

# The LINK

***December 2018***

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04:30 PM - Christmas Eve Service

07:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

09:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

11:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

*For whatever you choose to celebrate...*

Coexist

*Blessings to one and ALL this  
Holiday Season!*





*Hanging of the Greens*  
*November 30th @ 6:00pm*  
***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. Sign up began in the Fellowship Hall during November. We need inside and outside help to decorate our church with Christmas cheer. Hope to see you there.



**Memorial Fund**

*Contributions made to the Memorial Funds were made in honor of the following individuals during the past twelve months:*

Beatrice Adams, William Adams, Joan Bardallis, Shirley Clayton, Don Dahlquist, Michelle Duvall, Robert Johnson, Manuel Garcia, Robert Goodman, Wilma Gorski, Rita Guerra, Carmen Martinez, Andrew Mentier, Mary Moore, Chuck Myers, Steve Piazza, Janet Reynolds, Janet Roberts, June Rupert, LuAnn Short, Lee Umpstead, Phyllis Wiseman, Wilfred Wiseman

**Survey—Removal *Only* Response Requested**

*If you receive a paper copy of the LINK, and you prefer to read it online or pick up a copy at the church, let the office know to remove you from the Post Office mailing. We are currently printing and mailing over 350 copies of the LINK, and in an effort to save funds we are hoping to reduce printing and mailing costs. You should know that the LINK is always available online. If you wish to be REMOVED from the postal copy, please call the office or send a note to LOUMC1@lakeorionumc.org with your name and REMOVE in the subject line. If we don't hear from you, we will keep you on the mailing list.*

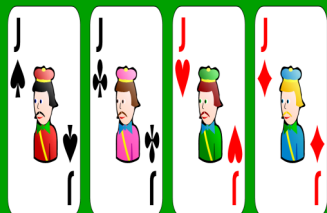
*Thanks so much!*

*Pat Matthews*



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

# EUCHRE



## *Euchre Anyone???*

The next LOUMC Euchre night is the second Friday of the month, so it will be **Friday, December 14th**.

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 pm and games will begin at 7:00 pm.

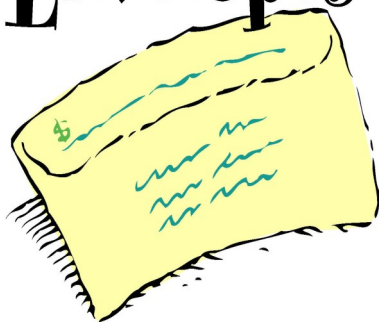
Questions? Contact Dawn Ames

at (248) 563-2399 or [dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org](mailto:dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org).



**2019 Giving Envelopes** –If you would like to received Offering Envelopes for 2019, please note the back of your Connection Card. We are preparing the envelope packets with your numbers and hope to distribute them during this month. If you have signed up once, you don't need to keep signing up. We are keeping a list of those requests and will have the envelopes available. Any questions, please see Pat Matthews in the office.

## Offering Envelopes





## **WE NEED YOU!!!!**

*Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed each day in the U.S. The next blood drive is:*



**Date: January 24th, 2019 Time: 1:30-7:30 pm**

**Where: Lake Orion 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 at 248-563-6114.*

*Blood is the most precious gift we can give to another person...it is the gift of life!*



**Hospice of Michigan Needs** - It has come to my attention that **lap blankets, shawls, and chemo caps** are needed. The dimensions of the blankets are 35 inches X 40 inches, shawls work best if they are 20 inches X 60 inches, and caps can be all sizes. Cold weather is coming and perhaps you would like to take on a knitting, crocheting, quilting, fleece sewing project or any other media you would enjoy to help them out. I will collect them and deliver them as they accumulate. Just another way to help others. Let me know if you want to take part!! At this point I do not have a cut off date since their need is ongoing. Ardis Pearce - 248-628-3430

**Working in the Kitchen** - Thanks to those who worked at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen. Please contact Charlotte Brown at 248-391-0753 if you can help or know someone that would like to help.



## Mother's Morning Out

**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, **do some Christmas shopping**, set-up or attend programs, etc. The

children receive LOVE + LEARNING, FUN +GAMES. A very nominal fee for a couple of hours is all it costs. **No services November 20th and 22nd, December 25th and 27th, and January 1st and 3rd.** If you have any questions or to set up a date or two or a whole session, please call Jeri at 248-693-1051. **This is a Community Outreach Program, all are welcome! You don't have to attend LOUMC to participate in this program.**



**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 vacation, 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](http://www.lakeorionumc.org) for the link that you take you the LOUMC online giving webpage to set up your online contribution.



**Starting your Christmas shopping? Here's a way to benefit both you and the church.**

*You don't have to run into the crowds at the malls, save your gas and save your time to spend with family by using Amazon for shopping at home, and giving Scrip gift cards that you can pick up at church! This is how we can help:*

**AMAZONSMILE**— Did you know that LOUMC has an amazonsmile account? Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select "United Methodist Church of Lake Orion" as your charitable organization. Make future purchases through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and the church will receive .5% of the price of your eligible purchases. **Between July 1st and September 30th, the church received donations totaling \$35.39 from your shopping.** Same products, same prices and same service with no cost to you for the benefit to LOUMC. Prime members use in the same manner. Questions? Contact Trudy Carney at [trudycarney@aol.com](mailto:trudycarney@aol.com) (248-693-2558)



**SCRIP** - Please think about using the Scrip Program at LOUMC during the 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, we now can get Menards gift cards. This program benefits many ministries of the church, the General Fund and outreach such as Community Assistance and Missions. 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 248-977-0794.



# Weekly Scheduled Events:

## Sunday

- 08:30, 10:00 Worship
- 10:00 Kids on the Rock
- 10:00 Youth Cafe
- 11:00 Fellowship Time
- 11:30 Adult Bible Study (205)

## Monday

- 10:30 Bible Study (Sh)
- 11:45 Tai Chi Sword & Tai Chi (122)
- 05:30 Community Meal (FH & 105)
- 07:00 Disciple II class (120)
- 07:00 Small Group (Lockhart's)

## Tuesday

- 09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
- 09:30 Hallelujah Handbells
- 10:00 Disciple II class (120)
- 07:00 Chancel Choir
- 07:00 Eating Disorder Support (EDS) Group (106)

## Wednesday

- 06:45 BNI (FH)
- 10:00 Sermon Review (120)
- 07:00 Worship Team Practice

## Thursday

- 09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
- 09:00 AM - YOGA (122)
- 09:30 Hallelujah Handbells

## Friday

- 06:00 Women's NA (123/124)

## Saturday

## Daily

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

FH=Fellowship Hall  
Nur=Nursery  
OS=Offsite  
Sh=Shalom Room



Sun	Mon	Tue
<div>ADVENT</div> <div> </div>		<div> </div>
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<div>9</div> <div> <b>Muslim Unity Visitors and Luncheon</b> </div>	<div>10</div> <div> <b>05:30 PM - Comm Meals hosted by Muslim Unity</b> </div>	<div>11</div> <div>           09:00 AM Praye Squares(10 01:00 PM UMW         </div>
<div>16</div> <div> <b>Stephen Ministry Fundraiser</b> </div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div> <b>Happy 25 Anniversary to Pastor Larry a</b>             WEDDING            7:00 PM 4-H (1         </div>
<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div> <b>Christmas Eve Services</b>             No Community Meals         </div>	<div>25</div> <div> <b>Christmas Office Close</b>             No Mother's M            Out today         </div>
<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div> <b>New Year's Eve</b> </div>	<div> </div>



# ADVENT



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 07:30 AM - UMM Breakfast (CJ's)
	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>NO YOGA today!</b> 07:00 PM SPRC (203-4	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
ers & (8) / (Sh)	<b>12</b> 07:00 PM NAMI (Sh)	<b>13</b> 07:00 PM Trustees (Sh) 7:00 PM-Church Council (120)	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>
<b>th</b> <b>nd Jen</b>  (20)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 07:00 PM-Finance (Sh)	<b>21</b> <b>Community Meals</b> <b>5:30p</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>as</b> <b>d</b> <b>orning</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>No Mother's Morning</b> <b>Out today</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



**Christmas is for children.** Our church is once again dedicating our Angel Tree collection to the Methodist Children's Home in Redford, Michigan. The MCH residential cottages are home to boys ages seven to fifteen that the court has placed there due to severe neglect or abuse. Some of the boys have never experienced Christmas morning with a true Christmas breakfast and gifts to open. Our gifts are so appreciated that the CEO met us as we dropped off last year's presents. He wanted to thank us in person! The Angel Tree will be assembled prior to black Friday. **Please return your gifts UNWRAPPED by December 9th.** Contact Susan Montgomery with any questions: 248-921-4518. Thanks!



**Our next Faith Fieldtrip** will be Thursday, Nov. 29th at 6 pm to the Muslim Unity Center in Bloomfield Hills. We will meet at our church at 6 pm and will carpool to the Unity Center. They will have a presentation on Women in Islam for us. Then their Interfaith Committee will visit us for our Dec. 9th 10 am service and stay for lunch. They will have a presentation about Mary peace be upon her in the Quran beginning at 12:15 pm. They will be providing our Community Meals on Monday, Dec. 10th. Please join us as we learn more about and develop relationships with our Muslim friends!

Sign up for the Fieldtrip in the Fellowship Hall during Fellowship time!



## ***2018 Trustees Report to the Congregation***

2018 has been a busy and productive year for your Trustees. Below is a list of some of the bigger completed tasks. Smaller jobs like changing furnace filters, inspections for fire extinguishers, boiler, elevator and so on are not included since they are just part of the regular maintenance of any building.

- ◆ The two restrooms in the Old Testament wing were completely gutted and remodeled. This was made possible due to an anonymous donor. By supplementing the \$16,000 donation with Home Depot cards that were also donated, we were able to come in under budget by about \$2,000. The donor generously agreed to donate the remaining money to the kitchen remodel fund.
- ◆ The toilet in the restroom in Jeri's nursery was worn out so it was replaced at the church's expense. It was then decided to renovate that room that was done using donated Home Depot cards. The restroom in the Sunny Day room was done about a year ago. With the completion of the restroom in Gerry's nursery it means that all the restrooms in the church have been updated.
- ◆ A monitor was added so the choir could better see what was being projected. Money was donated to pay for the monitor. The box around the monitor was paid for using donated Home Depot cards.
- ◆ The new sign in front of the church was built and funded as John Keller's Eagle Scout project. He took care of the sign design, manufacture, installation and painting. Some trim was added later using donated Home Depot cards.
- ◆ The pews have all been reupholstered using funds from Worship and The Arts rummage sale. The fabric was chosen by Worship and the Arts. The trustees just did the scheduling and over saw the installation.
- ◆ Last year all the carpet was cleaned including all the offices, classrooms and hallways. That effort was funded through a donation. Some of the carpets had never been cleaned. This year's Trustee budget included funds to clean some of the carpet. That money was used to clean the carpet in room 125 and all the hallways. The plan is to rotate what carpet gets cleaned each year so that all the carpet will be cleaned at least every two to three years.
- ◆ 104 S. Slater St. is one of the homes the church owns. This year we had it painted. It has needed painting for years. The job was paid for from rent paid by the tenant.

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support without which none of this would have been possible.

**LINK News :** Please have all articles for the January 2019 edition to the church office by December 15th.



*The Thanksgiving Food Drive is over, but meals are served every Monday. If you wish to contribute, these are some items that can be used year round.*

Kidney Beans  
Baked Beans  
Cut Green Beans (canned)  
Refried Beans  
Tomato Juice  
Beets, sliced  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Diced Tomatoes  
Elbow Macaroni  
Beef and/or Chicken Gravy  
Apple Sauce (NOT individual size)  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Tropical Fruit (NOT individual size)  
Mandarin Oranges (NOT individual size)  
Grated Parmesan Cheese  
6" Dessert Plates  
9 oz. Paper Cups (NOT Styrofoam)  
Zip lock Quart, Gallon and Sandwich Bags

***Commercial size cans are helpful but not necessary!!!  
Please place on the wire rack in Fellowship Hall.***

***Community Meals are provided three weeks a month to an average of 120 people. Monetary contributions are in great need as well as canned goods. If making a donation mark envelopes "Community Meals". Thank you!***



## Community Meals Holiday Schedule

*Friday, December 21st*

*Instead of Monday, December 24th*

***Potentially Monday, December 31st will move to  
Friday, December 28th..watch the Bulletins***

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



# Community Meal



*Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families and friends  
on the recent loss of Ray Cardew, Sr., and Edward Cline.*



### **ABOUT PEOPLE**

Connie Barnard, Linda Carpenter, Kallie Charlton, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Bruce Denton, Vee Hollenbeck, Don Johnson, Joyce Marker, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Edward Naylor, Pamela and Leonard Nichols, Don Northcote, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Tom Scott, Victor Vargason, Roger Waite, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members and Friends.

**Prayer Chain:** Gina Adams 248-202-5618  
gadams1645@gmail.com



If you would like to send a card to Don and Fran Johnson at their new home: ,  
Don and Fran Johnson  
c/o American House  
A207  
12640 Holly Road  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

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** 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

**NURSERY CARE** is available during the 10:00 service.

**KIDS ON THE ROCK (Age 3 - Gr. 5)** is during the 10:00 service.

**[youth café ] (Grs. 6 - 12)** is during the 10:00 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 PM.

**LINK DEADLINE:** November 15th for December LINK

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

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### **Custodian**

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