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December 1, 2016

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ALL CHURCH ADVENT STUDY

The weeks of December 4th, 11th, and 18th, we will be running an LOUMC small group session using the book Three Simple Questions: Knowing the God of Love, Hope, and Purpose by Reuben Job.

Our hope is to meet several needs with this particular study:

- 1. Including folks, who have felt unable to commit to 6 weeks, by having a shorter time frame.
- 2. Using a book to accommodate those who learn best with printed materials they can read at home first.
- 3. Linking a study to the Advent season to provide spiritual preparation and grounding for Christmas.

The book's three simple questions are: Who is God?
Who am I? Who are we together?
They are not explicitly Advent/Christmas questions, but they are largely answered by our experience of Jesus Christ, whose presence we await during this season.

To see which sessions (days/times) are available, look for sign-up sheets in the bulletin, the sign up link on the church website, or call the church and sign up. Books are \$6 and can be paid for at your first session.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Carols, Communion, & Candlelight

4:30 PM

Family Service - (Child-Friendly)

7:00 PM

Contemporary Service - (Worship Team)

9:00 PM

Traditional Service - (Chancel Choir)

11:00 PM

Traditional Service - (Special Music)

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:15 am

(Only one worship service)

Lay Speakers:
Ralph Reseigh, preaching
& Charlie Weaver

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:15 am

(Only one worship service)

Pastor John Ball, preaching

ANNUAL GREENS MARKET & CRAFT SHOW



Friday, December 2nd, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Plan to get all your fresh greenery from the Church this year! This annual event will offer a fragrant fresh assortment of fine greens – roping, wreaths, swags, poinsettias and more! Also, there will be lots of craft vendors too! Profits from the sale of the greens benefit the Youth Summer Missions.

ADVENT WITH KIDS ON THE ROCK



Kids on the Rock (Preschool – 5th Grade) will be participating in the 9:15 p.m. worship service on Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, contact dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org or at (248) 693-6201 ex. 210.

BIBLE STUDY



High School Bible Study begins on Sunday, January 8th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Youth Café. Youth that are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.

FAMILY NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! Family Game Night on Friday, January 27th



from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. There will be LOTS of fun board games, Minute to Win It Challenges, and all around FUN! Details to follow in upcoming weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help plan and set up for this event, contact Dawn Ames at

dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org or at (248) 693-6201 ex. 210.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER



Motown Soup prepackaged soup mixes are for sale for the next few months. Orders can be taken either in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or via email to Beth Lemke at lemke5049@comcast.net. Each large soup packet makes 8 cups of delicious soup in about 30 minutes. No need to add any seasoning - it's all in the mix (and it's quite tasty - just ask the folks who have tried the samples!). These soup mixes are great to have in the pantry as cold weather and the holidays approach. LOUMC gets 35% of every sale with the proceeds going to fund mission trips. Motown Soup is a 100%

volunteer organization from Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica. All of their profits go to local food banks like Gleaners and Detroit Rescue Mission. (Check out their website: MotownSoup.com).

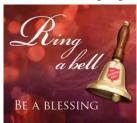
HANGING OF THE GREENS



Please join us on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for the "Hanging of the Greens" to decorate the church for Christmas. This is a great event for the whole family. A pizza supper is available (and free) for the family during the decoration time. See Nancy Ochoa in Fellowship Hall to sign-up.

HOLIDAY BELL RINGING

LOUMC is ringing for Salvation Army! We will be at Kroger on



M24 and Indianwood on December 10th starting at 11 am and ending at 8 pm.
Salvation Army serves many people in our community and this is a meaningful way to contribute your time and talent. To sign up for a two-hour shift come to Fellowship Hall after the 9:15 service on December 4th or call

Susan Montgomery at 248-921-4518.

MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISER DURING GREENS MARKET

Do you have an over-abundance of Christmas Decorations or are you just plain getting tired of the ones that you have been using for the past few years? Well, now is your chance to "weed through them" as you start to prepare to do your decorating this year! The Missions Team will be selling several types of items during the Green's Market this year. They will be taking Christmas trees, bows, garland, ornaments, fancy Christmas plates, etc. Please bring your items to the church beginning Sunday, November 27th after the 9:15 service and leave them in Room 103. All proceeds from these sales will benefit the Mission Trips such as Red Bird Mission and the Youth Mission Trips. Any left-over items will be taken to the Love INC Household Goods Ministry and the Baldwin Center. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Weaver at 248-321-5218.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall this year will be designated for The Methodist Children's Home. On the tree will be angels with different items to purchase. They will be collecting household items and toiletries, clothing, electronics, gift cards and sport equipment. Gift cards can be purchased through the Scrip table during Fellowship Time.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.



This is a worship service of hope, support and encouragement for those who are experiencing grief and loss, and for those who are struggling spiritually during the Advent and Christmas season. The service will be held in the Sanctuary with light refreshments to be offered after the service.

SECRET SANTA COLLECTION



Stephen Ministry will be collecting monetary donations to help members of our church family that are in need during the Christmas Season. Donations will be collected though Sunday, **December 4.** Please mark any donations that are turned in as **"Secret Santa"**. Thank you and God Bless!

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY MEALS

PAPER PRODUCTS MINISTRY... needs your help. Once a month Stephen Ministry assembles and passes out bags of various basic household paper goods at the Monday Community Meal. Each household is given a bag with FACIAL TISSUE, PAPER TOWELS, TOILET TISSUE, and NAPKINS on the first Monday of each month. Every 3rd month, a household cleaner is included. This is a very popular program. On December 7 we plan to distribute bags. The demand is increasing, but donations (in the labeled containers in the Fellowship Hall) have recently been few.



Lake Orion United Methodist Church

STEPHEN MINISTRY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 7 P.M.—10 P.M.

Doors Open 6:30
Willows Edge Healing Art Center

2B S. Washington St, Suite 1 Oxford, MI 48371



TICKETS \$20 PER PERSON

available in the Church office or Fellowship Hall on Sundays

This evening is filled with appetizers, desserts & entertainment. Beer & Wine will be available for a donation. All Proceeds raised will be used to pay for counseling support as provided by the skilled counselors at Willow Tree. We are the **ONLY** church around that offers this type of support to people that either don't have insurance or cannot afford to pay out of pocket for a skilled therapist. This is a wonderful way to help those get the mental health support we all deserve.

Monetary donations to **LOUMC Stephen Ministry** are sincerely appreciated & warmly welcomed.

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MEMORIAL FUND



The Memorial Fund at Lake Orion United Methodist Church enables friends and family to recognize the memory of a loved one. These loved ones names are acknowledged yearly on All Saint's Sunday. During the past year money

has been designated by individuals to such things as Community Meals, Gardening, Memorial Garden and General Fund. Other requests to the Memorial Committee this year were doors in Fellowship Hall, piano accessories, gardens and technology. Donations can be made using the blue Memorial envelopes in the pews or by indicating on your donation who you are honoring. If you have questions regarding the Memorial Fund the Committee Members are Jan Butcher, Trudy Carney, Carol Hermann and Pastor Larry Wik.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY December 18th



You are encouraged to bring your pledge cards and stewardship commitments to offer during worship that morning, or mail them in to the church office by then. We celebrate the generosity of this congregation and offer up the gentle challenge of

stepping it up even further as we fund mission and ministry at LOUMC. More details will be coming in the mail.

COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED for 2017



Are you looking for a way to serve our church three or four times a year? Be a Communion steward during the 9:15 or 11:00 AM service! It is a very rewarding experience and easy to learn. Our greatest need is for 11:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer to be put in the rotation or if you

need more information please call Lynne Winter at 248-391-4696 or e-mail her at lynniewint@aol.com by Monday, December 9th.

*Current Stewards: you do not need to contact me unless you would like to be removed from the rotation.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

LOUMC Men's Baldwin Center Winter Clothing Drive – The UM men will be having a winter clothing drive during November and December. We will be collecting good, used, warm clothing of all types – Coats, Hats, Gloves, Socks, Boots, Scarves, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, etc. There is a big plastic bin in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you all very much for your support.



UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS



The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 a.m. They meet at CJ's in Lake Orion for breakfast. All of the men of the church are invited to attend.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS



United Methodist Women Circle - "Sisters in Faith" will meet on Tuesday, December 13th at 9:30 a.m. in Shalom. Linda Nixon will be giving a program on the books of the UMW Reading Program

BLOOD DRIVE



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE - During the holidays the supply of blood through the American Red Cross drops dramatically. Please help boost their supply in the new year by participating in the next blood drive on Thursday, January 19th from 1:00 to 7:30

pm in our Fellowship Hall. You can go on the Red Cross site and schedule your appointment or contact Trudy Carney (trudycarney@aol.com - 248-693-2558)

Weekly Scheduled Events:

Sunday

8:00, 9:15, 11:00 Worship Service

09:15 Kids on the Rock

09:15 [youth café] 10:15 Fellowship Time (FH)

11:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

Monday

10:30 Bible Study (Sh)

11:45 Tai Chi Sword & Tai Chi (104) 01:00 Staff Meeting (Sh)

05:30 Community Meal (FH & 105)

07:00 Small Group (Lockhart's)

Tuesday

09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)

07:00 Chancel Choir

Wednesday

10:00 Sermon Review (105)

06:45 CODA (Sh) 07:00 Worship Team Practice

Thursday

09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)

09:00 YOGA (203/4)

09:30 Hallelujah Handbells

Friday

Saturday

AC=All Church

FH=Fellowship Hall

Naz=Nazareth

Nur=Nursery

OS=Offsite

Sh=Shalom Room



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	2nd Sunday of Advent 10:30 AM-Mission Guatemala Meeting 04:00 PM-Light in the Darkness	5 03:00 PM-Heritage Place Service (OS) 07:00 PM-Peer Support (105)	6			
	11 3rd Sunday of Advent	12 07:00 PM-LOCC Carols and Beer (Lockhart's)	13 09:30 AM-Siste Faith Circle (Sh			
	18 4th Sunday of Advent Commitment Sunday	19	20			
	25 Christmas Day 09:15 AM Worship Service Only No Fellowship Time	26	27			

EMBER



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 08:00 AM-Green's Market Set-up (AC) 07:00 PM-SPRC (203/4)	2 09:00 AM-Green's Market (AC) 06:00 PM-Hanging of the Greens 07:00 PM-Gift of Stephen (OS)	3 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (CJ's) 09:00 AM-Green's Market (AC) 06:00 PM-Lake Orion's Lighted Parade
	7	8 09:00 AM-FISH (Sh) 07:00 PM-Church Council (105)	9	10
r's in)	14	15 07:00 PM-Finance (Sh)	16 10:00 AM-LINK Assembly (Sh)	17
	21 10:00 AM-Work at Baldwin Avenue Kitchen (OS)	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 04:30 PM-Service 07:00 PM-Service 09:00 PM-Service 11:00 PM-Service
	28 No Sermon Review	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
	NO GERMON NEWS			New Years

#STRUGGLES



We all love the benefits of technology and social media, but even with the incredible upsides, many of us suspect there are unintended negative consequences that are beyond our control. We've lost perspective, even perhaps ourselves. In this timely and life-changing new book, *New York Times* bestselling author and pastor of ifeChurch.tv Craig Groeschel encourages readers who are hungry to regain control over their lives and put

Christ first again. He walks them through biblical values that all Christ followers know are essential, but are even more important for our maxed out, selfie-centered world. Book is available for \$11.00. Study will begin on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103. Childcare will be available upon request. Contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org if you are interested in attending and would like to purchase a book.

THE DANIEL PLAN

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Are you ready to work towards a healthy you in 2017? Join US! The Daniel Plan is framed around The Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends – life areas that all work together to restore and sustain your long-term health. Faith is the foundation with God as the source of the power and the energy behind all transformational change. As you follow *The Daniel Plan*, you will discover that you

have a part to play in getting healthier, but God will energize your efforts. Doing The Daniel Plan in community, with a group of friends is the "secret sauce" to success! Janice Hammond and Dawn Ames will lead the group on Thursday mornings from 11:00 a.m. – Noon beginning on Thursday, January 12th in Room 103. The book and study guide is \$24.00. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org by January 5th.

BIG NEWS FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM

We now have additional ways you can purchase gift cards from Scrip.

Here are the ways:

Purchase at the Scrip table like we have done in the past either by purchasing from the inventory we have on hand or make an order and we will have them the next week.

Purchase online, order online or refill cards purchased thru Lake Orion United Methodist Church Scrip Program on line. To do this create a Shop with Scrip account. Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com and click on" How to Enroll" and next click on "Join Your Scrip Program". You will need to enter our Enrollment Code 79A6B19F4366. Fill in the required information and click "Register". Pay for your scrip gift cards online that you order with PrestoPay, the convenient payment system available on ShopWithScrip.com. When you use PrestoPay, your order payment is transferred securely via electronic debt. PrestorPay is not a credit card system but rather a debit system to your specified account. Register for PrestoPay via logging on to your ShopWithScrip account, click on the PrestoPay link under Family Functions on your Dashboard, and enter your checking account information. Complete the steps to verify your information, and you will receive a secure approval code which will need to be given to Trudy Carney (trudycarney@aol.com). THAT'S IT!!!!! You will be able to choose PrestoPay option when you checkout.

Trudy Carney or Sharon Keener can give you details on what is available through the online system and help you. We currently have families using this system and find it so convenient. You can even purchase some of the gift cards get an online gift card for your use immediate needs. Home Depot is one these types of cards.

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THANK YOU!

The family of Doris Bronoel is very grateful for the love and support we've received from our church family after the passing of our mother. Pastor John led a beautiful service and Janice's music lifted our hearts. The luncheon was delicious and so appreciated. Thanks so much to Marcia and those who made and served the food. As so many who attended the funeral said, we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful church.

Karen and Rob Schadel

Dear LOUMC - Tim and I wasn't to thank you for his prayer quilt. It is beautiful! He wraps it around himself to 'absorb' all the well wishes and prayers. Your thoughtfulness means so much. Thank you! Tim & Carole Dudley

It has been a journey of health issues for the Markers this past year. We feel so blessed to have our church family and friends who have loved and supported us and we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. Tim had his extensive shoulder surgery in mid July and after 3 months of physical therapy, he is looking forward to golfing in Florida. Joyce was able to put off surgery until October for a small kidney cancer tumor which was removed robotically. Another blessing was the discovery of the tumor from an MRI of the spine due to a bad fall in 2015. No further treatment is needed at this time. Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and always being here for us. God bless, Tim and Joyce



ABOUT PEOPLE

Please keep the following people in your prayers:



Sue Anglea, Mary Bailey, Connie Barnard, Beth Bastian,
Ruth Carlson, Ron Cater, Howard Daenzer Sr., Bruce Denton,
Dick Hassberger, Maxine Jones, Joyce Marker,
Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels,
Chuck Myers, Norma Remer, Don Northcote, Frank Ochoa,
Jerry Sweetland, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright,
Community Meals Family,
LOUMC Extended Family Members & Friends

CARDMAKERS FOR CHRIST



Greeting Cards are available for Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, and note cards in the church office and during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Proceeds benefit mission outreach. We are collecting used greeting cards to repurpose into new cards. Please put them in the brown bins at the entrances marked, "CardMakers for Christ".

WORKING IN THE KITCHEN



Working in the Kitchen - A reminder to those scheduled to work in the Kitchen on Wednesday, **December 21**: Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Marilyn Gaskins, Michele Kellogg, Phil & Ginny Lavender, Linda Nixon and Jay Verran.

Please contact Charlotte Brown at 248-391-0753 if you can help or know someone that would like to help.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



In December there will be no blood pressure screening during Fellowship Time. The next date for Blood Pressure Screening will be on January 22nd during Fellowship Time.

Serving Opportunities with Love INC



Are you looking for a way to serve? Love INC of North Oakland County is looking for volunteers to help in the following ministries

from 12-3 on Tuesday's or Thursday's: Bed, Blessings & Beyond, our Household Goods Ministry and "Little Luxuries", or Personal Needs Ministries located at Christ the King Church, 1550 W. Drahner Rd, Oxford. Please contact Rose Pond at the Love INC office @(248)693-4357 or by e-mail at office@loveincofnoc.org

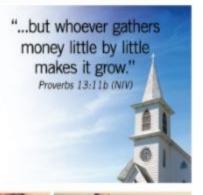
Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:10



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December's Devotion

The Lord says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." - Isaiah 43:1 (NRSV)

One Sunday the cashier at a local store was smiling at me broadly as she totaled my bill. As she handed me my receipt, she said, "Have a great day, John!" I was puzzled by how she knew my name. Then I realized that I was still wearing my name tag from church.

Our name tags list the name of our church and today's quoted verse from Isaiah. By wearing these name tags, church members hope to help newcomers learn people's names and feel welcome. The quote on the tags also reminds the wearer and the reader that God has called us each by name. I realized that by wearing my name tag, I was sharing this message of welcome with people in the store — and I didn't even realize it!

After this experience, I now make it a point to wear my church name tag in public places before and after our worship services. My name tag makes me more aware that people may notice my behavior, and so I am mindful that I may be the best example of a Christian that someone might see that day. This practice reminds me that God has called each of us by name to be living examples of God's love in Christ no matter where we are.

Author: John Blossom (Connecticut, USA)

Thought for the Day: How do I show others that God has called them by name?

Prayer: Dear Lord, you have called us by name to be your people. Help us to proclaim your gift of salvation in Christ to the world. Amen.

Prayer Focus: FOR COURAGE TO SHARE CHRIST WITH

OTHERS



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 WORSHIP: 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

NURSERY CARE is available during the 9:15 & 11:00 services

KIDS ON THE ROCK (Age 3 - Gr. 5) is during the 9:15 service

[youth café] (Grs. 6 - 12) is during the 9:15 service

ELEVATOR available at the Slater Street entrance

HEARING IMPAIRED AIDS are available for worship services

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

with lunch from 12 - 1

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesdays at 3:00

LINK DEADLINE: December 15th for January LINK

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