



# The LINK

December 2017

## LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA



There were once two siblings, Maria and Pablo, who lived in a small Mexican village. They were quite poor. As Christmas time approached, a manger scene was set up in the village church, and all the children of the village were eager to go to the manger – as was the tradition in the village – and to leave the baby Jesus the very best presents they could afford. Maria and Pablo also wanted to leave presents for Jesus, but they had no money to buy anything, and owned nothing that they could give him.

So on Christmas Eve, Maria and Pablo set out for church a little earlier than the other children, and since they had nothing to give to the Christ child, they plucked some pretty weeds that were growing along the roadside to make him a soft bed and to decorate the stable. Just as they were finishing, other children began to arrive. Maria and Pablo were afraid of the other children seeing their meager gift, and were preparing to run away, when a miracle occurred: the weeds burst into brilliant red petals that looked like stars! Everyone was awed by their beauty, and realized that this seemingly small gift of love was dearer to Jesus than the most expensive presents money could buy. Ever since then, these flowers, Poinsettias, have been favorites for decorating at Christmas.

Let us bring the brilliant and beautiful gifts of our love to Christ, and to the world he came to heal, help, and save.

*Pastor Larry and Pastor John*



# Christmas Services

TIMES AND INFO

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**8:00 & 9:15 am**

*(No 11:00 worship service)*

## **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)

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**8:00 & 9:15 am**

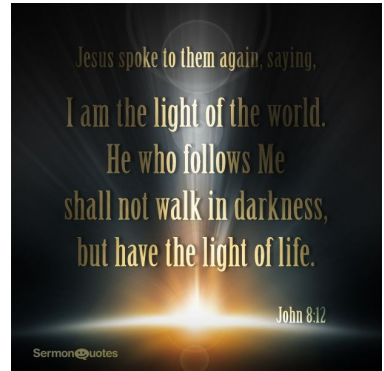
*(No 11:00 worship service)*

Pastor John Ball, preaching

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Sunday, December 3 at 4:00pm

A worship service of hope, encouragement and support for those who are experiencing grief and loss, and those who are struggling spiritually during the Advent & 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 3**. Please mark any donations that are turned in

### Hanging of the Greens December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm FAMILIES WELCOME!

We will gather to decorate the church for the Christmas season. As in the past, there will be a pizza supper for all. We will begin sign-up in the Fellowship Hall during November. Hope to see you there.



# NEWS FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM



Please think about using the Scrip Program at LOUMC during the upcoming Christmas season to purchase gift cards. We are able to purchase hundreds of gift cards at a discount

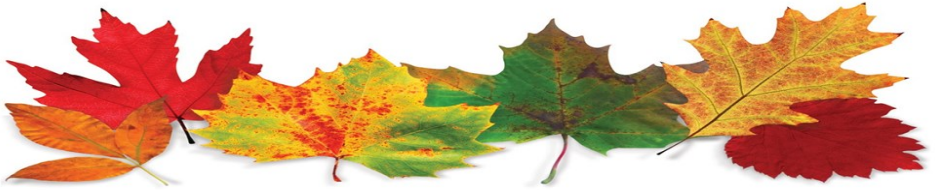
for you to purchase at face value. Major retailers, restaurants, gas stations, hotels and movie theatres are available in different denominations. Also, the Kohl's gift card can be used to pay your credit card bill. This program benefits many ministries of the church, the General Fund and outreach such as Community Assistance and Missions.

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](http://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. PrestoPay 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](mailto: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.

Stop by the Scrip table during Fellowship Time or contact Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 ([trudycarney@aol.com](mailto:trudycarney@aol.com)) or Sharon Keener at 248-790-9041.

# **Thank You for Supporting The Fifth Annual “Gift of Stephen”**



On behalf of the men and women that make up Stephen Ministry at Lake Orion United Methodist Church we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support of our Fifth Annual Gift of Stephen Fundraiser that was held on November 10, 2017. The sole purpose of the night was to raise monies to pay for counseling for those in need who do not have health insurance and cannot afford the out of pocket expenses. The night exceeded our expectations with the generosity of so many that attended or made donations. We simply are in awe of the outpouring of support we received. We have raised in excess of \$8,200 and more donations have been promised

Over 80 people were in attendance and the night was filled with food, beverages, entertainment but most importantly caring hearts. The fundraiser was held at the lovely Willows Edge Healing Art Center in downtown Oxford. We so appreciated owner Karen Smigelski opening the doors of her business for the second year in a row and making us all feel like family.

We now move into the action phase of spreading the word to let it be known that Stephen Ministry at Lake Orion United Methodist Church is in the business of caring for people and we will remain invested in working hard to reach those people that could benefit from working with a licensed counselor. We also remain fully committed to support all the individuals that we have been paying for their therapeutic care to date.

With Much Love and Plentiful Blessings,  
Lisa Goyette, Stephen Ministry Coordinator



## KIDS ON THE ROCK

Kids on the Rock children will be singing at the 9:15 a.m. service on December 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or [dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org](mailto:dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org)



High School Bible Study is on Sunday Nights at 6:30 p.m. in Youth Café. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or [dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org](mailto:dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org)



We are still looking for Sunday School Teachers for our Preschool group (3-4 year olds) and 4th and 5th grade. Most volunteers teach every other month. Please contact Dawn Ames at [dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org](mailto:dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org) or (248) 563-2399 if you would like more information.





# Community Meals Holiday Schedule

Friday, December 22  
&  
Monday, January 1

Dinner will be served  
5:30-6:30  
in the Fellowship Hall



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 (205)

Monday

10:30 Bible Study (Sh)  
11:45 Tai Chi Sword & Tai Chi (122)  
01:00 Staff Meeting (Sh)  
02:00 Senior Fit (123/124)  
05:30 Community Meal (FH & 105)  
07:00 Small Group (Lockhart's)  
07:00 Disciple (120)

Tuesday

09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)  
10:00 Disciple (120)  
07:00 Chancel Choir

Wednesday

10:00 Sermon Review (120)  
02:00 Senior Fit (123/124)  
07:00 Worship Team Practice

Thursday

09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)  
09:00 YOGA (203/4)  
09:30 Hallelujah Handbells

Friday

Saturday

Daily

08:00 PM-Narcotics Anon. (123/124)

AC=All Church

FH=Fellowship Hall

Naz=Nazareth

Nur=Nursery

OS=Offsite

Sh=Shalom Room



DEC

Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>3</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 04:00 PM-Light in the Darkness	<b>4</b> 03:00 PM-Heritage Place Service (OS)	<b>5</b>
<b>10</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 01:00 PM-Sister Faith Circle (SH)
<b>17</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>24</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 & 9:15AM-Sunday Morning Services 4:30, 7, 9, 11PM-Christmas Eve Services	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Merry CHRISTmas!</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> 8:00 & 9:15 Sunday Morning Services		



# EMBER



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 02:00 PM-Senior Fit (123/124) 06:00 PM-Hanging of the Greens	<b>2</b> 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (CJ's) 06:00 PM-L.O. Lighted Christmas Parade
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> No Yoga 05:30 PM-Oakland County Service (106) 7:00 PM-SPRC (203/4)	<b>8</b> 02:00 PM-Senior Fit (123/124)	<b>9</b>
er's in (n)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 06:00 PM-Wedding Rehearsal 07:00 PM-Trustees	<b>15</b> 02:00 PM-Senior Fit (123/124)	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM-Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:00 PM-Wedding
	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM-Work at Baldwin Kitchen	<b>21</b> No bells 7:00 PM-Finance (106)	<b>22</b> 12:00 PM-Office Closes 05:30 PM-Community Meals	<b>23</b>
osed	<b>27</b> No Sermon Review, Senior Fit, or Worship Team	<b>28</b> No MIMO, Yoga or Bells	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# HOLIDAY BELL RINGING

LOUMC is ringing for Salvation Army! We will be at Kroger on M24 and Indianwood Road on Saturday, December 16th starting at 10 am and ending at 6 pm. Salvation Army serves many people in our community and this is a meaningful way to contribute your time and talent. The sign-up sheet for a two-hour shift will be located in Fellowship Hall beside the Angel Tree. Contact Sue Montgomery at (248) 921-4518 if you have any questions and remember to DRESS WARMLY!!



**VOLUNTEER  
BELL RINGERS  
NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

## ANGEL TREE



The Angel Tree is located in Fellowship Hall and 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.

## United Methodist Women

"Sisters in Faith" will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 1:00 pm in the Shalom Room. Dawn Ames will give an update on "Human Trafficking 101."



**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will meet for breakfast at C.J.'s on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30 am. All men of the church are invited to attend.



*Dearest Church Family and Friends,*

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love for and support of our dear Aunt and sister-in-law, June Rupert! The world is different since she left to be with her Savior, our Lord. We can only imagine that glorious meeting! June loved this church her entire life, and dedicated herself to serving God in all ways.*

*We are grateful for the huge outpouring of sympathy, sharing, and generosity that came to her family before and after her death. We, her family, also realize there are many other folks missing her and mourning her passing. We extend our love and peace to you. Thank you all, again and again! Might you view the beauty in each passing day, just as Aunt June was able to. Peace, Love and HALLELUJAH!!*

*Hauxwells, McMinns, Keeners and Hammonds*



# THANK YOU

*Dear Parishioners of Lake Orion United Methodist Church:*

*Words cannot express our appreciation for your prayers during this very difficult time. Your gift of a beautiful quilt is a treasure and the card with all your prayers and kind words touched us deeply. We will always remember your kindness and for that we thank you for the bottom of our hearts. May God bless each and every one of you.*

*The Family of Bruce Robinson*

*Thank you everyone who generously donated to the Thanksgiving Community Food Drive. We are so grateful for the contributions from the congregation and the United Methodist Mens' Group. These donations assist us greatly in providing meals on Monday nights to over 120 individuals. These meals are provided solely through donations. Thank you again for your support of this important outreach project at LOUMC.*



# TRUNK or Treat

**BIG THANK YOU**  
to all that  
participated in the  
Trunk or Treat this  
year!

# Working In The Kitchen

Thanks to those who worked at Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on **Wednesday November 15th**: Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Cindy Katz, Ginny Lavender, and Jay Verran.

A reminder to those scheduled to work in the kitchen on **December 20**: Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Marilyn Gaskins, Carol Herrmann, Cindy Katz, Michelle Kellogg, Ginny Lavender, Bill Porritt, and Jay Verran.

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



## ABOUT PEOPLE

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Joan Bardallis, Connie Barnard, Linda Carpenter, Kallie Charlton, Marie Cooper, Howard Daenzer Sr., Bruce Denton, Don Johnson, Bonnie Lendzian, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Michiels, Fern Myers, Pamela Nichols, Don Northcote, Ron Nordquist, Steve Piazza, Randy Riley, Larry Royster, Cathy Schivley, Sharon Waite, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members & Friends





The next blood drive is:

Date: January 4, 2018

Time: 1:30-7:30 pm

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United Methodist Church

Sign up on line at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: LOUMC1 )  
You can also do Rapid Pass online and bring it with you. This will make the process quicker for each of you.

Any questions please call Linda Fitzpatrick [248-563-6114](tel:248-563-6114).

Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed each day in the U.S. Blood is the most precious gift we can give to another person...it is the gift of life!



Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Women's Georgia pecan and nut sale!

## 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 28th during Fellowship Time.



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

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

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