



# The LINK



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## Donna Waite's Retirement Party



**Please join us for the  
retirement celebration of  
Children's Ministries Director,  
Donna Waite  
as we joyfully celebrate her  
20+ years of service to God,  
Church and Community.**

**When:** Saturday, February 6th, 10:30AM until 1:30PM

**Where:** Boulder Pointe Golf Club, One Champions Circle, Oxford, MI 48371; located on the west side of Lapeer Road about ¾ mile north of downtown Oxford.  
Phone (248) 969-1500

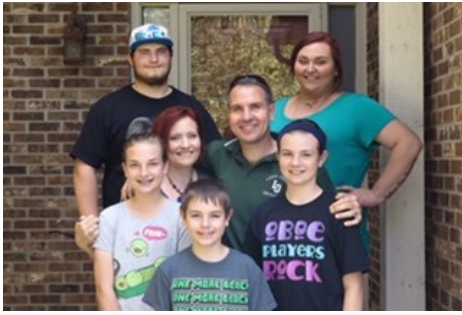
**Cost:** \$25.00 per person

Entertainment, food, music, fun and laughter all included!

We are also collecting a **Love Offering** that will be presented to Donna on Sunday, February 7th.

**Watch your mail for more information.**

# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER



We at LOUMC are delighted to welcome Dawn Ames as our new Family Ministry Associate Director, effective upon Donna's retirement in February. She will be working closely with Director Aaron Gross as together they shape our Family Ministries.

Dawn is originally from Sterling Heights, moving to Lake Orion in 2001. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a B.S. in Psychology and a minor in Family Life and Human Sexuality. She and Mike have been married for 16 years. Dawn enjoys being a mom and investing her time and energy in the lives of their family members, which includes:

- Seth, a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader at Pine Tree Elementary School
- Julia, a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader at Scripps Middle School
- Olivia, a 9<sup>th</sup> Grader at LOHS
- Owen, a freshman at Arizona State
- Hannah, 20, working full-time at Olive Garden
- 3 cats named after Disney princesses
- 2 Great Danes

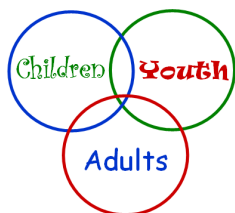
Dawn and her family have been actively involved in our church since 2006. They were drawn to our church because they feel it is a very welcoming church and it gives everyone an opportunity to build relationships. In fact, she feels we are very intentional about being relational. Dawn says they have grown to love the people here at LOUMC.

Dawn's involvement at our church has included being a Sunday School (now Kids on the Rock) teacher since 2010. She has been a Preschool Director for VBS since 2009, working closely with Kathy McMinn. She has been a very active volunteer at LOGOS (now Three-in-One) since 2006, becoming the Director in the fall of 2012. Dawn says that LOGOS/Three-in-One has made a big impact in their life as a family. Mike has also been helping out on Wednesday nights for quite a few years. Even her mom, Betty Krzeminski, has recently joined the Three-in-One Kitchen Crew. *(Continued on page 3)*

Dawn is passionate about working with the “Next Generation” and impacting kids’ lives. That is one of the reasons that Donna Waite is so excited that she will be joining the church staff. Donna says, “As I reflect on all of Dawn’s skills, her dedication, her high energy, her exuberant personality, and most of all, her commitment to God and her love of Jesus, I know that Dawn is and will continue to be a wonderful blessing to the people of LOUMC and beyond.....just as she has been an incredible blessing to me.”

## THREE-IN-ONE IS BACK IN SESSION!

### Three - in - One



After a short Christmas break, we will be starting our Winter Session on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and continuing to meet through the end of March. If you have been thinking about joining our Three-in-One family but the fall was too busy for you, now is the perfect time to sign up for the rest of the year. We encourage our current members to bring

friends and show them what fun we have! **One upcoming change for our High School students:** starting Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, the High School group will meet at ABeanToGo Coffee Shop in downtown Lake Orion **at 5:45 -6:45 p.m.** They will not be eating dinner at church, so they will need to eat before they come. The reason for this change is to enable our Youth Director Aaron Gross to meet with the High Schoolers before he meets with the Middle Schoolers at 6:45. Here is additional information for those who are new to our program:

### **Children’s Program:** (*Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade*)

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a kid-friendly dinner and fellowship with other children and adults. After dinner, the children *experience* the Bible story with Pastor Larry and friends in a “story room” and then break-up into smaller groups for Rec and Play which includes activities such as games and craft projects. Program ends at 7:45 p.m.

### **Middle School Program:**

5:00-6:00: Optional Musical Drama component with Music Director Janice Hammond in the sanctuary.

6:00 p.m.: Dinner for everyone

6:45-7:45: Youth Director Aaron Gross and assistants lead a Middle School Youth Group at the church.

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**High School:** See opening paragraph.

**Adult Small Group:**

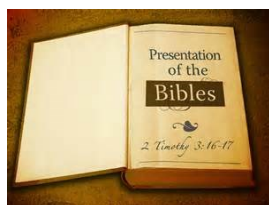
Parents and other adults are invited to join the children and youth for dinner and then participate in an Adult Small Group afterwards from 6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Dinner cost is \$5.

**The cost** for elementary and middle school students for the Winter Session (22 weeks) is \$72 which pays for dinner and the program. Scholarships are available and program fees can be pro-rated to accommodate sports activities, etc. The only cost to High School students is for whatever they purchase at the Coffee Shop.

If you have any questions about the program or are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Director Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or [ohdmames@aol.com](mailto:ohdmames@aol.com).

## **PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADERS**

**Sunday, January 24th  
9:15 and 11:00 Worship Services**



We are excited to give each of our 3rd Graders their very own Bible, one that is easy to read and understand. Reading and discussing the scriptures together as a family is one way that parents can encourage their children on their faith journeys, as well as strengthen their own faith. It is also an important part of both our Kids on the Rock and Three in One programs here at church. May all of us at LOUMC remember the importance of studying God's word as we seek God's guidance in our lives.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER:** Motown Soup prepackaged soup mixes are for sale. Orders can be taken either in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or via email to Beth Lemke at [lemke5049@comcast.net](mailto:lemke5049@comcast.net). Each large soup packet makes 8 cups of delicious soup in about 30 minutes. LOUMC gets 35% of every sale with the proceeds going to fund mission trips. All of their profits go to local food banks like Gleaners and Detroit Rescue Mission. (Check out their website: [MotownSoup.com](http://MotownSoup.com)).



## **UMW Special Mission Recognition**

Each year the Lake Orion United Methodist women honor individuals from our church community who dedicate themselves to service to others. In August we honored Jo Knotts and in November we honored Lisa Goyette.

Jo Knotts is always looking out for others and she has a special place in her heart for children and youth. She also has a fondness for cooking and baking, and she offers those skills whenever they are needed. She has been part of (and sometimes in charge of) the Kitchen Crew at our Wednesday night program for many years. Now she also helps with Community Meals and other outreach events. She has been involved with VBS almost every summer, in the kitchen fixing snacks and helping beforehand by prepping crafts, or nametags, or whatever is needed. In her neighborhood, Jo has planned many activities for the children, including their annual Easter Egg Hunt (filling thousands of eggs over the years.) When she hears there is a family in need, she tries to help them as best she can. As Jo will tell you, she loves Jesus and she wants to spread His love to everyone.

Lisa Goyette looks at life with a heart filled with mission and service to others. She is our Stephen Ministry Coordinator and is responsible for the creation of the Feast of Stephen dinner. The proceeds from this dinner supports low income families with needed counseling. She participates in Community Assistance and helped set up Computer Cafe which assists people through the internet to access and fill out forms for aid. She is involved with the Community Meal Program and coordinates the paper product ministry. She does bedside assistance visits with Hospice, hospital visits and coordinates meals and special requests for those coming home from the hospital as well as transportation to doctor visits. She works with Love INC as the church ministry coordinator, is part of the support group for loved ones of addiction, and takes part in a Divorce Support Class for kids. The list goes on... Lisa is a friend to all and is always there with advice, a blessing, a prayer, a hug and most important, a listening ear.

Jo and Lisa truly turn Faith, Hope and Love into Action which is the motto of United Methodist Women. Both women were awarded a Special Mission Recognition pin and a donation was made in their names to the mission work of UMW. We are so very blessed to have both of them at LOUMC.

# SERMONS GO LIVE

This past summer Larry and I applied for a technology grant with the express purpose of purchasing equipment to capture a video of our worship services. Good news! We were awarded the grant and the equipment was installed. Even better news, none of the monies required for the equipment had to be taken out of the general fund. This addition to our technology equipment will provide multiple opportunities:

- 1.) Those who elect to have the ability to watch a "live-stream" of our worship services each Sunday. This is an opportunity for out "snow-birds", those who love Lake Orion UMC and no longer live in the area or those who might want to explore LOUMC and are not quite ready to visit in person, just to name a few.
- 2.) The worship service will be then stored on our website to view at a later time. Couldn't come to worship for some reason, or if you particularly enjoyed a certain sermon, you can go back and watch it again.

Accessing the video of the worship service is very easy. Go to [www.lakeorionumc.org](http://www.lakeorionumc.org) and then click on "Watch Our Sermons, Live or Past". This will take you directly to the page with the various services that have been saved.

Oh and please be sure to share your feedback as you utilize this valuable resource.

Peace, Pastor John





A HUGE **THANK YOU** to the **Chancel Choir, Readers, and Hallelujah Hand Bells** for their hard work and dedication to making the Christmas concert such a success!

**Love you all!** Sincerely, Janice

### **Hallelujah Hand Bells**

Gayle Cater, Suzanne D'Ambrosio, Niki Griffin, Adam Jongekrijg, Terri Jongekrijg, Nancy Popchock, Suzanne Spiker, Cristie Tyrrell, Donna Waite, Larry Wik, Lynne Winter, Holly Wollerman

### **Chancel Choir**

**Sopranos:** Ellen Cain, Terri Jongekrijg, Kathy McMinn, Meaghan Perazza, Jennifer Mervak, Patty Smiles

**Altos:** Jan Butcher, Carol Hermann, Pat Parkin, Carol Stark, Cristie Tyrrell, Ruth Verran, Sandy Weaver

**Tenors:** David Fairchild, Phil Lavender, Nancy Popchock, Jason Waite, Larry Wik

**Basses:** Greg Heyboer, Matt Mervak, Ron Nordquist, Larry Rose, Kirk Ulery

**Speakers:** Pastor John Ball, Donald Northcote, Carol Stark, Kirk Ulery

**Rehearsal Accompanist:** Cristie Tyrrell

**Tech/Sound Crew:** Kim Ahlborn, Bill Stark, Larry Ahlborn



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 Kids on the Rock  
11:00 Adult Bible Study (108)

Monday

10:30 Bible Study (Sh)  
11:45 Tai Chi Sword & Tai Chi (103)  
01:00 Staff Meeting (Sh)  
05:30 Community Meal (FH)  
07:00 Testify Practice  
07:00 Small Group (Parkside Grill)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:00 Sermon Review (Room 103)  
06:00 3-in-1 (AC)  
06:45 CODA (Sh)

Thursday

09:00 Yoga (203)  
09:30 Hallelujah Handbells

Friday

Saturday

OS=Offsite

Sh=Shalom Room

FH=Fellowship Hall

AC=All Church

Nur=Nursery

Naz=Nazareth



JAN

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  |
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| 3<br>8:00 & 9:15 Worship Services                                   | 4<br>03:00 PM-Heritage Place Services<br>06:30 PM-Boy Scouts (Sh)<br>07:00 PM-Peer Support (105) | 5  |
| 10  | 11<br>06:30 PM-Boy Scouts (Sh)   | 12<br>09:00 AM-Prayer Squares (Naz)<br>09:30 AM-Sister Faith Circle (Sh) |
| 17  | 18<br>Office closed  | 19   |
| 24<br>Bible Presentations<br>10:15 AM-Blood Pressure Screening (FH) | 25<br>06:30 PM-Boy Scouts (Sh)   | 26   |
| 31  |  |  |



# JANUARY



|              | Wed | Thu  | Fri                                  | Sat                                   |
|--------------|-----|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|              |     |  | 1<br>New Year's Day<br>Office Closed | 2                                     |
|              | 6   | 7<br>07:00 PM-SPRC (203/4)   | 8                                    | 9<br>07:30 AM-UMM<br>Breakfast (CJ's) |
| rs &<br>s in | 13  | 14<br>09:00 AM-FISH (Sh)<br>05:30 PM-Oakland<br>County Services (Sh)<br>07:00 PM-Trustee (105) | 15                                   | 16                                    |
|              | 20  | 21<br>07:00 PM-Finance (Sh)  | 22<br>10:00 AM-LINK<br>Assembly (Sh) | 23                                    |
|              | 27  | 28<br>07:00 PM-Church<br>Council (105)   | 29                                   | 30                                    |
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# Finance Updates

Below is a summary through the month of September.

November Actual Expenses

\$52,558.00

November Actual Giving

\$76,901.00

November Surplus / (Deficit)

\$24,343.00

YTD Surplus / (Deficit)

(\$25,396.00)



## Scrip

Please think about using the Scrip Program at LOUMC to purchase gift cards. This program goes thru Great Lake Scrip, a national program, and 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. Retailers include Home Depot, Lowes, Bass Pro Shop, Macy's, GAP, Barnes and Nobles, ToyRUs, and Kohl's (which can be use to pay Kohl's credit card bills) are among the hundreds available. Restaurants include Darden cards (use at Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse and Bahama Breeze), Applebee's, Logan's, Starbucks, Tim Horton's, Subway and Panera Bread among many others.

This program benefits many of ministries of the church, the General Fund and outreach such as Community Assistance and Missions.

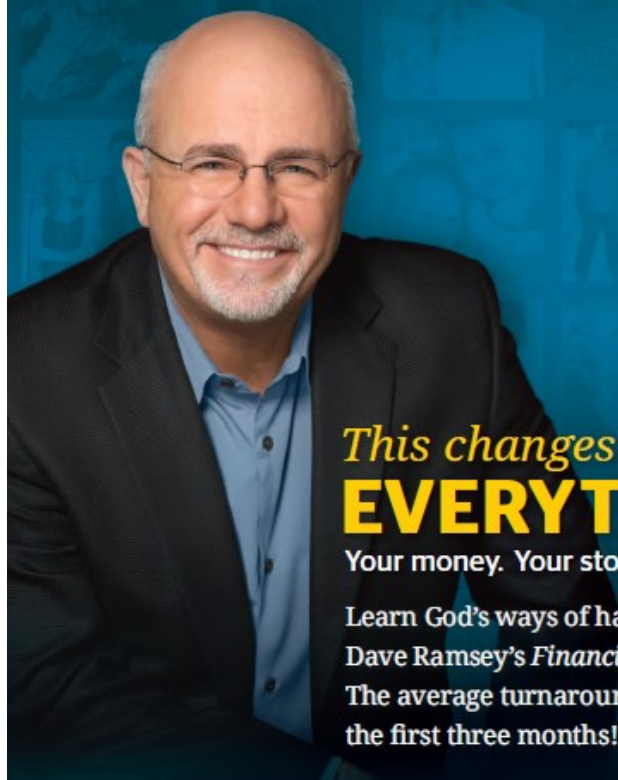
Please check out the cards available on the website brochure on the end of the mailbox by the office, stop by the Scrip table during Fellowship Time or contact Trudy Carney at 248-693-2558 ([trudycarney@aol.com](mailto:trudycarney@aol.com)) or Sharon Keener at 248-790-9041.

**Kroger Cards** - Please, take the few moments necessary to re-register your card, or register for the first time. To re-enroll on-line just simply go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) click "sign in", enter your email and password, click "enroll now", put in Lake Orion United Methodist Church, check the correct group, click "enroll". If you have a problem that you need my help with, please contact Sharon Keener at [skeener9143@comcast.net](mailto:skeener9143@comcast.net) or at 248-790-9041. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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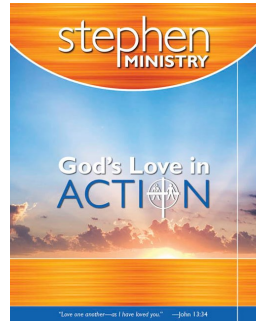
Sundays 3:00 p.m. January 17th - March 13th,  
Lake Orion United Methodist Church  
140 E Flint St., Lake Orion  
danamermell@yahoo.com for more info.

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# THANK YOU'S

**Stephen Ministry** extends our HEARTFELT SINCERE THANK YOU to all who supported our December 2015 Events of Secret Santa and Feast of Stephen. Secret Santa 2015 collected \$2,200 in donations. Using Scrip, various cards were purchased this year and distributed to our church family and friends. Several people also adopted families and purchased gifts. Additionally our Lake Orion Lions Club helped supplement some of our needs.

**Feast of Stephen** was held on December 11th and was COMPLETELY SOLD OUT with 68 in attendance. Approximately \$3,700 was collected. The money raised will continue to go to pay for counselling for those in need that do not have insurance or cannot afford it. It was a beautiful night with wonderful food, beautifully decorated tables and friends coming together for a great cause. Thank you to all that attended or volunteered their time to make the evening such a wonderful success.



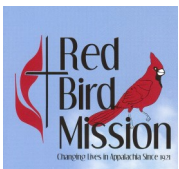
**Dear LOUMC...** Thank you so very much for all your kind thoughts, prayers and cards. They helped as I sat here waiting for my ankle to heal. Thank you to all the kind souls that stopped by to visit and bring me meals. Without your help I would not have been able to recover in my home with my much loved dog, Lily. I'm getting around pretty well now and working on building up my endurance. I'm even driving a couple of times a week — close to home for now as that's still difficult, but it is getting better. May God bless all of you and your thoughtful and kind hearts.

**Renee Albert**



**Dear Church Family...** Many thanks for your prayers and cards when I was recovering from a broken foot. Five weeks of being housebound seemed like a long time. It was helpful that Lisa Goyette visited me and phoned. I do love being a

part of LOUMC church family. **Helen Barnes**



**The Penny Jug** wishes to say a big "Thank You" for the \$60.00 that was recently counted and sent on its way. Half went to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky and the other half to "No More Malaria" which sends treated bed nets to several countries in Africa. Bless you for your support.



## BALDWIN CENTER WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



During the month of January, the UMM will be collecting good, used Winter clothing- coats, hats, gloves, socks, sweaters, sweatshirts, boots, etc. We're concentrating on men's clothing but will accept any Winter items that you might wish to donate. There is a large blue plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall, marked BALDWIN CENTER,

where you can place your donations. THANK YOU to everyone for your support of this outreach effort.

## CARDBMAKERS 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".



## Keep collecting the Box Tops and Labels for Education.



On the welcome tables are the list of what items carry the box tops and labels. You can put the box tops and labels in the box located under the mailboxes. "These are sent on to the Red Bird Mission Christian School and are used to purchase everything from desks/chairs/tables to new computers, sports equipment, you name it a great help to stretch the school's limited budget!"



**Meijer Reward Card**—by shopping with your LOUMC designated Meijer customer card, a graduated percentage of your percentage of your purchase is sent to the church when paid for with cash, debit card or a Meijer credit card. To register your card or obtain a card, use the church organization number of 545702.





## UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS



**The United Methodist Men** will be meeting on Saturday, January 9th at 7:30 a.m. They meet at CJ's in Lake Orion for breakfast. All of the men of the church are invited to attend.

**Seymour Lake UMC** will be having a Venison Dinner on Saturday, January 30th at 5:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Jeff Totten, founder of SCORE Ministries. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00. For more information, please contact Rob Charlton.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE** - "Sisters in Faith" will meet on Tuesday, January 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Shalom. Program: Meek & Strong and will be given by Marilyn Gaskins

## Working In The Kitchen

Charlotte will be contacting the people who will be working on **Wednesday January 20th**.

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



## ABOUT PEOPLE

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

Sue Anglea, Helen Barnes, Bruce Denton, Sue Erickson,  
Linda Fairchild, Fran Johnson, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain,  
Gerald Melton, Patti Miechiels, Chuck Myers, Don Northcote,  
Nancy Reynolds, Sany Reile, Randy Riley, Judy Wright  
Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members



# United Methodist Church of Lake Orion

**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 & 11:00 services

**[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:** January 15th for February 1st LINK

\*Call the church if you would like to be taken off  
the mailing list at 248-693-6201.



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.

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## **Accompanist**

Cristie Tyrrell





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