

The LINK

September 2017

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Each United Methodist Church holds an Annual Church Conference where the leadership of the congregation, and anyone else interested, meets with our District Superintendent to take care of specific business items in the church. These include setting the pastor's salaries, updating membership records, and accepting nominations to various committees in the church.



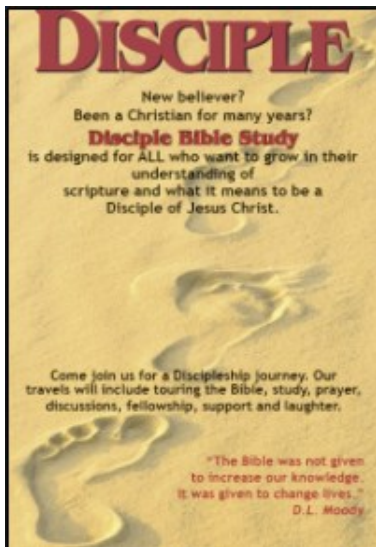
It is an opportunity for us to connect with our District Superintendent in order to hear about initiatives in the connectional church, and for the D.S. to hear about what we are doing here at LOUMC. Our District Superintendent, for the Blue Water District, is Rev. Elizabeth Hill.

This year's Church Conference is **Wednesday, September 27th, at 8:30pm**, and will be held in the Sanctuary. There's no need to RSVP if you care to attend. Just come.

**Project SHALOM
2017**

**Project SHALOM is on
Saturday, October 7th
& Sunday, October 8th
(for marching band
students.)**

Registration begins on September 10th. October 1st will be our Team Meeting. We are really looking for more involvement from the congregation this year to make it a fun, intergenerational event! Also, if you have a special home improvement skill you can share that would be wonderful! If you are interested in leading a team of youth, please contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org or (248) 563-2399. Project SHALOM Applications (for care receivers) can be obtained on the church welcome tables.



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

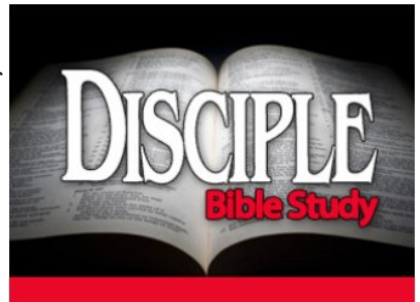
Beginning this fall, LOUMC will be offering DISCIPLE Bible Study classes. From the input we've received, it looks we have enough interest to offer two classes: one on Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30, and one on Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:30. We will be meeting in Room 120 (the room off of the Fellowship Hall), and Pastor Larry will be leading the classes.

DISCIPLE is a long-term commitment. There are 33 weeks of classes, and daily readings from the Bible as well as a Study Manual.

But it is well worth the effort! As well as a great deal of learning, what people most often share about their DISCIPLE experience is the close fellowship that is built between the members of the group. While there are multiple DISCIPLE studies, both of these sessions will be from the first DISCIPLE series which encompasses the entire Bible over the 33 week period. I would invite anyone who thinks they might be interested, but are afraid of the commitment, to attend the first two weeks just to try it out. At that point, if it's not for you, feel free to drop out, no questions asked. What a deal! I'm guessing, though, that after two weeks you will be hooked!

Our first sessions will be held the week of September 18th (Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th). We have the books already available if you'd like to have yours prior to the first session, but it is OK to get your book at that first session. The books cost \$40, though if that is a financial hardship don't let it stop you. Couples are free to share, but since there is space for taking notes in each book, each individual having a book is a plus.

The first three Sundays of September, there will be the opportunity to sign up for one of the DISCIPLE sessions on the Connection Card. You can also call the church office or contact Pastor Larry directly to register.





Middle School

(6th-8th grade) Wednesday's from
6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.

High School

(9th-12th grade) Sunday's from
6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m.

*Bible Study will take place in
Youth Café. Start date TBD.*



Kids on the Rock (Pre-K & Elementary) and Youth Café (Middle & High School Youth) kicks off on Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. The following are classrooms for your children and youth:

Preschool (2-1/2 years—3 years) God's Country

4 years—1st grade Room 108

2nd and 3rd grade Room 121

4th and 5th grade Room 123

6th—12th grade Youth Café

We will be doing registration online again this year. Please look in your email for additional information. If you do not have access to the internet or would prefer not to do the process online, please contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org or (248) 563-2399.



Mark your calendar for our Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 28th. This event will be FUN for all ages! Children and youth can dress in costume and trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk in the church parking lot. Lots of fun activities and food afterwards. More information to come in the next LINK. If you are interested in helping plan this

event or would like to donate prizes, etc., please contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org or (248) 563-2399.

Mom, Dads - Looking for a couple of hours without your little “helpers” in tow? **Mother’s Morning Out** is a child care program unique to United Methodist Churches. Ours is run by our Nursery Director, Jeri Melton, on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 am. A great time for you to run errands, schedule appointments, set-up or attend programs, etc. The children receive LOVE + LEARNING, FUN +GAMES. Call Jeri at 248-693-1051 to set up a date or for questions.



United Methodist Women

“Sisters in Faith” will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Shalom. All women of the church are invited to attend.



Save Theses Dates!!!

The dates for upcoming Mission Guatemala trips are as follows:

2018 Trip for Adults only
August 4th -12th

2019 Trip for Youth and Adults
July 27th – August 4th

Steeple, Stamens, And Streaming



You have the opportunity on any given week to memorialize a loved one, share a celebration, or simply contribute in a unique way to our church's worship. You can do so by sponsoring that week's lighting of our steeple (\$10), or purchasing altar flowers for use in worship on Sunday morning (\$18.50), or by sponsoring that week's live stream of worship on the church website (\$20/week or \$75 for the month).



A written recognition of your gift – and those it may be honoring – would be included in the bulletin on the Sunday you designate. Sign-ups for these opportunities are on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please contact Amanda in the church office with any questions.

RED BIRD BABY SHOWER 2017



This will be our church's 13th Annual Baby Shower, for the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. It will be held on Sunday, October 1, during Fellowship Time between the 9:15 and 11:00 services.



We are looking for NEW clothing, purchased or hand knitted, for children, between the ages of newborn and 3 years old. We accept items for all seasons- Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter- as well as baby supplies, diapers, wipes, etc.

There will be a large plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall, starting after Labor Day, marked RED BIRD MISSION BABY SHOWER. You can begin dropping off any donations at that point. Everything collected, will be sent along with our Mission Team to Kentucky, around mid October.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS OUTREACH EFFORT- IT IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED!!

Scrip

funny word...easy fundraising



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 making 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 online. 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 that you order online 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). 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 an online gift card for your immediate use. Home Depot is one these types of cards.

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 collect used greeting cards to repurpose into new cards. Please put them in the brown bins at the Anderson and Slater Street entrances marked, "CardMakers for Christ".



Chancel Choir, Tuesday, September 5,
7:00 – 8:30 PM in the sanctuary (Music
reading skill helpful but not required)

Hallelujah Handbells, Thursday,
September 7th, 9:30 – 11:00 AM in the
bell room - 206 (No prior handbell
experience necessary, but music reading
ability is required).

Thank You from Church World Service



Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,393 to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope. Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. We thank you!!

Visit cwsblankets.org to find out more.

Weekly Scheduled
Events :



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 (205)

Monday

10:30 AM-Bible Study (Sh)
11:45 AM-Tai Chi & Sword (122)
01:00 PM-Staff Meeting (Sh)
05:30 PM-Community Meal (FH & 120)
07:00 PM-Small Group (Lockhart's)

Tuesday

09:00 AM-Mother's Morning Out (Nur)

Wednesday

10:00 AM-Sermon Review (120)
07:00 PM-Worship Team Practice

Thursday

09:00 AM-Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
09:00 AM-YOGA (122)

Friday

Saturday

Daily

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

AC=All Church

FH=Fellowship Hall

Nur=Nursery

OS=Offsite

Sh=Shalom Room

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 8:00 & 9:15 Worship Services	4 Office Closed 05:30 PM-Community Meals (FH & 120)	5 09:00 AM-CODA 102/Library) 07:00 PM-Chan Choir
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Biblical text from the Gospel of Matthew were found fused to metal in the wreckage at Ground Zero. (Credit Jin Lee, via National September 11 Memorial Museum)

At 9/11 Memorial, an Enduring Message of Forgiveness

New York Times September 25, 2015

by David W. Dunlap

Retaliation.

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.”

So many chapters. So many verses. But these were the words — from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, in the Gospel of Matthew — found permanently exposed at Ground Zero after the Sept. 11 attacks. The pages of the Bible in which they were printed had fused to a chunk of steel as the World Trade Center collapsed, to be found only months later.

The artifact was be shown to Pope Francis when he visited the National September 11 Memorial Museum. It was given to the museum by the photographer Joel Meyerowitz, whose book “Aftermath: World Trade Center Archive” is the definitive pictorial chronicle of the months following the attack.

A firefighter found the fragment in March 2002, under the Tully Road, a temporary truck route that covered the last remnants of the south tower. He called out to the photographer, who happened to be nearby.

“This shredded, burned and rubble-covered Bible came to me from the loving hands of a fireman who knew that I was the record keeper of ground zero,” Mr. Meyerowitz said Thursday in an e-mail from Italy, where he now lives.

“My astonishment at seeing the page that the Bible was open to made me realize that the Bible’s message survives throughout time,” he said, “and in every era we interpret its teachings freshly, as the occasion demands.”



You are invited to attend our kick-off meeting for the Lake Orion and Oxford Michigan Abolitionist Project (MAP) community group on September 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. MAP's executive director and founder, Kathy Maitland, will be the first guest speaker.

The purpose of Michigan Abolitionist Project (MAP) community groups is to educate, engage, and eradicate modern day slavery in Michigan by inspiring everyday people to make a difference by using their gifts and talents to address the root causes of human trafficking. We also are involved in transforming the culture that causes slavery to exist and thrive. Please consider attending this meeting to learn more about MAP and how you may get involved in eliminating this issue that is occurring worldwide and even in our own community.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Ames at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org or (248) 563-2399.

Blessing of the Dogs

Blessing of the Dogs was a HUGE success! God has blessed us with our dogs and we had the opportunity to celebrate, honor, and bless these wonderful pets! We were able to collect items and raise \$142 through our Doggie Bake Sale and sale of handmade bandanas to donate to Oakland Animal Shelter and Adoption Center and K9 Stray and Rescue. A BIG thank you to our youth for helping coordinate this event.



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any day the week of
September 11th through 17th

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To view their menu, visit
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TIMES SQUARE RESTAURANT

Working in the Kitchen

Thanks to those who worked at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on **August 16**: Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Michele Kellogg, Ginny Lavender, Jay Verran and Pastor Larry.

A reminder to those scheduled to work in the kitchen on **September 20**: Jim Childers, Michele Kellogg, Phil & Ginny Lavender, Myrna Sweetland and Jay Verran. Please contact Charlotte Brown at 248-391-0753 if you can help or know someone that would like to help.



VBS Thank You's!

VBS may be over but all the people involved have wonderful memories of an awesome week! A fun week of water games, yummy snacks, cool activities, powerful Bible stories, and fabulous music will remind us all the we were CREATED BY GOD and Built for a Purpose! Our VBS offering this year was for LOUMC's

Community Programs (Counseling Program, Community Assistance, and Help Kids Succeed.) A GRAND TOTAL of \$1,634.35 was collected between the kids at VBS and the special offering on July 30th. Thank you so much for your generosity. I would like to thank everyone who helped with VBS in any way. From the donation of supplies and money to spending hours and hours preparing lessons and decorations, each heartfelt contribution of prayers, presence, gifts and service to help over 80 children (and over 100 youth and adult leaders) experience God's love in a way they will remember for a long time. A special thank you to Brenda Ulery for her creative genius and wonderful decorations, our Preschool Directors Kathy McMinn and Patty Warrick, Bill Stark for projection and sound, all the station leaders and assistants and Crew Leaders. I would also like to recognize Megan Griffith, Addie Bishop, and Julia Ames for the countless tasks they completed for Brenda and me the week prior to VBS. Thanks to all that made VBS such a success. I could not have done it without you!

Dawn Ames, Director Family Ministry

THANK YOU!

Our husband and father, Jerry Farstvedt, is now in God's loving hands. Thank you for your prayers and the funeral dinner. Thank you.

Diane Farstvedt, Julie Brandt, John Farstvedt and family

Dear LOUMC family,

Our family has felt a great deal of love and support from our church family. My husband Chuck Myers had been in failing health from COPD especially the last two years. It was at that time that he received a Prayer Quilt. It brought him much comfort knowing the prayers that surrounded him. While he was in the hospital and then the Nursing Home, I felt so much love and support from Lisa Goyette and church people who brought me meals and kept our family in their prayers. I knew then that no matter what the future held for us that we would be able to make it through. Chuck went into Hospice Services in April, 2017. To complicate matters, I had total knee replacement surgery on May 23. Again the meals and prayers kept coming. The last six weeks of Chuck's illness were extremely difficult. However, he was able to pass peacefully at home on July 8, 2017. We were grateful when Pastor Larry came to our home prior to Chuck's passing to anoint Chuck's body with oil, sing some hymns with us, and pray. Our family appreciated the beautiful Celebration of Life that Pastor Larry did. The duet that he and Kathy McMinn sung was very special. Thank you to the ladies of the church that put on the delicious funeral luncheon.

With much love and appreciation,
Fern Myers

ABOUT PEOPLE

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Connie Barnard, Joan Bardallis, Linda Carpenter, Howard Daenzer Sr., Bruce Denton, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Michiels, Fern Myers, Pamela Nichols, Don Northcote, Steve Piazza, Randy Riley, June Rupert, Cathy Schivley, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members & Friends





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Questions???

Contact Trudy Carney (trudycarney@aol.com) 248-693-2558

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: September 15th for October LINK

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

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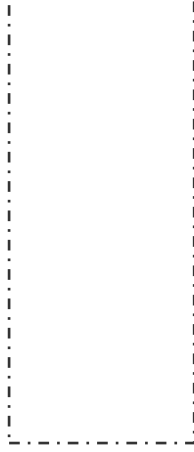
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