The LINK

June 2026

Please check our website for changes regarding any posted events.

The Blessings in a Big Bag program will start later this month. Once a month we give Meijer gift cards purchased from our script program to allow the purchase of fresh fruit and milk. In addition, every other week we will deliver grocery staples. If you care to purchase items we could use to fill the Big Bag, please leave them on the counter in the Blue Room #103).

The cost of sponsoring a child for the summer last year was $200+ and probably more this year. Last year we provided for over 80 children. We were underfunded and hope that it doesn't happen again this year. We really could use your additional funds. Your dollars and your change helps feed our kids.

If anyone is interested in helping pack or deliver, please let me know. We are excited to continue this much needed program. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mic and Connie Sumbur
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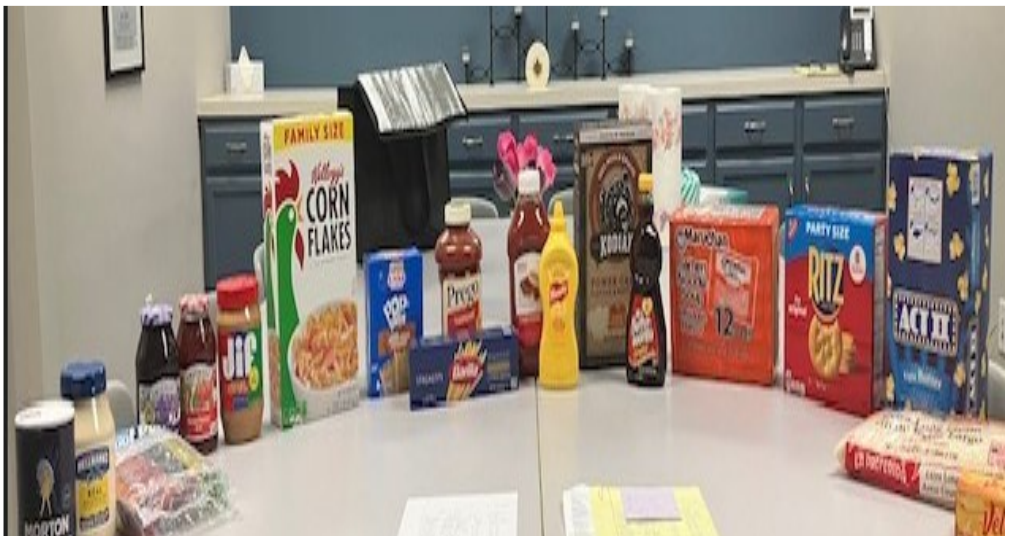

Worship and the Arts would like to offer a huge thank you to all who supported the recent Church Rummage Sale. To those who donated goods or bought things. Thank you! But especially thank you to all who hauled stuff, folded or arranged things, sold things or cleaned up and hauled leftover items! And, thank you to those who fed the workers each day! Truly, we could not have done this without each and every one of you - you are extraordinary!

Reflecting back, this was our 26th Rummage Sale. We now have a good reputation for this sale throughout our community and nearby villages. People tell us they look forward to this sale each year! Generally, we earn a bit more or less than $5,000 each year, and that leads to an extraordinary overall amount of $100,000. This year we earned $7,657.90! Incredible!! This has supported our church in so many ways! Many projects were possible because of our Rummage Sale. And always with the help and support of Trustees. We have and continue to be our faithful Church Community! Thank you, Thank you!

BBB

Blessings in a Big Bag

LOUMC had a successful year administering the Blessings in a Big Bag program. **We served over 100 people (80 families) six deliveries over the summer.**

One factor that helped us reduce our program expenses was the food contributions from our church family that progressively came in over the summer. We think that if we target a couple of needed food items each month until the program begins again in 2026, it will greatly help to further reduce the per child cost of the program. We will store these food items in the Blue Room until needed so please watch for notice of requested food items in The LINK and the All Church E-mail.

We are collecting: CEREAL, PASTA and PASTA SAUCE, and PROTEIN BARS, BREAKFAST BARS, MAC & CHEESE BOXES. We welcome all of these donations and will continue to collect them, and for now - *the Spring - we are asking for JUICE BOXES and FRUIT CUPS - so the kids can get their snack on their own.* *(please be aware that food will not be distributed until **JUNE 2026**, so please check expiration dates)!*

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A Special Worship Service June 7th

If you think you missed our special worship service on Mother's Day that the children had worked so hard on, you are in luck! The children will share their *Fruit of the Spirit* presentation on Sunday, Jun 7th during worship!

This will also be *Graduation Sunday*! If we have graduates from any High School, College and/or Higher Education program please let us know right away. We want to celebrate the accomplishments of our children and grandchildren.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

While we hope we are aware of those in our congregation who are graduating, either from high school or college this year, inevitably there are folks whose achievements have slipped under our radar. Even if you are reasonably sure we know that you or your family member is graduating in 2025, would you PLEASE contact Rev. Linda Cochran, Lcochranrun@gmail.com or through the church office at 248-693-6201, and let us know ASAP.

Graduation Sunday will be on June 7, 2025 and we will honor each of our graduates and celebrate with them on that day. We hope as of many of them as possible and their families - and as many from you in the congregation - will come to be a part of that special day!

Save these dates for "Behind the Scene" Volunteers

Needed in the month of June: Volunteers to come to gather at church and work on a small sewing project! See Pastor Linda

Decorating days: July 6th - 11th (Time TBD)

Wednesday, July 15th: 1:00 p.m.

Those that can help sew and complete our snakes!

MENS TIES!

Lake Orion United Methodist Church

Rainforest Falls VBS 2026

Monday July 13th - Thursday July 16th

Times: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Please contact Madie Parker-Zurkan to be on the VBS Team!

- As we get closer to the big day more donating opportunities will be available. Right now we ask if you have any of the following please feel free to drop it off in our VBS bins outside of the Pastor Linda's office.
- Brown packing paper
- Gently used stuffed animals that are rainforest themed, large ones preferably
- Paper towel tubes
- Blue and/or green plastic tablecloths from the dollar store
- Any faux flowers for decoration purposes
- Bright color flower leis from the Dollar Store or other!
- Big boxes: at least 12" x 14" (the bigger the better)
- Blue painters tape
- Plastic vines
- Faux butterflies
- Sharpies
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To register: please use the link or the QR code below: https://vbspro.events/p/loumcrainforestfalls

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.

Upcoming Work dates:
Wednesday June 24th, Thursday June 25th
Wednesday July 8th, Thursday July 9th
10am - 12 noon

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.

Dear Friends of Lake Orion UMC,
Thank you for your prayers, kindness and support throughout Athanasia (Sia) Garceau's illness. We are truly grateful for friends as yourselves, who wrote us to give comfort during this trying time in our lives.
We are blessed to have had a wonderful sister who was sweet, caring and respectful of everyone. We are left with beautiful memories. They give us peace and strength. We wish you blessings and love.
Thank you Sincerely,
The family of Athanasia (Sia) Garceau and Effie Vitinaros

Where can you find a Little Jesus in 2026?

Greetings from Terra Ceia FL.
I thought you might enjoy this photo I took while I was down in Florida.

Kind regards,
Mike Starrs
Starrs Roofing

Add a Lasting Tribute to the Memory Walk

Years ago, in honor of LOUMC's 140th anniversary, we created a beautiful Memory Garden and Walk. Along the walk are engraved bricks that honor loved ones, a lasting tribute.
Each brick is 8" x 4" and costs $50, which includes engraving (up to 3 lines, 14 characters per line) and placement in the walk.

Ordering is simple:
Just fill out the form and place it in an envelope with your payment - cash or check (made out to LOUMC with "Brick" in the memo line).
If ordering more than one brick, complete a separate grid section for each. One check is fine for multiple bricks.
Help us continue building this space of love and remembrance.

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 email at 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

June 2

Sun	Mon	Tue
May 31st Pentecost Sunday	1	2
7 Grad Sunday	8	9
14	15	16
21 Father's Day	22	23
28	29	30

Weekly Events:

Sunday
10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour (FH)
11:30am Adult Bible Study

Monday
10:30am BibleStudy(Sh-106)
5:30-6:30pm In person
Community Meals (FH)
7pm Disciple Class

Tuesday
10:30am Sermon Study
6:30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday
7am Local Business LBN
10am Bells Practice

Thursday
7:30am Rotary Club

Friday
Office Closes at noon

Daily
8 PM-Narcotics Anon (123)

2026

s	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3	4	5	6 8:30 UMM Breakfast 10am Widows Fellowship Breakfast
	10 Kathy Young's Memorial	11 SPRC	12	13 Jan Butcher's Memorial
	17 10:30 am Book Club	18 Finance	19 **JUNETEENTH** 10 am Prayers & Squares meeting	20
	24 **Pills**	25 Council **Pills**	26	27
	July 1st	**July 2nd**	**July 3rd** **Office CLOSED for the HOLIDAY**	

Financial Report

Thank you for your faithful giving to Lake Orion United Methodist Church operating budget.

Below is detail of 2025 giving and March 2026 as well as average attendance information.
Below are details of our 2025 giving as well as March 2026.

Attendance figures are also included.

2025	
General Income Giving	$ 485,431.32
General Expenses	$ 515,570.55
from reserve transferred to cover shortfall	$ 30,139.23
2026 Year to Date April	
General Income Giving	$ 189,461.74
General Expenses	$ 184,087.49
Positive Cashflow	$ 5,6374.25

Attendance (average weekly)

	In Person	Logged in Computers
2025	104	55
Year to Date April 2026	114	35

Monthly financial statements are available in the office which includes the budget figures.Questions, please contact Financial Committee Members:

Don Tyrrell, Chairperson
Carol Hermann, Secretary
Kathy Castillo, Financial Secretary
Trudy Carney, Treasurer
David Fairchild, Gayle Cater, Larry Wik

June Scripture Writing

Theme: Comfort

Each of these scriptures takes ten minutes or less to write out. Give ten minutes a day to focus on God's Word. Take those words with you throughout the day and meditate upon them. Enjoy!

Week One:
Day 1 Psalm 23
Day 2 Psalm 71:17-21
Day 3 Psalm 119:49-56

Week Two:
Day 4 Psalm 119:73-76
Day 5 Psalm 119:77-80
Day 6 Psalm 119:81-84
Day 7 Psalm 119:85-88
Day 8 Isaiah 12:1-3
Day 9 Isaiah 12:4-6
Day 10 Isaiah 40:1-2

Week Three:
Day 11 Isaiah 40:10-11
Day 12 Isaiah 40:27-31
Day 13 Isaiah 51:1-3
Day 14 Isaiah 51:4-8
Day 15 Isaiah 51:12-16
Day 16 Isaiah 61:1-3
Day 17 Acts 9:31

Week Four:
Day 18 Romans 15:1-6
Day 19 2 Corinthians 1:1-4
Day 20 2 Corinthians 1:5-7
Day 21 2 Corinthians 2:1-4
Day 22 2 Coronthians 2:5-8
Day 23 2 Corinthians 7:8-11
Day 24 2 Corinthians 7:12-16

Week Five:
Day 25 2 Corinthians 13:11
Day 26 Philippians 2:1-4
Day 27 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Day 28 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11
Day 29 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14
Day 30 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
Day 31 Revelation 22:12-20

"And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever."

www.thediligentwoman.com

Scripture Writing Plan

June

The Diligent Woman

Contributions Welcomed!

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway next to the church office. The fee for ***altar flowers is $33*** 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 $10 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:

May 3rd - Altar Flowers in loving memory of our parents, given by Joyce and Tim Marker.
May 10th - Altar Flowers in loving memory of Jan Butcher, given by the LOUMC Choir.
May 24th - Altar Flowers in memoroy of Joel Keller's birthday wich is 5/27, given by family.
Month of May – Steeple Lighting given in memory of Marv Middleton, given by Marian, Virginia and Peggy.

SMALL GROUPS

Sunday mornings Adult Sunday School is meeting in the Library off of the Fellowship Hall following worship service. The group is using the ***Adult Bible Studies*** series curriculum, and is open to anyone. Grab a coffee from Fellowship Hall and join in.

On **Monday mornings** at 10:30, a small group of ladies study the Bible for anyone interested. Class members, who are willing, take turns facilitating each session. They meet in the Shalom Room 106.

On **Monday evenings** from 7:00-8:45, **Disciple Bible Study is** a small group available for anyone interested. They meet in the Overflow Room 120 and ZOOM is available.

On **Tuesday mornings** at 10:30, a small group is available for anyone interested. Class members, who are willing, take turns facilitating each session. They meet in the Overflow Room 120.

If you've never availed yourself of a study here at LOUMC, this might be the time!

God uses broken things beautifully;
Broken clouds pour rain,
Broken soil sets as fields,
Broken crop yield seeds,
Broken seeds give life to new plants.
So when you feel you are broken, be rest assured that God is planning to utilize you for something great.

Musical Notes - Summer is here and since the choir has taken a break for the summer, we're looking for people who feel called to provide music during worship services. Music can be sung (solo or a group), instrumental, or a combination of both. Please contact Janice 248-705-4769 at your earliest convenience if you are interested in providing music for at least one summer worship service.

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

“LIVIN’ IN THE MITTEN” SERVICE AUCTION

We are excited to announce our First Annual LOUMC Church Service Auction on September 19th 2026, from 5-8 at the Legacy Center in Oxford. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share our talents, creativity, and hospitality, and will enhance relationships in our church community.
This special event allows church members and friends to auction off an experience, event, or service to others in the congregation. Events may be hosted in your home, at the church, or in the community.

Examples of auction offerings might include:

- Hosting a themed dinner or lunch
- Organizing a game night, movie night, park hike, chili cookoff, trivia event, etc.
- Teaching a class (cooking, baking, crafts, painting, music, exercise, etc.)
- Pontoon ride, fireworks party etc. on the lake
- Hosting a sports watch party (MSU vs U of M, Kentucky Derby Party, etc.)
- Hosting a travelogue of a special trip
- A weekend away at your cottage or condo
- Parents Night Out-babysitting in your home
- Services (yard work, car wash, home organization, musical presentation, etc.)

Be creative! This is a chance to share your interests and gifts with others. Talk to friends in the congregation about working together to plan an event.

How It Works:

1) Members submit a description of the event or service they would like to offer, how many they can accommodate, and a suggested date or timeline.
2) Services will be listed and open for bidding during the auction event in September.
3) The highest bidder(s) win the event or service.
4) Hosts will contact the winning bidders to share any needed information.

Your participation as a host, bidder or both will strengthen our church community and make this event a joyful success. All proceeds will go toward supporting our church ministry, building and programs. More details on the auction will be shared soon. Let’s come together in fellowship, joy, and generosity!

Livin' in the Mitten

Bid Local. Give Back. Build Community.

Bid With Purpose — September 19

September 19th, 2026 • 5:00pm to 8:00pm

The Legacy Center

925 N Lapeer Rd, Oxford, MI 48371

— (Located across M-24 from Meijer's) —

Supporting Ministries • Charities • Church Home

Proceeds to Help with Coats for Kids & Blessings in a Big Bag

Bring a Friend!

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

Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Linda Carpenter, Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Susan Houle, Marilyn Joul, Marcia Keller, Jack Kiyoshk, Jo Knotts, Janine Langegger, Joy Makedonsky, Joyce Marker, Marian Middleton, Edward Naylor, Kareen Olson, Pat Parkin, Sherry Reseigh, Carol Richardson, Randy Riley, Bill Stark, Laurie Trafton, Jack Ward, Sharon Waite, Kathy Young, Community Meals family, LOUMC families & friends.

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

Visitation Ministry Coordinator: Melanie Kursinsky @ melanie.a.kursinsky@gmail.com

If you wish to be removed from this list or have someone to add, please let Kathy, Melanie, or Pat know. Thank you!

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 Friday afternoons

LINK DEADLINE: June 23rd for July LINK

Contact the church office if you wish to be taken off the mailing list.
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