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When the scripture talks about going “up to Jerusalem,” it doesn’t mean going north, nor is it figurative (like going “uptown”). It means, literally, “going up.” Traveling from the Dead Sea to Jerusalem is only a 20 mile trip, but there’s a difference in elevation of 3,800 feet! Even coming from the Galilee in the north, you have to go “up” if you want to get to Jerusalem.

The 40 day journey of Lent that we take with Jesus each year, in preparation for Easter, is a journey that takes us with him “up” to Jerusalem. But not only do we go higher with him geographically, we also go higher with him spiritually.

Recognizing this “going higher,” our Lenten sermon series is entitled **HIGHER**. Each week will experience a corresponding subtheme, as we find ourselves called to Christ’s **HIGHER Words, Wisdom, Worship, Ways, and Works**.

We hope to see you and be gifted by your presence during this rich season.



Scout Sunday - March 12th

We will be honoring our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the 9:15 a.m. worship service. Please have your child wear their uniforms so they can be recognized.



Family Movie Night

March 31st @ 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy some *FREE* Family Fun at LOUMC! A family-friendly movie will be shown on the big screen in Fellowship Hall. Concession stand will be open with yummy snacks! Sign up at www.lakeorionumc.org or forms are available on the church welcome tables. Feel free to invite friends!



VBS 2017

July 24 – 28

*Watch for more details in upcoming months.
Registrations begins in May.*



Kentucky Derby Tea Party

"Winning the race against human trafficking one girl at a time."



Date: Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Place: Lake Orion United Methodist Church
140 E. Flint Street
Lake Orion, Michigan

Cost: \$25.00

Wear your favorite fancy hat and enjoy a wonderful afternoon with friends. There will be a silent auction. Registration form available online at

www.lakeorionumc.org or on the church

*Welcome Tables. Proceeds for this event will be donated to **ESTHERS Children**, a non-profit organization devoted to prevent human trafficking of young girls in Recife, Brazil. For more information, visit their website at **www.estherschildren.org**.*





United Methodist Men News



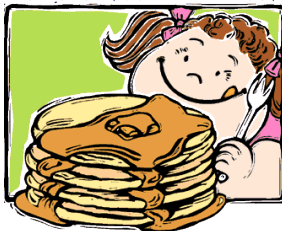
The United Methodist Men will meet on
Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 a.m.
for breakfast at CJ's in Lake Orion.
All men of the church are invited to attend.

LOUMC Men—Pancake Supper Hawaiian Getaway TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 from 5:30PM-7:00PM

We're sure everyone is ready for a HAWAIIAN VACATION, right about now! While we can't all make that a reality, the Men's Group is gonna do the next best thing! We'll be putting on our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and the theme is going to be HAWAIIAN GETAWAY.

We'll be offering banana, pineapple and coconut pancakes, as well as our world famous, light and fluffy, secret recipe buttermilk variety- this is an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage supper. A portion of the freewill offering will be used for the Monday Community Meal's Paper Goods Program which supplies tissues, toilet paper, and paper towels once a month to folks in need. These type of items cannot be purchased with the BRIDGE CARD that helps so many low income folks make ends meet. So dig out your Hawaiian shirts and Bermuda shorts (it's permissible to wear your long johns underneath) and join us for some great food and fellowship—see you all there!

PANCAKE SUPPER



United Methodist Women News



United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Shalom Room. Debbie Schmidt will be presenting the program.

Special Mission Recognition

The UMW recognized Bob Butler with a Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate for his mission work in our church. American Red Cross has been blessed to have this man as a volunteer for over 30 years as he picks up and delivers blood every week all over the Detroit Metro area. Delivering the donated food from not only our church but other locations to our local food pantry, FISH, has also been a life long passion. Bob Butler is also the chief of 11:00 ushers. It is an honor to know Bob and be a witness to all his ministry. Bob also helps with the Crop Walk every year and totes the apples and oranges to the stations. His name will be entered into the archives of the United Methodist Women headquarters in Washington, DC.



The UMW also recognized Carol Hermann with a Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate for her mission work in our church. Carol has been sewing various items and selling them at Craft Shows for several years, with the funds going to support FISH, Love INC, and scholarships for volunteers to attend the Red Bird Mission in KY. She has journeyed to KY for eight years to do mission work. She has also gone on two trips to Guatemala. It is not uncommon to see her helping with Funeral Luncheons or singing in the church choir. We are pleased to be able to recognize her work in the mission field. Her name will be entered into the archives of the United Methodist Women headquarters in Washington, DC.

May God continue to bless you both, Bob and Carol as you continue to do Christ's work!



Easter is coming!

Every Easter the Worship and the Arts committee sells hydrangeas, azaleas, Easter lilies and daffodils to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning. The proceeds then go to buying summer plants to decorate our church yard all spring and summer. Sales will begin on March 26th and run through April 9th or until we run out.

If you are interested in buying a plant, please contact Daryl DeBano at home (248 693 2366) or by email (dardebano@gmail.com) or visit our table in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:15 service.



Red Bird Mission Trip



When planning your vacation calendar for 2017 consider setting aside the week of October 15 – 21 for our annual trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. We partner with St. Paul's United Methodist in Rochester for a week of repairing homes and supporting those who live in the mountains of Appalachia. If you are interested in more information about the Red Bird experience, feel free to talk to any of last year's LOUMC 2016 team members: Linda Nixon, Patty and Rick Kalso, Pat Parkin and Carol Hermann.

Scrip

Dozens of gift cards are for sale during Fellowship Time each Sunday. These cards include Kohl's, Hollywood Market, Speedway Gas, as well as many other restaurants, movie theatres and retailers. **Check out the Scrip table for information about additional options for online and reloading scrip card purchases.** For more information see Trudy or Sharon at the Scrip Table during Fellowship Time after the 9:15 service.

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".

Extending the Hand of Friendship and Hospitality

At LOUMC our church family prides itself in welcoming all who gather for worship. Our Greeter Ministry members offer a smile and handshake to all who enter our doors on Sunday mornings. You are cordially invited to join this wonderful ministry! All that is required is some time one Sunday a month before the 9:15 service (8:50 – 9:15) or 11:00 service (10:45 – 11:00). Greeters are assigned to the entrances so that all visitors and church family members are welcomed. If you are interested in volunteering or in learning more about the Greeter Ministry, please contact Kathy McMinn via email (kathymcminn@cavtel.net) or by phone (248.693.1895). You will find that this is a wonderful way to begin your worship! Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

One Great Hour Of Sharing

On Sunday, March 26, we will have the opportunity to share the goodness of life with those who are hurting. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) brings relief when catastrophes strike, they rush to disaster areas with aid such as food, clothing, shelter and medical help, and they stay to assist survivors rebuild their lives. Once a year you can join United Methodists worldwide by making a special offering to this wonderful cause. Now, more than ever, the world needs you!

Weekly Scheduled
Events :



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Sunday

8:00, 9:15, 11:00 AM-Worship Service
09:15 AM-Kids on the Rock
09:15 AM-[youth café]
10:15 AM-Fellowship Time (FH)
11:00 AM-Adult Bible Study (Library)
06:30 PM-H.S. Bible Study (203/4)

Monday

10:30 AM-Bible Study (Sh)
11:45 AM-Tai Chi & Sword (104)
01:00 PM-Staff Meeting (Sh)
02:00 PM-Senior Fit (104)
05:30 PM-Community Meal (FH & 105)
07:00 PM-Small Group (Lockhart's)

Tuesday

09:00 AM-Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
07:00 PM-Chancel Choir

Wednesday

10:00 AM-Sermon Review (105)
02:00 PM-Senior Fit (104)
07:00 PM-Worship Team Practice

Thursday

09:00 PM-Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
09:00 PM-YOGA (104)
09:30 PM-Hallelujah Handbells

Friday

02:00 PM-Senior Fit (104)

Saturday

AC=All Church

FH=Fellowship Hall

Naz=Nazareth

Nur=Nursery

OS=Offsite

Sh=Shalom Room

Sun	Mon	Tue
5 1st Sunday in Lent	6 03:00 PM-Heritage Place Service (OS) 07:00 PM-Peer Support (105)	7
12 2nd Sunday in Lent Scout Sunday Daylight Savings Begins	13 07:00 PM-LOCC Lake Orion Community Conversations (Lockhart's)	14 09:30 AM-Sister Faith (Sh)
19 3rd Sunday in Lent 12:00 PM-Lenten Luncheon (FH)	20	21 02:00 PM-Cook for Center for Success (Kitchen)
26 4th Sunday in Lent One Great Hour of Sharing 10:15 AM-Blood Pressure Screening (FH)	27	28

MARCH



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 06:45 PM-CODA (Sh) 07:30 PM-Ash Wednesday Service	2 11:00 PM-Daniel Study (103) 05:30 PM-Oakland County Service (Sh) 07:00 PM-SPRC (203/4)	3	4 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (CJ's)
	8	9 09:00 AM-FISH (Sh) 07:00 PM-Trustees (Sh)	10	11 09:00 AM-Sib Shop (FH) 10:00 AM-Choir Practice
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ing (en)	22 08:30 AM-Love INC Meeting (FH)	23 7:00 PM-Church Council (105)	24 10:00 AM-LINK Assembly (Sh)	25
	29	30	31 07:00 PM-Family Movie Night (FH)	

THANK YOU!

Working in the Kitchen - Thanks to those who worked at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on **February 15th**: Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Michele Kellogg, Ginny Lavender, Linda Nixon, Bill Porritt, and Jay Verran.

A reminder: We do not work at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen in the months of **March** or **April**.

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

Dear Pastor Larry - It is hard to find the right words to describe how difficult this past year was. Mother was faced with something that her grit and stubbornness could not overcome. The love and outpouring of support from LOUMC helped her along her journey...as it helped me deal with the inevitable outcome as well. Thank you so much for all you and everyone did for our family.

Love, The Shirley Bommarito Family

Dear Pastor Wik - Thank you so very much for the touching and meaningful eulogy you gave for Maxine Jones. We appreciated all of the time you spent with us during a difficult time, your support and prayers truly helped. Sincerely, Craig & Mary, Terry & Fran & the Jones Family

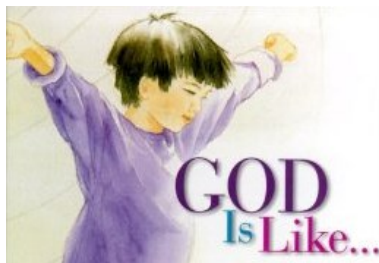
ABOUT PEOPLE

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



Connie Barnard, Howard Daenzer Sr.,
Bruce Denton, Linda Fairchild, Joy Makedonsky,
Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels,
Chuck Myers, Pamela Nichols, Don Northcote, Grace Pender,
Steve Piazza, Randy Riley, Cathy Schivley, Christine Wehrli,
Judy Wright, Community Meals Family,
LOUMC Extended Family Members & Friends

God is Like.....



A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results.

God is like Bayer Aspirin - He works miracles

God is like a Ford - He's got a better idea.

God is like Coke - He's the real thing.

God is like Hallmark Cards - He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like Tide - He gets the stains out others leave behind.

God is like General Electric - He brings good things to life.

God is like Walmart - He has everything.

God is like Scotch Tape - You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like Allstate - You're in good hands with Him.

God is like VO5 Hair Spray - He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like Dial Soap - Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everyone did?

God is like the US Post Office - Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like Bounty - He is the quicker picker upper. He can handle the tough jobs and He won't fall apart on you.



Lenten Luncheon
Sunday March 19th at 12:00 PM
Rev. Tom Heaton, Executive Director

Come hear the latest about our relationship with Mission Guatemala and all the amazing things we are working with them to do in Christ's name!



(Children receiving school supplies paid for by **LOUMC**)

You Can Count on.....40

(and not only as the number of days in Lent!)

- ♦ *Forty* is the only number in English whose letters appear in alphabetical order.
- ♦ Minus 40 degrees, or “40 below,” is the only temperature that is the same in both Fahrenheit and Celsius.
- ♦ When the bubonic plague gripped Europe during the Middle Ages, ships would be isolated in harbor for 40 days before passengers could go ashore. The Italian word for 40 is *quaranta*—hence *quarantine*.
- ♦ There are 40 spaces on a standard Monopoly board. Proving that life is a gamble, the game gives players equal odds (one in 40) of going directly to jail or winning the Free Parking lottery.
- ♦ Forty is the maximum number of players a Major League Baseball team can sign to its roster at once.
- ♦ Forget “nine months”; a typical pregnancy actually lasts 40 weeks.
- ♦ It took chemists 40 attempts to develop the magical spray we know as...*wait for it*...WD-40 (full name: Water Displacement, 40th formula).
- ♦ In literature, 40 is the number of thieves Ali Baba clashes with in *Arabian Nights*.
- ♦ Also, 40 is the number of winks Dr. William Kitchiner suggests taken for a perfect nap.
- ♦ In religion, 40 seems to be shorthand for “a long time.” Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness being tempted by the devil; the great flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights; the Jewish people wandered the desert for 40 years.
- ♦ And if you need more evidence that 40 sounds like a lot, please see the standard workweek: 40 hours.

Join us and do something great for Love INC of NOC!!

Thursday, March 9th, from 11 am to 9pm

Enjoy yummy Italian dishes including spaghetti, ribs or chicken tetrazzini either at our location at 1076 South Lapeer in Oxford or order your dishes for take out to eat at your place.

Mention you wish to support Love INC of NOC

**We will donate 25% of your order to
Love INC of NOC!**



**Don't forget! 25% to Love INC of NOC on
Dine In or Carry Out!**

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] (Gr. 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: March 15th for April LINK

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