



The LINK

February 2018

It often feels like a very short period of time between Christmas and Lent. Jesus moves swiftly from his birth in Bethlehem to his journey toward Jerusalem. This year I have been aided in my own journey by the musical writing project I've begun, and that I mentioned in last week's (1/14) sermon. I have rendered poetically the parallels between the story of the Binding of Isaac (see Genesis 22) and the story of Jesus in a text (becoming a song) called **Children of Promise**. I've shared the text with you below. May you find it a blessing as you shift gears, preparing for Lent and for the lengthening of days.

*Bearing the wood to Moriah,
following his father, the fire, and the knife,
Isaac foreshadowed Messiah,
bearing a cross and forsaking his life.
Children of love and of laughter,
children of service and sacrifice,
hope for the here and hereafter:
Isaac, the pilgrim, and Jesus, the Christ.
Bearing his doubts to Moriah,
wondering where was the offering lamb,
Isaac foresaw the Messiah,
caught in the thorns as a God-proffered ram.
Children of love and of laughter,
children of service and sacrifice,
hope for the here and hereafter:
Isaac, the prophet, and Jesus, the Christ.
Bearing good news from Moriah,
blessings as boundless as stars in the sky,
Isaac foretold the Messiah,
peace to God's people and glory on high!
Children of love and of laughter,
children of service and sacrifice,
hope for the here and hereafter:
Isaac, the promise, and Jesus, the Christ.*

Lawrence A. Wik, 2018

Join in the fun on Friday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m, games start at 7:00 PM
Cost will be \$5.00 and will include water, soft drinks and snacks .Please sign up outside Fellowship Hall so we can plan for seating, etc. Adults and Youth are encouraged to join in. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or dawn.ames@lakeorionumrc.org.



Middle school youth will be attending SpringHill on February 9th—11th. Pray for safe travels and a wonderful camp experience!



If you are familiar with the TV reality show Shark Tank, you will **LOVE** our LOUMC version **ARK TANK** (or Acts of Real Kindness, that is). A panel of community leaders will listen to pitches from our own LOUMC Youth seeking funding for a community service project. The community leaders will then decide which group will get the \$500 prize to complete (or start) their project. We hope this will be a wonderful learning experience for our youth, not only because of project planning, but the research about our community's needs.

Kick-off will be Sunday, February 18th, in Youth Café, at 10:15 a.m. for youth and their parents. Pitches for the community leaders will be in April TBD.





3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off 2018 CHAMPION!

Cameron Lantzy won this year with his Bacon Chili recipe. He is the reigning champion for the second year in a row!

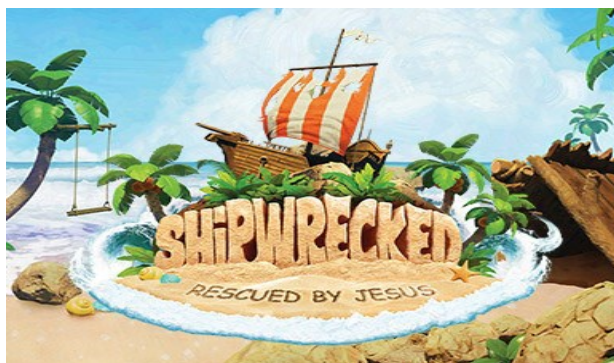
A huge “thank you” to all that participated this year and a shout out to 2nd place winner, Kirk Ulery, and 3rd place winner, Pastor Larry Wik.



VBS 2018

SAVE THE DATE

July 23—27, 2018



THANK YOU FROM THE SCRIP AND KROGER PROGRAM -

\$3,261.00 was raised because of your participation since April in these programs. This money will benefit outreach, activities within the church and general fund. We are have five individuals who repeatedly use the online purchasing of gift cards from Scrip. Check at the Scrip table after 9:15 service if you are interested.

Bibs for Babies—new date—Saturday, February 3rd — 9:30 to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Dawn Ames if you plan to attend — (248) 563-2399 or dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.

Taste of the Town

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Kings Court Castle at Canterbury Village
2336 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, MI

**Come sample from local restaurants,
Silent & Live Auction & Music**

\$40/ adult or \$75/ couple

Limited number of tickets available

Contact: TasteoftheTown99@gmail.com

For tickets or to donate



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Check out our Facebook Community Involvement & Assistance

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Taste of the Town Fundraiser Saturday, February 24th, 2018

Lake Orion United Methodist Church & the Lake Orion Lions Club are co-sponsoring the 3rd annual Taste of the Town featuring food from local restaurants, Silent Auction & Live Auction. This community event needs your help in the following ways:

AUCTION ITEMS

We are in need of auction items such as Experiential, Unique, Trips, Wine, VIP Dinner, Eats, Sleep & Do, Tickets for events. Last year several groups within our church put together themes of "Grouped" items. Put your heads together and think of something that you and others attending the event would like to bid on. Each auction item will need a Description Sheet which is available in the church office or during coffee hour. The sooner you can get the auction items together the better, as they will need to be listed in the Brochure.

SELL/BUY TICKETS

Tickets are available in the church office and during coffee hour @ \$40 each or 2 for \$75.

VOLUNTEER

Consider setting up at Canturbury Village on Saturday morning; serving during the event where needed; cleaning up after; and packaging and taking any leftovers back to church for Monday Night Meals.

This is a fun evening. Please invite friends, neighbors, family, and work associates in person, or via Email or Facebook.

Last year each charity was able to clear \$5,600 to go toward Lake Orion and Oxford Community Outreach.

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

06:45 BNI (FH)
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

02:00 Senior Fit (123/124)
06:00 Women's NA (123/124)

Saturday

Daily

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

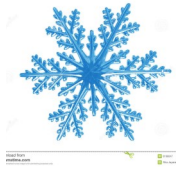
AC=All Church

FH=Fellowship Hall

Naz=Nazareth

Nur=Nursery

OS=Offsite



FEB

Sun	Mon	Tue
4 No Youth Cafe	5 03:00 PM-Heritage Place Service (OS) 07:00 PM-Peer Support (205)	6
11	12 07:00 PM Community Conversation (Lock- Hart's)	13 01:00 PM-Siste in Faith Circle (S 06:00-07:30 PM UMM Pancake
18 Ist Sunday in Lent Lent 10:35 ArkTank Kick Off mtg -youth cafe	19	20 09:00 am— Prayers And Square (10
25 2nd Sunday in Lent 10:15 AM - Blood Pressure Screening (FH)	26	27

FEBRUARY



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 05:30 PM-Oakland County Service (106) 7:00 PM-SPRC (203/4)	2	3 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (CJ's) 9:30-Noon Bibs for Babies (FH)
	7	8 09:00 AM-FISH (SH) 08:30-09:30 AM Pastoral Advisory (120) 07:00 PM-Trustees (SH)	9 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SPRINGHILL	10 09:00 AM-Sibshops (121) MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SPRINGHILL
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8)	21	22 7:00 PM-Church Council (120)	23	24 Taste of the Town
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The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, February 13th @1:00. Our program will be presented by Lori Naseef, from ProvideInc . Lori has been provid-

ing individuals and families opportunities to help those in need – both locally and abroad through short term, high impact serving programs for 10 years. She is a huge advocate of Esthers Children in Brazil and providing items for our troops overseas. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Weaver @ 248.321-5218.

The UMM will meet for breakfast on Saturday, February 3 @ 7:30 a.m. @ C.J.'s.



SAVE THE DATE, Tuesday, February 13th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM is the **United Methodist Men's Famous Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper!** You will want to add this to your calendar!



The **UMM** are sponsoring a drive for **NEW UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS** for the LoveINC Clothes Closet at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. While they generally have ample clothing donations, the one category they are lacking is **NEW** underwear and socks. So we will be collecting those items for the next month — Men's, Women's, Children's—All sizes and styles. There will be a bin in Fellowship Hall for your kind donations. **THANK YOU!!**



Free The Girls is an international non-profit organization devoted to coming alongside sex trafficking survivors with a path to true freedom in El Salvador, Mozambique, and Uganda. By donating your new or gently used bras, you're giving economic opportunity that these women use to change their lives. Your financial donation helps survivors of human trafficking start their own businesses selling bras in their local second-hand clothing markets while they recover and build their new life. We accept both new and gently used bras of all sizes and styles, including sports bras, nursing bras, and camisoles. There is a plastic bin in Fellowship Hall for you to drop off your donation. For more information about Free the Girls please visit their website at freethegirls.org.

Free The Girls
(Bra Donation)



Senior Fit is a FREE exercise program sponsored by **St. Joseph Mercy Oakland** for people 55 and over—and takes place at 20 locations in Oakland County. The program encourages senior adults to exercise their way to a healthier lifestyle, and is adaptable to all ages and levels of fitness. It features standing and chair exercises that build strength and flexibility, as well as improve balance and cardiovascular fitness. There is no charge for Senior Fit, but a participation form and healthcare provider form are required and available at [stjoesoakland.org/classes & events/seniorfit](http://stjoesoakland.org/classes&events/seniorfit). Forms will also be mailed to you upon request. Classes for winter semester will resume January 10 and run through April 2018. **Call 248-858-2545 for more information, and to leave a message. Senior Fit staff will call you back to assist you in signing up for Senior Fit this winter!**

Financial Review Team Help - Each year the financial records are reviewed as a requirement of the Conference. Our records have always been prepared with great care and accuracy with the dedicated service of especially David and Linda Fairchild. The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to prepare the review of the 2016 and 2017 records. Carol Haley has done this in recent past and is willing to train you in the process. Please consider how you may be able to help with this task. Contact the church office or indicate your willingness on the back of the Connection Card.

Charge Conference - a brief Charge Conference Meeting will be held immediately after the 9:15 am service on Sunday, February 11, 2018 in the sanctuary. This required meeting is scheduled for the membership to vote on the refinancing of the Orbit Street. This meeting is necessary due to the expiration of the current mortgage and the ability to obtain a new mortgage at a lower interest rate.

Financial Update - The finance committee is grateful for the generous responses of so many of you to our plea for additional giving in 2017! Thanks to you (and to those of you who contribute so generously on a regular basis), LOUMC was able to end 2017 in the black. However, we did not meet 100% of what the United Methodist Church asks from us annually in apportionments (monies used to support the denomination, its infrastructure, and ministries). This is something we hope to improve upon in the coming year.

You should have received by now, or be receiving soon, a Financial Commitment Letter for 2018. It is our hope to communicate early, regularly, and well, the financial needs of LOUMC in order to fully fund our mission and ministry. Please watch for that letter, and prayerfully consider your financial commitment (as well as your other commitments of prayers, presence, witness, and service) to the life of LOUMC this year.

Please also take note of the other financial articles in this issue of the LINK regarding electronic giving, the need for financial review (audit) volunteers, and the upcoming Church Conference where we will approve a refinancing of the Orbit Street Parsonage, through the Michigan Area Loan Fund of the United Methodist Church, in order to get better terms than the bank offers. Pastor Larry

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 our 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 you take you the LOUMC giving webpage to set up your online contribution.



ABOUT PEOPLE

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Jason Bardallis, Joan Bardallis, Connie Barnard, Linda Carpenter,
Kallie Charlton, Marie Cooper, Howard Daenzer Sr.,
Bruce Denton, David Fairchild, Christopher Ford, Rose Ford,
Dennis Keener, Don Johnson, Janine Langedger,
Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Fern Myers,
Pamela & Leonard Nichols, Don Northcote, Bill Olson,
Steve Piazza, Randy Riley, Cathy Schivley, Tom Scott,
Sharon Waite, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright,
Community Meals Family,
LOUMC Extended Family Members & Friends

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FASHION SHOW

Wednesday, February 28th

BOULDER POINTE GOLF CLUB

1 Champions Circle, Oxford

5 pm Shopping & Silent Auction | 6 pm Dinner
7 pm Fashion Show

Tickets \$35 per person or \$300 for table of 10

Available at The Boulevard Boutique, Oxford or loveincfnoc.org



Altar Flower, Steeple Lighting, and Live Stream Dedications for 2018—There is a new sign up sheet for dedications in 2018. It is on the bulletin board across from the office. Altar Flowers are \$20; Steeple Lighting is \$10; and Live Stream is \$20/day or \$75/month. Any questions, contact the church office.

The Paper Product Ministry is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue and napkins. These products are handed out the first Monday of each month at the Community Meal to individuals. There is a large blue container in the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you for participating in this ministry.





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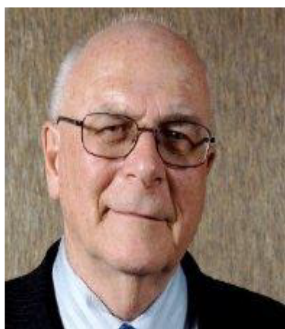
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Community Conversations

The Orion Township Public Library and the Lake Orion United Methodist Church have formed a partnership to bring you a series of lectures on various social justice issues, presented by experts in each topic.

The Boomer Generation and the Coming Crisis of Dementia Monday, February 12 @ 7:00p

Join the Honorable Judge Mester for an assessment of how society could address dementia and Alzheimer's disease with their own families, physicians, and legislators at Lockhart's BBQ in downtown Lake Orion.



All are welcome to attend and learn from experts in the field in a **SAFE and SUPPORTIVE** environment.



Lockhart's BBQ
37 East Flint Street
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Thank you!

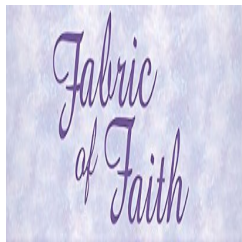
Thank you to everyone who made the blood drive a success. We collected 42 units on Thursday, January 4th, and saved potentially 121 lives. As always, the community once again has come forward to help so many people in need of blood. **The next blood drive is May 8, 2018.**



Linda Fitzpatrick, Blood Drive Coordinator

Thank you to the anonymous donor who sent me money to help pay for my granddaughter Chloe's wheelchair. What a generous, gracious gift!

Love, Fern Myers



I thank all the thoughtful ladies that put together the beautiful prayer quilt for me. The big card also with all good wishes and prayers from friends and strangers have helped me and given me strength. I hope and pray I can come back among great friends and people that care. Love and prayers, Marie Cooper and Family

Now that I'm nearly recovered, I want to tell you all how much I love the prayer quilt! Without all your prayers my recovery would not have been possible. Faith and prayers are a remarkable thing and I am so grateful for both. Much love, Sharon Waite

Thanks to those who worked at Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on **Wednesday, January 18:** Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Michelle Kellogg, Ginny & Phil Lavender, Bill Porritt, and Jay Verran. LOUMC is not serving in February.

RED BIRD BABY SHOWER—After 13 years of sponsoring this annual event, WE WILL NOT BE HOLDING the Baby Shower this October. It was felt that the time had come to move on to other projects and outreach opportunities. We would like to say THANK YOU!!! to everyone who contributed so many wonderful, beautiful baby clothes over the years—you truly made this an amazing success!!!

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: February 15th for March LINK

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

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