

# The LINK

**May 2023**

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



**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](http://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](http://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>.





## 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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14


*WOJO'S Greenhouse & Garden Center*  
and  
*Lake Orion United Methodist Church*

*FUNdraiser to support Blessings in a Brown Bag Lunch Program*

***Tuesday, May 16th  
and  
Thursday, May 18th***



*Everything you need including trees and shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, planters, roses, ornamental grasses. Fundraiser does not include purchase of gift cards.*

**Mention LAKE ORION CHURCH at checkout for us to receive credit.**



**10% of your Total Sales will be donated.  
Visit one of the two locations:**

***Wojo's*** 

**2570 Oakwood, Ortonville 248-627-6498  
7360 E. Court Street, Davison 810-658-9221**

# United Women in Faith **Spring** Banquet

**Thursday May 18th, 2023**

All women, friends and family are invited and encouraged to attend.

## **West Wynd Golf Course**

4161 N Adams Rd (Adams & W Rd Gunn)

**Gathering: 5:30**

Light snack

**Program: 6:00 Humble Design**

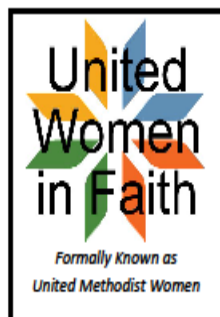
**Dinner: 6:30**

Harvest Salad with Chicken, Rolls,  
Coffee, Tea & Pop, Dessert

**Women of Faith Update**

following dinner

**Cost: \$30**



**RSVP By  
Friday, May 3rd, 2023**



**HUMBLE DESIGN**

*togetherness to end homelessness*

fully furnishing the homes of families, military veterans and individuals who are emerging from homelessness.

**Our Vision:** We create dignity through design. A house is not a home without a warm bed and a place to gather with family. Our home makeovers create self-empowerment and long-term stability. Humble Design sets families on a course toward a bright and hopeful future.

**Our Mission:** From homeless to hopeful: Humble Design transforms lives and communities by custom designing and



**Chris Tull**  
Director  
Humble Design Detroit

**RSVP By Friday, May 3rd, 2023**

Sandy Weaver 248 321-5218, clwsrweav@aol.com, 2125 W Buell Rd. Oakland, MI 48363 ~~or the church office~~

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

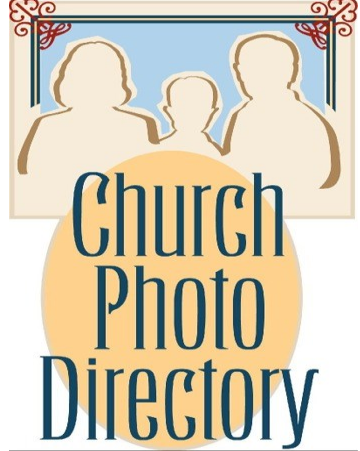
## **Getting to be that time again!!!**

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. AND Thursday, June 1st from 1-6 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 (May 2-6), 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).***





## ***Endowment Update***

Our church's Endowment was created over 30 years ago. It is a financial investment account that is to live in perpetuity and has been funded by donations from church members. Some of the investment earnings generated by the account are distributed each year to support the ministry of the church.

A donation to our Endowment is different than a memorial donation. A memorial donation is in honor of someone and is typically for the one-time support of a program or charity whereas an Endowment donation can be a general donation that lives on forever.

In 2022 an Endowment distribution of \$6,716.43 was made for our church's music program, flowers for Mother's Day, education, and a one-time need for an upgrade to our security system.

Our Endowment funds are invested in the Balanced Fund offered by the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan which was founded in 1926. This is the same organization that holds our church's mortgage. The investments made by the Foundation are consistent with the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. During the last ten years the Balanced Fund has had an average annual return of 6.8%. At the end of 2022 the value our Endowment was \$131,114.23 prior to any distributions.

To ensure the longevity of our Endowment, the annual withdrawal, or distribution, is limited to 5% of the average end-of-year balance for the previous five years. However, given the poor stock and bond market performance in 2022 it has been agreed to reduce the 2023 distribution to 4% of the average or \$5,189.49.

The annually withdrawn funds are placed into allowable spending accounts. All donations to the Endowment are considered unrestricted unless someone donates more than \$1,000 and specifies otherwise. The current proportion of the annually distributed funds that can be spent in each account are:

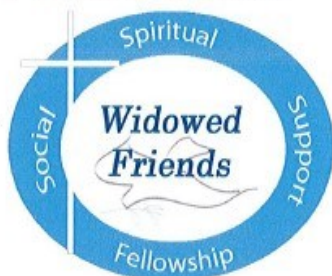
- 72% Unrestricted
- 13% Mother's Day Flowers
- 10% Education
- 5% Music

The balance of our Endowment, the funds distributed from the Endowment, and the spending of those funds are documented in the Treasurer's monthly report.

For more information on our Endowment, or to donate, please contact Jan Butcher, Trudy Carney, Carol Hermann, or Clint Syverson.

# 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



**Welcome**  
to our  
**Church**  
**Family**

***Welcome new member Russ Baker! We're  
glad that you've been baptized and joined our  
church family.***



## **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:*

**April 2nd** - Altar flowers given in memory of Gaines Greenhill, from his family.

**April 2nd** - Livestream given in honor of Matt Blaylock for the month of April.

**April 9th** - Altar flowers given in honor of Jeanne and Kraig Draggoo's 36th wedding anniversary.

**April 9th** - Steeple Lighting given in honor of Tim Ehman, given by Fred Ehman.

**April 16th** - Altar flowers given in memory of Phyllis Paradee, given by Sid Paradee.

**April 16th** - Steeple Lighting given in memory of my husband Dave, given by Carol Schlicht.





**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.)**



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**NO PAYPAL ACCOUNT NEEDED!**



# May

## 31 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- COLOSSIANS 1:3-7  
DAY 2- COLOSSIANS 3:15-17  
DAY 3- 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 15-22  
DAY 4- DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9  
DAY 5- JOHN 14: 1-4  
DAY 6- JOHN 14:15-21  
DAY 7- PSALM 27: 1-5

### Week 3

DAY 15- ISAIAH 55:8-13  
DAY 16- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-14  
DAY 17- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:15-21  
DAY 18- JOHN 15: 1-5  
DAY 19- JOHN 15:6-11  
DAY 20- JOHN 15:12-17  
DAY 21- PSALM 126: 1-6

### Week 2

DAY 8- PSALM 27: 6-14  
DAY 9- PSALM 91: 1-8  
DAY 10- PSALM 91: 9-16  
DAY 11- PSALM 23: 1-6  
DAY 12- PSALM 121: 1-8  
DAY 13- PSALM 67:1-7  
DAY 14- ISAIAH 55: 1-7

### Week 4

DAY 22- PSALM 19:1-6  
DAY 23- PSALM 19:7-14  
DAY 24- PSALM 73: 21-26  
DAY 25- ISAIAH 40: 1-6  
DAY 26- ISAIAH 40:7-11  
DAY 27- ISAIAH 40:12-17  
DAY 28- ISAIAH 40: 18-21

### Week 5

DAY 29- ISAIAH 40:22-26  
DAY 30- ISAIAH 40: 28-31  
DAY 31- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSES

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



# May

## 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)

Sun	Mon	Tue
	1 Happy May Day 	2
7	8	9
14 Mothers Day 	15	16 Paint Cre Wojo Flower 
21	22	23
28	29	30
		

# 2023

Wojo Flower Days



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3	4 HAPPY STARWARS DAY  MAX THE FOURTH	5  HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO	6 8 am UMM Lake House Breakfast  UNITED METHODIST <b>MEN</b> Bells practice 12-3
	10 Book Club 10am  	11  United Women in Faith UMWF 10am Trustees /SPRC <b>RED CROSS</b>  <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>	12 Photo Directory sitting in Fellowship Hall 2-8pm	13 Photo Directory sitting in Fellowship Hall 10:30am - 4pm
ek 4H r Day 	17	18 Finance Wojo Flower Day 	19	20
	24	25 Church Council	26	27
	31	June 1st  EXTRA Photo Directory sitting 1-6pm	2	3





A very special “*THANK YOU*” to everyone who sent a card, said a prayer, and voiced their concern for me with their phone calls while I was in the hospital! Just knowing that someone cares for your wellbeing means so much. Also being able to watch our

church service using live stream lifted my spirits and gave me a sense of comfort. Thanks, it is so great to have a “church family”!

*Ruth Verran*



A flowering cherry tree was recently donated in memory of Paulie Egner and Don Northcote.

The tree is located on the west side of church. Joy Makedonsky donated this tree in memory of her friends, Paulie and Don.



## **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/>

A vertical rectangular graphic with a light pink background. On the left side, there are several pink orchids with dark centers. On the right side, the words "thinking of you" are written in a large, purple, cursive font. Below this, there is a block of text in black and purple, followed by contact information for Ruth Carlson. At the bottom right, there is a white decorative swirl and the website "DesiComments.com" in a small, grey font.

thinking of you

*Ruth Carlson asked if she could be included in the next newsletter. **Here you are Ruth!!** She would appreciate prayers for her declining eye sight. Her son reads her email ([rwcarlson.59@gmail.com](mailto:rwcarlson.59@gmail.com)) to her daily and she so appreciates keeping informed on her church family. Cards & calls:*

**Ruth Carlson  
Adored Living  
185 E South Blvd  
Rochester Hills MI 48307  
(248)289-6055**

DesiComments.com



# Easter Flower Dedications



## **Easter Lilies**

Debbie Schmidt

In memory of Phyllis Ovenshire

Ken and Amy Elwert

Happy Easter!

Leann and Ron Lowe

In memory of Ruth Lowe

Patty Salisbury

In memory of my sister, Pamela

The DeBano Family

In memory of John and Marian  
DeBano

The DeBano Family

In memory of Walter and  
Charlie Robertson

Frank and Nancy Ochoa

With love, in honor of Franki  
Goodman Ochoa

Deb and Ken Simkowski

In memory of our parents

## **Hyacinths**

Jerry and Trudy Carney

In memory of our parents

Dennis and Daryl DeBano

In honor of our children

Stan and Rosemary Ford  
Cole and

In memory of Ted and Benita  
Robert Ford

Marv and Marian Middleton

Happy Easter!

***Continued on the next pages.....***

## ***Easter Flower Dedications continued:***

### **Daffodils**

Jerry and Trudy Carney	In honor of our grandchildren
The Lavender Family	In loving memory of son and brother Michael (Micky) Lavender
Jon and Kathie Blaylock	In loving memory of Paulie Egner
David and Cynthia Walters	In honor of our beautiful daughters
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Martha Northcote	In memory of Don Northcote
Sharon Waite	In honor of grandson Dawson
Bonnie Walker	In memory of our daughter, Jessica
Frank and Nancy Ochoa	In loving memory of Jean and Gaines Greenhill
Frank and Nancy Ochoa	In loving memory of Herlinda Molina
Bob and Sue Erickson	In memory of our moms - Fran and Ardis
Emily and Anthony Graffeo	In honor of our grandchildren - Nathan, Tyler, Aubrey, Eve, and Henry
Barry and Kathy McMinn	In honor of our mothers - Ermine McMinn and Sarah Hauxwell
Rick and Patty Kalso	In honor of our children and grandchildren



## **Hydrangeas**

Ron and Gayle Cater

In honor of our children and  
Grands!

Sharon and Dennis Keener

In honor of Sarah Hauxwell

Ken and Amy Elwert

Happy Easter!

Joy Makedonsky

In loving honor of Bill and Pansy  
Bailey

Barb and Larry Lieb

Happy Easter!

Pat Parkin

Happy Easter!

Paul and Sandy Reile

Happy Easter!

Cristie and Don Tyrrell

In honor of our parents

## **Azaleas**

Joanne and Jim Purdon

Happy Easter!

Marcia Keller

In honor of our kids - Kristine,  
Kim, Joel, John, Kendra, Liza, and  
Nate

Marcia Keller

In loving memory of my husband,  
Eric

Larry and Marilyn Gaskins

In honor of our family

Julia McQueen

In memory of John Katona

Linda and David Fairchild

Happy Easter!

Sandy and Charlie Weaver

In memory of our parents - Walt  
and Lorraine Weaver and Harold  
and Eva Vik



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

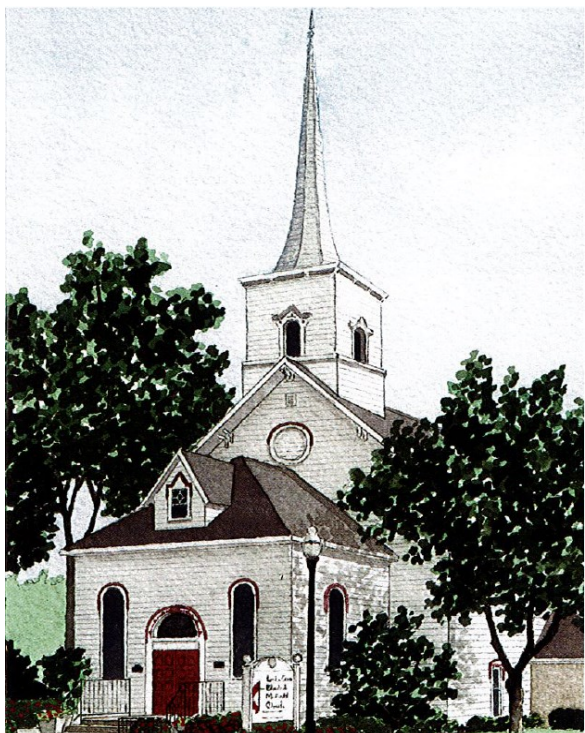
That there is a church dropbox at the Slater Street door. If you happen to stop by to drop something to the office, and building doors are closed, feel free to drop your item into the dropbox.

It is emptied weekday mornings. The office has the key, so it can't be left for anyone other than staff. This is an easy way to drop

off your tithe to be counted on. Just an easy way if your time is rushed and it's too late to put into the US Mail.

## ***Notecards are available***

***We have these 4 x 6 blank notecards for you to purchase. They are available at the Scrip table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Cards are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Profits are for the Worship and the Arts committees.***



## 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.



**CARDBMAKERS 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, Ruth Carlson, Linda Carpenter, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Gloria Dunning, Bob and Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Janine Langegger, Joy Makedonsky, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Edward Naylor, Bill and Kareen Olson, Pat Parkin, Ralph and Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, 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: May 15th for June 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)

[www.facebook.com/lakeorionumc](http://www.facebook.com/lakeorionumc)

## **STAFF**

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734-735-1334 cell

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248-520-0527 cell

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248-693-6201

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**Secretary**

Pat Matthews

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**Music Director**

Janice Hammond

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**Janitor**

Anthony Graffeo





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