



# The LINK

## April 2023

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



***Part TWO of the Rummage Sale will be drop off  
April 16th from 12 to 3 and  
April 17th and April 18th from 9 to 5.***

***This sale will NOT include furniture***

***Sale begins April 19th from 5 to 7 p.m.  
(Church Members only) and***

***April 20th and 21st from 9 to 5.***

***Saturday April 22nd sales from 8 to 10 a.m. only,  
followed by cleanup.***

***We are excited to offer this to our church and  
community - looking for lots of helpers to insure  
our success - hope to see you there!***

# RUMMAGE



# *From the Pastor's Desk*



Some years it has been difficult, in the middle of Lent, to “shift gears” and to write an Easter letter. This year has been an exception. Part of the reason it is less difficult this year is our current worship theme of Spirituals. While the spirituals all recognize the heaviness of the Black experience, a heaviness appropriate to the Lenten season, each one of them also contains some sort of revolutionary twist, some sort of imaginative tweaking of the story that lifts up hope in the midst of the heavy. Janice mentioned to me a couple of weeks ago that the more traditionally Lenten, somewhat somber postludes (music after the service) that she had originally chosen to play really didn’t fit with the spirit of the services – so at the last minute she played music that was brighter instead, unexpected notes of Easter!

It reminded me that while the liturgical calendar lists Sundays of Advent, it lists Sundays in Lent. The Sundays of Advent contain Advent; they wait for Christmas. But the Sundays in Lent do not contain Lent. In fact, they are not actually counted as part of the 40 days of Lent. Rather they are little insertions of resurrection day – Easter – into the calendar. The spirituals sneak little bits of Glory Hallelujah praise in between the days of penitence. And we are better off for it.

It is also easier writing an Easter letter to you this year because of the signs of new life I see all around us in our congregation. After a lengthy season of decline and dismay, and of the disconnectedness with which COVID plagued us, I can practically hear the stone rolling away from the mouth of the tomb! There is a lightness among us, a growing spirit, a renewed energy to reconnect with one another to connect across the generations in new and intentional ways. Staff is revitalized with the addition of Rev. Linda Cochran to our

Intergenerational Ministry efforts. Small groups are thriving. Worship is blossoming. And collectively we are rededicating ourselves to LOUMC's uniquely missional identity. Don't get me wrong; there is still a TON of work to be done. But it is a joyful work, and a work with which we are blessed. A work that, embarked on together with the Spirit as our guide, we can do.

Lastly, another reason this Easter letter is easier to write this year, is that for the first time since I have been here at LOUMC, our Finance team and Church Council have developed and approved a budget which actually matches up with the amount of money we took in last year. Moreover, last year's giving (for the first time in a while) actually exceeded the giving from the previous year. As I ask for your generous giving in the Easter season, I can do so feeling better than ever about the wise stewardship of our resources. Again, this is no reason to rest on our laurels - or to bury our one talent in the ground, playing it safe; there is plenty more ministry to do, mission to live, and monies to give. But we can be grateful that we are in a place of greater financial freedom and stability, less inhibited by anxiety and fear for the future. So please, as you think about your personal blessings and the collective blessing that this congregation is to you, to the entirety of our faith community, and to the broader community of Lake Orion and beyond, give with glad and generous hearts as you are able.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Larry Wik*



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HE IS RISEN

Forgiven

For God so Loved the World

LAMB <sup>of God</sup>

love

He is Risen Indeed

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH

Eternal Life

Redeemer

my savior



# LENTEN JOURNEY FOR KIDS

*We continue our Lenten Journey.*

*Please begin in worship as a family and during the second Hymn the children ages 4 yrs. old - 5th grade will be dismissed.*

**April 2nd Palm Sunday is SANDAL SUNDAY**  
**Palm Procession for children and families!**  
***\*Wear your sandals and walk in Jesus footsteps!***

**April 9th Easter Sunday Egg-stravaganza!**  
**Games, crafts and celebration!**

***Easter Egg Hunt following worship at 11:00 a.m.***

## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER**

***We would like to have donations for our Easter Egg Hunt! Please purchase at least 2 dozen plastic eggs and fill them with non-chocolate candy or stickers. Tape the plastic egg around the middle and return to the church by April 9<sup>th</sup>!***  
***We would like to have 200 plus eggs!***



**LIFE'S A GIFT. GIVE MORE OF IT. DONATE BLOOD.**



**American  
Red Cross**

**Lake Orion United Methodist Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

**140 E. Flint Street, Lake Orion**

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 1:30 PM TO 7:30 PM**

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code: loumc1 or call Kathy, Blood Program Leader at (248) 770-3215. Save time by using RapidPass on the day of donation to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to the appointment. Get started at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or by using the Blood Donor App on your smart phone.

Health and safety measures will be in force for this event. Donors will be issued a face mask if they don't bring their own. More details available at <http://www.lakeorionumc.org/upcoming-events.html>.







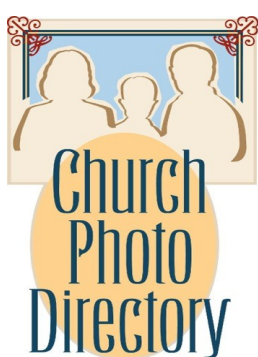
## ***Easter is April 9<sup>th</sup>***



Easter is coming! Once again the Worship in the Arts committee will be selling plants (***azaleas, daffodils, hyacinths, hydrangeas and Easter Lilies***) to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We will be set up in the Fellowship Hall to take orders or through phone calls or email. Contact Daryl DeBano at 248 622 1154 or at [dardebano@gmail.com](mailto:dardebano@gmail.com) or [ochoanancyj@gmail.com](mailto:ochoanancyj@gmail.com) if you wish to place an order. We will be selling in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays – March 12th, March 19th, and March 26th. Flowers will be available for pick up on Easter Sunday after the service.

Once you order your plants, you may 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 following service.





## **Getting to be that time again!!!**

It's been **SEVEN YEARS** since we had a photo directory! Time for a new one! Appointments can be made online or by calling Pat in the office. ***Photo dates will be Friday, May 12th from 2-8 p.m. and on Saturday, May 13th from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.***

There are other churches nearby that are also having photo sessions scheduled, so if you can't make those dates work for you, check with Pat and she can give you the info for churches in Pontiac, Oxford, and others. If you are not able to sit for a picture - or live outside of our area and join us online, you may submit a photo to be included in the directory.

***You are part of our family!!***

Everyone who is photographed by Universal Church Directories will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a photo directory. If you have other family or friends who wish to have a professional photo, they may sign up and do not have to be included in the directory. ***To schedule a sitting: Sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after service or go online to [www.UCDir.com](http://www.UCDir.com) select appointments on the right side of the screen, and type in our code "Mi1397" and password "photos" and select a day and time that works for you. (codes are case sensitive).***

Now that COVID has mostly passed and we are getting back together in person, it's a great time to have a directory so we can celebrate our church family! Stay tuned!





## **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 \$20 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:*

**March 5th** - Altar flowers given in memory of our special greeter, Jim Wright. Given by Trudy Carney.

**March 5th** - Live stream given for the month of March by Carol Richardson to celebrate Tom and Carol's 29th wedding anniversary (they were married here - 3/12/94).

**March 12th** - Altar Flowers given in honor of Len Sheldon's 3rd year anniversary of passing away. Given by Sam Mervak.

**March 12th** - Steeple lighting given by Lynn and Tim Pete in honor of grandson Ethan Spearing.

**March 19th** - Altar flowers in memory of Carol Ehman, given by Fred Ehman.

**March 19th** - Altar flowers in memory of my daughter and mother, given by Bonnie Walker.

**March 26th** - Altar flowers celebrating Martha Northcote's 81st birthday.

**March 26th** - Altar flowers and Steeple Lighting given to celebrate Bob and Patsy Ramsay's 23rd anniversary.





# April

## Weekly Events:

### Sunday

10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour (FH)  
11:30am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm Youth Café

### Monday

9-3 Sunny Day Preschool  
10:30am Bible Study (Sh-106)  
5:30-6:00pm Drive Thru  
Community Meals

### Tuesday

Book Study 10:30am  
7pm Choir practice

### Wednesday

9-3 Sunny Day Preschool  
Sermon Review 10:30am

### Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club  
1 pm Bell practice  
10-11 Sunny Day  
12-3 Sunny Day Preschool

### Friday

Office Closes at noon  
9-12 Sunny Day Preschool





### Daily

7 PM-Narcotics Anon (123)

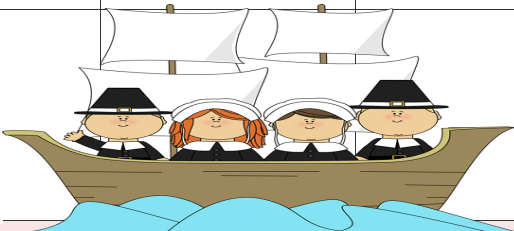
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2  Palm Sunday	3	4
9  Easter Sunday	10	11
16	17	18
	Pat V	
	Rummage Sale	
23	24	25 Paint Creek 4 
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# 2023



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 8 am UMM Lake House Breakfast 
	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bells practice 12-3
<b>12</b> Book Club 10am 	<b>13</b>  United Women in Faith UMWF 10am Trustees /SPRC	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Rotary Club event	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Finance	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bells practice 12-3	
vacation all week				
Thrift Store Sale Week				
<b>26</b> 4-H 	<b>27</b> Church Council	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	

April  
flowers  
day flowers





**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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of participating retailers, or Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 [trudycarney@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.lakeorionumc.org) for the link that will take you to the LOUMC giving webpage to set up your online contribution. ***(FYI - Using PayPal or your credit card for any contributions - just be aware that a percentage fee is taken from those contributions.)***



Secure Payments By



**NO PAYPAL ACCOUNT NEEDED!**



# April

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## SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

# Repentance & Renewal

Day 1: II Corinthians 6:1-2

Day 2: Revelation 3:19-22

Day 3: Ephesians 5:8

Day 4: Hebrews 10:16-17

Day 5: Philippians 1:3-6

Day 6: Galatians 6:1-5

Day 7: II Peter 3:13-14

Day 8: II Timothy 1:12-13

Day 9: Philippians 3:13-14

Day 10: James 5:16

Day 11: James 5:19-20

Day 12: II John 9

Day 13: I John 3:1-3

Day 14: II Corinthians 6:16-18

Day 15: Hebrews 7:25-27

Day 16: II Corinthians 7:9-10

Day 17: I John 2:28

Day 18: I Corinthians 13:11-12

Day 19: I John 1:5-10

Day 20: Hebrews 12:1-3

Day 21: Titus 3:3-7

Day 22: I Peter 1:22-23

Day 23: I Timothy 1:14-17

Day 24: Ephesians 6:11

Day 25: Hebrews 2:1-4

Day 26: II Corinthians 13:5

Day 27: Ephesians 2:1-7

Day 28: Ephesians 2:8-10

Day 29: I Peter 3:10-12

Day 30: Luke 15:20-24

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.  
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

*The Ruffled Mango*





## **Did you know???**

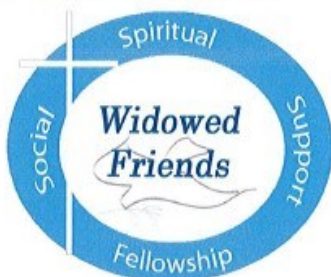
Did you know that we have bins to collect eyeglasses? They are located at the east and west entrance doors. The Lions Club takes your donations and sends them overseas to those who need them. Doesn't matter what frame, or what prescription, they will be checked and

refurbished by their doctors. So look in those drawers and find those glasses that you don't use and pass them along to the Lions Club so they can pass them on for continued use. For any info, contact Jim Childers.



## **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

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month via ZOOM.**

**To register: [desteffes@charter.net](mailto:desteffes@charter.net)**

Contact Debbie or Bryan Thom if you have any questions.  
248.762.1141 or [bryandebthom@gmail.com](mailto:bryandebthom@gmail.com)

**NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness**  
<http://namimetro.org/>

## **Donate Pill Bottles**

UMW are recycling used pill bottles.  
This is an easy way to help people in need.  
They can be dropped off by the office or  
fellowship hall. Thank you for your help!



Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies. Pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps  
(child resistant)

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you wish to prepare bottles for shipment rather than recycling, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
- Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.
- Put in plastic bags to keep them clean.



## Memorial Walk and Garden

Ten years ago, in celebration of LOUMC's 140th Anniversary, a memory garden/walk was created. The memory walk includes engraved bricks that honor the memory of departed family and friends. The cost of each 8" x 4" brick is \$50, which includes the lettering (14 spaces/3 lines) and placement in the memory walk.

Work on the garden/walk begins in spring. Simply fill out the form and place cash or check (made out to LOUMC with "Memorial Brick" on the memo line) in an envelope. For multiple brick orders, please complete one grid section for each brick. One check may be written for multiple orders. *You may mail the form and payment OR drop it in the office mailbox at the Slater Street entrance (the office has the only key).* Orders will continue on an ongoing basis. Thank you for supporting LOUMC's Memory Garden and Walk. Please contact Kathy McMinn via text at 248-693-1895 or [kathymcminn@cavtel.net](mailto:kathymcminn@cavtel.net) if you have any questions. Order forms are available at church.

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Thank you to the Lake Orion Lions Club for continuing their commitment to provide the funding and workers to prepare 4 meals a year. They were wonderful on Monday, February 27th! Thank you!



*Thank you to United Methodist Women in Faith (UMW) for contributing the donations from the recent Bake Sale. The profits from this sale will provide the funding for two of our Monday night meals (a total of 280 meals). Thank you!*

**Thank you to Joanne Purdon and Amy Elwert for providing the bread for our Communion Services. Your service is greatly appreciated**



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





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

## **About People**

Jyl Acker, Sharon Anton, Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Linda Carpenter, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Gloria Dunning, Bob and Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Janine Langegger, Joy Makedonsky, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Edward Naylor, Bill and Kareen Olson, Pat Parkin, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Karen Schadel, Carol and Bill Stark, Laurie Trafton, Roger Waite, Ross Waite, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

**Prayer Chain:** Kathy McMinn @ 248-770-8390 (text)  
KathyMcMinn@cavtel.net



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](http://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: April 15th for May 2023 LINK**

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

Phone: 248-693-6201, Email: [Loumc1@lakeorionumc.org](mailto:Loumc1@lakeorionumc.org)

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MISSED A SUNDAY?

CHECK OUT OUR  
SERMONS ONLINE!

