

The LINK

November 2020

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



Memories

I feel a warmth around me
like your presence is so near,
And I close my eyes to visualize
your face when you were here,
I endure the times we spent together
and they are locked inside my heart,
For as long as I have those memories
we will never be apart,
Even though we cannot speak no more
my voice is always there,
Because every night before I sleep
I have you in my prayer.

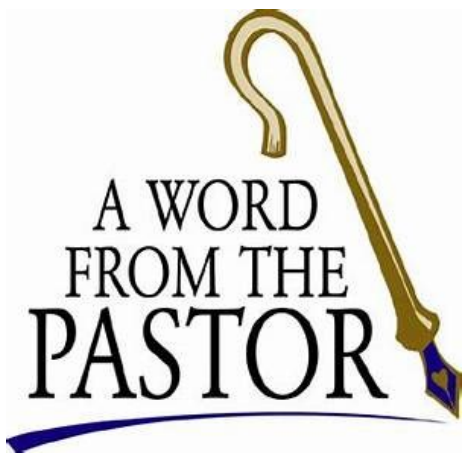
~ Author : © Louise Bailey



On Sunday, November 1st
we will honor the lives of:

Corrine Abbey
Vee Hollenbeck
Fran Johnson
Neva Kolodziejczak
Maria Mason
Leonard Sheldon
RoseMarie VanHese

Suzanne Baber
Catherine Jarrett
Phillip Michael Kitkowski
Alexandria Lambert
Patricia (Trish) Rosales
Dorothy (June) Smith
Katherine Woodward



Dear LOUMC friends,

We are all aware, perhaps more than we would like to be, of the challenges that COVID has presented, not only in our personal lives, but to the life of our congregation. It is a

circumstance that none of us ever anticipated, and I know we are all fervently praying and working to get through it. But even before COVID came along, we were already dealing with challenges in the life of our congregation. And while COVID is still front of mind, we cannot neglect praying over and actively engaging those previous challenges.

Some of those challenges are unique to our own congregation - our own circumstances demographic, financial, and spiritual. But in many ways our challenges are indicative of the challenges facing the institutional Church in general, and mainline Protestantism in particular: How do we maintain unity within a diverse community? How do we balance the disciplines of, and the desires for, personal spiritual growth with the gospel demands for social engagement? How do we discern the spiritual and temporal gifts we have in our congregation and faithfully, creatively, plug them into the broader mission of God in our community? These are but a few of the more pressing questions.

These challenges are the primary impetus for my entering into the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program at Boston University. The program is in Transformational Leadership. It is designed as a practical, rather than a purely academic, program, and I believe the skill sets, the language, the networking, and the motivation this

program is already providing me will prove invaluable in making my leadership at LOUMC more effective.

I am grateful for our Staff-Parish and Finance Committees, who, along with the Church Council, have approved significant financial help toward this endeavor: \$5,250 a year for the next three years from our Endowment Fund. I will do my utmost to provide a good return on this generous investment. The United Methodist Foundation has also contributed \$3,500 toward tuition, and I anticipate another \$1,500-\$3,000 from the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. This level of support allows me to focus on ministry rather than money, for which I am most thankful.

But there is yet another level of support that I would like to ask from all of you. The culmination of the program is a project which each student does in his or her own setting – in my case, here at LOUMC. I hope to work together with you over these next three years as we put together a guiding coalition for shaping and carrying out this project. My hope is, through the project, to inject and invite new life and vitality into our ministry together. I commit to regularly communicating with you through every stage of the program, sharing evolving insights, and gathering groups for further conversation. In the meantime, I would humbly ask for your prayers and seek your encouragement.

While I do my level best to be the non-anxious presence in the room at any given time, I feel, right along with you, the anxieties that attend this season of the Church's life. Finding this specific program right in the heart of this season feels like a Godsend to me, and it gives me no small measure of hope for our future.

With thanksgiving,

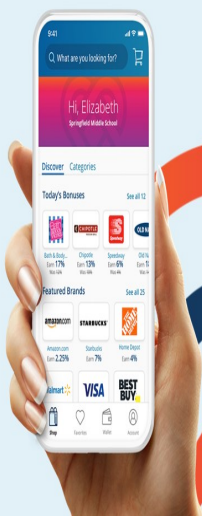
Pastor Larry

Simply the Right Way to Fundraise



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by ShopWithScrip



SCRIP -

GLScrip Company has come up with a fun, new way to purchase gift-cards!

The following instructions will help you get started with their new RaiseRight App. Once you sign up, an e-mail will be sent to Trudy Carney to alert her of your enrollment. Thanks in advance for participating!

Quoting happy users – “I have been very pleased with it. I can renew or order cards at any time, and also use my phone to pay at checkout. This eliminates the frustration of getting to a store on Monday and realizing you left your Scrip card at home. Another benefit of the app is that when I loaded it on my phone it found 2 unused older Scrip cards I had forgotten about. I was able to use them right away.” – K. Ulery

“I loaded money on my RaiseRight App as I was checking out at Sam’s club! (I use my debit card) Quick response! The church earned \$1 from my small purchase” – A. Keener

RaiseRight Fundraising App Instructions

Login to App Store

Download “RaiseRight Fundraising” App

Open the App

Click “Join A Program”

Enter **79A6B19F4366** in the Enrollment Code

Create your account

Fundraising for “United Methodist Church of Lake Orion”

Create Sign-In Information

Create Security Questions

Enter Cell Phone Number

Enter Verification Code

Use Search Bar to find desired card

Click “Add to Cart”

When finished shopping click “Go to Cart”

Click “Continue to Checkout”

Select Payment Method

Credit Card – 2.6% fee per transaction

Bank Account - \$0.15 fee per transaction

Pay Coordinator Directly by CASH or CHECK

Click “Continue”

ENJOY!

NOTES:

eGift Cards are put directly into your “Wallet” on the app

Gift Cards will be sent to Trudy Carney or Sharon

Keener for distribution.

Let’s get excited about Scrip again!

CAN WE HELP YOU AND HELP THE CHURCH MINISTRIES TOO????

The Scrip Program continues to function during these challenging times as a program that costs you nothing and the need for the benefit to our church ministries continues also.

The Scrip program continues to function either online purchasing (contact us or check out their website at Great Lakes Scrip), the new App that is described for you in this [LINK](#) and is really exciting and will be a great means to help and through direct ordering and purchase through a Scrip volunteer. The Christmas holiday has always been a special time for Scrip when we have helped the congregation and friends shop and also benefited the church.

This program and Kroger Rewards program have been around since 1993 and has benefited the church with over \$150,000 in profit and still cost you nothing more than the face value of the gift card you are purchasing. If you need Scrip cards purchased or we may have in our inventory for immediate pick up or delivery contact Trudy Carney (trudycarney@aol.com or 248-693-2558). Payment submission and delivery/pick up can be coordinated and shared at time of your order. Please remember the many cards available (too many to list but almost anything you would like except Costco, McDonald, Kroger and Whole Foods. Some Cards available are Kohls (can be used to pay your bill also), Amazon, Meijers, Walmart/Sam's, Home Depot, Speedway, Olive Garden, Tim Hortons and Starbucks to name just a very few! This Scrip Mission continues to benefit Outreach 40% which has helped with the Haiti Hot Lunch, Brown Bag and Community Assistance (just a few of the outreach made), 20% to General Fund and 40% to many specific ministries in the church such as Community Meals, VBS, Family Ministry, Memorial Garden, Gardening Fund, Music Fund, Help Kids Succeed, Worship and the Arts are some of the 12 different monthly programs,
Thank you for considering this program!!!!!

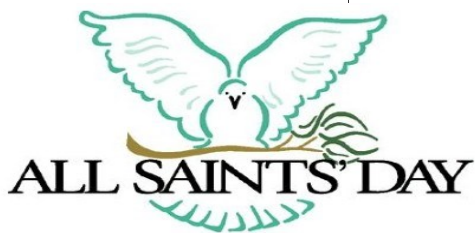
Year Round Stewardship picture

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.





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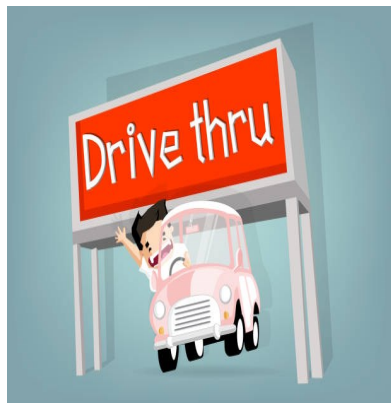


Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



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Sun	Mon	Tue
1	2 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	3 Disciple Class 10 am room 1 
8	9 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	10 Disciple Class 10 am room 1
15	16 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	17 Disciple Class 10 am room 1
22 Christ-gifting Drive Thru	23 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	24 Disciple Class 10 am room 1
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7 pm	December Disciple Class 10 am room 1

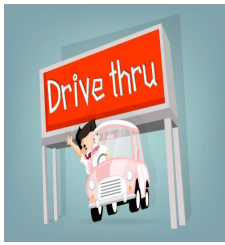
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Happy



Thanksgiving

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22	4	5 YOGA Class 9 am room 122	6 Office closes at noon On Fridays	7
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22	25	26 THANKSGIVING 	27 Office Closed	28
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CHRISTGIVING

When my siblings and I were growing up, our grandparents (mom's parents, Grandma and Grandpa Balman) had a mobile home in Apache Junction, AZ where they would spend the winter. In the early days, when they still had family to visit in Kansas, they would drive to Arizona and get in some visiting along the way. Because they were driving, they liked to head out before the snow hit, which of course meant leaving before Christmas. So, before they left, our family would double up on holidays, and do Christmas with them at Thanksgiving. "Christgiving" we called it. It was always a special time and a meaningful way to begin the season.

We at LOUMC would like to observe our own version of Christgiving on November 22nd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The staff will be in the Anderson Street parking lot between 11:30 and 12:30, for any of you who would like to drive thru, handing out a special gift bag and serving communion. (For safety's sake, we would ask you to briefly mask before you receive these items.) The gift bag will contain multiple activities for the Advent season that correspond to, and serve as reminders of, the current sermon series on our UM Membership vows – prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We are not going to give away any surprises, but we are confident that you will find these gifts and activities both meaningful and impactful.

The gift bag will also include an invitation to a special Advent opportunity: "On Our Way to the Manger" – a journey of several stations through the church, offering time and space for prayer, devotion, learning, and reflection on the events leading up to Jesus' birth (and a little beyond!). Sundays 12/13 and 12/20, beginning at noon, we will make time slots available for individuals and families to make their way through the stations. We will send out a link that you can use to sign up online, or you're welcome to call Pat in the office and she will gladly sign you up. We will start signups within a limited block of time for each of the days, and then lengthen the time available, as those slots are filled, up to five hours. I am personally excited about this event as the preparations unfold. While we are designing this experience with these tenuous times in mind, it may be just the sort of activity we continue beyond COVID for Christmases to come.

In the meantime, let us continue to share with one another - and with those who need it most - the best gift of all, the love of God revealed in Christ, made manifest in the ministry of the Church, and lived out in our everyday lives.

*With gratitude,
Pastor Larry (and ALL your staff)*



Thanksgiving 30 Day 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 1- Psalm 95: 1-7
Day 2- 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Day 3- 2 Corinthians 4: 15-18
Day 4- Isaiah 12:2-6
Day 5- Colossians 3: 12-17
Day 6- 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18
Day 7- Psalm 107: 1-9
Day 8- Philippians 4: 4-9
Day 9- Psalm 100: 1-5
Day 10- Psalm 136: 1-12
Day 11- Psalm 136: 13-26
Day 12- 1 Chronicles 16: 8-14
Day 13- 1 Chronicles 16: 23-36
Day 14- Psalm 116:12-19
Day 15- Psalm 147:1-7
Day 16- 2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Day 17- 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11
Day 18- 2 Corinthians 9: 12-15
Day 19- Psalm 28: 6-9
Day 20- Psalm 69: 30-36

Day 21- Psalm 107: 28-32
Day 22- Psalm 9: 1-2, 7-12
Day 23- Lamentations 3: 22-27
Day 24- James 1: 17-18
Day 25- Psalm 118: 1-7
Day 26- Psalm, 118: 8-14
Day 27- Psalm 118: 15-21
Day 28- Psalm 18: 25-29
Day 29- Psalm 105: 1-7
Day 30- Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18



T.I.P.S.

TEEN INFANT PARENTING SERVICES

SUPPORTING YOUNG MOTHERS
TRANSITIONING TOWARD
SAFETY AND SUCCESS

STABILITY, SAFETY AND GROWTH

What is the T.I.P.S. program?

The Teen Infant Parenting Services Program supports young mothers in search of support and safety. T.I.P.S. provides transitional housing services, parenting education classes, individual and group counseling, life skills training, case management and more.

Who is eligible to participate?

- Homeless or unable to remain in current living situation
- Single parents (or pregnant) between the age of 18-24 with no more than 2 children.
- Must live in Detroit, Highland Park or Hamtramck
- Attend educational or career training program
- Commit to program for a minimum of 6 months

**SAFETY AND HOUSING
COUNSELING
PERSONAL GROWTH
EDUCATION
FAMILY SUPPORT**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TIPS SUPERVISOR ANDREA DYE-FARGINSON AT 313-873-0117.

This year the Mission Team is approaching the Angel Tree with the pandemic in mind. Working with Methodist Children's Home we are supporting a new program they have titled Teen – Infant Parenting Shelter or TIPS. The program provides housing for fifteen mothers ages 18 to 24 years and their children and it is a newly acquired program to MCH. They would like Christmas gifts for each of the residents in this program! A gift registry has been established at Target and **once the wish lists are received the registry will be updated accordingly (Nov 1)**. Simply visit Target.com and search "Methodist Children's Home" (direct link on our website under Serve | Missions):

Here is additional information about the 2020 Angel Tree: The registry provides free shipping to Methodist Children's Home and the TIPS program will be referenced in the address to ensure they are wrapped and delivered in time for Christmas. **Angel Tree registry closes Sunday December 6, 2020** so that the packages can be received, wrapped and delivered in time for Christmas. Consider using a Script gift card to make your purchase. Any item over \$50 will automatically have an option for "Group Gifting" at checkout. This permits two or more people to pay for the item together.

The TIPS program director (in place for a long time and feels that each family is her own) can be interviewed to provide information about each family – their past and some of what they have been through. A link to the interview will be placed on the Mission's page of our website.

Items can be purchased with a Target charge card, any other charge card, or a Target gift card. It is also possible to visit a Target store and request the LOUMC Angel Tree 20 registry for Methodist Children's Home.

Questions: Susan Montgomery (248) 921.4518 or Kathy Castillo (248) 770.3215.



Mission Opportunity:

LOUMC will be ringing for the Salvation Army. They have not established their website for the season (and they are waiting for Kroger approval) by the deadline for the LINK. Because of this, we were not able to finalize dates however we are hoping to ring on the following days: Saturday November 21 & Saturday December 19. Ringing takes place at the Kroger store at 460 N. Lapeer Rd in Lake Orion from 10 AM to 7 PM. There are two-hour time slots for volunteers to take. Ringing will take place in the lobby where volunteers and shoppers are required to wear face masks. Plan to bring your own bell or other noise making device (creativity counts). The need is so great right now and our collection rate in the past has always been twice the average amount! If you want to volunteer, call/text/email Susan Montgomery at (248) 921.4518 susan.montgomery518@gmail.com

Memorials offered on All Saints Day for:

Corrine Abbey

Bob Cooney

Chris Egner

Vee Hollenbeck

Frances Johnson

Bonnie Lenzian

Janet Roberts

Leonard Sheldon

Marvin Vanderver

Suzanne Baber

Bruce Denton

Ray Heyse

Mark Holycross

Rebecca Jones

Bob Parkin

Thelma Ryckman

Jean Taylor

Jerry Walker

Jessica Walker

Wilfred and Phyllis Wiseman

***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, Don Johnson, Janine Langegger, 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, Jim and Judy Wright, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

Prayer Chain: Kathy McMinn @ 248-770-8390
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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: November 15th for DECEMBER 2020 LINK

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

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