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#### October 2022

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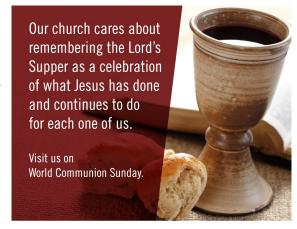
#### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On October 2nd, we – with Christian faith communities from around the globe - will celebrate World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of – as well as an enacted prayer for – Christian unity.

It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another, giving thanks for all God has done and continues to do for us, remembering Jesus (particularly his institution of the New Covenant at the Last Supper), and obtaining a foretaste of God's "still coming" kingdom where we will all feast together at the heavenly banquet.

World Communion Sunday reminds us that – in every language and through various customs and forms of liturgy – the fellowship of Holy Communion is celebrated throughout Christ's universal Church. At its best, therefore, World Communion Sunday serves

two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a mind-opening, heart-transforming exposure to our sisters and brothers from around the world and their different traditions. In recognition of these different traditions, we are privileged that our Worship and Arts crew will decorate the altar with breads from around the world





#### Volunteers in the Spotlight -**Our Handbell Choir Story**

The story of how our beloved Bell Choir came to be is an interesting one! It involves volunteers who saw an opportunity, employees who went above and beyond, and people who decided that they wanted to honor their loved ones with gifts that others could also enjoy - the Bells.

Our first installment in the story of our Bell Choir was written by Karen Schadel. We so appreciate her taking the time to write her story about the history of the Bells. Karen has some health issues of late, and we continue to hold her in our prayers.

Karen's story: In February of 1975 I was hired as the choir director at the United





Methodist Church of Lake Orion. I was very excited about this as my family had moved from Waterford to Lake Orion the previous November. My husband was the band director at the high school and I had taught there in the 1969-1970 school year. We had added two beautiful baby boys to our family and had decided that I would take a parental leave to stay home with them. This would give me the best of both worlds – staying home with our children and continuing to work in the field of music, which I loved. When I started the position at the church there was an adult choir. I had told the committee at the interview that I would like to add a children's choir and they were very enthused about that. I announced that a children's choir would be starting shortly after I began the position and we had about 20 children at the first rehearsal.

I posed the idea to the choir about doing an evening Christmas concert and they were very enthused about doing that. The problem was we couldn't present a very long program with just two choirs and one rehearsal a week. So, I called a director from Rochester and asked if he would bring his handbell choir and perform in the concert. He graciously said he would and I was excited that this was something that would be new to many in the audience and I was sure that they would enjoy hearing a bell choir



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.

After the concert there were many compliments about the concert. One of our members, Florence Foster came up to me and said that she had been holding on to memorial money from her husband who had recently passed away and was waiting for something special to do with it. She said "and I found it tonight. I would like to buy the handbells you need to start a handbell choir." I HAD NEVER EVEN HELD A HANDBELL!! I knew this would be a great addition to our



music program so I told her how wonderful that would be for our church. I figured I'd better get some help so I could be at least a step ahead of the new ringers, so Janet Canfield and I went to a handbell convention in the summer and I felt a lot more prepared to get this new venture off the ground.

The following fall I announced that the handbells had been delivered and we would be starting a women's group during the day and a high school group in the evening. The women played for a service first and were they ever nervous! They did a great job and you can see the progress that has been made since then. This memorial in memory of O. F. Foster has brought joy to so many people whether they're playing or listening and we are forever grateful to the Foster family for their wonderful gift to our church.



## 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.



#### **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:

**September 4th** - Steeple lighting given in celebration of the 49th anniversary of Rick and Patty Kalso.

**September 11th-30th** - Steeple lighting given in celebration 7 years in Michigan given by Ron and Gayle Cater.

September 11th - Altar flowers given in memory of our daughter, Jessica Walker. Given by Bonnie Walker. September 18th - Altar flowers given by Pat Parkin and Kathy McMinn to celebrate our 150th anniversary. September 25th - Altar flowers given in celebrating Rusty's 70th birthday. Given by Mike and Brenda Culverhouse.



#### While Lake Orion had Dragon on the Lake, LOUMC had Fun at Bunny Run for worship! Thanks to UMM for grilling great lunch for us!







The office received a wonderful thank you card from Ruth Lowe's daughter and family that we wanted to share with you:

Thank you so much!

Dearest LOUMC Family,

It is with a grateful heart that I thank you for your gift of "love". You have so kindly and generously given love to my mother, Ruth Lowe, her family including myself. Prior to my mother's passing, you greeted her with warm embraces. During the long isolation of COVID and continuing through her illness, you called her and sent her cards and notes. You prayed for her and Pastor Larry came to her side to shepherd her with comforting prayers of the Lord's faithful love. Then you gathered in your church home to sing her favorite praises to Jesus and Pastor Larry blessed her memory with a true capturing of our precious mothers.

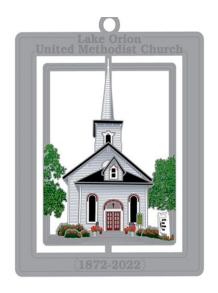
Our hearts are truly overflowing with love and gratitude. Sandra Lowe-Derby and family.

#### All Church Conference





October 16th, 6 p.m.
We are hosting Dryden,
Attica, Thomas, Oxford
United Methodist
churches. Volunteers for
snacks and clean up are
needed. Please contact
Pat for more information.



#### 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.



You are invited to enjoy a family friendly Halloween display beginning October 10th. Please visit Pat's Halloween display at 800 Gibson, Oxford, 2 miles west of 24 off W. Drahner. Over 70 inflatables (fun, not scary) for you to see, drive thru or walk around the circle driveway, weather permitting from 5 to 9 p.m. Dusk is better as there are

some lights to view.

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Weekly Scheduled
Events:

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

Book Study 10:30am 7pm Choir practice

#### Wednesday

9-3 Sunny Day Preschool Sermon Review 10:30am

#### 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)

Sun	Mon	<b>Tue 4</b>	
2 World Communion Sunday	3		
9	10 HOLIDAY Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day	11 1 pm UMV Meeting	
16 6pm Church Conference	<b>17</b> 7 pm - Small Group – The Wesley Challenge (120)	18 7 pm - Pair Creek 4H Meeting	
23 4pm Talent Show	<b>24</b> 7 pm - Small Group – The Wesley Challenge (120)	25	
30	31 Halloween No Community Meal today		

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**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











NO PAYPAL ACCOUNT NEEDED!



## October Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day I- Joshua I: 7-9
Day 2-Deuteronomy 7:11-14
Day 3-1 Timothy 6: 6-10
Day 4-1 Timothy 6: 11-13
Day 5-1 Timothy 6: 14-16
Day 6-Matthew 11: 27-30
Day 7- Jeremiah 33:2-3

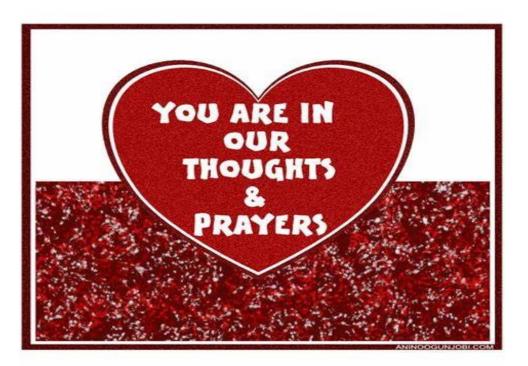
Day 8-Hebrews 13: 1-4 Day 9- Hebrews 13: 5-8 Day 10-1 John 2: 1-6 Day 11- 1 John 2: 7-11 Day 12-1 John 2: 15-17 Day 13-Revelation 21:3-8 Day 14-Hebrews 12:1-3 Day 15- Luke 9: 23-27
Day 16- 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10
Day 17- 2 Corinthians 5: 11-15
Day 18- 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Day 19- Acts 4: 11-12
Day 20-Colossians 2: 6-10
Day 21- John 10: 1-4

Day 22-John 10: 5-8
Day 23-John 10: 9-13
Day 24-John 10: 14-18
Day 25-Matthew 11:1-6
Day 26-John 15: 1-4
Day 27-John 15: 9-14
Day 28-John 15: 9-14

Day 29–John 15: 15–19 Day 30–John 15: 20–25 Day 31– Choose Your Own Verse

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. Psalm 119:18 🍕





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, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Edward Naylor, Bill Olson, Pat Parkin, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Joe Rowden, Karen Schadel, Carol and Bill Stark, Laurie Trafton, Ross Waite, Kathy Young, Oxford School Community, 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 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

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CHRISTIANS ARE LIKE PUMPKINS. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all off the dirt off, some of which you may have gotten from other pumpkins. Then, He cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. Removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then, He carves a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. Let your light shine

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