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Vision Retreat

It has been nearly three years since we last had an **All-Church Vision Retreat**. The last retreat gave us our pillars of *Engaging Worship, Ongoing Spiritual Development, Relational Mission, Intergenerational Family Ministry, and Joyful Stewardship*. From those pillars came a sermon series and a small group study, along with various additions to our programming: different directions in music, regular small groups, a Mission Team and additional mission activities, the restructuring of our children and youth ministries into Family Ministries, and additional opportunities for giving and fundraising.



It is time to revisit those vision pillars, discerning where we have celebrations and where we have challenges, and to reevaluate our pillars as to whether they adequately express God's direction for us going forward into 2017 and beyond. The retreat will be led by Rev. Al Bamsey (a retired United Methodist elder with a great deal of expertise in leading these sorts of events) and facilitated by our Church Council, members of which will be present in each small group to make sure all voices are heard by our congregational leadership.

The Vision Retreat will be held here at LOUMC in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, February 4th from 9:00-2:00** with a light lunch provided. If you need childcare, please call the church office and let us know. We hope that as many as can participate will do so.

SAVE THE DATE!

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT on Friday, January 27th
from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**



There will be *LOTS* of fun board games, Minute to Win It Challenges, and all around FUN! Registration forms available on the church website and on the welcome table. ALL are welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help plan and set up for this event, contact dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org or at (248) 693-6201 ext. 210.

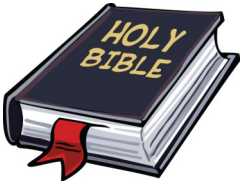
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Cook and Compete or Just Come and Eat!

Annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th at 4:00 p.m. All profits will benefit the youth going to Guatemala in July. Please consider supporting this IMPORTANT mission and OUR YOUTH by entering the chili contest or by coming to the event and enjoying delicious chili and even better fellowship!!



PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY



We are excited to give each of our 3rd Graders their very own Bible, one that is easy to read and understand. Reading and discussing the scriptures together as a family is one way that parents can encourage their children on their faith journeys, as well as strengthen their own faith. It is also an important part of our Kids on the Rock Program. May all of us at LOUMC remember the importance of studying God's word as we seek God's guidance in our lives.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

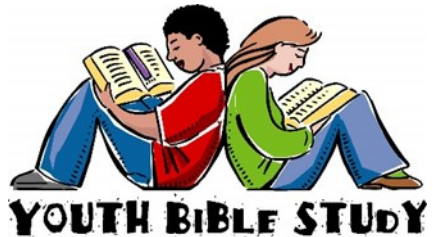


Motown Soup prepackaged soup mixes are for sale for the next few months. Orders can be taken either in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or via email to Beth Lemke at lemke5049@comcast.net. Each large soup packet makes 8 cups of delicious soup in about 30 minutes. No need to add any seasoning - it's all in the mix (and it's quite tasty - just ask the folks who have tried the samples!). These soup mixes are great to have in the pantry as cold weather and the holidays approach. LOUMC gets 35% of every sale with the proceeds going to fund mission trips. Motown Soup is a 100%

volunteer organization from Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica. All of their profits go to local food banks like Gleaners and Detroit Rescue Mission. (Check out their website: MotownSoup.com).

BIBLE STUDY

High School Bible Study begins on Sunday, January 8th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Youth Café. Youth that are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.

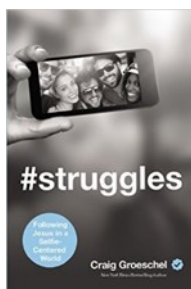


WINTER RETREAT



LOUMC Middle and High School students will be going to Spring Hill Winter Camp in Evart, Michigan January 20-22, 2017. Where else can a group tube down a giant snow hill, enjoy an awesome band, and experience God all in one day? Students will conquer challenges on the indoor climbing wall and within their own hearts. Fun and faith all in ONE FUN WEEKEND!

#STRUGGLES



We all love the benefits of technology and social media, but even with the incredible upsides, many of us suspect there are unintended negative consequences that are beyond our control. We've lost perspective, even perhaps ourselves. In this timely and life-changing new book, *New York Times* bestselling author and pastor of LifeChurch.tv

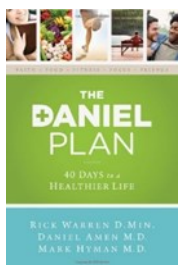
Craig Groeschel encourages readers who are

hungry to regain control over their lives and put Christ first again.

He walks them through biblical values that all Christ followers know are essential, but are even more important for our maxed out, selfie-centered world. Book is available for \$11.00. Study will begin on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103.

Childcare will be available upon request. Contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org if you are interested in attending and would like to purchase a book.

THE DANIEL PLAN



Are you ready to work towards a healthy you in 2017? Join US! The Daniel Plan is framed around

The Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends – life areas that all work together to restore and sustain your long-term health. Faith is the

foundation with God as the source of the power and the energy behind all transformational change. As

you follow *The Daniel Plan*, you will discover that you

have a part to play in getting healthier, but God will energize your efforts. Doing The Daniel Plan in community, with a group of friends is the “secret sauce” to success! Janice Hammond and Dawn Ames will lead the group on Thursday mornings from 11:00 a.m. – Noon beginning on Thursday, January 12th in Room 103.

The book and study guide is \$24.00. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dawn Ames at

dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org by January 5th.

BIG NEWS FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM

We now have additional ways you can purchase gift cards from Scrip.

Here are the ways:

Purchase at the Scrip table like we have done in the past either by purchasing from the inventory we have on hand or making an order and we will have them the next week.

Purchase online, order online or refill cards purchased thru Lake Orion United Methodist Church Scrip Program on line. To do this create a Shop with Scrip account. Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com and click on "How to Enroll" and next click on "Join Your Scrip Program". You will need to enter our Enrollment Code 79A6B19F4366. Fill in the required information and click "Register". Pay for your scrip gift cards that you order online with PrestoPay, the convenient payment system available on ShopWithScrip.com. When you use PrestoPay, your order payment is transferred securely via electronic debt. PrestoPay is not a credit card system, but rather a debit system to your specified account. Register for PrestoPay via logging on to your ShopWithScrip account, click on the PrestoPay link under Family Functions on your Dashboard, and enter your checking account information. Complete the steps to verify your information, and you will receive a secure approval code which will need to be given to Trudy Carney (trudycarney@aol.com). THAT'S IT!!!! You will be able to choose PrestoPay option when you checkout.

Trudy Carney or Sharon Keener can give you details on what is available through the online system and help you. We currently have families using this system and find it so convenient. You can even purchase an online gift card for your immediate use. Home Depot is one these types of cards.



Weekly Scheduled
Events :

Sunday

8:00, 9:15, 11:00 AM-Worship Service
09:15 AM-Kids on the Rock
09:15 AM-[youth café]
10:15 AM-Fellowship Time (FH)
11:00 AM-Adult Bible Study (Library)
06:30 PM-H.S. Bible Study (203/4)

Monday

10:30 AM-Bible Study (Sh)
11:45 AM-Tai Chi & Sword (104)
01:00 PM-Staff Meeting (Sh)
02:00 PM-Senior Fit (104)
05:30 PM-Community Meal (FH & 105)
07:00 PM-Small Group (Lockhart's)

Tuesday

09:00 AM-Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
07:00 PM-Chancel Choir

Wednesday

10:00 AM-Sermon Review (105)
02:00 PM-Senior Fit (104)
06:45 PM-CODA (Sh)
07:00 PM-Worship Team Practice

Thursday

09:00 PM-Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
09:00 PM-YOGA (203/4)
09:30 PM-Hallelujah Handbells

Friday

02:00 PM-Senior Fit (103)

Saturday

AC=All Church

FH=Fellowship Hall

Naz=Nazareth

Nur=Nursery

OS=Offsite

Sh=Shalom Room



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Sun	Mon	Tue
1 New Year's Day Only one worship service at 9:15 No [youth café]	2 Office closed No Senior Fit	3
8	9 03:00 PM-Heritage Place Service (OS) 07:00 PM-Peer Support (105) 07:00 PM-LOCC Lake Orion Community Conversations (Lockhart's)	10 09:30 AM-Sister Faith Circle (Sh)
15	16 Office Closed	17 09:00 AM-Prayer Squares (Naz)
22 10:15 AM-Blood Pressure Screening (FH) Youth at Springhill	23	24 12:15 PM-Mission Team Meeting (
29 04:00 PM-Chili Cook-Off (FH)	30	31

JANUARY



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4	5 05:30 PM-Oakland County Service (Sh) 07:00 PM-SPRC (203/4)	6	7 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (CJ's)
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ers &	18 10:00 AM-Work at Baldwin Avenue Kitchen (OS) 06:30 PM-# Strug- gles (103)	19 11:00 AM-Blood Drive (FH & 105) 11:00 AM-Daniel Study (103) 07:00 PM-Finance (Sh)	20 10:00 AM-LINK Assembly (Sh) Youth at Springhill	21 Youth at Springhill
on (105)	25 06:30 PM-# Strug- gles (103)	26 11:00 AM-Daniel Study (103) 7:00 PM-Church Council (105)	27 07:00 PM-Family Game Night (AC)	28 06:00 PM-Clergy, Cops & Beer (Lockhart's)
	1	2	3	4 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Vision Retreat (FH)

“Clergy, Cops and Beer .5”
Saturday, January 28th
Lockhart’s Barbeque in Lake Orion
6 p.m. till midnight

“Clergy, Cops and Beer .5”? You might remember back in the sunny and warm days of July, Lake Orion UMC collaborated with Lake Orion Police Department and other local businesses and organizations to not only create a fun experience, but also to bring in resources to help those in need in the community of Lake Orion. Our first year by all measurable standards was a success! Our share of the proceeds was \$1,300 which went to help more people in our community. Let us not fail to mention the intangibles that were accomplished, namely a partnership with other local organizations as we ALL came together as a community to make Lake Orion an even better place to live, especially for those who face unique challenges in life.

In a similar fashion, the evening will bring together bands, good food, and generous people all for the intent of extravagantly caring for those who are in need. The proceeds from this event will be split between Lake Orion Police Department and their “Kids and Kops” organization that benefits children throughout the year in various ways and us, Lake Orion United Methodist Church as we continue the important work of caring for not only those who are a part of LOUMC, but those in the community of Lake Orion.

Yes, Clergy, Cops and Beer may be .5, but it will still be nothing but the best. Here is to all the positive work that we do through Lake Orion UMC.

Tickets: \$25/person ahead of time. \$35/person at the door the night of the event. The fee covers one entree off a limited menu with a percentage going to Lake Orion Police Department’s Kops and Kids program and Lake Orion UMC.

Call Lockhart’s to secure your tickets at: 248-690-9362 mention “Clergy, Cops and Beer”. Credit cards are accepted.





UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

The United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, January 7 at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at CJ's in Lake Orion. All men of the church are invited to attend.



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH - HOPE - LOVE IN ACTION

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

United Methodist Women Circle - "Sisters in Faith" will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:30 a.m. in Shalom. Sue Erickson will present the

program. In early February, Ramesh Sapkota, former CEO of Kingdom Investments and who is currently working with Kensington Church, will speak on Anti-Human Trafficking. Please visit www.kinepal.org to learn more about this fast growing criminal enterprise.

Warm Hands, Warm Feet - It's the time of year when all of us need to bundle up against the snow and wind. Easy enough to do for most of us but some have a bit more trouble. Please join us for our annual drive to collect warm socks, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves which will all be given to our local Love, INC. A BIN WILL BE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL starting January 11 and will continue until February 8th. Items can be handmade or store bought.

BLOOD DRIVE



During the holidays the supply of blood through the American Red Cross drops dramatically. Please help boost their supply in the new year by participating in the next blood drive on Thursday, January 19th from 1:00 to 7:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. You can go on the Red Cross site and schedule your appointment or contact Trudy Carney (trudycarney@aol.com) - 248-693-2558)



ABOUT PEOPLE

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Connie Barnard, Beth Bastian, Ron Cater,
Howard Daenzer Sr., Bruce Denton, Maxine Jones, Eric Keller,
Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels,
Chuck Myers, Don Northcote, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright,
Community Meals Family,
LOUMC Extended Family Members & Friends

THANK YOU!

STEPHEN MINISTRY THANK YOU!!! - On behalf of Stephen



Ministry we want to extend our deepest thank you's for the generosity that was extended during the past month in support of our Christmas efforts. The Secret Santa Donations brought in \$710 and allowed us to help make Christmas a bit brighter for several people within our church family. Gift cards were purchased

through Scrip in support of this. The Stephen Ministry Group donated 20 gifts to the residents of the Lake Orion Nursing Home. Also, one of our members who lives in a group home brought to our attention the residents there and their needs for Christmas. So we have adopted those friends as well for the holidays. The yearly Stephen Ministry Fundraiser, "The Gift of Stephen", raised \$5,600 to be applied towards paying for mental health counseling for those in need that do not have health insurance or cannot afford out of pocket co-pays. The event was held December 2, 2016 at the beautiful Willows Edge Healing Art Center in downtown Oxford. This is the most money our yearly fundraiser has ever collected and we are so very appreciative of all that helped to make this night such a huge success.

Happy New Year and God's Blessing To You All in 2017.

Lisa Goyette, Stephen Ministry Coordinator

BIRTHDAY WISHES THANK YOU - Many thanks to all for the lovely birthday cards and good wishes and blessings for my 90th birthday. You are all in my thoughts as my special church family. *Grace Pender*



ANGEL TREE THANK YOU - The Michigan Children's Home is SO grateful for the gifts we collected. Over 100 presents were delivered this week. Many of the boys at Children's Village have never had wrapped gifts to open on Christmas morning. Christmas is really about the children and our presents were all lovely and will help to make the day special as well as enrich the boy's ongoing lives. *Susan Montgomery*



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: 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

NURSERY CARE is available during the 9:15 & 11:00 services

KIDS ON THE ROCK (Age 3 - Gr. 5) is during the 9:15 service

[youth café] (Grs. 6 - 12) is during the 9:15 service

ELEVATOR available at the Slater Street entrance

HEARING IMPAIRED AIDS are available for worship services

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
with lunch from 12 - 1

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesdays at 3:00

LINK DEADLINE: January 15th for February LINK

Call the church if you would like to be taken off
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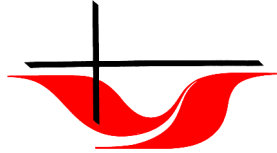
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