shalom Room but plan to have lunch with Juli before the meeting. Please join us at CJs Cafe about 11:30 and call Joyce Marker (248-202-1190) for lunch reservations.

LINK News : Please have all articles for the April 2019 edition to the church office by March 15th.

Working in the Kitchen

Thanks to those who worked at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on January 16th - Jack and Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Kathy Costello, Cindy Katz, Michele Kellogg, Ginny Lavender and Jay Verran. Reminder to those scheduled to work on Wednesday, March 20th are Jim Childers, Cindy Katz, Michele Kellogg, Phil and Ginny Lavender, Bill Porritt and Jay Verran.

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



Do You Know About Lent???

Chances are you'll see a bunch of folks walking around with schmutz on their foreheads on Wednesday (March 6th). The 'Splainer asks what having a dirty forehead has to do with being a Christian and why this ritual is gaining in popularity.

Q: Excuse me, but why do you have dirt on your forehead?

A: Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the day many Christians mark as the first day of Lent, the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. Clergy all over the world dispense ashes, usually made by burning the palm fronds distributed on last year's Palm Sunday, making the sign of the cross on the bowed foreheads before them. As they "impose" or "dispense" the ashes, the pastor or priest reminds each Christian of Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you shall return."

Q: Well, that's cheerful. Why would anyone want to start a workday on such a downer?

A: It isn't intended to be a downer. It's supposed to be a reminder that our lives are short and we must live them to the fullest. OK, maybe it's a little bit of a downer — that verse from Genesis is what God said to Adam and Eve when he expelled them from the Garden of Eden for their sins. But there's a big party the night before Ash Wednesday. That's Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," a secular observance that evolved out of "Shrove Tuesday," the last hurrah — usually marked by eating of pancakes or other sinfully sweet foods — before the solemnity and penance of Lent set in.

Q: OK, so don't invite me over for dinner until Lent is over in 40 days

A: Fun fact: Lent is actually longer than 40 days. There are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, but most churches don't count the Sundays as part of Lent.

Q: I thought only Catholics marked Ash Wednesday?

A: Not anymore. It used to be true that Catholics made up the lion's share of people celebrating Ash Wednesday. But today, most "liturgical churches" — those with a regular, calendar-based liturgy,

including Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Lutherans and other Protestants. Some evangelicals are even beginning to get into the spirit as Baptist churches in Alabama, Texas and Arkansas have smeared some ash in recent years. But the majority of evangelical and Pentecostal Christians don't observe the day, and neither do Mormons.

Q: I don't remember reading about Ash Wednesday in the Bible. Where did the practice come from?

A: That's true; there is no mention of Ash Wednesday in the Bible. But there is a tradition of donning ashes as a sign of penitence that predates Jesus. In the Old Testament, Job repents "in dust and ashes," and there are other associations of ashes and repentance in Esther, Samuel, Isaiah and Jeremiah. By the 10th century, the monk Aelfric tied the practice, which dates to the eighth century, to the period before Easter, writing, "Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent that we strew ashes upon our heads to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during the Lenten fast." By the 11th century, the practice was widespread throughout the church — until Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer, threw the practice out in the 16th century because it was not biblically based. There's no Lent in the Bible, either, though many Christians see it as an imitation of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting and battling with Satan in the desert.

Q: When can you wash the dirt off your face?

A: No one is required to keep the ashes on his or her face after the ritual. But some Christians choose to, perhaps as a reminder to themselves that they are mortal and fallible, while others may choose to leave them on as a witness to their faith in the hope others will ask about them and open a door to sharing their faith.

Lenten prayer

Dear God,
We thank you for your Son
Jesus, we thank you that
he came to teach us and
help us. We thank you
that he died for us and
rose from the dead.
Amen



Prayers Needed

Our prayers and sympathy go out to all of our families and friends, including Linda Fitzpatrick, on the loss of her mother Marilyn Duguid, as well as others who have suffered losses.

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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 WORSHIP 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
NURSERY CARE is available during the 10:00 service.
KIDS ON THE ROCK (Age 3 - Gr. 5) is during the 10:00 service.
[youth café] (Grs. 6 - 12) is during the 10:00 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 PM.
LINK DEADLINE: March 15th for April LINK

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