

The LINK

September 2023

Please check our website for changes regarding any posted events.



Blood Drive



American Red Cross

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WE NEED YOU!!!!

Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed each day in the U.S.

The next blood drive is:

Date: September 28th, 2023

Time: 12-6 pm

Where: Lake Orion United Methodist Church

**Sign up on line at: redcrossblood.org
(sponsor code: LOUMC1)**

You can also do Rapid Pass online and bring it with you. This will make the process quicker for each of you.

Any questions please email Kathy Castillo at taxkat@comcast.net.

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

Julia Ross comes to us with so much to share and offer our children and youth! She graduated from Rochester University and has worked at Woodside Bible Church as a Student Ministry Intern. Julia has coordinated and executed youth events, participated in fund raising activities and developed lesson plans. Besides being a Certified Personal Trainer, she was selected and attended Officer Candidate School for the Marines but unfortunately, was dis-enrolled due to injuries. She is familiar with and has worked with the Orange curriculum which is what we use at UMC for our children and youth. She will be working seven hours a week this Fall. We are more than pleased that Julia is joining our staff at LOUMC!

Jasmine Sly is the perfect fit to be our Nursery Coordinator! She is upbeat and a mother of two. She has worked in a home day care setting, a preschool setting and has an extensive medical background. Jasmine's family loves to travel and anything to do with sports. She lives four minutes from the church and was thrilled when we showed her the nursery. Jasmine will work three hours a week. She will bring Apollo, her 10-month-old adorable son, with her. We are more than pleased that Jasmine is joining our staff at LOUMC!



TO OUR NEW STAFF!

CELEBRATION OF BRENDA BRUBAKER-ULERY



For many years now, starting back in 2007 when she and Kirk and their family first arrived here in Michigan, Brenda Brubaker-Ulery has been involved in children's ministries here at LOUMC. She has never looked for, or liked, overt attention, preferring to remain behind the scenes (or creating the scenes for Vacation Bible School!). But for our sake as a congregation, we need to take this opportunity both to celebrate and thank her for all she has done over these many years.

Sunday, August 20th following worship, the congregation was invited to Fellowship Hall for an informal gathering in Brenda's honor. We blessed her with our presence and kind expressions of thanks - and had some cake to boot! It was an important time you didn't want to miss.

In these last few years especially, as our congregation struggled through COVID and multiple staff transitions, Brenda rose to the occasion, sharing her gifts both as a staff member working in children's ministries, and as an above-and-beyond volunteer, running our Blessings in a Brown Bag ministry. For all your work, Brenda - both on the days when it was a labor of love and on those days when it was simply a labor - we, your church family, are incredibly grateful. Thank you for your faithfulness.



Fall-tastic Coming Events



*Sept. 10th Kick Off Sunday Celebration:
Backpack Tags and more!*

“Soul Nourishment” a once a month Café Church type gathering for worship, weaving together scripture, drama, reflection, prayer, conversation and an empty chair.

Join us around the table!

Children’s after school skits and fun! TBD

Youth Café Serving Events!

Congregational meals and fellowship!

... and more...

Halloween in the Halls

on October 21st



Lake Orion Lighted Christmas Parade

December 2nd:

Hot Cocoa and Cookies at the Church!



Lake Orion
HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

COME TO THE TABLE*

9/10	John 6:27-35 <i>Bread of Life</i>	Communion
9/17	Luke 22:14-20 <i>Lord's Supper</i>	
9/24	Luke 24:28-35 <i>Emmaus Road/Table</i>	
10/1	1 Corinthians 11:17-29 <i>Unity, Not Division</i>	World Communion
10/8	Acts 2:38-47 <i>Church after Pentecost</i>	
10/15	Luke 5:27-32 <i>Calling of Levi / Banquet</i>	
10/22	Luke 14:16-24 <i>Banquet Invitation</i>	
10/29	Luke 19:1-10 <i>Zacchaeus</i>	
11/5	Isaiah 25:1-9 <i>Banquet on Mountain</i>	All Saints Day
11/12	Luke 14:1-15 <i>Banquet of the Kingdom</i>	
11/19	John 13:1-15 <i>Foot Washing at the Table</i>	
11/26	Acts 11:1-15 <i>Cornelius & Peter @ the Table</i>	

****Watch the All-Church Email (ACE) for more details on this series and its vision for LOUMC.***

Thursday, September 21, 2023

SAVE
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Dinner Potluck



United
Women
in Faith

Lake Orion
United Methodist Church & Friends

*This is a great time to reconnect with friends, have delicious meal,
learn something new. Please Come!
You're sure to go home with a full belly and a smile*

5:30 Meet in Fellowship Hall with your food

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Rev. Rochelle Beckemeyer, Safe & Sound Ministries

Feel free to bring a friend. Or 2!

RSVP to Sandy Weaver

so she knows how many places setting to have.

248 321-5218

Or clwsrweav@aol.com or srweaver47@gmail.com



Lake Orion / Oxford CROP Walk



JULY 2023

\$14,200 Raised!

The 41st annual Lake Orion / Oxford CROP walk was a traditional 2 mile or 10k walk beginning at Christ the Redeemer on May 7th or walk on-your-own. The walk was a huge success! We raised \$1,580 more than last year. (\$12,620 total in 2022).

A grand total of \$14,200 was raised by eleven churches: Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Community of Christ, Echo Christian Fellowship, Howarth United Methodist, Immanuel Congregational UCC, Lake Orion United Methodist, LakePoint Community Church, Oxford United Methodist, Paint Creek United Methodist, St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Mary's in-the-hills Episcopal Church.

Thank you!

New Walk Date for 2024!

Save the date:
Next year's walk will be
on **Sunday May 19**

\$3,975
was raised online!



117
walkers & volunteers



Many thanks to all of you who helped in any way to support the Area Crop Walk on May 7th. The final figures are tallied and LOUMC registered 12 Walkers and raised a total of \$2,093.02. This is amazing, considering we had a lot going on that Sunday. The Crop Walk for 2024 will be on Sunday, May 19th. If you would like to head up this long standing event in 2024, please let me know so that you can be informed of the organizational meeting, which usually takes place in March.

Many thanks to Adam and Mary Mueller for keeping this going and doing such an outstanding job!

Sandy Weaver

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:

August 6th - Altar flowers given in loving memory of Jean Greenhill, given by her family.

August 6th - Altar flowers given in honor and memory of Don Northcote. Given by Martha.

August 6th - Steeple lighting given in celebration of Ron Nordquist's 85th birthday on August 10th.

August 13th - Altar flowers given in honor and celebration of Doug and Beth Bastian's 9th anniversary.

August 27th - Steeple lighting given in honor of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Rich and Patty Kalso on September 1st.

And a Very Special Thank You to those who gave anonymously to these funds.



SEPTEMBER 11TH



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Happy September Birthdays S & J!

Weekly Events:

Sunday

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

Monday

9am-3pm Sunny Days
10:30am BibleStudy(Sh-106)
5:30-6:30pm In person
Community Meals

Tuesday

10:30am Book Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday

9am-3pm Sunny Days

Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club
10-11am -Mom & Tot
12pm--3pm Sunny Days
1:00pm Bells Practice

Friday

9am-12pm Sunny Days
Office Closes at noon

Daily

8 PM-Narcotics Anon (123)

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4 **Labor Day**

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Communion

Welcome
New Staff!

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Patriot Day

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Charge
Conference
Forms Due!

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Paint Creek 4-H
7pm



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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 <i>Sunny Days Orientation</i>	7	8	9 8am Johnny Black's UMM UNITED METHODIST MEN <i>VanWagoner Wedding</i>
13 nami <i>Hope starts with you.</i>  <i>Book Club 10am</i>	14 <i>UMWF—10am</i>  United Women in Faith <i>Trustees /SPRC</i>	15	16
20 <i>Lunch & Learn Zoom</i>	21 <i>Finance</i> <i>UMWF Dinner</i>  United Women in Faith	22	23
27	28 <i>Church Council</i> RED CROSS  BLOOD DRIVE <i>Blood Drive 1-6pm</i>	29	30

Haitian Assets for Peace International
P.O. Box 68227
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49516



August 21, 2023

Pastor Lawrence Wik
Lake Orion UMC
140 E. Flint Street
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Hi Lawrence,

Thank you for your congregation's donation of \$225.00 made on 6/22/2023 as part of the Michigan Annual Conference Offering!

Every act of your generosity helps us further our mission. Your giving to HAPI saves lives, provides jobs, and educates young people. You have made a difference TODAY!

We invite you to prayerfully consider an ongoing mission commitment to our vital ministry, Haitian Assets for Peace International Advance 3020490, as part of your congregation's participation in EngageMI.

EngageMI encourages congregations to shift from transactional "ministry to" models to relational "ministry with" vulnerable people and communities like Mizak Haiti.

Peace,

Valerie Mossman-Celestin, United Methodist Deaconess
U.S. Executive Director, Haitian Assets for Peace International (HAPI)
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August 9, 2023

United Methodist Church of Lake Orion
140 E. Flint St
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Dear United Methodist Church of Lake Orion,

As you know, the Baldwin Center is deeply invested in the community we serve.

Our vision is a thriving community with engaged citizens.

Our promise is to provide the tools necessary for individuals and families in need to become vibrant, productive community members.

We value honesty, respect, integrity and compassion.

We believe in the strength of human dignity and the resilience of the human spirit as we continue to ***feed, clothe, educate, and empower!***

We rely on our donors, volunteers and community partners so much, which is why your donation of **\$2000** on **7/19/2023** is truly appreciated.

Thank you for believing in the work we do! It is a privilege to partner with you in bringing our vision to life.

Warm regards,


Elizabeth Longley
Executive Director

Thank you so much!

The donor did not receive any goods or services for this contribution.



Memorial Walk and Garden

Thirteen 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 is ongoing. 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 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 if you have any questions. Order forms are available at church.

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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.**

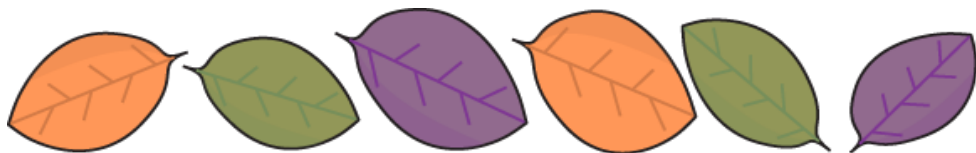
To register: desteffes@charter.net

Contact Debbie or Bryan Thom if you have any questions.

248.762.1141 or bryandebthom@gmail.com

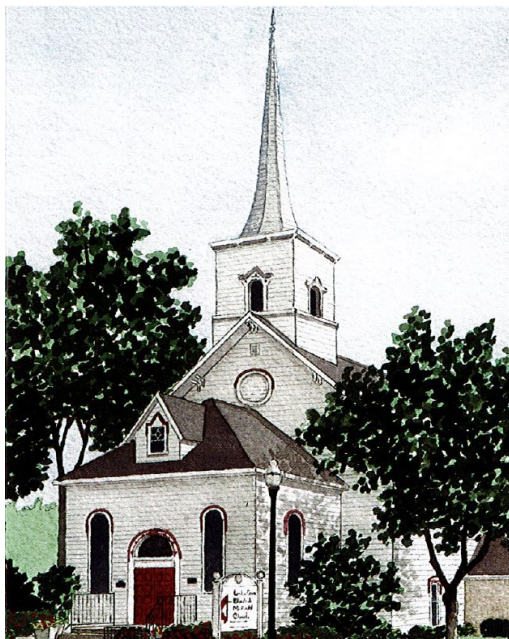
NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness

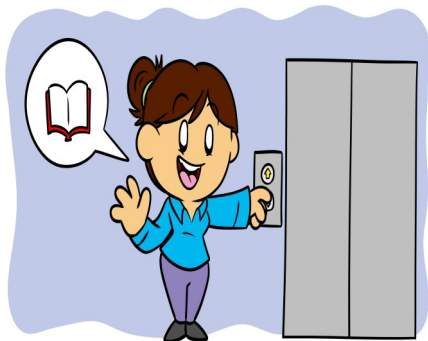
<http://namimetro.org/>



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.***





*Thanks to these folks for being part of the Elevator Team:
Larry Wik, Linda Cochran, Ralph Reseigh, Anthony Graffeo, Emily Graffeo, Pat Matthews, Laura Markarian, Sandy Reile, Paul Reile, Clint Syverson, Kirk Ulery, Brenda Brubaker-Ulery, Jack Patton,*

Rob Charleton, Trudy Carney, Nancy Ochoa, Kathy Castillo, Connie Sumbur, Mic Sumbur, Jack Brown, Joe Rowden.

A training video will be available shortly for review.

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

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



*Pastor Larry and LOUMC,
Thank you for everything you
had done for my family during a
difficult time. Sharing your day
with us to celebrate my mother's
memory and all the things that
the congregation did to help her
and my brother along the way.
Thank you.*

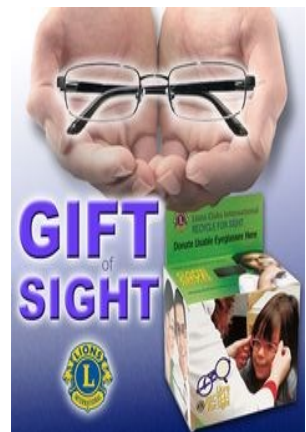
*Love,
Kristy Jarosz and
the family of Elaine Matthews*



**MANY THANKS AND BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE
WHO SENT CARDS, PRAYERS, PHONE CALLS, TO
US AS YOU REALLY HELPED US SO MUCH!!!!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR LOVE AND CONCERN.□
RON & FAYE**

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.





Sending Prayers To You

***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, Mike Culverhouse, Gloria Dunning, Bob and Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Virginia Ford, Janine Langegger, Joy Makedonsky, Pat Matthews, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Edward Naylor, Faye Nordquist, Pat Parkin, 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, intergenera-
tional 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: September 15th for October 2023 LINK

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

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