



# The LINK

## December 2019



### *Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*

*Tuesday, December 24*

- 4:30 **Family Service**  
Shorter, Child friendly
- 7:00 **Contemporary Service**  
Communion & Carols
- 9:00 **Traditional Service**  
Communion, Carols, Choir
- 11:00 **Traditional Service**  
Communion, Carols,  
Midnight Bell

### **Advent Sermon Series & Study:** *Almost CHRISTMAS*

*Sunday Services: 8:30 (weekly communion) & 10:00*

*Adult Sunday School: 11:15 Monday Morning Study: 10:00*

*December 1st -- Almost PEACE*

*8:30 & 10:00 services: Hand Bell Choir*

*December 8th -- Almost HOPE*

*10:00 service: Choir Cantata -- Everlasting Light*

*December 15th -- Almost LOVE*

*December 22nd -- Almost JOY*

*December 24th -- **CHRISTMAS EVE***

*December 29th -- Regular Sunday Services*



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** will be held in Fellowship Hall on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11 AM.

**NAMI Metro SUPPORT GROUP** Adult discussion group for family member(s) or friend(s) of someone diagnosed with a mental illness.

Share challenges and support each other. Learn about resources to get additional help. You're not alone. ***Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Shalom***

***Room.*** Contact Debbie or Bryan Thom if you have any questions. 248.762.1141 or

***bryandebthom@gmail.com***

***NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness***

***<http://namimetro.org/>***



***For Widowed Men and Women*** - If you or someone you know are widowed, our schedule has started. We meet every Tuesday at 12 noon at Collier Lanes in Oxford. We bowl three games and then go out for lunch. If you do not bowl, you are welcome to join us for lunch. For more information call Joe Rowden at 248-693-2454 or Nadine Jaecques at 248-475-9036. Widowed Friends offer widowed men and women of all ages, caring companionship and the opportunity for healing. We offer a lot of help for those hurting.

# Red Carpet Movie Night!

Did you know that last year LOUMC had the honor of being transformed into a setting for a television movie? It's called "*Christmas Coupon*" and will air this season. Our church



looked amazing with all the Christmas décor from last year. Lake Orion's former Police Chief Jerry Narsh had a featured role, and some of your fellow church attendees served as extras, or "Background Talent", and were listed in the credits. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a movie showing on **Friday, December 13th in Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 PM.** We're hoping one or two of the stars will be here for our red carpet event! We'll have a hot chocolate bar and cookies so it will be a great evening! We will have 25 copies of the movie for sale, so get them as a stocking stuffer for your family and friends. Profits of the sale of them, along with a freewill offering, will provide Christmas for a local family.





***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	Pineapple Tidbits
Grated Parmesan Cheese	6" Dessert Plates
9 oz. Paper Cups (NOT Styrofoam)	
Zip lock Quart, Gallon and Sandwich Bags	
Apple Sauce (NOT individual size)	
Tropical Fruit (NOT individual size)	
Mandarin Oranges (NOT individual size)	

***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 Christmas Giving - We would like to have a special Christmas celebration with our Community Meals Family on Monday, December 23rd. Along with a great meal we would like each individual to receive a wrapped small dollar gift. In order to have this succeed we are asking for your donation of money to cover the***

***dollar gift for 130 individuals. A few dollars or your change would be so appreciated. A container will be at the Scrip Table in Fellowship Hall or money can be donated thru the offering with the notation of "Community Meals-Christmas Gift". If money is received above the needed amount it will be donated to Community Meals. Thank you for your continued support of Community Meals!!!***







**Working in the Kitchen** - Thanks to those who worked at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on October 16th: Jack and Charlotte Brown, Kathy Castillo, Michele Kellogg, Phil and Ginny Lavender, Barbara Schulze and Jay Verran. We did not work in November. Volunteers for December 18th are: Kathy Castillo, Cindy Katz, Michele Kellogg, Ginny and Phil Lavender, Bill

Porritt and Jay Verran. Please contact Charlotte Brown at 248-391-0753 if you can help or know someone what would like to help.

**The LOUMC Angel Tree is assembled in Fellowship Hall.** The angels list a boy's first name, his cottage and his top choice for a gift to wake up to on Christmas morning. We are the only church providing gifts from their wish list so we ask that you choose your angel carefully making certain you can fulfill the wish. If the gift is not in the price range you can afford, there are gifts in a variety of price ranges. Please return your gifts **unwrapped** with the angel taped to it so MCH staff can wrap and deliver the gifts to the correct cottage. The cottages need items that benefit all the boys so there are yellow ornaments that indicate a vacuum for each cottage. They ask that the vacuums be sturdy and easy to clean.



**NUTZ ABOUT CHOCOLATE:** Thank you to **NUTZ ABOUT CHOCOLATE** at 59 South Broadway in Lake Orion for hosting a



recent fundraiser to benefit the Monday Night Community Meals program. They are wonderful community members who support LOUMC in many ways throughout the year. This fundraiser raised enough money to support one entire meal!!! We are so grateful for their thoughtfulness!

## Is Your Contact Information Correct?

We are beginning to gather the information for the next Church Directory. **This Directory is NOT listed online for your privacy, only a paper version is printed.** Please let us know if there have been changes since the 2019 (red cover) version that was printed. Do you have a new email? New cell number? Cancelled your house phone? Take a few minutes and check out the copies of the Directory that are available on the Welcome Tables around the church entrances. If everything is the same, we don't need to know any further info. If there are changes, please send an email to Pat at [LOUMC1@LakeOrionUMC.org](mailto:LOUMC1@LakeOrionUMC.org) for any corrections or changes. **Changes need to be completed by the middle of January.**

It has been a number of years since we did a picture directory, and are hoping to have one started in 2020. It will be a simple procedure, you'll sign up online, stop by the church on your chosen date and have your family picture done. Right now, details are being worked out, so look for further info next year.



### Scrip 2019 Year End Up-date

We extend a huge Thank You to everyone who has participated in our GLScrip program throughout the year.

Profits from August, 2018 through March, 2019	\$2,478.65
Profits from April, 2019 through September, 2019 =	\$1,253.04
14 month Total =	\$3,731.09

40% goes to Outreach - \$1,492.68

20% goes to the General Fund - \$746.34

20% is divided between the following ministries within the church: Family Ministry, Project Shalom, Worship and Arts, Blessings in the Brown Bag, Gardening, Community Meals, VBS, Help Kids Succeed, Music Fund and Stephen Ministry.

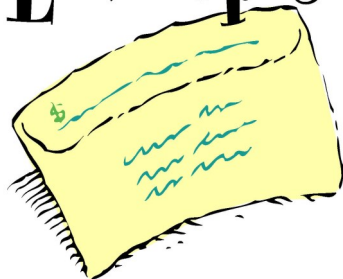
2020 will begin the seventeenth year of this program. Please, plug into this easy fundraising opportunity. Contact Sharon Keener or Trudy Carney for information.

**Mom, Dads** - Looking for a couple of hours without your little “helpers” in tow, especially now that Christmas shopping season is here? **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. 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! There is a very small fee for the use. You don't have to attend LOUMC to participate in this program.***



**2020 Giving Envelopes** –If you would like to received Offering Envelopes for 2020, 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. They will be available at the table outside of the church office. 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



# Weekly Scheduled Events:



DEC

## 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 & TaiChi (122)  
05:30 Community Meals (FH)  
07:00 Disciple 3 class (120)

## Tuesday

09:00 Mothers Morning Out (Nur)  
10:00 Disciple 3 class (120)  
07:00 Chancel Choir

## Wednesday

06:45 BNI (FH)  
10:00 Sermon Review (120)

## Thursday

09:00 YOGA (122)  
09:30 Hallelujah Handbells  
09:00 Mothers Morning Out (Nur)

## Friday

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

## Saturday

## Daily

08:00 Narcotics Anon. (123/124)

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

Sun	Mon	Tu
<b>1</b> <i>1st Advent Sunday</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>8</b> <i>2nd Advent Sunday</i>  <i>10:00 Choir Cantata</i> <i>11:30 Missions Meeting (120)</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 01:00 PM UN
<b>15</b> <i>3rd Advent Sunday</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 07:00 PM 4-H
<b>22</b> <i>4th Advent Sunday</i>  	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Office closes</i> <i>12 noon</i> <i>Christmas Service</i>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>New Year's</i> <i>Office closes</i> <i>noon</i> 



# CEMBER



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4	5 07:00 PM SPRC (Sh)	6 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens	7 07:30 AM UMM Breakfast (CJ's) 10:00 Choir Cantata Dress Rehearsal
W (Sh)	11 07:00 PM NAMI (Sh)	12 7:00 PM-Church Council (120) 07:00 PM Trustees (Sh)	13 7:00 pm Red Carpet Movie Night  	14
H	18	19 07:00 PM Finance (Sh)	20	21
ed @ s Eve ces	25 Christmas Office closed 	26 Office closed 	27	28
Eve ed @ 12	January 1st Office closed	January 2nd 07:00 PM SPRC (Sh)	January 3rd	January 4th 07:30 AM UMM Breakfast (CJ's)
				



## Season of Giving

This December, our Finance Committee is encouraging you to catch up with your pledges (for anyone who may have fallen behind), or perhaps, in this Christmas season, to count your many blessings and give a little more to the amazing and beautiful work of Christ that goes on in and through this congregation.

We are in better shape, in terms of the deficit, this year than last, but the shortfall (as of the October financials) is still in the neighborhood of \$75,000. There has been positive response since our initial update in worship, for which we are thankful, but we will still need your faithful consideration and generous giving to end 2019 on a positive financial note. Many thanks for being the Church!





**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 ?? Shop and benefit the church at the same time. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select United Methodist Church of Lake Orion as your charitable organization. Make future purchases through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and the church will receive .5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Same products, same prices and same service with no cost to your for the benefit to LOUMC. Prime members use in the same manner. Questions? Contact Trudy Carney [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. The last Sunday to order scrip to have by Christmas is Sunday, December 15th for pickup on December 22nd.. Stop by the Scrip table during

Fellowship Time, contact [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list of participating retailers, or contact Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 [trudycarney@aol.com](mailto:trudycarney@aol.com) or Sharon Keener at 248-977-0794.



# Christmas

## 31 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1-Isaiah 7:14-17  
Day 2-Isaiah 9:6-7  
Day 3-Isaiah 11:1-5  
Day 4-Isaiah 11:6-10  
Day 5-Isaiah 40:1-5  
Day 6-Isaiah 52:7-10  
Day 7-Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Day 8-Psalm 72:1-7  
Day 9-Psalm 72:8-14  
Day 10-Psalm 72:15-20

Day 11-Psalm 95:1-7  
Day 12-Malachi 3:1-3  
Day 13-Matthew 1:18-20  
Day 14-Matthew 1:21-25  
Day 15-Matthew 2:1-6  
Day 16-Matthew 2:7-12  
Day 17-Luke 1:26-29  
Day 18-Luke 1:30-34  
Day 19-Luke 1:35-38  
Day 20-Luke 1:46-50

Day 21-Luke 1:51-56  
Day 22-Luke 2:4-7  
Day 23-Luke 2:8-12  
Day 24-Luke 2:13-16  
Day 25-Luke 2:17-20  
Day 26-Galatians 4:4-7  
Day 27-Philippians 2:5-8  
Day 28-Philippians 2:9-11  
Day 29-James 1:16-18  
Day 30-Titus 3:3-7  
Day 31-Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.  
Psalm 119:18



# OPEN MY EYES

## December

Each of the Scriptures below should take ten to fifteen minutes to write. Feel free to add a reflection or prayer to the end of your writing as The Lord speaks to you in a fresh new way. And share with us what The Lord is speaking to your heart in the December comments at The Felicity Bee and using #felicitybee on social media & let's start a beautiful conversation!

### The Names of Jesus

Day 1: **ADVOCATE**

1 John 2:1-2

Day 2: **LAMB OF GOD**

John 1:29-31

Day 3: **RESURRECTION & LIFE**

John 11:21-25

Day 4: **SHEPHERD & GUARDIAN of SOULS**

1 Peter 2:22-25

Day 5: **JUDGE**

Acts 10:42-43

DAY 6: **KING of KINGS & LORD of LORDS**

1 Timothy 6:14-16

Day 7: **MAN of SORROWS**

Isaiah 53:3-5

Day 8: **AMEN & FAITHFUL & True Witness**

Revelation 3:14-16

Day 9: **THE ROCK**

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Day 10: **HIGH PRIEST & ANCHOR**

Hebrews 6:19-20

Day 11: **THE DOOR**

John 10:7-9

Day 12: **BREAD OF LIFE**

John 6:32-35

Day 13: **ROSE OF SHARON**

Song of Solomon 2:1-3

Day 14: **ALPHA and OMEGA**

Revelation 22:12-14

Day 15: **TEACHER**

John 3:1-3

Day 16: **THE BELOVED**

Ephesians 1:3-6

Day 17: **SAVIOR & MEDIATOR**

1 Timothy 2:3-6

Day 18: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

John 10:11-14

Day 19: **LIGHT of the WORLD**

John 8:12

Day 20: **THE WORD**

John 1:1-5

Day 21: **CHIEF CORNERSTONE**

Ephesians 2:19-22

Day 22: **IMAGE of the INVISIBLE GOD**

Colossians 1:15-18

Day 23: **AUTHOR & FINISHER of OUR FAITH**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Day 24: **IMMANUEL**

Matthew 1:23-25

Day 25: **WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE**

Isaiah 9:6

Day 26: **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON**

John 3:15-17

Day 27: **DAYS PRING**

Luke 1:76-79

Day 28: **REDEEMER**

Job 19:25-27

Day 29: **ALMIGHTY**

Revelation 1:7-8

Day 30: **ROOT and OFFSPRING of DAVID,  
BRIGHT and MORNING STAR**

Revelation 22:16 - 17

Day 31: **THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE**

John 14:3-6

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*THIS PAST YEAR'S MEMORIAL GIFTS WENT TO: Connie Barnard, Bob Butler, Bob Cooney, Bruce Denton, Chris Egner, Ray Heyse, Charles Kolen, Russ Krohn, Bonnie Lendzian, Tom McCormick, Janet Roberts, Ernest Sabato, Tom Scott, Wendy Sylvain, Jean Taylor, Lee Umpstead, Marvin Vanderver, Jerry Walker, Jessica Walker, Phyllis Wiseman, Wilfred Wiseman.*

***Our prayers and sympathy go out to all of our families and friends who have suffered losses.***

## **About People**

Jyl Acker, Suzanne Baber, Linda Carpenter, Kallie Charlton, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Jeannine Denton, Shareen DiGasbarro, Jan Heyse, Vee Hollenbeck, Don Johnson, Joyce Marker, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Edward Naylor, Pamela and Leonard Nichols, Don Northcote, Jim Pearce, Sherry Reseigh, Randy Riley, Barry Schwerin, Laurie Trafton, Victor Vargason, Roger Waite, Christine Wehrli, Judy Wright, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members and Friends.

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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.

**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: DECEMBER 15th for JANUARY 2020 LINK**

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

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*Red Carpet Movie Night!*

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I  LOVE  
PEACE   
JOY 

NEW YEAR'S EVE  