

September 2022
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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS Sunday, September 18, 2022

Parade down Flint Street to LOUMC (gather at PNC lot @ 9 a.m., Parade begins at 9:15 a.m.)

Hymn Sing in front of LOUMC @ 9:40 a.m.

Church Service begins at 10 a.m. Join our former pastors attending service

Harvest Meal follows church service
RSVP needed to reserve your place at our catered meal,
please respond to the website or via email or phone the office.

Volunteers needed to donate pies for dessert
Volunteer Shuttle Drivers needed to move folks from
Slater Street lot to PNC lot to march in parade.
One way trip, from 8:45 to 9:10 a.m.

PLEASE contact the office to let us know you are able.





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

The history of Methodism in Lake Orion dates back to the year 1825 when the pioneer missionaries first visited this locality. Elder Warren, a Methodist, Elder Norton, a Baptist, and Elder Earl, of the Protestant Methodist faith, are remembered as being among the first to "proclaim the gospel." Among these sparsely settled regions of the country they held their meetings in the homes of the most prominent settler in different localities. From 1831 on, some form of church service was made available through gatherings in homes or schoolhouses by these circuit riders. Early mention is made of the Clark and Eaton schoolhouses. These services were conducted in by a Reverend Fraser who had a multiple circuit to cover by horseback. Later records of an 1863 quarterly meeting indicate that a Brother Brophy had the Oakland Circuit and was paid \$540 a year, while John Kupel, Presiding Elder, received \$60. This \$600 was divided among the six parishes served as follows: St Johns \$240; Orion \$125; Lakeville \$125; National \$40; Baldwin \$35; and Biglers \$35. No doubt the earlier ministers received less than that.

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.





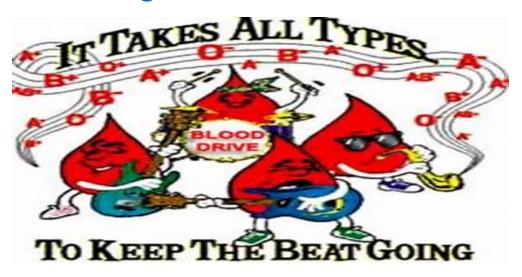
Blood Drive September 29th

Time: 1:30 pm - 7:30 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 or call at 248-770-3215



Volunteers in the Spotlight – Past and Present Operators







During the COVID shutdown, our church was able to stream services to all who were sheltering in place using equipment and a system that has been in place for quite some time. A decision was made long ago – and then volunteers stepped up – to make videotaping, and then livestreaming, a reality at Lake Orion United Methodist. Perhaps the original reason for the videotaping was to allow our snow birds the option to stay involved and up to date with our "snow-bound" congregation. This expanded into our COVID services, including Sunday morning services and several funerals where COVID protocol prevented in-person attendance. Let's meet some of the volunteers that make this ministry possible.

Bill Stark started working with livestreaming before it was even livestreaming! Back in 2014 he began working with the projection system, prepping for the service (so he thought). Recruited and trained by Debbie Heyboer and Kim Alhborn to work with the system, he was soon able to handle the Sunday morning services, although he remembers it feeling a bit like learning to swim by being thrown in the lake! Bill had volunteered in several capacities before: singing in the Choir, actively participating on the Administrative Board (now our Church Council), as well as the Finance and Building committees, but found that with some health issues beginning to appear, these avenues for volunteering were no longer feasible. Believing that the strength of our church depends on people doing the work of the church, he was searching for a way to volunteer that didn't need much physical effort – and found the projection system! It allowed him to volunteer while sitting down, without taxing his breathing. He and his wife, Carol, have health issues now that prevent them from attending services as much as they would like, and they are able to continue to participate through the ministry that he helped establish.

Kirk Ulery began working the projection system during COVID to help Pastors Larry and John during the service. He had some experience in college with projection and sound systems, as well as at his previous church, so he volunteered to come on Sunday mornings during COVID to help "push buttons". While this was a tremendous help to both Pastors,

Bill, Kirk, Diann, and Laura – of the Live Stream Ministry

Kirk worked on improvements to the system. He implemented ways to move the camera, zoom in and out, and feed the computer-generated content directly to the viewers for a much clearer sound and visual. In order to do this, he used money donated for livestreaming in the Memorial Fund. Kirk has volunteered in several areas in the 15 years that he has been a member at LOUMC. He's currently on the Staff Parish Committee, and is in the Choir. He's also served on the Nominating Committee and works with the United Methodist Men, has helped in the kitchen for Community Meals and led teams for Project Shalom. He feels a need to make a difference, and volunteering enables him to do that. It was surprising to find that we have such levels of need – in services and with food insecurity – this close to us here in Lake Orion. He says you get so much more out of volunteering than you put in – plus the social interaction – and you are still making a difference!

Diann Orlowski began working the livestream set-up after being recruited by and learning from Bill Stark and Kim Ahlborn. Prior to COVID, Bill and Diann input all of the information, and ran the board. Diann had some experience with Audio Visual processes, had served as an usher, and worked with LOUMC LOGOS, the Link and Blessings in a Brown Bag. She first came to LOUMC in 1999 because it reminded her of her home church in North Carolina. She feels that by volunteering, she becomes one of the spokes on the wheel that enables good to happen. The memorial gift that provided funds for the livestreaming set-up has provided a way for many people to see the services on their own schedule, and in their own home. This was especially comforting during COVID, when people were able to view services and funerals anywhere in the world. As the church began opening up, Diann worked with Kirk to learn about the system updates. Diann enjoys being able to talk to people about the livestreaming set-up, enabling her to share about the church's outreach in natural conversation.

Laura Markarian was recruited by Diann to work with her and to alternate time with her. The livestream set-up operators are volunteers, and both Diann and Laura appreciate that they have each other as trained backup! Laura came to LOUMC from another Methodist Church, where she was very active, and wanted to find a way to "plug in" here, too. She has worked with Community Meals, and feels that it's just as important, and perhaps a bit harder, to offer your time to projects as it is to support them financially. Both are important, but volunteering your time and efforts make you feel a part of the church. Her work on the livestream set-up has enabled her to connect with the sermon messages in a different way as well

LOUMC has depended on skilled and trained volunteers through the years to make our livestream ministry a reality. We are thankful that so many have donated their time and talents to this ministry!

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Along with the small groups, we will also continue a small group offering on Tuesday morning (10:30-12:00). I will also continue the Wednesday morning session as a Sermon Review group which you can either attend on a regular basis or come in and out of as you have interest in, or questions about, any particular sermon. And we continue to encourage others of you, as you feel called or inspired, to facilitate a small group of your own. I am more than happy to help you find materials and launch your group.

September will also be the beginning of a new sermon series I have put together: *The Journey of God's People*. Using the journey of the people of Israel as our framework - from their slavery in Egypt, through their journey in the wilderness, their establishment in / exile from / and eventual restoration to the land – we will reflect on *our* struggles to be and become God's people in this age. Reflecting on our own congregation's journey as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary on September 18th, we will seek to preserve the wisdom of the past, while praying and working our way forward into the next 150 years of

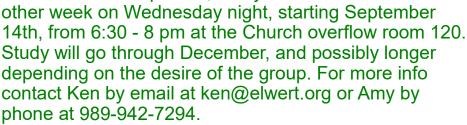
THE JOURNEY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

DATE	TITLE / THEME	SCRIPTURE
9/4	God's People in Oppression	Exodus 1:1-14
9/11	God's People in the Wilderness	Deuteronomy 8:1-18
9/18	God's People Established in the Land	Joshua 3:1-17
9/25	God's People in Prosperity (and Sin)	Amos 8:1-13
10/2	God's People in Exile	Psalm 137
10/9	God's People in Restoration	Ezra 3:10-13

Small Groups for the Fall...

Join Ken and Amy Elwert as we learn and practice together on the internal, external, and group habits helpful for drawing closer to God. The study will use Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline*.

Classes will be in person, every



Learn SMALL GROUP &

MINISTRY

Grow



Bryan Thom will lead a small group this Fall. Book reading is *The Wesley Challenge*. The book covers John Wesley's 21 Questions that are intended to "open up our minds, hearts and hands to develop (improve) a lifestyle of practicing the disciplines of our Christian faith.

The book format suggests the group meet for 3 weeks but I want to meet 7 weeks with the first week for a meet -n-greet and general overview discussion. The workbook has some learning and activity suggestions to follow that would be good to discuss as a group at the first meeting.

Proposed weekly meeting: Monday night 7 pm

Proposed start date: Oct 17th

Location: Church Overflow room 120, Also with ZOOM for anyone preferring online format.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Bryan Thom 248.762.1141 (phone only after Sept 7) or email of bryanthom1@gmail.com.

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Nursery Helpers

We need volunteers to help in the nursery Sunday mornings during the 10:00 service. We are setting up a rotating schedule for volunteers to help once (or twice) a month. If you love playing with toys and being with toddlers, this may be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! If you are interested or have any questions, contact Brenda Brubaker-Ulery at 248.520.0527.

Sunday School Helpers

We need volunteers to help with our Sunday School program during the 10:00 Sunday morning service. We are setting up a rotating schedule for volunteers to help every other month. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Brenda Brubaker-Ulery at 248.520.0527.



LOUMC (still) HAS TALENT!!



Our postponed Talent show / Bell Fundraiser will take place on Sunday October 23 at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary, with

"Afterglow" to follow in the

Fellowship Hall. If you had signed up before, or want to add your "talent" to our show, please contact Janice Hammond with the details.

Prayers and Squares

Thank you to Andee Francek for serving as our past Prayers and Squares chair. And a special thank you to Bonnie Walker for stepping in to take over this ministry since Andee needed to step down. We are looking for volunteers to be a part of this important church ministry. Whether you know how to sew or not, anyone

Prayers & Squares



The Prayer Quilt Ministry

can help put together these beautiful quilts that have touched the lives of so many. For any questions or further information, please contact Bonnie Walker at mingomama2002@yahoo.com or 517-945-9028. Forms are available in the office to submit a request for a quilt.



COMMUNITY MEALS

Community Meals currently provides 140 meals each Monday night from 5:30 to 6pm. Meals are provided through donations of money and food. Currently, with the increased cost of food and packaging, the cost of providing meals are an average \$375 each Monday.

Items needed are:

Cut Green Beans (canned) Tomato Juice Spaghetti Sauce Tomato Soup Cream of Chicken Soup Beef or Chicken Gravy Kidney Beans

Refried Beans Beets, diced **Spaghetti Noodles Tomato Sauce** Elbow Macaroni **Diced Tomatoes Baked Beans Zip Lock Sandwich Sized Bags**

Commercial size cans are helpful.

Please place in the kitchen in Fellowship Hall marked for Community Meals.

Funds for Community Meals, and Gift cards for Gordon's and Costco are welcome!









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/

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.





Septem

Weekly Scheduled				
Events:				

Sunday

10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Hour (FH)

Monday

9-3 Sunny Day Preschool 10:30am BibleStudy(Sh-106) 5:30-6:00pm Drive Thru Community Meals 7:00pm - Book Study

Tuesday

Book Study 10:30am 7pm Choir practice

Wednesday

9-3 Sunny Day Preschool 10:30am - Book Study

Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club
1 pm Bell practice
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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nt	21 10 am Book Club	22 Church Council	23	24
	28	GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE	30	

SEPTEMBER 30 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

overcoming deception

September 1 - Eph. 6:10-12 September 17 - John 15:26-27

September 18 - John 16:5-8 September 2 - Eph. 6:13-17

September 19 - John 16:9-13 September 3 - Eph. 6:18-20

September 4 - John 8:31-36 September 20 - John 17:17-19

September 5 - John 8:37-39 September 21 - Romans 1:16-17

September 6 - John 8:40-44 September 22 - Romans 1:18-20

September 7 - 2 Cor. 10:1-5 September 23 - Romans 1:21-25 September 24 -Psalm 25:4-5 September 8- Psalm 9:7-10

encouraging, relevant, biblical truth for women

September 9 - Genesis 3:1-4 September 25 - Eph. 5:1-4

September 10 - 2 Cor. 11:1-4 September 26 - Eph. 5:5-9 September 11 - John 3:20-21 September 27 - Eph. 5:10-14

September 12 - John 14:1-4 September 28 - 2 Thess. 2:10-14

September 13 - John 14:5-7 September 29 - James 5:19-20

September 14 - John 14:8-11 September 30 - Psalm 86:8-13 September 15 - John 15:18-20

September 16 - John 15:21-25

Take the challenge! HEIDISTJOHN.COMSCRIPTUREWRITING

Just 7-10 minutes in the Word of God each day can change your life!

Contributions Welcomed!

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway across from 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 gifts of altar flowers and other gifts:

August 7th - Altar flowers given in loving memory of Jean Greenhill, given by her family.

August 14th - Altar flowers given in observance of our 8th anniversary. Given by Doug and Beth Bastian.







Announcement to Congregation Resignation of Dawn Ames

It is with both joy and sadness that the SPRC must announce that Dawn Ames will no longer be our Family Ministry coordinator as of August 12th. We are thrilled for Dawn that she will be the new Executive Director of Michigan Abolitionist Project. They are fortunate to have her at the helm of this important non-profit organization dedicated to preventing human trafficking. Dawn will use her enthusiasm and passion in caring for and protecting youth and children by working with this much needed organization.

Dawn has worked tirelessly to create inspirational programs for the children and youth here at LOUMC. She has been a force in reaching out to the children and families in our community with Blessings in a Brown Bag, Math Club, VBS, Project Shalom and countless other projects. She is truly irreplaceable and we are saddened to lose her in this role. While we are filled with joy that Dawn will continue to be an active member of our church, there are many volunteer positions that will need to be filled during this transition. As Staff Parish is working toward future staffing needs, Brenda Brubaker-Ulery has graciously offered to organize the curriculum for Children's Ministry.

We will need 4 volunteers on a schedule that alternates each month. This will ensure that the nursery has 2 adults each week. We do not have consistent attendance in the nursery, so if no children arrive, volunteers can go up to church at 10:15.

We also need 4 people to teach/assist with Sunday School on the alternating monthly schedule. The curriculum will be provided to volunteers ready to use.

While this a challenging time for ours and every church, it is also an opportunity to step up and offer your time and talents. We want to be a

welcoming church for young families. We will need to have the commitment of church members to make this happen. We are the church.

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.

New Directory in the Works..... Is Your Contact Information Correct? Want your photo to be the next cover?

We hope that this new directory will help get in touch with folks as we begin to gather the information for the next



Church Directory. This Directory is NOT listed online for your privacy, only a paper version is printed. Please let us know if there have been changes since the 2022 Anniversary (*Fireworks coversubmitted by neighbor Brad Carlson*) version that was printed. Did you move? Do you have a new email? New cell number? Cancelled your house phone? If you DO NOT wish to be included, please let us know. Take a few minutes and check out the copies of the Directory that

are available at the east and west church entrances. If everything is the same, we don't need to know any further info. If there are changes, please send an email to Pat at LOUMC1@LakeOrionUMC.org, or just drop a note in the Slater Street locked mailbox (the office has the only key to retrieve any mail and notes) for any corrections or changes. If you wish to submit a photo, please email Pat or drop it off as we will need to have a clear photo by Labor Day. Anything about the church that you feel would be appropriate to represent the church is welcomed! Changes need to be completed ASAP for an October publication that will go through 2023.

Anyone interested in placing an advertisement or personal message in our new directory should *call Jill Garner at (800)* 544-6903 ext.109 toll free or email her at jgarner@cathedraldirectories.com. Your current ad or business card could be used or help in making up a new ad could be arranged. Please feel free to pass this information on to others. Advertisers do not need to be members. Rates are based on the size of your ad.

Thank You Lake Orion Lions Club!

Lake Orion Lions Club provided and prepared 140 community meals on August 1st. We are so grateful for their support and look forward to their continued involvement in Community Meals.





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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. 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 you take you the LOUMC giving webpage to set up your online contribution.





We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, flowers, warm wishes and time spent with the family as Ruth Lowe reached the end of her earthly life and passed into heaven.

Leann Lowe and family

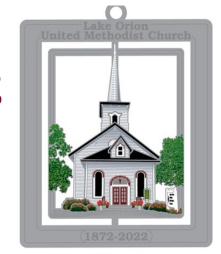




150th Anniversary Ornaments for Sale!

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 anniversary events. Ornaments can be purchased after worship in Fellowship Hall. 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.





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

About People

Jyl Acker, Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Linda Carpenter, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Gloria Dunning, Paulie Egner, Bob and Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Janine Langegger, Joy Makedonsky, Joyce Marker, Pat Matthews, Neil McCallum, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Edward Naylor, Martha Northcote, Bill Olson, Pat Parkin, Jack Patton, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Barry Schwerin, Laurie Trafton, Pat VanConant, Roger Waite, Judy Wright, Kathy Young, Oxford School Community, 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

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

LINK DEADLINE: September 15th for October 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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