



The LINK

March 2022



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

Lake Orion United Methodist Church

Fat Tuesday

Pancake Supper Carry-Out

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Enter at Anderson Street Entrance

Masks Recommended During Pick-Up

Free will offering to benefit the
LOUMC Community Assistance Fund.



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.



A message from Pastor John

Seven years ago, Cyndi and I were offered the opportunity to make the transition and come to Lake Orion. We have thoroughly enjoyed becoming a part of each of your lives while serving in the capacity that I have. We have also have enjoyed raising our family in the community, receiving the support that Lake Orion Schools has offered us and we have also appreciated the strong relationships at LOUMC, in Lake Orion and beyond.

I am convinced that being a parent is one of the best gifts that we can experience in life. Much of what we experience in life is filtered through that lens. The lives of our children impact us in so many indescribably ways. Both of our boys have brought a great deal of happiness, satisfaction and joy. This is equally true with having a child with a disability. There is without a doubt unique needs that must always be considered when attending to the needs of our kiddos who have disabilities. After much conversation and planning, Cyndi and I have made the decision to purchase a home in the community to assure that the systems of support that have helped us all thus far continue to sustain both Braeden as well as us. We have also decided that this is the best time for me to make a professional shift as we plan for the future of our family.

As of the end of June 2022 I will be making a transition out of pastoral ministry. We would covet your love and prayers as there is much that still needs to be decided before then. We have greatly appreciated each of you, the life that we have shared and the journey that we have experienced.

The SPRC team will be working through the decisions that will need to be made as it relates to the future of LOUMC in the coming months. I will leave it up to them to communicate with the congregation as they move forward.

I will continue to hold each of you close in my heart as the next chapter of life continues to be written.

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 gifts of altar flowers and other gifts:

January 30th - Altar flowers given by Neil Roberts in memory of Janet Roberts.

February 6th - Altar flowers given in loving memory of my husband, Chuck Myers, whose birthday was January 31st. Given by Fern Myers.

February 20th - Altar flowers given in loving memory of Erin Elizabeth Keener. Given by Kathy McMinn.

February 20th - Given by Mike and Brenda Culverhouse to thank the church for all that we do. They paid for a week of Steeple Lighting, a week of Live Streaming, and two flower arrangements for the altar, along with an anniversary Donation.



*Altar
Flowers*



#FEAST

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FAST



Shrove Tuesday refers to the day before **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the season of Lent. It remembers a tradition of clearing all leavened products from the home for Lent, just as Jewish households often clear their homes of leaven in preparation for Passover.

The word *shrove* is the past tense of the English verb, *shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. Thus, Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the shriving that Christians were expected to do prior to receiving absolution before Lent. Shrove Tuesday is the last day of "shrovetide", somewhat analogous to the *Carnival* tradition that developed separately in countries of Latin Europe.

The term "Shrove Tuesday" is not widely used in the United States outside of liturgical traditions, such as the Lutheran, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic Churches, though it has come back into usage with many United Methodist and other mainline Protestant denominations. Because of the increase in immigrant populations and traditions within the United States since the 19th century, the term "Mardi Gras" is more widely known and used.

This festival is widely associated with the eating of foods such as pancakes, and often known simply as **Pancake Day**, originally because these used up ingredients such as fat and eggs, the consumption of which was traditionally restricted during Lent. ***In Michigan, especially in the Hamtramck area near Detroit with its large Polish community, the day is celebrated as Pączki Day with pączki eating contests, music, and Polish food.***

What will we clean from the cluttered cupboards of our lives for Lent?

What burdens that clutter our hearts and saddle our souls will we get rid of? Will we use Lent as an opportunity to “shrive” – to make amends with God, and with one another, in order to know God’s peace and pardon?

“So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with God in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.” Daniel 9:3 (NIV)



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship Service --

Wednesday, March 2nd 7:00 p.m.

SERMON ON MT Series

March 2	ASH WEDNESDAY	
March 6	Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12 (20)
March 13	Extensions	Matthew 5:21-48
March 20	Practicing Piety	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
March 27	Finding Treasure	Matthew 6:19-33
April 3	Living the Kingdom	Matthew 7:1-29

In the Old Testament, ashes were sprinkled over the head or body to show penance for sin and disobedience, and a desire to repent before God.

Placing ashes (made from the burned palms from the previous Palm Sunday) on the forehead of penitent Christians became a common practice in the 12th century. Even though many Protestant churches stopped using ashes during the Reformation, many denominations have returned to this humbling reminder: “... *for dust you are, and to dust you will return.*” (Genesis 3:19).

In receiving a cross of ashes on our forehead, we acknowledge that we are in need of God’s mercy and forgiveness, and that we hope in God’s unfailing love demonstrated through the life, teaching, ministry, and sacrifice of Jesus.

Lent



Volunteer in the Spotlight: Kathy Castillo



Kathy has been attending LOUMC for about 4 years now, and is involved in several different groups. She is the Blood Drive Coordinator, and has been doing that for the last 3 or so years. She delivers meals each Monday for Community Meals to her friends at Heritage Place. She co-chairs the Angel Tree project with Sue Montgomery, and is on the Mission Committee. Kathy is the Lead for our Church Financials Audit this year, and serves on the Finance Committee. She is

both an usher and a Communion Steward. She says that each of these diverse opportunities to serve came about because someone recognized that she was willing, and had skills for that particular job.

Growing up on a farm in a small community in the Thumb, Kathy saw her neighbors and family helping each other. It was a way of life; if you were able to help, you just did. She enjoys seeing the appreciation for what she does on the faces of the people she encounters. The people who coordinate the Angel Tree project each year were so excited to see Kathy and Sue pull up in an SUV packed with gifts for their clients! The Heritage Place residents all expect to see her each week, and if she is not going to be there, she has to let them know ahead of time, or they worry about her! They say she is their 'ray of sunshine' each week – and who wouldn't love being known for that!

It's interesting to connect with people in the different missions that you wouldn't necessarily see each week in church, Kathy says. There is an opportunity to engage with people you didn't know before. There are so many ways to volunteer and participate in short-lived projects. Not all commitments are long term. She encourages people to find one in an area of interest, with a manageable time frame. Start small if you want. But don't miss out on an opportunity to be someone's 'ray of sunshine'.



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



Music has been an important part of our church history. While no record gives a definite date for the first choir, we are led to believe it started with the early church. An entry in 1896 records mentions a "Singing School" held for ten nights with two classes for different age levels. Early choirs were led by volunteer directors who were dedicated persons who donated their time and talent as have many people who have sung in our choirs throughout the years. A pipe organ was purchased in 1905 and many benefits were held to pay for it. For many years this organ was powered by air, provided by an older boy whose duty it was to stay awake and keep pumping. It is a matter of record that there were a few times when he may have dozed off, much to the consternation of the organist and amusement of the congregation.

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.





LOUMC Has TALENT!!

Do you: Sing? Play an instrument? Dance? Tell Jokes? Juggle?
Ride a Unicycle while Yodeling?
Draw? Paint? Whittle? Knit?

Share your talent with your church family!!

What: All Church Talent and Art Show

When: Sunday May 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM

(Dress Rehearsal and Art Drop-off, Saturday, May 14th)

Where: LOUMC

Why: Free Will Offering for Hand Bell Maintenance Fund

How: Pick up a registration form Sunday mornings at the sanctuary exits, from the church office, or print one from the church website.

Registration Deadline: Sunday May 1st

Please return completed Registration Form to Janice Hammond (church office)



United Methodist Women Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Meet in room 120 - Overflow room

March is wearing of the green for St. Patrick's Day

Wear your green and join us in supportive fellowship to develop friendships, and to help with global ministries, which is ultimately the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Light refreshments will be served.
If you need a ride,
contact Debbie Schmidt at 248-420-9716.



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/>





March 2

Weekly Scheduled Events:

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

Monday
9-3 Sunny Day
10:30am BibleStudy(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
<div>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</div> 		1 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7:30pm
6	7	8 1 pm—UMW meeting Wear your Green!!
13	14	15 7 pm - Paint Creek 4H Meeting 
20	21	22
27	28	29

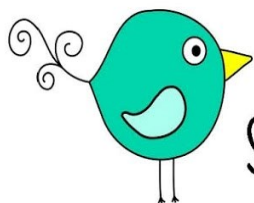
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Ash Wednesday

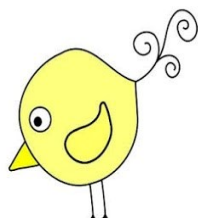
Ash Wednesday; Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the greatest sacrifice.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	3	4	5
9 <i>NAMI Zoom Mtg</i> <i>To register:</i> 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
30	31 		



March

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.

Day 1- Joel 2:12-14
Day 2- Joshua 1:5-9
Day 3- James 1:2-8
Day 4- James 1:9-12
Day 5- James 1:13-18
Day 6- Ephesians 2:4-10
Day 7- Ephesians 4:22-28

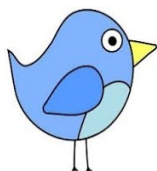
Day 8- Ephesians 4:29-32
Day 9- Romans 15:1-6
Day 10- Psalm 91:1-4
Day 11- Psalm 91:5-8
Day 12- Psalm 91:9-13
Day 13- Psalm 91:14-16
Day 14- Galatians 5:13-15

Day 15- Galatians 6:1-6
Day 16- Galatians 6:7-10
Day 17- Psalm 62:1-5
Day 18- Psalm 62:6-10
Day 19- Psalm 20:1-5
Day 20- Psalm 61:1-5
Day 21- Isaiah 43:1-7

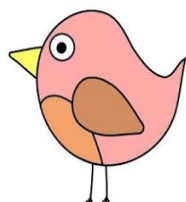
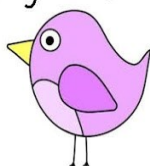
Day 22- Hebrews 6:13-16
Day 23- Hebrews 6:17-20
Day 24- Matthew 5:13-16
Day 25- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15
Day 26- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22
Day 27- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28
Day 28- Matthew 21:21-22

Day 29- James 3:13-15
Day 30- James 3:16-18
Day 31- Choose Your Own Verse

Open my eyes that I may
see wonderful things in your law.



Psalm 119:18



FEASTING ON HIS PRESENCE

A LENTEN BIBLE READING GUIDE

Day 1 begins on Ash Wednesday and Day 40 ends on Holy Saturday.
Taking Sundays off.

Day 1	Isaiah 6:1-7	Day 21	Malachi 4:6
Day 2	Psalms 139	Day 22	Psalms 122
Day 3	Revelation 4	Day 23	Isaiah 9:1-7
Day 4	Psalms 19	Day 24	Isaiah 7:10-16
Day 5	Isaiah 11:1-10	Day 25	Luke 1:26-38
Day 6	Psalms 27	Day 26	Luke 1:46-55
Day 7	Lamentations 3:19-26	Day 27	Luke 2:1-14
Day 8	Psalms 30	Day 28	Isaiah 61
Day 9	Isaiah 43:1-13	Day 29	Luke 4:14-21
Day 10	Psalms 136	Day 30	Psalms 95
Day 11	Job 38: 1-11	Day 31	John 10:11-18
Day 12	Psalms 42	Day 32	Psalms 23
Day 13	Job 38:12-38	Day 33	Zechariah 9:9-10
Day 14	Psalms 16	Day 34	John 12:12-19
Day 15	1 Kings 19:11-13	Day 35	John 16:5-14
Day 16	Psalms 34	Day 36	Isaiah 53
Day 17	1 Chronicles 29:11-13	Day 37	Matthew 27:33-54
Day 18	Psalms 121	Day 38	Psalms 22
Day 19	Exodus 15:1-21	Day 39	Mark 16
Day 20	Psalms 103	Day 40	Revelation 21:1-7



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

Commemorative Anniversary ornaments available!

**FUNdraiser Wojo Days - May 4th and 18th
(10% of sales when LOUMC is mentioned)**

**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**

150th Anniversary Ornaments for Sale!

Our 150th Anniversary Committee is offering for sale Commemorative ornaments of our church building as a memento of this anniversary. You can see from the image that they are quite lovely and detailed, and are of fine quality. The Committee is selling them for \$20 an ornament, but would certainly welcome more with proceeds going toward funding further anniversary events throughout the year.

Ornaments can be purchased after worship at one of the two entrances to the Sanctuary. You can also send in your check (made out to LOUMC) to the office with "ornament" in the memo line and the Committee will set one aside for you and let you know when to pick it up.



Thank you, Thank you...



To all those who shared valentines and special treats with the students at Center for Success. The bags were really filled with so many goodies. Workers at the Center were thrilled with the bags and so excited to share them with these hard-working students. Thank you for caring and sharing in such a generous way!



Shop and benefit the church at the same time. Visit smile.amazon.com and select United Methodist Church of Lake Orion as your charitable organization. Make future purchases through smile.amazon.com and the church will receive .5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Same products, same prices and same service with no cost to you for the benefit to LOUMC. Prime members use in the same manner. Questions? Contact Trudy Carney trudycarney@aol.com (248-693-2558).

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. 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 Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 trudycarney@aol.com.



Year Round Stewardship

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year round – consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes each week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Visit the LOUMC website at www.lakeorionumc.org for the link that will take you to the LOUMC giving webpage to set up your online contribution.



Easter is April 17th

Easter is coming! Once again the Worship in the Arts committee will be selling plants to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Because we will not be set up in the Fellowship Hall to take orders, all orders will be done through phone calls or email. Contact Daryl DeBano at 248 622 1154 or at dardebano@gmail.com or ochoanancyj@gmail.com if you wish to place an order.

Once you order your plants, please drop off the check or cash to Pat in the LOUMC office. She has graciously agreed to collect for us! We would appreciate a timely payment so we can make sure all plants are covered. If you have a notation for the flowers, please include that with your payment. We will also need to know if this is a donation or you will be picking the flowers up.

Flowers will be available for pick up on Easter Sunday from 11:30 to 12 outside Fellowship Hall. You can drive up and we will bring them out to you.





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

About People

Jyl Acker, Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Linda Carpenter, Brenda Culverhouse, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Keith and Diane Deaton, Paulie Egner, Bob Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Marcia Keller, Joy Makedonsky, Joyce Marker, Neil McCallum, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Edward Naylor, Martha and Don Northcote, Pat Parkin, Rick Popchock, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Patty Salisbury, Barry Schwerin, Lance Sumbur, Laurie Trafton, Roger Waite, Jim and Judy Wright, Kathy Young, Oxford School Community, 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, 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 afternoons



***Wesley,
our new intern!***

LINK DEADLINE: March 15th for April LINK

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

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