

The LINK

October 2020

Please check our website for further any changes regarding any posted events.



WE NEED YOU!!!!

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



The next blood drive is: October 1st, 1:30 - 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, including assistance with advance registrations.

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

Blood is the most precious gift we can give to another person

BLOOD DRIVE

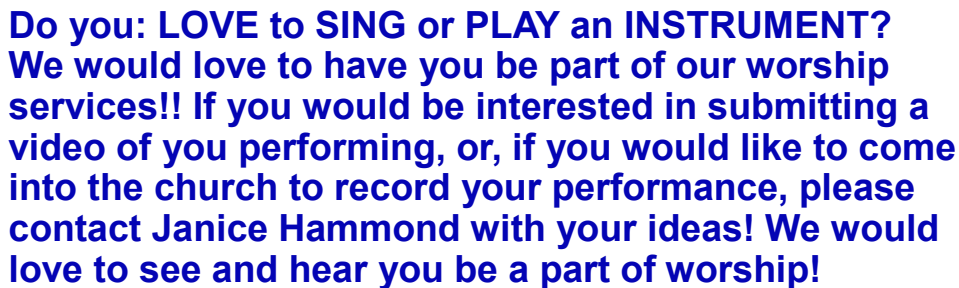
**JUST
1 DONATION
SAVES
3 LIVES**

GOOD NEWS - - - GIVING TAX UPDATE

There Is a new deduction available for 2020 that allows deduction for charitable giving even if you do not itemize. This is effective only for 2020. Up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) in annual charitable contribution can be used. This is available only to people who take the standard deduction (for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions). It is an “above the line” adjustment to income that will reduce a donor’s adjusted gross income (AGI), and there reduce taxable income. We provide this information for your use if it applies.

AMAZONSMILE Shop and benefit the church at the same time. Visit smile.amazon.com and select United Methodist Church of Lake Orion 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 trudycarney@aol.com. 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. 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.*





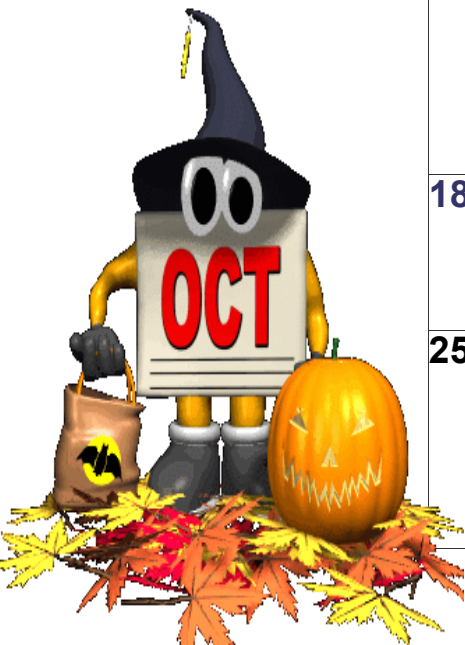
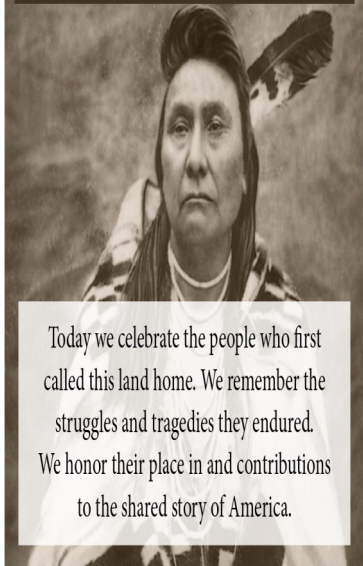
August 30th Picnic






October

Indigenous Peoples Day



Sun	Mon	Tue
		
4	5 Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	6 Disciple Class 10 am room 12
11	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day (formerly Columbus Day) Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	13 Disciple Class 10 am room 12
18	19 Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	20 Disciple Class 10 am room 12
25	26 Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	27 Disciple Class 10 am room 12

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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 Office closes at noon on Fridays	3
	7	8 Trustees SPRC	9	10
	14 NAMI Zoom Mtg To register: desteffes@charter.net Contact Bryan Thom for info bryandebthom@gmail.com	15 Finance	16	1 
	21	22 Church Council	23	24
	28 	29 	30 	31 Happy Halloween! 

Hello Fellow Supporters of Lake Orion United Methodist Church!

I wanted to send you a note from your Finance Committee.

Normally we would have had a chance to stand before you on a Sunday morning and give you one of our normal updates on the financial health of our church, but this year you will have to make do with this written update.

As you know, this has been a hard year for almost everyone. Our church relies on donations from you, her supporters, so when hardship arises, it sometimes translates into reduced giving. So far our total giving is down about \$52,000 from where we were last year at this time. The good news is that our total expenses are also down - enough so that the actual difference between income and expense is better than last year. This is because we were already working on ways to improve the financial status of the church well before the pandemic hit. I think most of you know that we successfully refinanced our main loan on the church while paying off some of the principal. In fact, our total debt is \$153,000 lower this year than the same time last year and our new loan is at a lower interest rate which gives us an added benefit. Our total debt is now \$861,747 which is the lowest it has been since we built the major addition on the church. We also benefited from some major bequests which are allowing us to do much needed kitchen and fellowship hall renovations. Moreover, receiving PPP monies at the beginning of the pandemic has been most helpful, though obviously that is only a temporary stopgap measure through the pandemic. Having said that, the great work being done by our church continues. We still have bills to pay and our great staff has been continuing to support us and our community. Please continue to support these efforts with your connections to each other, with your prayers for our community and the greater world, and with your continued generosity.

Thanks,
Don Tyrrell, Chair Finance Committee

COVID - 19 information update

The following pages represent a great deal of prayerful deliberation. Using State guidelines, Conference guidelines, and consulting with our District Superintendent and with other area UM Churches of our size, the staff – with input from SPRC, and review of Church Council members – has put together the following chart which lays out a plan for how, and under what circumstances, safe re-gathering can unfold at LOUMC.

Through this process, we have developed a level of understanding for, and empathy with, all those in various forms of leadership trying to navigate the impact of the coronavirus. We have done our level best to make decisions that are faithful to who we are as a church, and that are as clearly divorced from the secular politics of the moment as possible. We hope you will receive and respect our faithful efforts with grace and charity. We know that no plan is perfect, and that any plan under these circumstances is going to be challenging, simply because of the gravity and personal difficulty of the situation in which we find ourselves.

We pray that, at the very least, this plan helps alleviate the inevitable anxieties that come with uncertainty (even in people of faith) and that it communicates a clear and certain hope for our future together.

Pastor Larry

Lake Orion United Methodist C

Staff and church leadership will implement the phased plan with guidance from public health leaders. Activities in each phase of reopening are illustrative and not definitive.

PHASE(S)	1&2 Uncontrolled Growth & Persistent Spread	3 Flattening	4 Immunization
Guidance from MI Safe Start Plan	All persons shelter at home. Essential work only.	Continued physical distancing (6 ft.) Face coverings. No gatherings. Vulnerable persons continue to shelter at home.	Continued physical distancing. Face coverings. Small gatherings in groups outside (e.g., walking groups). Vulnerable persons shelter at home.
Worship	Online worship only.	Online worship only.	Online worship only. Outdoor options following guidelines. Family and friends in homes or backyards for prayer following guidelines.
Small Groups & Meetings	Online only.	Online only.	Online. Outdoors, physical distancing, face coverings. Small groups (up to 10) in meeting rooms or outdoors following physical distancing guidelines.
Family Ministry Programming	Online only.	Online only.	Online. Outdoors, physical distancing, face coverings.

Church: Phased Re-Opening

Public health agencies, federal, state and local government, and denominational determinative; phases follow those outlined in the MI Safe Start Plan.

4 Improving	5 Containing	6 Post-Pandemic
Physical distancing (6 ft.) Groups inside (up to 10): larger (100). Persons continue to shelter at home.	Continued physical distancing (6 ft.) Face coverings. Increased gathering sizes inside (50) and outdoors (250). Vulnerable persons continue to shelter at home.	Enough community immunity & treatment availability. Events and gatherings of all sizes with new safety guidance and procedures.
Online worship. Outdoor worship possible with strict physical distancing and face coverings. Groups (up to 10) may gather in backyards for worship & prayer, with all health and safety protocols.	Online worship. Outdoor worship possible with physical distancing and face coverings. Possible indoor worship option with limited attendance, physical distancing, and face coverings. No congregational singing.	Online worship. Indoor worship with new safety guidelines and procedures.
Physical distancing, face coverings. Groups (under 10) in specified areas, as calendared through Sr. Pastor, with consultation with staff; physical distancing and face coverings.	Online. Options for in-person (in building or off-site), physical distancing, face coverings.	Online options continue. In-person with new safety guidelines and procedures.
Physical distancing, face coverings.	Online. Option for in-person (in-building or off-site), physical distancing, face coverings. Decision based upon volunteer availability.	Online options continue. In-person with new safety guidelines and procedures.

PHASE(S)	1&2 Uncontrolled Growth & Persistent Spread	3 Flattening	
Building/Office	Closed. Staff works at home with only essential functions on-site.	Closed. Staff works at home with only essential functions on-site.	Limited ho Staff work Physical d all public s
Mission	Only essential mission employing physical distancing, safety protocols and mask.	Only essential mission employing physical distancing, safety protocols and mask.	Outdoors distancing Indoors (1 safety prot
Funerals	Zoom presence with family at funeral home.	Zoom presence with family at funeral home. At gravesite, 10 or less, physical distancing, face coverings.	Clergy pr or church face cove No funera Outdoors distancing
Weddings	Postponed.	Outdoors with 10 or less, physical distancing, face coverings.	Small gro distancing Outside (1 face cove
Baptisms	Postponed.	Outdoors with 10 or less, physical distancing, face coverings.	Small gro distancing or records Outside (1 face cove

Vulnerable persons include the following:

- Elderly individuals (CDC defines as age 65 and older.)
- Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy. Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

Public health guidance has identified singing as high-risk activity that contributes to the transmission of COVID-19. Congregational singing will likely be among the last activities to resume.

4 Improving	5 Containing	6 Post-Pandemic
<p>Hours and access to building.</p> <p>Staff works primarily from home.</p> <p>Physical distancing and face coverings in all public spaces and group interactions.</p>	<p>Limited hours and access to building.</p> <p>Staff works from home as needed.</p> <p>Recovery and community groups with strict guidelines.</p> <p>Physical distancing and face coverings in all public spaces & group interactions.</p>	<p>Expanded office and building hours.</p> <p>New safety guidance and procedures in place.</p>
<p>(1000 or less), physical distancing, face coverings.</p> <p>(100 or less), physical distancing, protocols, and face coverings.</p>	<p>Outdoors, physical distancing, face coverings.</p> <p>Indoors, physical distancing, safety protocols, and face coverings.</p>	<p>In-person with new safety guidance and procedures.</p>
<p>Present with family at funeral home (100 or less), physical distancing, face coverings.</p> <p>No funeral luncheons.</p> <p>(1000 or less), physical distancing, face coverings.</p>	<p>In church building or other venue, with limited capacity, physical distancing, and face coverings; live streamed or recorded for additional attendees.</p> <p>No funeral luncheons.</p>	<p>In-person with new safety guidelines and procedures.</p>
<p>Groups (10 or less) inside, physical distancing, face coverings.</p> <p>(1000 or less), physical distancing, face coverings.</p>	<p>In church building with limited capacity, physical distancing, and face coverings; live streamed or recorded for additional attendees.</p>	<p>In-person with new safety guidelines and procedures.</p>
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...lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy: <https://www.cdc.gov/openingamerica/>

...mission of COVID-19, possibly through emission of aerosols. Live choir performances and

OPEN MY EYES



October

Each of the Scriptures below should take ten to fifteen minutes to write (depending on how out in your journal. Feel free to add a reflection to the end of your writing as The Lord speaks to you in a fresh new way. And share with us what The Lord is speaking to your heart in the September comments at The Felicity Bee and let's start a beautiful conversation!

The Promises of God

Day 1: I John 2:24-25

Day 2: Ezekiel 36:24-27

Day 3: I John 1:7-10

Day 4: Psalm 103:8-12

Day 5: Micah 7:18-20

Day 6: Acts 2: 16-19

Day 7: Luke 11:9-13

Day 8: John 16:13-15

Day 9: Psalm 34:7-10

Day 10: Matthew 6:31-34

Day 11: Malachi 3:10-12

Day 12: Romans 8:31-35

Day 13: Psalm 84:10-12

Day 14: Jeremiah 30:16-17a

Day 15: Exodus 15:24-26

Day 16: I Corinthians 10:12-13

Day 17: James 4:7-10

Day 18: Hebrews 2:16-18

Day 19: Psalm 91:8-11

Day 20: Psalm 138:7-8

Day 21: I John 4:17-21

Day 22: Revelation 21:2-5

Day 23: Isaiah 61:1-3

Day 24: John 8:31-36

Day 25: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Day 26: Psalm 61:1-4

Day 27: Matthew 17:18-21

Day 28: Luke 4:17-18

Day 29: Psalm 9:9-12

Day 30: Lamentations 3:22-26

Day 31: 2 Corinthians 1:2-5

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.

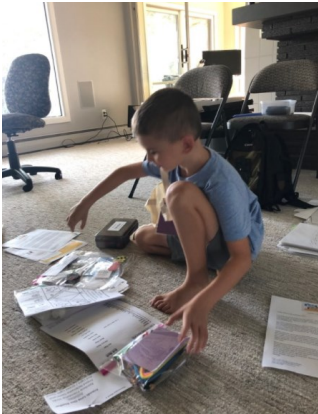
Visit the LOUMC website at

www.lakeorionumc.org for the link that will take you to the LOUMC giving webpage to set up your online contribution.



Beginning the month of September, preschool and elementary children were given a tote bag full of weekly lessons that compliment the curriculum videos which are now located on the LOUMC website. Also included in the tote bag, was a pencil box full of supplies which included glue, scissors, markers, crayons, and pencils. As you can see from the smiling faces, I think the kiddos approve!

A special thank you to Holli Tompkins for creating the weekly lessons for Kindergarten—5th grade.





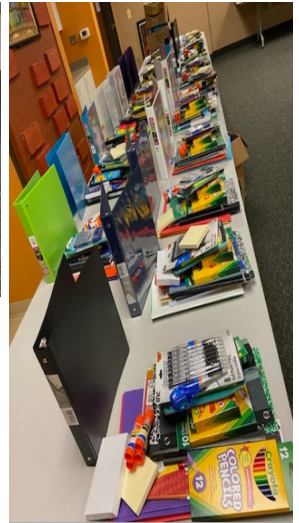
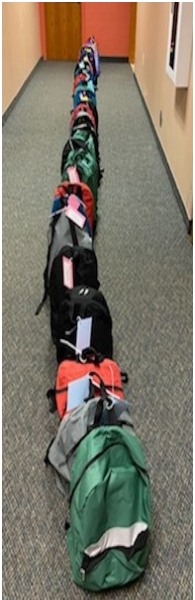
**Our volunteers have prepared
and delivered over 4500 lunches
since July 1st!**

4500+



**BLESSINGS IN A BROWN BAG
FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

Blessings in a Brown Bag FREE Summer Lunch Program prepared and delivered the last lunches on Friday, September 4th. A HUGE thank you to all who volunteered throughout the summer preparing, packing and delivering lunches. A special thank you to Emily and Anthony Graffeo for taking over the inventory and the food shopping this year. Finally, thanks to all who donated money to feed these kids!



All Blessings in a Brown Bag FREE Summer Lunch Program children and youth received a backpack full of supplies customized by school and grade. LOUMC also donated 17 backpacks and supplies to the Lake Orion Central Enrollment office who coordinates the Lake Orion homeless student population.

"There are two amazing places you can be...

The nicest place to be is in someone's
thoughts.

The safest place to be is in someone's
prayers."

***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., 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.

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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 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: October 15th for NOVEMBER 2020 LINK

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**The LOUMC kitchen
renovation has begun!**

