



The LINK

December 2024

Please check our website for changes regarding any posted events.



Advent / Christmas

Friday, December 6th 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. Sign up now so we know how much pizza to order.

Saturday, December 7th Carol Sing on the Steps 5:00 pm

Please join us on December 7, 2024 to Carol on the Steps prior to the Lake Orion Lighted Parade!! Park in the Slater Street lot by 5, warm-up and start singing at about 5:40 until the parade comes by - a fun and festive way to usher in the Advent season and be involved in a fun community event!! Dress Warm!

Tuesday, December 24th 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.

Hangings of the Greens

Friday, December 6th @ 6 p.m. please come and help decorate our church for the Christmas Holiday. Worship and the Arts welcomes your help

Hangings of the Greens Family Style

Please join us on Friday, December 6th as we decorate the church for Christmas as well as:

EAT: Yes, we will have PIZZA and TREATS for everyone!

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES: The children will be supervised in Room 122 (the Sunday School room) with special crafts, games and a Christmas movie all for them!

DECORATE: Prepare our worship space and the Sunday School room for Christmas!

LAUGH: With families and friends as we ring in the holiday season together!

SING: Enjoy the sounds of Christmas with fun carols playing in the background! Feel free to sing-a-long!

Parents: come and enjoy conversation and holiday decorating with your church community while your children have a wonderful and festive time of their own!

Bring Friends!



*Hangings
of the Greens*



Advent Devotional and Sermon Series: The Weary World Rejoices

“Have you been looking at the jaw-dropping new images that are coming in from the James Webb Space Telescope? These photos of deep space are wild and surreal. Pillars of gas and dust. Clouds of yellows, oranges and blues that capture the mystery and dazzling beauty of the universe. You are immediately struck by the sense that there is so much out there, but it’s not here. Not yet anyway. The days leading up to Christmas (we call this season Advent) is kind of like that. It’s a promise that is coming, as surely and steadily as light traveling from a distant star. It is the promise of a return—a restoration of all things to their true being, a goodness which was conceived from the beginning of time, a realized hope we’ve been longing for.” By Kate Bowler

Hello my dear friends! Please take this Advent journey with me and your many friends here at LOUMC. I don’t know about you but my soul is yearning not for the hustle and bustle of Christmas, though that can be super fun, but for the quiet waiting for Jesus birth. Above is the opening paragraph of the Advent Devotional, “The Weary World Rejoices”. It is a devotional that is read daily but we are adding a “let’s meet once a week component”! **You are invited to meet: Dec. 5th, 12th, and 19th at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 if you would like! In order to read the devotional you do not need to meet as a group! We are just extending the opportunity for those that wish!**

Also, our advent sermon series will focus each week on this devotional. The devotional can be found online by clicking the link below and we will make copies and place them in the church office! This link will also be on our LOUMC website.

Link: <https://bit.ly/4fslrnN>



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. 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 each Sunday) unwrapped and with the angel attached.

Those who need assistance with shopping or have questions can contact Kathy Castillo at taxkat@comcast.net (248) 770-3215 or Susan Montgomery at susan.montgomery518@gmail.com (248) 921-4518.

Gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 8.



A grateful Thank You to Marian Middleton and Judy Muir. They have completed Christmas card for all the residents and our Community Meals family. They signed each of the cards "*From your Lake Orion United Methodist friends*". This is not the first year they have done this and we are so appreciative.

The Coat Ministry Is Warming Hearts and Little Ones

Our coat ministry that has been sustained over the years by your generosity and the many folks who have organized the delivery of them to the local Lake Orion Schools continues! This fall we have shared over 135 coats so far with 4 of our local elementary schools.

As we have continued to purchase coats, snow pants, gloves and hats this, of course, is an expense. Many of you have asked about assisting with supplying these winter items again this year! We would love to extend an invitation to all to make a financial contribution for more cold weather wear!

Though we do have many of the needed items we are still in need of various pieces to pull together: 1 coat, 1 pair of snow pants, 1 hat and 1 set of gloves for each child.

We have found that on average these are the expenses:

Coats: \$25-\$30

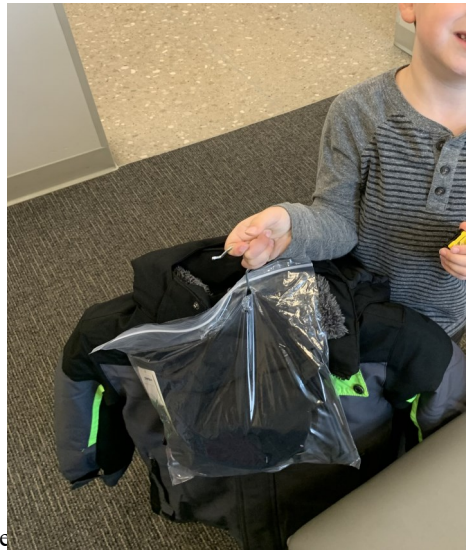
Hats \$8-\$12

Snow pants: \$12-30

Gloves/Mittens \$10-17

If you wish to contribute please identify the contribution clearly as "Coat Ministry".

For questions or concerns please contact Pastor Linda.





COMMUNITY MEALS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND FOOD COLLECTION

Feeding the Community

Community Meals currently provides 125 meals Monday nights from 5:30 to 6:00 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 of \$425 a night.

Items needed:

Cream of Chicken Soup

Chicken Broth

Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti Noodles

Diced Peaches

Cut Green Beans (canned)

Beef Gravy

Chicken Gravy

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Baked Beans

Beets, Diced

Applesauce

Tomato Soup

Elbow Macaroni

Kidney Beans

Pineapple Tidbits

Grated Parmesan Cheese

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!



Join Us!

With the changing seasons, and nasty weather approaching, come here for your exercise!

**Become a LOUMC Hall Walker —
Don't drive to the mall, park here and walk
the halls safely at LOUMC.**

**Just let the office know when you're here,
hang up your coat in Room 123, and get
walking!!**



We Remember

On All Saint's Day we recognized the monetary contributions made to the Memorial Fund in memory of the following individuals:

Mary Bailey, Tom Bailey, Russ Baker, Karen Calkins, Ron Cater, Bruce Denton, Paulie Egner, Bob Erickson, Harold Forrester, Dee Harmon, Jim Keiser, Eric Keller, Laurie Losiewicz, Sandy McCloud, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Anne Middleton, Patti Miechels, Gary Norman, Bill Olsen, Janet Roberts, Elizabeth Rose, Phillip and Thelma Ryckman, Lyn Sheldon, Carol Stark, Roger Waite, Jessica and Jerry Walker, Ted Walton, Richard Ward.

Some of the contributions provided money during the past 12 months to Community Assistance Fund, Community Meals, Summer Brown Bag Program, Roof Repair, Wheelchairs and Walker which remain at church, Gardening and many more.

We are grateful for these thoughtful remembrances.

***Memorial Committee,
Carol Hermann, Jan Butcher,
Larry Wik and Trudy Carney***

Please consider joining our team! We're looking for additional people to be Fellowship



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Time Hosts at LOUMC! You'll be assigned a Sunday once every 6-8 weeks. You'll have to be at church 30 minutes early to make the coffee and set up the kitchen but still can still be in the sanctuary during worship time. Whether you've been here for years or are a newcomer, we'd love to have you join our team. Please email Pat in the office at loumc1@lakeorionumc.org if you're interested. Brad Smiles will reach out to you with instructions on being a Fellowship Time Host. Thank you.

Greeters Needed

We need your friendly faces to greet folks as they come to Sunday services. We have basically three doors that people enter, and if they're new they don't know where to go. Would you like to be that person to tell folks where to go?? Once they are here, we can invite them to coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, or where the Nursery is located for those young families. We just need your smiling faces to welcome those people, and to say hello to all your friends and families joining us. You will need to arrive about 1/2 hour before the service begins, and then head upstairs for the service. Please see Kathy McMinn or send her a text at Kathy McMinn @ 248-770-8390 (text) or email to KathyMcMinn@cavtel.net



Greeters
Welcome Worshippers

ADVENT

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



Dec

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 (FH)
7pm Disciple Class

Tuesday

10:30am Sermon Study
6:30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday

8am Local Business LBN
9am-3pm Sunny Days
10am Bells Practice

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)

Sun	Mon	Tues
<p>1</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent</p>	2	3
<p>8</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Holy Yoga</p>	10
<p>15</p> <p>MADE</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT</p>	16	17
<p>22</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Service</p> <p>4:30pm, 9pm, 11pm</p> <p>Office Closed noon</p>
29	<p>30</p> <p>BY 9 AM</p> <p>LAST DAY TO HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS COUNT FOR 2024!</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Years</p> <p>Office Closed at noon</p>



December 2024

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4	5	6 10 am Prayers & Squares meeting 6pm Hanging of the Greens	7 8:30 am UMM Breakfast 10am Widows Fellowship Breakfast 12 pm-VanConants Anniversary 5 pm Carol Sing 6 pm Parade
	11 PILLS	12 10am UWF PILLS Trustees SPRC Council  United Women in Faith	13	14
	18 10am Book Club	19 Finance	20	21 6pm NA Speakers Meeting
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Eve on	January 1st Office closed	January 2nd	January 3rd	January 4th 8:30 UMM Breakfast 10am Widows Fellowship Breakfast

Contributions Welcomed!

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway next to the church office. The fee for **altar flowers is \$33** 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 3rd - Altar Flowers in memory of Phyllis and Sid Paradee's 66th anniversary.

November 10th - Altar flowers given by Myrna Sweetland in memory of Jerry Sweetland.

November 17th - A rose given in celebration of Josephine Raye Morley's baptism.

November 24th - Alter flowers given in honor and celebration of Emily and Anthony Graffeo's 45th anniversary.

Month of November - Steeple lighting given as a thank you to my church family for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits during my recovery. Given by Susan Montgomery.



LIVE Streaming

We are now broadcasting our Sunday Services LIVE on the internet

**Join us as we sort and clean bottles on
Wednesday and Thursday,
December 11th and 12th
9:30 am to 12 noon**

**THIS IS A SERVICE PROJECT
We need your help to recycle!
Lions, Friends, Family, Neighbors**

All supplies will be provided. We have determined that a 2 hour workbee is best for each day.



**Community Meals
program is in need of
cookie donations. We are
looking for donations
once a month of 3 dozen
cookies. Cookies can be
homemade or purchased.
Contact Trudy Carney @
trudycarney@aol. com or
call or text 248-320-4809.**



MADE: “Music and Drama for Everyone”

Come one, come all as we begin our next presentation of MADE! We are looking for, Wise Men and Wise Women, Angels, Mary, Joseph and even a few animals!
On December 15th we are presenting the Nativity Story through music and drama during worship! We welcome all children, youth and adults to join us!

The dates of MADE are:

November 24th, Sunday at 11:15 until noon Snacks provided
December 4th, Wednesday 4:30 until 6:00 Snacks provided
December 8th, Sunday at 11:15 until noon Snacks provided
December 14th Saturday at 10:00 a.m. (if needed)
December 15th Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Please note if you cannot make all the rehearsals above that is alright. We hope you will participate as the demands of our presentation are not huge! If your child or youth wishes to take part, please reach out to Pastor Linda Cochran!





Repeat the
Sounding
Joy

HOLY YOGA

Christmas



Monday, December 9th

Lake Orion United Methodist Church

10:00AM- 11:00AM

TEXT MEESHY 248.930.0364 TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT \$10 DROP IN



SMALL GROUPS

Sunday mornings Adult Sunday School is meeting in the Library off of the Fellowship Hall following worship service. The group is using the **Adult Bible Studies** series curriculum, and is open to anyone. Grab a coffee from Fellowship Hall and join in.

On **Monday mornings** at 10:30, a small group of ladies study the Bible

for anyone interested. Class members, who are willing, take turns facilitating each session. They meet in the Shalom Room.

On **Monday evenings** from 7:00-8:45, **Disciple Bible Study** is a small group available for anyone interested. They meet in the Overflow Room and ZOOM is available.

On **Tuesday mornings** at 10:30, a small group is available for anyone interested. Class members, who are willing, take turns facilitating each session. They meet in the Overflow Room.



To my Long Time LOUMC Family, Received my quilt today and was pleased. Thanks to all who was involved in this project. I love it. Perfect for my easy chair.

Bruce (Millard)





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



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

About People

Sharon Anton, Helen Barnes, Chloe Booth, Ruth Carlson, Linda Carpenter, Gayle Cater, Mark Ciesielski, Karen Clapp, Marie Cooper, Sally Dugas, Sue Erickson, David and Linda Fairchild, Virginia Ford, Larry Gaskins, Lesa Holth, Susan Houle, Marilyn Joul, Jerry King, Janine Langedger, Ginny Lavender, Joy Makedonsky, Susan Montgomery, Edward Naylor, Kareen Olson, Pat Parkin, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Patty Salisbury, Bill Stark, Jeff Sutherland, Pamela Tomaszewski, Laurie Trafton, Ross Waite, Bonnie Walker, Don White, Lynne Winter, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

Prayer Chain: Kathy McMinn
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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 Friday afternoons

LINK DEADLINE: December 15th for January LINK

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