

The LINK

March 2018

*The
Season
of
Lent*



HOLY WEEK 2018

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY (March 25, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 am) – Holy Week begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, humble and riding on a donkey, and welcomed with palms and praises. But the cries of "Hosanna to the King!" quickly turn to cries for Jesus' crucifixion at the hand of the Romans.

HOLY THURSDAY (March 29, 7:00 pm) – After Jesus celebrates the Passover meal with his disciples, commemorating Israel's deliverance from Egypt, he gives us a foretaste of deliverance to come: his own deliverance into the hands of the Romans, his coming deliverance from death, and our deliverance from sin. This evening ends in the grief of Gethsemane's garden.

GOOD FRIDAY (March 30, 7:00 pm) – This evening's service of Tenebrae ("darkness") recounts the events of Jesus' crucifixion through the eyes of his mother Mary and a Narrator. The service is based on a drama by Janet Litterland called "Lovelight."

EASTER SUNDAY (April 1, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 am) – As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and his call upon us to newness of life, we will also celebrate Holy Baptism! The beauty of this day is not to be missed!

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

After a good deal of discussion, and a generous amount of feedback from the congregation and our various committees, the Church Council has decided as of **Sunday, April 15th** to change from three worship times at 8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 to two worship times at **8:30 & 10:00**. As with any change, it will take some adjustment, and not everyone will feel favorably impacted. But in addressing the current needs of LOUMC, this new schedule appears to be the best fit, and gives us these three things:

EFFICIENT USE OF VOLUNTEERS – From musicians (Bells, Choir, Worship Team), to sound & projection people, to ushers, greeters, and communion stewards, these good folks are often overworked and spread thin. We need to honor them.

ENGAGING WORSHIP – The consolidation of resources will favorably impact the quality of our worship experience. Consolidating the number of services also avoids services so sparsely attended that visitors don't get an adequate representation of what a vibrant church LOUMC actually is.

ENHANCED FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The new time frame will enable us to have regular luncheons and potlucks, some of which can be fundraising opportunities for mission and ministry, but most of which will be just to promote fellowship and community.

Please know that your Church Council has not only been very deliberate in this decision making process, but will continue to be deliberate in tweaking and improving things as we move forward. We encourage you to communicate the time changes to others in the congregation and community, and to invite others into the life of our amazing faith community.

There have been questions, with the change in worship times, regarding worship style and music.

The 8:30 service will continue the practice of the 8:00 service in serving weekly Communion, and using traditional hymns. There is the possibility of adding special music to accommodate those who move from 9:15 to 8:30.

The 10:00 service will emulate what the current 9:15 service has evolved into, incorporating contemporary music elements from 11:00 along with traditional hymns (as it has been for the last several months), and occasionally adding the instrumentation of the Worship Team.

Anthems and special music will continue to be provided by the rich variety of our music groups: the Chancel Choir, the Hallelujah Handbells, the contemporary Worship Team, and by our youth on occasion. We will do our level best to provide everyone with meaningful, memorable, musical ways to connect to God - and to one another - in worship.



Bibs for Babies



Thank you to all that participated in the Bibs for Babies event last month with provideinc. We made 25 bibs and prepped another 20 for sewing. Bibs are being donated to Newborns in Need and an orphanage in China.

VBS 2018

SAVE THE DATE

July 23—27, 2018





LOUMC Youth attended middle and high school retreats at SpringHill camp in Ewart, Michigan. Thank you to Colleen Griffith and Mike Ames for volunteering to help chaperone the trips. Wonderful message, outstanding worship, and



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



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Sun	Mon	Tue
4 3rd Sunday In Lent No Youth Cafe	5 03:00 PM-Heritage Place Service (OS) 07:00 PM-Peer Support (205)	6
11 4th Sunday in Lent	12 07:00 PM Community Conversation (Lock- Hart's) Topic: Addiction	13 01:00 PM-Siste in Faith Circle (S
18 5th Sunday in Lent	19	20 09:00 am— Prayers And So (108)
25 Palm Sunday 10:15 AM - Blood Pressure Screening (FH)	26	27

MARCH



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 05:30 PM-Oakland County Service (106)	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	10 09:00 AM-Sibshops (121)
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	28	29 07:00 Maundy Thursday Service	30 OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON 07:00 Good Friday Service	31



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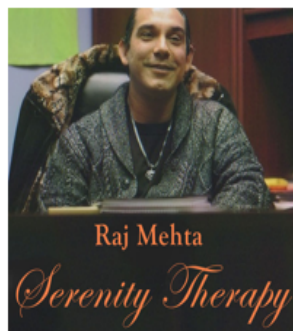
Community Conversations

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.

Addiction 101

Monday, March 12 @ 7:00p

Join Raj Mehta of
The Serenity Therapy Center, at Lockhart's
BBQ in Lake Orion
for a presentation on
addiction treatments.



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

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

Easter is coming!

Every Easter the Worship and Arts committee sells hydrangeas, azaleas, Easter lilies and daffodils to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morn. The proceeds then go to buying summer plants to decorate our church yard all spring and summer. If you are interested in buying a plant, please contact Daryl DeBano at home (248 622 1154), by email (dardebano@gmail.com) or visit our table in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:15 service. Sales will begin on March 4th and run until March 25th or until we run out.



NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN - Our LOUMC kitchen is a very busy place filled with joy, fellowship and outreach. We are grateful to have such a place but it is in need of major remodeling. A kitchen renovations fund has been established for just that reason! A number of memorial gifts and donations have been received and future fundraising with take place. It will be costly to redo the kitchen in the future but with everyone's gifts and prayers we look forward to that day!



Also, we have many dishes that need to go back to their homes. You can find your dishes on the metal rack either in Fellowship Hall or in Room 120.

We are challenged to always have our equipment available. It is the policy of the kitchen not to borrow items as they are used often. We currently can't locate our much needed three crock pots. Please return them if you have them or if you have any you are not using we would love to have them.



“Sisters in Faith” will meet on Tuesday, March 13th at 1:00 PM in the Shalom Room. Sue Montgomery will be doing a program about incarceration in our communities

United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast at CJ's at 7:30 a.m.



FUNERAL MINISTRY - Additional donations of food and workers at the meals are always needed. If you would like to be on the list to get notices contact Marcia Keller at msepanak4247@yahoo.com.

LAKE ORION HISTORY—Lake Orion's Park Island was an amusement destination amongst the residents of Metro Detroit in the first half of the 20th century. The addition of the Michigan Central Railroad track in 1872 had set the stage for Lake Orion as a major summertime resort for those traveling on the line, especially Detroit and Flint. This was the motivation for the church being moved circa 1902 from its location, where AutoZone is currently located, to the current location on Flint Street. The noise and vibration proved to be too much for Sunday worship. In 1874, several prominent citizens formed the Orion Park Association to capitalize on the growing number of travelers to the area. They developed a park on the shore of the lake near the train depot and operated a steam-powered boat for lake excursions and delivery to Park Island. Over time, the Park Island Amusement Park grew to include a penny arcade, carousel, souvenir booths, refreshment booths, lunch stands, dining rooms, dance halls, and a wooden roller coaster named “The Thriller.” The swimming beach located on the north side of Park Island had a water slide, numerous diving boards, and a bathhouse for both men and women. Lake Orion was stocked annually with bass, pickerel, and pike to cater to the seasonal fishing tournaments. Several double-deck boats offered lake excursions replete with bands and a dance floor on the upper deck. At night, Park Island was illuminated by strings of thousands of lights. In many brochures and newspaper advertisements in the 1910s and 1920s Lake Orion was advertised to potential travelers as the “Venice of the Middle West”, “Paris of Detroit”, and “Lake Orion, the One Best Resort.”

Free Blood Pressure Screenings



Available on Sunday, March 25
at the entrance to Fellowship
Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time
begins on Sunday, March
11th. Please remember to set
your clocks ahead one hour
before going to bed on
Saturday evening!



ABOUT PEOPLE

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Joan Bardallis, Connie Barnard,
Linda Carpenter, Kallie Charlton,
Howard Daenzer Sr., Bruce Denton, David Fairchild,
Rose Ford, Carol Hassberger, Carol Hermann, Vee Hollenbeck,
Don Johnson, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain,
Patti Miechiels, Pamela & Leonard Nichols, Don Northcote,
Steve Piazza, Randy Riley, Cathy Schivley, Barry Schwerin,
Tom Scott, Victor Vargason, Rosalie Ward,
Sharon Waite, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright,
Community Meals Family,
LOUMC Extended Family Members & Friends



GET ON BOARD.... We are trying something a a bit different and will have our annual rummage sale from the end of April thru the beginning of May! We hope as you do Spring Cleaning, you will remember this and offer some of your unneeded “Good Stuff” to the Rummage Sale. The sale will follow a similar format as in other years. The dates are as follows:

Sunday, April 29th—drop off 11:00 am to 2 pm

Monday, April 30th—drop off 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 1st —drop off 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 2nd—sorting and pricing 9:00am to 5:00 pm
(no drop off) - Church Family Sale—5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 3rd– Sale 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday, May 4th-Sale 9:00 am—5:00 pm with \$5.00 bag sale
Beginning at 2:00 pm

Saturday, May 5th - Sale 8:00 am to 10:00 am ONLY
Clean up 10:00 am until done

Please help us with donating goods, sorting, pricing, and selling goods, buying “good stuff” and clean up—believe it or not, it is kind of fun!!

As in the past, we will not be able to accept crib mattresses, infant car seats, encyclopedias and dictionaries, typewriters, computer parts and components, TV’s, auto parts, desks, and gas-powered equipment.

Thank you for your support as we raise funds to reupholster our sanctuary pews.

In Faith,

Worship and Arts Committee

CALLING ALL BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS!

We are recognizing our scouts on Sunday, March 11th at the 9:15 a.m. worship service. Please wear your uniform and contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org to become part of the service as a reader or if you would like to do a musical performance.



SAVE THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD - Special Needs Prom at LOUMC is Friday, May 11th.



The next **LOUMC Euchre night** will be Friday, March 16th. All are welcome, and sign up will be on the board outside Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5/person and will be used to cover snacks and beverages. Check in is at 6:30 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.

BALDWIN CENTER LUNCH VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers for Wednesday, March 21st are Jack and Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Cindy Katz, Michelle Kellogg, Bill Porritt, Barb Shulze and Jay Verran.

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 on Sunday. Proceeds benefit mission outreach. We are collecting used greeting cards to repurpose into new cards. Please put them in the black bins at the entrances marked, "CardMakers for Christ".

THANK YOU



The United Methodist Men would like to say THANK YOU and GREAT BIG HIGH 5 to everyone, who made a number of donations to the NEW UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS DRIVE for the LOVE INC CLOTHES CLOSET, located at St. Mary's Episcopal Church! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to supply a large amount of new clothing for men, women and children, who depend on the Clothes Closet for good, clean clothing. NEW underwear and socks were the items most in need and LOUMC once again came through with flying colors!



A HUGE thank you to all that donated new or gently used bras for the **Free the Girls** campaign that benefits communities abroad fighting human trafficking. LOUMC donated over 150 bras! BRA-



PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY would like to thank Ralph Reseigh for the beautiful table near our quilt hanging in the Sanctuary and wonderful new clips which can hang our quilts in the Sanctuary and outside the Church Office. Thank you so very much!!!

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: March 15th for April LINK

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