# The LINK



# August 2020

At this time please check our website for further updates, any changes, and/or cancellations, regarding any posted events.

# **WE NEED YOU!!!!**

The American Red Cross continues to have a strong need for blood amid the current COVID-19 crisis.

The next blood drive is: August 6th, 12 noon - 6 pm

Where: Lake Orion United Methodist Church
Sign up online at: redcrossblood.org
(sponsor code: LOUMC1)

You can also do Rapid Pass online on the day of the blood drive and bring a printed copy with you. This will make the process quicker for each of you. The "Blood Donor" app from the American Red Cross also makes the donation process easier, and includes Rapid Pass on your smart phone.

Any questions please email Kathy Castillo at taxkat@comcast.net, including assistance with advance registrations as no walk-ins will be permitted.

There will be a new series of protocols observed for this blood drive. Each person entering the facility (including all volunteers) will have their temperature scanned prior to admittance. If cleared, they will be given a mask to wear while in the facility if they do not already wear one of their own. Physical distancing will be in full force.

More details about the safety procedures is available at our website in Upcoming Events at <a href="http://www.lakeorionumc.org/upcoming-events.html">http://www.lakeorionumc.org/upcoming-events.html</a>

Blood is the most precious gift we can give to another person...it is the gift of life!

## CardMakers for Christ is alive and well

The rack has been stocked and ready for your greeting card purchases. We have added some graduation cards, since many parties have been delayed. You can shop in the church office when it is open. As always-\$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Thank you for your support.





We wish a good bye and good luck to Alan and Beth Widgren as they are moving to West Virginia and will be living near their daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. Travel safe and stay in touch!

A very special THANK YOU to Leann Lowe for her generous donation of masks to distribute to our church family. We have some in the church office if you wish to stop by and pick some in various sizes. If you are still in need, please feel free to give her a call at 248-425-3725.



# Crop Walk Results

The results are in for the 2020 Oxford/Orion Area Crop Walk!

We are so pleased for the response from members of our Congregation who participated in our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Virtual Crop Walk. Fourteen Individuals actually walked at their own leisure!

LOUMC contributed \$2,564.00 to this effort, while a total of \$6,454.00 was collected! That's 39.7% of the total!

25% of the monies stay in our own community, split between Love INC and FISH.

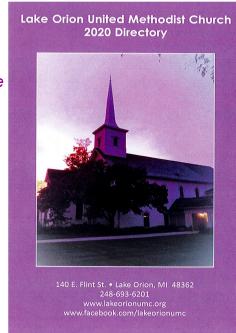
Special thanks to Jennifer Aitken who contacted several people via phone to get walkers and donations.

Sandy Weaver, Co-Chair

## 2020 Directories

Directories have been mailed to over 200 homes. If you are in need of one, please plan to pick up at the church. Call Pat so she can meet you in the office for your copy. She is in the office at least three days a week.

P.S. Did you know that Curt took the photo that is on the front cover?







## **CURT BUSSELL FAREWELL**

After thirteen years of service here at LOUMC, Curt Bussell has retired from his custodial position. He and his wife, Lauri, will be moving to their new home in Sparta, Tennessee close to their daughter, Riley who works at a church in Nashville, and to other extended family.

Curt has been known for his hospitality, his constant presence, his devotion, his budget- stretching prowess, his maintenance skills, his love of NASCAR, and his sense of humor. As well as being an excellent employee, he has been a good friend to so many, doing favors, providing transportation, going above and beyond to be helpful – often behind the scenes.

Curt was also quite open about his epilepsy, and he took the time to talk with others whose loved ones were likewise dealing with it. Curt's listening ear, kind heart, helping hand, and mischievous grin will be dearly missed.

He was honored at the end of June with a gathering in the church's Memorial Garden with some cake and cookies from SPRC and others. Curt was given a wonderful book on Tennessee that many of us were able to sign with well wishes for him. We wish him and Lauri all the best in this new chapter of life.





Meditate and journal about how pleasing God instead of man benefits you.

Day 1- Deuteronomy 1:17

Day 2- Deuteronomy 31:5-6

Day 3- 1 Samuel 15:22

Day 4- Psalm 25:14

Day 5- Psalm 27:1-3

Day 6- Psalm 51:16-17

Day 7- Psalm 56:10-11

Day 8- Psalm 118:5-9

Day 9- Psalm 147:10-11

Day 10- Proverbs 1:7

Day 11- Proverbs 15:33

Day 12- Proverbs 16:7

Day 13-Proverbs 29:25-26

Day 14- Isaiah 8:11-13

Day 15- Isaiah 51:12-13

Day 16- Matthew 6:1-2

Day 17- Matthew 6:3-4

Day 18- Matthew 6:5-6

Day 19- Luke 12:4-5

Day 20- John 12:41-43

Day 21- Romans 2:29

Day 22- Romans 8:31-34

Day 23- Romans 12:2

Day 24- 1 Corinthians 4:3-5

Day 25- I Corinthians 10:31

Day 26- Galatians 1:10

Day 27- Ephesians 5:6-10

Day 28- I Thessalonians 2:3-4

Day 29- Hebrews 11:5-6

Day 30- Hebrews 13:5-6

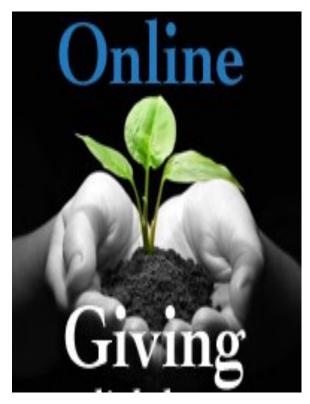
Day 31- James 4:4

Questions to Ask: What are the results of people pleasing? How do we please God? Why should we fear God rather than men? Who really is our judge?

# Year Round Stewardship picture

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. The church has a unique webpage that will allow you to sign up for electronic giving and manage your secure account. This webpage will enable you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your bank account or credit card. You can make changes to your account at any time and view a summary of your giving whenever you want. Your giving will be credited to your

church giving number and included in the financial statements you receive from the church. Visit the LOUMC website at www.lakeorionumc.org for the link that will you take you the LOUMC giving webpage to set up your online contribution



### Weekly Scheduled Events:

Our Church Building is CLOSED to the public until further notice. Our office is open usually on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please call to check on other available times.





Sun	Mon	Tu
Depending	g on COVID-19	issues, update
2	3 Community Meals - Drive Thru	4 VO
9	10 Community Meals - Drive Thru	11
16	17 Community Meals - Drive Thru	18
23	24 Community Meals - Drive Thru	25
30	NO Community MEALS	



# **EUST 2020**



<del>-</del>	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
please s.	check the we	ebsite for		<b>1</b> 07:30 AM UMM Breakfast (CJ's)
TE	5	6 12-6 Blood Drive GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE	7	8
	12	13	14	15
	19	20	21	22
	26	27	28	29

## **AMAZONSMILE**

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Shop and benefit the church at the same time. Visit smile.amazon.com and select <u>United Methodist Church of Lake Orion</u> 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 your for the benefit to LOUMC. Prime members use in the same manner. Questions? Contact Trudy Carney trudycarney@aol.com (248-693-2558).

**SCRIP -** If you need cards the program is still going on remotely. Just contact Trudy Carney 248 320-4809 or <a href="mailto:trudycarney@aol.com">trudycarney@aol.com</a>. She may have what you need in



the inventory at home or can order. 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. Also, the Kohl's gift card can be used to pay your credit card bill, we now can get Menards gift cards. 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 contact Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 trudycarney@aol.com or Sharon Keener at 248-977-0794.

Taste of the Town

Final update for Taste of the Town 2020.

Lake Orion United Methodist Church and the Lake Orion Lions Club each got \$7632.35 The committee Chairs, Angie & Jim Boomer, Sue & Bob Erickson, are very grateful for everything you have done to make this years event so special and so successful.

We had a new venue this year at Boulder Pointe Country Club— one large room for all the food and auction items; more people did attend; many of you invited friends and family to join in; parking, weather, staff, vendors, silent and live auction items were outstanding.

Participating Restaurants:				
Achatz Pies	Fork n' Pint	Rainforest Café		
Bad Brads BBQ	Freedom Kitchen	Sam's Club		
Bitter Tom's	Italia Garden	313 Pizza Bar		
Buffalo Wild Wings	Legacy 925	Valentino's Italian Grill		
Casa Real Mexican	Mario's Golden Nugget	Vendetti's Pizza & Pasta		
Dickey's Barbecue Pit	Nutz about Chocolate			
5-1 Diner	Olive Garden			

As always God provided us with blessing beyond measure for our fundraising efforts to help those in our community who need a hand up. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For all that you have done for them. Please know that whatever you did to help us, it is appreciated and recognized. Stay Safe! Stay Healthy! Sincerely in Christ, Sue Erickson

# Donated Pill Bottles

## Keep saving your empty pill bottles.

"When" this Covid ends we will be getting together to clean and sort them.

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)



Sue Erickson



Due to COVID-19 and our decision not to meet for in-person services or gatherings inside the church, we will not have our traditional Senior Sunday celebration. While I regret not being able to meet in person, we will be creating a slide show with the pictures and information provided on each graduate which will be shown at the Sunday, August 2nd worship service. Just know that the LOUMC church family is proud of each graduate's accomplishments and wish them luck with their upcoming fall plans!



# **BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER**

# The Kitchen AND Fellowship Hall will NOT be available!

We Will NOT be providing Community
Meals in September due to our kitchen
remodeling. We hope to have meals resuming in
late October. There are other factors which could
delay that date but we are hopefully and look
forward to the day when we can be together.





Our prayers and sympathy go out to all of our families and friends who have suffered losses.

# **About People**

Jyl Acker, Linda Carpenter, Kallie Charlton, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Jeannine Denton, Shareen DiGasbarro, Paulie Egner, Jan Heyse, Vee Hollenbeck, Don Johnson, Joyce Marker, Carol McCormick, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Jack Morrison, Patti Miechiels, Pat Miller, Edward and Jennifer Naylor, Pamela and Leonard Nichols, Ron Nordquist, Don Northcote, Jill Remick, Sherry Reseigh, Garry Reynolds, Randy Riley, Barry Schwerin, Laurie Trafton, Roger Waite, Judy Wright, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

**Prayer Chain:** Gina Adams 248-202-5618 gadams1645@gmail.com

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.

**ELEVATOR** available at the Slater Street entrance **HEARING IMPAIRED AIDS** are available for worship services

OFFICE HOURS: Mondays & Wednesdays: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM FRIDAYS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Office Closed afternoons
LINK DEADLINE: AUGUST 15th for SEPTEMBER 2020 LINK

Call the church office if you would like to be taken off the mailing list. Phone: 248-693-6201, Email: Loumc1@lakeorionumc.org www.facebook.com/lakeorionumc www.lakeorionumc.org

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