



The LINK December 2021

Please check our website for changes regarding any posted events.

JOIN US FOR

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Family Friendly Service
Carols | Communion | Candlelight

9:00 p.m. Traditional Service with Choir
Carols | Communion | Candlelight

11:00 p.m. Traditional Service
Carols | Communion | Candlelight

Services will also be available online at www.lakeorionumc.org.

Sunday, December 26th – Video only Services

Michigan Conference Virtual Service of Lessons & Carols

The Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church has put together a service of Lessons and Carols for the Sunday after Christmas. Bishop Bard is encouraging each congregation to use this service for their worship that morning. ***Our own LOUMC Chancel Choir (representing the East Winds District) will be featured singing the last carol in the service, Go Tell It on the Mountain.***

Christmas



Hanging of the Greens

Friday, Dec 3rd – Hanging of the Greens – 6:00

All are welcome to come decorate – the Sanctuary, the rest of the building, and outdoors. Masking is encouraged,. We will eat pizza, as is our custom,



Friday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services

4:30, 9:00, & 11:00

4:30 Family Friendly Service

This service, while family-friendly, will not be as “kid-ish” as in previous years. (This service has often been like Vacation Bible School Christmas!) It will still be shorter and have activity for children, but maintain all the traditional elements of Christmas Eve - carols, communion, and candlelight.

9:00 Choral Service

This service will include all the traditional elements of Christmas Eve – carols, communion, and candlelight – and feature music from the Chancel Choir. This service will most closely resemble our usual Sunday morning service, including a blend of some contemporary music and videos.

11:00 Midnight Bell Service

This service is traditional as well, with carols, communion, and candlelight. It will offer special gifts of music (rather than the Chancel Choir) and conclude with ringing the church bell and singing a verse of “*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*” to usher in Christmas morning.



WE NEED YOU!!!!

**The next blood drive is:
Thursday, January 20, 2022
1:30 to 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 call Kathy Castillo at
248-770-3215.**

Health and safety measures will be in force for this event. Donors will be given a mask to wear while in the facility if they do not already wear one of their own.

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



Did you know??



There is now a church mailbox/dropbox at the Slater Street door. If you happen to stop by to drop something to the office, and building doors are closed, feel free to drop your item into the dropbox.

It is emptied weekday mornings. The office has the key, so it can't be left for anyone other than staff. This is an easy

way to drop off your year-end tithe to be counted on December 30th. Just an easy way if your time is rushed and it's too late to put into the US Mail, it can still be counted for tax purposes.

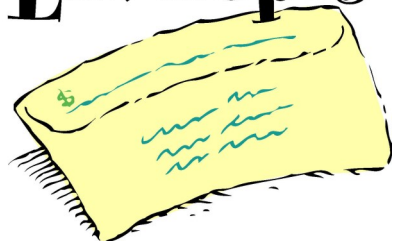
Just a reminder that **all** 2021 tithe/donations ***must be received by 9:00 AM*** on December 30th to be counted.



Offering envelopes are available in the office. You may call the office or send a note requesting your weekly envelopes for 2022.

They will be available to pickup on the table outside of the church office. Just let Pat know and she can have them ready for you.

Offering Envelopes



*Memorials gifts given during the
past year in memory of those who
have passed and recognized on
All Saint's Day*

*Thomas Arthur II
Bruce Denton
Dee Harmon
Vee Hollenbeck
Fran Johnson
Pat Miller
Grace Pender
Janet Roberts
Tom Simmons
Marvin VanDerver
Jessica Walker*

*Jan Canfield
Bud Hanson
Bob Hollenbeck
Don Johnson
Carol McCormick
Harlan Navarre
Garry Reynolds
Rob Schadel
Grace Spry
Maren Voss
Jerry Walker*

*Christine Wehrli
Philip and Thelma Ryckman
Wilfred and Phyllis Wiseman*



*Cards are welcomed for remembrance of
Jon Thomerson to Ellen Thomerson at Applewood
Assisted Living Facility, 2800 Youngfield Street,
Lakewood, CO 80215.*



We will be printing historical info about our church for our 150th Anniversary celebration all through 2022. Here's some info for you:

Through the efforts of Donalda Taylor Lessiter, the United Methodist Church of Lake Orion was officially designated a Michigan Historical Site in March 1973.

In 1987 the chancel area in the sanctuary was expanded and the beautiful wood floor was refinished. The current office areas were added at that time.

In 1996 the Sunday School classroom in the Old Testament Wing was renovated. Brighter classrooms and a larger hallway were completed. Rocks from the foundation were visible when the old floors were ripped up.

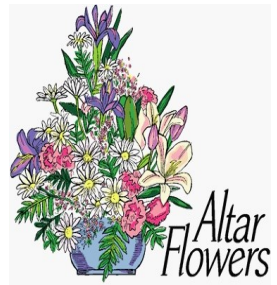
As Donalda Lessiter expressed it in closing her account of our history at the Centennial Celebration in 1972 - "This is truly a House of God - blessed with a past, a present, and a future."



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 \$25 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, 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 to those who have chosen to decorate our church worship with the gift of altar flowers:

November 7 - Given by Fern Myers being grateful for God's blessing.

November 14 - Given by Jack Brown in honor of Veterans along with thanks for cards when he was ill.

November 14 - Given by Marilyn Gaskins in honor of Larry's birthday.

November 21 - Given by Linda Fairchild in honor of her mother, Iva Hawley's 100th birthday.

November 28 - Given by Nancy Ochoa and family in loving memory of Gaines Greenhill.

November 28 - A rose given by Tina Walker in honor of baptism of Alice Elizabeth Walker.

Thanks for those who have chosen to decorate our church with the gift of steeple lighting:

November 7th - Given in celebration of Ron and Faye Nordquist's 60th anniversary on 11/3.

November 14th - Given by Jack Brown in honor of veterans

November 21st - Given by Jim and Judy Wright in honor of their grandchildren..

Keep Christ in
Christmas!
 Have a
 blessed holiday!



December

Weekly Scheduled Events:

Sunday

10:00 Worship

10:00 Kids on the Rock

6:00 Youth Cafe

Monday

9-3 Sunny Day

10:30 Bible Study (Sh)

7pm Jesus in the Gospels
 Book Study

Tuesday

9:15am Bell practice

10:30am Jesus in the
 Gospels Book Study

7pm Choir practice

Wednesday

9-3 Sunny Day

10am Sermon Review

Thursday

12-3 Sunny Day

Friday

9-12 Sunny Day

Office Closes at noon

Saturday

Daily

700 PM-Narcotics Anon.
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Sun	Mon	Tue
5 2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Commitment Sunday</i> 10:00 Worship 10:00 Kids on the Rock 6:00 Youth Café	6 10:30am Bible Study 5:30-6:00pm Community Meals 7pm Book Study	7 9:15am Bell practice 10:30am Book Study 7pm Choir practice
12 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship 10:00 Kids on the Rock 6:00 Youth Cafe	13 10:30am Bible Study 5:30-6:00pm Community Meals 7pm Book Study	14 10:30am Book Study 1:00 pm UMW 7pm Choir practice
19 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship 10:00 Kids on the Rock 6:00 Youth Cafe	20 10:30am Bible Study 5:30-6:00pm Community Meals 7pm Book Study	21 10:30am Book Study
26 <i>Michigan</i> <i>Conference Virtual</i> <i>Service of Lessons</i> <i>& Carols</i> <i>VIDEO Worship</i>	27 Office Closed 5:30-6:00pm Community Meals	28

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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30am Sermon Review	2 7pm Church Council	3 Office closes at noon on Fridays Hanging of the Greens 6pm	4
actice Study ctice	8 10:30am Sermon Review 7pm NAMI Zoom Mtg To register: desteffes@charter.net Contact Bryan or Deb Thom for info bryan debthom@gmail.com	9 7pm Trustees 7pm SPRC	10	11 10am Bell Rehearsal
Study -106 ctice	15 10:30am Sermon Review	16 7pm Finance	17	18
Study	22 10:30am Sermon Review	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 4:30pm 9pm 11pm	25 Christmas 
	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 	January 1st

ONLINE GIVING

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:" Proverbs 3:9

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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. The church has a unique webpage that will allow you to sign up 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.

Secure Payments By

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NO PAYPAL ACCOUNT NEEDED!

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. Also, the Kohl's gift card can be used to pay your credit card bill, we can also get Menards gift cards. 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.



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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).

OPEN MY EYES

December



Each of the Scriptures below should take ten to fifteen minutes to write. Feel free to add a reflection or prayer 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 December comments at The Felicity Bee and using #felicitybee on social media & let's start a beautiful conversation!

The Names of Jesus

Day 1: **ADVOCATE**

I John 2:1-2

Day 2: **LAMB OF GOD**

John 1:29-31

Day 3: **RESURRECTION & LIFE**

John 11:21-25

Day 4: **SHEPHERD & GUARDIAN of SOULS**

I Peter 2:22-25

Day 5: **JUDGE**

Acts 10:42-43

Day 6: **KING of KINGS & LORD of LORDS**

I Timothy 6:14-16

Day 7: **MAN OF SORROWS**

Isaiah 53:3-5

Day 8: **AMEN & FAITHFUL & True Witness**

Revelation 3:14-16

Day 9: **THE ROCK**

I Corinthians 10:1-4

Day 10: **HIGH PRIEST & ANCHOR**

Hebrews 6:19-20

Day 11: **THE DOOR**

John 10:7-9

Day 12: **BREAD OF LIFE**

John 6:32-35

Day 13: **ROSE OF SHARON**

Song of Solomon 2:1-3

Day 14: **ALPHA and OMEGA**

Revelation 22:12-14

Day 15: **TEACHER**

John 3:1-3

Day 16: **THE BELOVED**

Ephesians 1:3-6

Day 17: **SAVIOR & MEDIATOR**

I Timothy 2:3-6

Day 18: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

John 10:11-14

Day 19: **LIGHT of the WORLD**

John 8:12

Day 20: **THE WORD**

John 1:1-5

Day 21: **CHIEF CORNERSTONE**

Ephesians 2:19-22

Day 22: **IMAGE of the INVISIBLE GOD**

Colossians 1:15-18

Day 23: **AUTHOR & FINISHER of OUR FAITH**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Day 24: **IMMANUEL**

Matthew 1:23-25

Day 25: **WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,**

EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE

Isaiah 9:6

Day 26: **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON**

John 3:15-17

Day 27: **DAYS PRING**

Luke 1:76-79

Day 28: **REDEEMER**

Job 19:25-27

Day 29: **ALMIGHTY**

Revelation 1:7-8

Day 30: **ROOT and OFFSPRING of DAVID,**

BRIGHT and MORNING STAR

Revelation 22:16-17

Day 31: **THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE**

John 14:3-6

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

**Beginning December 1st,
Read one chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible
each evening.**

**There are 24 chapters.
On Christmas Eve you will have read
an entire account of Jesus's Life
and wake up Christmas Morning
Knowing WHO and WHY
We Celebrate!!**

Mission Team - Angel Tree



The Mission Angel Tree is coming! This year's Angel Tree will brighten Christmas for the boys and girls at House of Providence. Christmas is for children and House of Providence houses 6 girls at their confidential location in Oxford and eight boys at their confidential location in Holly. They are a Christian based therapeutic residential facility that was founded in response to the orphan crises in Michigan. Our registry can be found by going to Target.com and clicking on "registry". Once there select "Search for Registry" and below the red search box click on "Search for Organization". This will open a text box for you to enter "Lake Orion Methodist Church". *Our registry has a photo of LOUMC and the correct name ***however because we are shipping the items to a private home in Clarkston (for collection purposes) that city comes up under the information for our church.*** The Target registry has no work around to correct this reference. Also, Target gift cards appear on every registry created - our hope is that LOUMC gift cards are purchased through Trudy Carney and SCRIP.

House of Providence are very excited to be the recipients of our Angel Tree and will obtain a Christmas wish list from each of the children in early November so that we can take advantage of "Black Friday" sales. The registry will come down December 13, 2021 in order to deliver the items to House of Providence in time for Christmas delivery to the children.

Questions or assistance shopping: Susan Montgomery (248) 921-4518 or Kathy Castillo (248) 770-3215.

**A.S.A.P.
Always Say A Prayer**

**God our Father, if it is Your
will, walk through my
house and take away all
my worries, illnesses, and
please watch over and
heal my family.
In Jesus name. Amen.**

***Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of
our families and friends during this
holiday season.***

About People

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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

LINK DEADLINE: December 15th for January 2022 LINK

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