

# The LINK

## DECEMBER 2023

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



## Advent / Christmas

### Friday, December 1st Hanging of the Greens 6:00 pm

All are welcome to come decorate – the Sanctuary, the rest of the building, and outdoors. Strong, willing workers needed. We will eat pizza when everything is done, as is our custom. Sign up now so we know how much pizza to order.

### *Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Services 4:30, 9:00, & 11:00*

#### 4:30 Family Friendly Service

This service, while family-friendly, 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.

# Save The Date!

*Fleece & Thank You November 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Lake Orion United Methodist Church, 140 E Flint St, Lake Orion*

5:00 pm *WELCOME: For those who are able to arrive early!*

5:15 pm ***FLEECE BLANKET TYING** Begins*

5:45 pm *Dinner: Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup,  
Salad, Rolls & Dessert!*

6:30 until 7:30 pm ***FLEECE BLANKET TYING** Continues!*

*Please arrive when you are able as we know that traffic and after work or school plans can hold folks up! The evening is rather "fluid", so pop-in and join us as it works for you! However, we hope you are there for some delicious soup!*

*Rev Linda Cochran Cell 586-549-8657*



## **Angel Tree is here!**

Your Angel Tree committee has already "hung the angels" on our tree in Fellowship Hall with plenty of time to spare for Black Friday sales. This year's tree is benefiting the House of Providence girl's home in Oxford. The event was hybrid in 2022 so that there is an online version and a physical tree. Church members can select an angel from the tree in Fellowship Hall, purchase the item, then return it to the committee (someone to be in Fellowship Hall by the tree after worship) unwrapped and with the angel attached.



Those who prefer can use this link to access our Target Gift Registry: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/loumc-angel-tree-2022>

Questions: Kathy Castillo at [taxkat@comcast.net](mailto:taxkat@comcast.net) or Susan Montgomery at [susan.montgomery518@gmail.com](mailto:susan.montgomery518@gmail.com) .



## ***Food Donation Ministry for Community Meals***

On Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, as a part of our Come to the Table theme, we will have an ingathering of food items for our Community Meal pantry (see list of requested items on the next page). The scripture that morning is Acts 11:1-15, where Peter and Cornelius (a Roman centurion) have been improbably brought together by God's Spirit in table fellowship. Part of what brought them together was a vision given to Peter:

He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane."

As our own visual for that morning, we will have a sheet on the chancel (in front of the altar) where you will be invited to leave your offerings of food. We hope to have a grand display of our congregation's generosity and a visual reminder of our commitment to our Community Meal and the fellowship and service it provides.

If you have specific questions in terms of the food listed, please contact Trudy Carney at 248-320-4809.

**Come To The Table**

**Come to the table,  
All who are able  
Come to the table of the Lord.**



# COMMUNITY MEALS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND FOOD COLLECTION

Community Meals currently provides 140 meals Monday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. These meals are provided through donation of money and food. Currently, with the increased cost of food and packaging, the cost of providing meals is an average \$375 a night.

## *Items need are:*

Cut Green Beans (canned)  
Bottled Tomato Ketchup  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Cream of Chicken Soup  
Beef or Chicken Gravy  
Grated Parmesan Cheese

Baked Beans  
Beets, diced  
Diced Tomatoes  
Diced Peaches  
Tomato Soup  
Elbow Macaroni  
Kidney Beans  
Chicken Broth

Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Tropical Fruit (NOT individual size)  
Mandarin Oranges (NOT individual size)  
Zip Lock Sandwich or Gallon Sized Bags

Commercial size cans are helpful.

Please place on wire rack in Fellowship Hall.

Gift cards for Gordon's and Costco are welcome!



# Community Meal



## **November was Staff Appreciation Month!**

***We are incredibly thankful for our amazing staff. During the month of November, SPRC sponsored some events to let our staff know how much we appreciate them. We collected a "Love Offering" to be divided among our staff members. Envelopes are available in the pews or in the office, or just use a regular envelope with "Staff Appreciation" written on it. Just a simple note of thanks is another great way to let staff know their hard work is appreciated. Whatever you choose, we hope that you will take the opportunity throughout the year to remind our staff how much we love and appreciate them. These next few pages let you know more about our Staff.....***

***Many thanks,  
Staff Parish Relations Committee***

## **WE ARE THANKFUL FOR PASTOR LARRY!**

Although Pastor Larry went to Wayne State with the intention of becoming a music teacher, it is not surprising that his path turned towards ministry. Both sides of Larry's extended family were deeply rooted in their faith. Larry's parents and maternal grandparents were active members of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. His father was a Trustee and his mother headed Children's Ministry. His grandfathers joined his parents to make a family quartet that alternated singing between Grandpa Wik's Baptist church and the Farmington Methodist Church. Larry loved to sing along, so his grandmother's would supply him with Certs and Juicy Fruit gum to keep him from singing along from their pew. During high school, Larry sang with the Chancel Choir instead of participating in youth ministry programs. The Farmington pastor was instrumental in suggesting opportunities for Larry to learn about ministry.

In high school, Larry had teachers who mentored him in the skills needed for college. His choir director encouraged him to audition for the People to People chorale. This afforded

him the opportunity to travel throughout Asia for six weeks and spend time with youth of many faiths. His English teachers encouraged him to read voraciously and enter an essay contest at Wayne State. A merit scholarship and other awards funded his education at Wayne State.

While at Wayne State, Larry met lifelong friends and toured Europe with the glee club. He and his friend, Mark, stayed in Europe an extra 9 days during which they did a Wesley tour. That experience along with a retreat at the Lake Huron camp for those inquiring into ordained ministry made him look seriously at the option of ministry when he graduated in 1989.

Larry and Jen met in 1991 while singing in the OCC community choir. While working at Cokesbury Publishing, Larry had the opportunity to tour Candler School of Theology. He received a Dean's Scholarship and help from the Farmington Church to make attending Candler a reality. He and Jen maintained their long-distance relationship, saving money by calling after 11:00 PM when long distance phone rates were reduced. They married in 1993 and Jen moved to Atlanta for Larry's final semester. Larry's first placement was at Ford Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit in 1994. He followed Rev. Faith Fowler in that placement. In 1998, he followed our own Pastor Marge, taking over at Canton Cherry Hill. The Wik's became a family of five while in Canton, with the addition of Sarah (James and Aaron had been born in Detroit).

In 2005, the Wik's were transferred to Manchester. It was lovely to raise their family in this small town. The kids were able to stop by the church as they walked home from school.

LOUMC was fortunate to have Larry become the Senior Pastor in 2012. During that year, Larry lost his father. The congregations of Manchester and LOUMC supported him throughout this difficult time.

In his spare time, Larry loves to watch Detroit sports. He is a fan of all of the teams, but particularly enjoys the Pistons. Hopefully, this year will bring lots to cheer about for our teams! Larry also continues to pursue his love of music. He has been singing at Temple Bethel for High Holy Days since 1998. He and Jen sing together in the Troy Community Chorus and the Dearborn

Summer Chorus.

Pastor Larry has graced our church with his musical talent, knowledge, patience, hard work ethic and kindness throughout the past eleven years. We are truly blessed.

### **We are so thankful for Pastor Linda**

Linda grew up in a small town similar in size to Lake Orion, where several generations of her family had lived called Lebanon, Ohio. She was raised in The Lebanon Presbyterian Church along with her family. Linda shared many fond memories, several were comical ones, but as I reread my notes, I thought what a wonderful, loving family she has, who really made a significant difference in her life.

Linda remembers wondering why it was always just her dad that took her and her 3 siblings to Sunday School her mom would then join them at church? It was one of moms few times to have an hour of alone time!!! Dad and Grandma were her “God mentors” not so much in what they said, but in their actions, their presence, and lived faith, they really impacted the end result of Linda’s future and her career path.

During her years in Youth Group and High School she had some “famous” folks cross her path!!

First, Neil Armstrong’s son, Mark, went to her high school and during a “Homecoming Dance” she had a chance to dance with him! After Neil’s moon landing, he had settled and moved to Lebanon, Ohio to raise his family! Another famous person to share growing up years with Linda was Woody Harrelson, (from Cheers!) who went to the same school and church. He was also a friend and student at Hanover College in southern Indiana when Linda was taking undergraduate classes! Then during a campus visit the once Vice President, Mike Pence, was her Admission Counselor at Hanover College!

Linda attended Hanover College, a Presbyterian College, where she majored in History. After she graduated, she really was not sure what she was going to do. She worked in retail until the Pastor at The First Presbyterian Church in Brighton, MI called. They were looking for a Youth Pastor. She interviewed and was



hired! The first Sunday there, she met Jeff, her husband who was the Children's Choir Director and a student at U of M. It was love at first sight!

They were married in 1991 and Linda also started seminary, graduating from McCormick Seminary 1991! She was ordained in 1995 and has done ministry in the Detroit area ever since, mostly in Interim positions!

Jeff Zurkan is a Choir and Music Instructor in the Rochester Community Schools. Linda and Jeff have 4 beautiful adult children, Alex, Madie, Chloe and Sophia

We are so grateful Linda is a part of our LOUMC family :)

### **We are thankful for our Music Director Janice Hammond**

When Janice was born into the Hauxwell family, they had been members of LOUMC for generations. Her grandfather remembers helping to roll the church down the road on logs from its original location when he was a young boy. He and his wife were married at the church in a double ceremony in 1917.

Janice's grandfather and Aunt June were both part of the choir. He and other volunteer firefighter had to rush out of the church if they heard the fire siren blow.

Janice has many fond memories of growing up in at LOUMC. She was surrounded by her family at church. In addition to her parents and sisters and brothers, she had grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins with her in church, Sunday school, and youth group.

Following graduation from LOHS, Janice earned a bachelor's degree in vocal music education at Albion College. Next, she received a master's degree in voice performance at Oakland University. She continued on to Indiana University where she graduated with a Doctorate in voice performance.

While at Indiana University, Janice met Ray Hammond. They were married and Janice gained not only a husband, but sons, Michael and Dennis. Daughter, Olivia, was born 8 months before Janice performed her final recital. Since then, the family has grown with the addition of daughter in law, Ally, and three beautiful granddaughters. In her spare time, Janice enjoys

sewing and spending time with family. They also enjoy spending time at their cabin near Cheboygan.

Following moves to Iowa and Ohio, Ray took a job at GM, and the Hammond family moved back home to Lake Orion. We are sure happy that they did! Janice became Music Director here at LOUMC in 2015. Since then, she has blessed us with her beautiful voice and many musical talents. We are incredibly fortunate to have Dr. Janice Hammond sharing her passion for our church and her gift of music ministry with all of us.

### **We are so thankful for Anthony Graffeo**

We at Lake Orion United Methodist Church are so thankful for our custodian, Anthony Graffeo.

Anthony grew up in Birmingham, Alabama where even as a young boy, he worked at his father's grocery store. He learned early on not to say that he was bored in front of his father as there was always something that needed to be done at the store. Anthony got an apartment at age 19 and obtained a job selling computers. This job had him traveling all over the continental United States to the point that he would sometimes forget what city he was in. He would call Emily from the road and check the local phone book to ensure what city he was in. Despite having this job, Anthony would still work at his father's store on weekends as time permitted, until 1983.

Anthony met Emily in 1978 while attending a wedding of Anthony's cousin to Emily's best friend. Anthony and Emily married in 1979 and celebrate their marriage of 44 years with three thriving children and five beautiful grandchildren. Emily's job with Chrysler Motors brought Emily and her two daughters to relocate to Lake Orion in August of 2000. Their son wanted to finish his elementary school year in Alabama so Anthony and his son remained in Alabama until June of 2001 when they too moved to Lake Orion.

Anthony had owned a hydraulic shop in Alabama and he worked there full time until his move to Lake Orion in 2001. He then became one of the first "stay at home dads" while Emily was

working at Chryslers. Emily would work for a 6 to 8 week stretch and then take some time off. During Emily's time away from work, Anthony would go back to Alabama to work at his hydraulic shop. While he was there, he would basically live in the shop to save money. An elderly friend that Anthony and Emily had made let Anthony shower and do laundry at her house and Anthony would then clean her home to repay her kindness. This schedule of work continued for about 8 years until Emily was able to retire. Anthony then worked another four years in Alabama coming home to Lake Orion as he could arrange until he sold his shop and was able to come to Lake Orion to live with his family full time.

Birmingham's loss is Lake Orion's gain and we are very blessed to have Anthony and Emily as part of our church family. We thank Anthony for taking charge of being the custodian at Lake Orion United Methodist Church and keeping our church building in such a beautiful condition.

### **We are so thankful for Pat Matthews**

Pat is usually the smiling face you see when you enter the church office. We are VERY thankful for all she does! Here is a little background information to get to know her better. Pat has had a myriad of positions during her life, from automotive quality manager, newspaper columnist, truck driver, dancer, school secretary, docent at the Detroit Zoo, CIA officer, wife, mother and grandmother, to LOUMC secretary.

Pat moved to the area after her son, Jim and Jill Brzezinski, settled in Oxford area, near a campground where her sister and family had spent their many summers. She began attending LOUMC around early 90's. Her granddaughters were baptized at LOUMC, her oldest granddaughter Sydney, by Pastor Bruce and her younger granddaughter Ella, by Rev Marge. Shortly after moving to the area, Pat became widowed. After her husband passed, Pat decided she would look for something different to do and she found it! Pat became an officer for the CIA and was stationed in many different and sometimes challenging locations

worldwide including the White House in DC, Iraq, Jordan, San Francisco, and New Mexico.

When Pat was in the CIA, she had the opportunity, the day after the Inauguration, to meet President Trump and Vice President Pence. Pat had been injured when she was serving in Iraq and required knee surgery. VP Pence asked Pat if he could say a prayer for her healing and Pat joined hands with President Trump and VP Pence as he said a prayer for her. This really touched Pat. She was very impressed with Mike Pence the person, regardless of his political views.

After a personnel change in one of her work locations, Pat decided to retire and return to the area. She spent the first 6 months getting settled in her house in Oxford and then determined she needed to do something more with her time. Lucky for us, the secretary position at LOUMC opened up and Pat filled that void. She has been with us for more than 5 years. We are so thankful for all she does for our Church family!

Pat was raised in the church as a young child and her favorite church memory is of a Christmas Eve Candlelight service. When the candles were lit, Pat, at 6 years old, began to sing Happy Birthday to Jesus, and the congregation joined in. When Jim was small, each Christmas Eve they had a Birthday cake and Party for Jesus. Pat is hoping that this is a tradition that will be continued by her grandchildren.

Pat 's favorite task as LOUMC secretary is creating the LINK and the All-Church email. She loves to use her abilities creating/editing the text, adding graphics and create very informative and colorful documents that keep all the congregation members up to date on what is going on around and within us. We are thankful that she enjoys creating these messages.

Pat has made some wonderful friends at LOUMC, and thankful that so many of them visited her annual Halloween display and continues to enjoy spending time with her family in the area.

Thanks, Pat, for all you do for LOUMC!

***“Light in the Darkness” Worship***  
***December 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm***

If the weather is hot outside most likely both of your hands are going to be able to feel the warmth of the glowing sun! If the weather is blustery cold most likely your hands are going to feel cold, if you can feel them at all. It is not often that our hands each feel different temperatures as our bodies are affected by temperatures around us. However, our **hearts and minds** may feel two different opposing “temperatures” during the Christmas season. Slowly feelings may bubble up and we find both joy and sorrow nestled deeply within our being. In my mind’s eye, I envision, two extended hands reaching out, one holding loss, grief, and even despair as the other hand is holding all the sounds, smells and sights of this Holy Season of Christmas.

Feeling or experiencing both joy and sorrow at Christmas can make one confused and perhaps feel alone. How does one walk this very odd and uncomfortable path when after all, “Tis the season to be Jolly”! You are invited, if your hands are weighed down with great sorrow or you are carrying a light load, to our “Light in the Darkness” worship service. May we, together, wander and wonder, toward the love that was born that first Christmas day and find peace.



### Weekly Events:

#### Sunday

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee Hour (FH)

11:30am Adult Bible Study

#### Monday

9am-3pm Sunny Days

10:30am Bible Study (Sh-106)

5:30-6:30pm In person

Community Meals

#### Tuesday

10:30am Sermon Study

7:00pm Choir Practice

#### Wednesday

8am Local Business LBN

9am-3pm Sunny Days

10am Hallelujah Handbells

#### Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club

10-11am - Mom & Tot

12pm--3pm Sunny Days

#### Friday




9am-12pm Sunny Days

Office Closes at noon

#### Daily

8 PM-Narcotics Anon (123)

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue
<div>ADVENT</div> <div>HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE</div> 		
3	4	5
10	11	12
17 4pm- Light into Darkness Service	18	19 Paint Creek 4-H 7pm 
24 Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm 9pm 11pm	25 CHRISTMAS NO COMMUNITY MEALS Office Closed	26
31 New Year's Eve 	January 1st There WILL be Community Meals Office Closed	



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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Hanging of the Greens 6pm & Pizza	2 8am Johnny Black's UMM UNITED METHODIST <b>MEN</b> Parade 6pm 
6 10am Book Club 	7	8	9 Bell Practice
13 	14 UMWF—10am  United Women in Faith Trustees /SPRC	15	16
20	21 Finance Zoom 7pm	22	23
27	28 <u>By 2 pm</u> <b>LAST DAY TO HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS COUNT FOR 2023!</b>	29	30

**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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of participating retailers, or contact Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 [trudycarney@aol.com](mailto:trudycarney@aol.com).



***THANKS to everyone who contributed to our coat drive for our Lake Orion families. We have already distributed over 90 coats throughout our schools. There is always a need to gather winter garb so kids are allowed to be outdoors at recess and while at home too! If children don't have warm jackets, snowpants, hats, gloves and scarves, it just makes their lives a little more difficult. We***

***can make they lives much better by donating coats and funds to our "Help Kids Success" account. Thank you to Brenda Brubaker-Ulery for heading up this very well needed mission.***

# HANGING OF THE GREENS



## *Hanging of the Greens*

*Friday, December 1st @ 6 p.m. please come and help decorate our church for the Christmas Holiday. We need people to help with the Christmas tree, hang the roping, candles in the windows, etc. Worship and the Arts welcomes your help and will celebrate with a pizza party afterwards. Watch the weekly all church email for details.*



*Hanging  
of the Greens*

## **Contributions Welcome!**

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway **NEXT** to 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 \$10 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 altar flowers and other gifts:*

*November 5th –Livestreaming given for the entire month in honor and celebration of the life of Trevor Blaylock.*

*November 5th - Altar flowers given in memory of Phyllis and Sid Paradee's anniversary.*

*November 12th - Altar flowers and Steeple Lighting given in honor and celebration of Larry Gaskins' 81st birthday.*

*November 26th - Altar flowers given in loving memory of Gaines Greenhill, given by his family.*

*November 26th - Altar flowers given in honor and celebration of Ralph and Sherry Reseigh's 55th anniversary.*

*November 5th - Steeple Lighting given in honor and celebration of Ron and Faye Nordquist's 62nd anniversary.*

*November 5th - Steeple Lighting given in memory of Kimberly Polan, daughter of Walt and Pat VanConant.*

*And a Very Special Thank You to those who gave anonymously to these funds.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Hanging of the Greens, Friday December 1st @ 6 p.m.  
followed by pizza as we help Worship & the Arts  
decorate the church.*

*Christmas Lighted Parade is Saturday, December 2nd.  
Theme this year is "Christmas at the Movies".  
Join us for hot cider and cookies!*

*Just a heads up - Blood Drive will be  
Thursday, February 22nd.  
Mark your calendars!!*

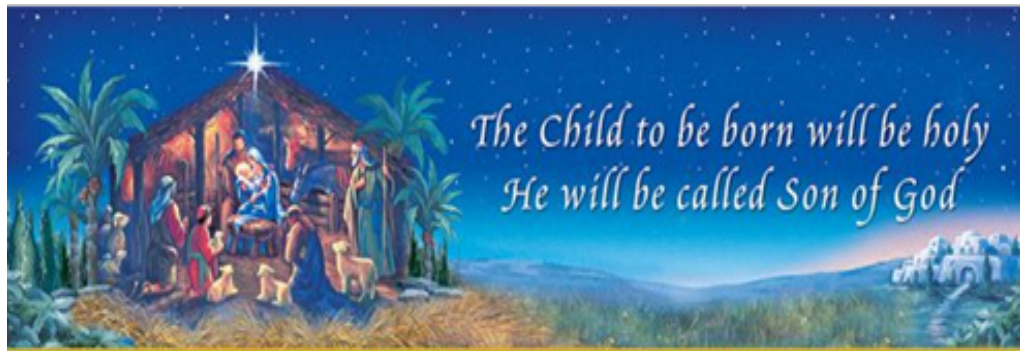


## NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

**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!!**





*The Child to be born will be holy  
He will be called Son of God*

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us.  
And we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

This scripture from the Gospel of John describes for us what we call the Incarnation – the Word of God becoming, in Jesus, flesh and blood. Holy Communion is a further step in this process of Incarnation, for once the historical “in the flesh” Jesus is no longer with us, his presence remains available to us in the elements of the bread and the cup.

(Which is why we will have Communion throughout the Advent season.)

And we the Church are to be an integral part of the Incarnation as well, becoming for the world the “Body of Christ.”

I read recently about a young child who, when she tried to say the word “disciples,” ended up saying “de-Bibles.” How appropriate! For we who are disciples may be de-Bibles (the *only* Bibles) that people experience. We are to embody Christ the Word – a profound responsibility, for sure.

The temporal, brick and mortar, “keep the lights on, and pay the staff” needs of the Church are far from glamorous. Nor are they particularly inspiring. But it is in meeting these institutional necessities that we give flesh and bone to the lifeblood of the Church’s ministry and that we further the mission of God. So, we would be remiss not to ask, in this season of Incarnation, for your continued generosity as a congregation in giving financially toward the ministries here at LOUMC.

Please, as you are able, give generously this Christmas – and throughout the coming New Year – with glad and grateful hearts.

Wishing you a meaningful Advent and a Merry Christmas,

Pastor Larry





## **Anxiety-Calming Scriptures**

### **2 Timothy 1:7**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. (CSB)

### **Psalms 4:8**

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety. (NIV)

### **1 Peter 5:6-7**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. (NASB)

### **Philippians 4:6-7**

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

### **Isaiah 41:10**

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be afraid, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you; I will help you;  
I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand. (CSB)

### **Isaiah 26:3**

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. (ESV)

### **John 14:1**

Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. (HCSB)

## ***Widowed Friends Activities & Events***

Friday, December 1st @ 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at the *Orion Grill, 3667 S. Baldwin, Orion Township, 48359.* Please RSVP to Event Coordinator Sharon at 248-778-7118.

Tuesday, December 19th @ 1:00 p.m. A Christmas Lunch at *5th Tavern, 7228 N Mail St, Clarkston 48436.* RSVP to Event Coordinator Sharry at 248-840-0063 (If no answer PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE and she will get back to you). RSVP by December 14th for reservations.

## **ARE YOU A WIDOW OR A WIDOWER?**

Join us! We meet every Tuesday  
at Collier Lanes in Oxford at noon.  
Come bowl or go out for lunch!



For more information call  
Joe (248) 693-2454 or  
Nadine (248) 475-9036

## **NAMI Metro SUPPORT GROUP**

Adult discussion group for family member(s) or friend (s) of someone diagnosed with a mental illness. Share challenges and support each other. Learn about resources to get additional help. You're not alone. **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month via ZOOM.**

**To register: [desteffes@charter.net](mailto:desteffes@charter.net)**

Contact Debbie or Bryan Thom if you have any questions. 248.762.1141 or [bryandebthom@gmail.com](mailto:bryandebthom@gmail.com)

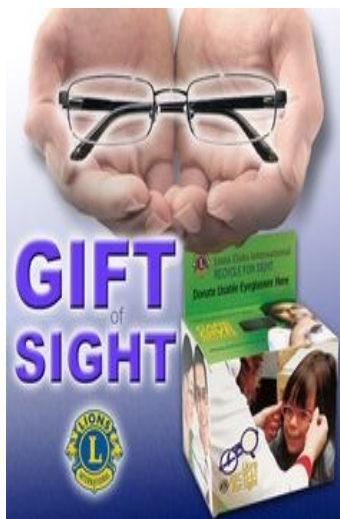
**NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness**

**<http://namimetro.org>**



### **Did you know???**

Did you know that we have bins to collect eyeglasses? They are located at the east and west entrance doors. The Lions Club takes your donations and sends them overseas to those who need them. Doesn't matter what frame, or what prescription, they will be checked and refurbished by their doctors. So look in those drawers and find those glasses that you don't use and pass them along to the Lions Club so they can pass them on for continued use. For any info, contact Jim Childers.





# Christmas

## 31 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-Isaiah 7:14-17  
Day 2-Isaiah 9:6-7  
Day 3-Isaiah 11:1-5  
Day 4-Isaiah 11:6-10  
Day 5-Isaiah 40:1-5  
Day 6-Isaiah 52:7-10  
Day 7-Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Day 8-Psalm 72:1-7  
Day 9-Psalm 72:8-14  
Day 10-Psalm 72:15-20

Day 11-Psalm 95:1-7  
Day 12-Malachi 3:1-3  
Day 13-Matthew 1:18-20  
Day 14-Matthew 1:21-25  
Day 15-Matthew 2:1-6  
Day 16-Matthew 2:7-12  
Day 17-Luke 1:26-29  
Day 18-Luke 1:30-34  
Day 19-Luke 1:35-38  
Day 20-Luke 1:46-50

Day 21-Luke 1:51-56  
Day 22-Luke 2:4-7  
Day 23-Luke 2:8-12  
Day 24-Luke 2:13-16  
Day 25-Luke 2:17-20  
Day 26-Galatians 4:4-7  
Day 27-Philippians 2:5-8  
Day 28-Philippians 2:9-11  
Day 29-James 1:16-18  
Day 30-Titus 3:3-7  
Day 31-Choose your own verse



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



## **Memorials:**

*The Memorial Committee wishes to acknowledge the following individuals who we recognize their memory through memorial gifts whose names were spelled incorrectly on last month's listing. We apologize for the errors.*

*Vola Cater*

*Len Sheldon*

*Charlene Walters*



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**God blesses those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.**

**Matthew 5:4**

Dear Lord, Please bless those whose hearts are hurting, who are afflicted with great burdens and struggles. I know you are with us all in our times of need. Thank you for your comfort and being with us who need you the most.

The  
Peace  
of  
Heaven

***Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of  
our families and friends.***

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