



# The LINK



February 1, 2016

LINKing members and friends of the United Methodist Church of Lake Orion

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## The Forty Days of Lent



*After fasting forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."*  
(Mt 4:1-4 NIV)

The number '40' is found throughout scripture. For forty days and forty nights rain fell upon Noah in the ark. For forty days Moses stayed on Mt. Sinai to receive God's commandments. For forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert before entering the land promised to them from the Lord. The prophet Jonah warned that the Assyrian capital of Nineveh would be destroyed in forty days unless the people there repented. And after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles "over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God."  
(Acts 1:3)

We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, as we come together for worship at 7:30. How will we use this forty day season to draw closer to God? How will we continue to ask ourselves the question, "What, then, should we do?" Perhaps, our time together will help you formulate some answers.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen when you seek me with all your heart."

(Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV)

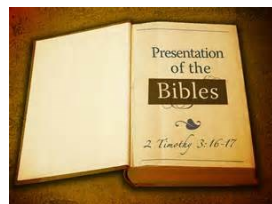
May it be so.

# Youth News

## Bible Presentations

Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students who received their own Bibles on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>:

Isabella Anderson, Eliana Beach, Elyse Bishop, Ray Carney, Kallie Charlton, Connor Fox, Brady Harp, Grant Laporte, Issabelle Ley, Ethan Love, Calvin Maes, Sam Mervak, Madelyn Schultz, Lindsey Stump, Logan Thom, Rachael Thom, Ronin Watters, Jonah Wells



## 11:00 Kids on the Rock

For those who have been attending at 11:00, we ask that you switch to 9:15 so your children can have the benefit of meeting more children, being able to participate in more activities and enjoying the energy that is created by a larger group experience. We are discontinuing the 11:00 class; however, the children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.



## Our Children and Youth Feed Hungry Children



Starting the end of November, our offering monies were allocated to providing lunch for 60 students in a Guatemalan school. Within one month's time, we were able to feed all 60 children for one day.

Hallelujah! We will continue this mission project throughout the year, with the goal of feeding all 60 children once a month. The students in youth café are doing the same. We have also decided to use the proceeds from our donut sales and the muffin donations for this project.

As is often the case in poverty-stricken homes, this meal at school is often the only meal the children receive each day. We hope you will join us as we continue to partner with Mission Guatemala to make a difference in the lives of people there. You can always just add some money to the muffin donation can in Fellowship Hall, or write a check to the church with a designation for Account #83.

# LENTEN LUNCHEONS FOR MISSION

During the Lenten season (the weeks leading up to Holy Week and Easter) our Mission Team will be sponsoring three Lenten Luncheons. They will happen on the following Sundays of Lent (2/14, 2/28, and 3/13) at shortly after 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

## **February 14th's luncheon** will feature **Love in the Name of Christ**.

Love INC of North Oakland County is a non-profit cooperative effort that links together churches, volunteers and service agencies in order to organize efforts to reach out to those people who are disadvantaged. They serve as a clearing house where people in need are connected with local churches and agencies that provide them with assistance. When we work together and pool resources, we can be more effective in our efforts and the results can be miraculous.



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

## **February 28th's luncheon** will highlight **Center for Success**. This program provides school age children a safe place to come after school.



They have a healthy meal, participate in an enrichment activity (such as making bird feeders, or learning participating in an introduction to ballet and tap dancing) and spend an hour with a one to one tutor/ mentor forming a trusting relationship and receiving help

with academics. The Center for Success is their chance to have these good and enriching things happen for them.

## **The last luncheon, on March 13th**, we will hear about past summer's trip to **Mission Guatemala**. We will



see a video on the vital ministries of Mission Guatemala. We will also hear about how we are in a relationship / partnership with them. It will be an opportunity you won't want to miss.

We will receive donations for the luncheons, with any monies above food costs going toward mission. Hope to see you there!

## FINANCE UPDATE: HOW WE FINISHED 2015



As 2015 was drawing to a close, our congregation was behind financially in three areas:

First, we were behind in terms of the monies we had budgeted to fund mission and ministry for the year. This had required us to borrow money from ourselves - money which had been raised, designated, or otherwise saved toward specific projects.

Second, we had already (by the vote of a special church conference) borrowed from ourselves in order to refinance the mortgage on our most recent building addition.

Third, we were behind in our apportionments. These are monies we give to the collective ministries of the United Methodist Church, our denomination.

After a flurry of financial activity at the end of the year, your generosity enabled us to make up for two of the three shortfalls. We were able to pay back the funds we had borrowed from ourselves both to fund the budgeted mission and ministry of the church and to refinance the mortgage. Where we fell short was in paying our 2015 apportionments. This shortfall was due mainly to our original refinance plan falling through, and needing to refinance with the bank. This made our monthly mortgage payments larger than what we had originally budgeted for. We will let our District Superintendent know what accounted for the shortfall this last year, and also communicate to her our stewardship plan for 2016, which we believe will enable us to be faithful to all our commitments going forward.

Many thanks to all for your generous giving in 2015. And, together, let's go the extra mile for 2016!

celebrate  
generosity



## PAINT AND PIANO PROJECTS

(Warning: It's best to have read the  
Finance article first!)



Because we had to borrow money from ourselves this last year -- from monies that had been raised, designated, or otherwise saved for particular projects -- we held off on spending monies on those projects. Two projects in particular that we held off on were the painting of the Sanctuary (which money had been raised to do via the church Rummage Sale), and the purchase of an acoustic (not electric) baby grand piano for the Sanctuary, monies for which had been saved in the Music Fund. Now that we have paid ourselves back, we have gone forward with both of these projects.

By the time you read this article, our Sanctuary walls will have been repaired and painted, as well as the hallway leading to the entrance at the front of the Sanctuary. Our thanks to Bruce Boyd and his crew for an excellent job (and for a MORE than reasonable price!), and also to all those who have helped in any way on our Rummage Sale.

Using the monies in the Music Fund (and a donation designated to the Music Fund at the end of the year) we have purchased a Kawai baby grand piano. We are fortunate to have obtained such a quality instrument at half its regular price. We will continue to use the digital piano donated to us by Jan Ishmael, upon her passing, since it has the capacity to provide us with organ sounds and many other settings. It is currently sitting where the organ (which we still have in the music room) has normally been located.

Many thanks for the generosity and hard work that has made these major improvements to our worship space, and to our worship, possible!

# Thank You



## Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper



The Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm to 7pm in Fellowship Hall. This year's theme will be Baseball Spring Fever! Wear your favorite baseball team's hat and /or jersey! Any team, from high school to college to minor leagues to the pros.

As always, a free will donation will be requested. Also, if you have any new or used baseball equipment that you would like to donate, we will gladly accept it and donate it to Center For Success.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward the Center For Success, and the remaining to the church's General Fund.

## LIVE STREAMING

We have received a great deal of positive feedback (and constructive feedback for making improvements) on our live streaming of worship on Sunday morning. It is available for viewing from our church website, [www.lakeorionumc.org](http://www.lakeorionumc.org). As well as watching any service live, the 9:15 service remains archived on the website to watch at any time.

The equipment for the live streaming was purchased by means of a technology grant from the Blue Water District of the United Methodist Church. However, we do pay a monthly fee of \$75 a month for the service.

We are offering the opportunity, for any of you who are so inclined, to sponsor a month of the live streaming. Your name would appear in the bulletin, much as it does when you sponsor the Lighting of the Steeple or the Altar Flowers for any given week.

If you are interested in sponsoring a month, please contact Debbie Heyboer in the office to make those arrangements.



**Scrip** - Please think about using the Scrip Program at LOUMC 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. 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.

**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.

**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".

**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!"



Weekly Scheduled  
Events :



FEB

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 (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)  
06:45 Small Group (108)

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

Sun	Mon	Tue
	<b>1</b> 03:00 PM-Heritage Place Services 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts (Sh) 07:00 PM-Peer Support (105)	<b>2</b>
<b>7</b> 03:00 PM-Financial Peace (103)  <b>Middle School Retreat</b>	<b>8</b> 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts (Sh)	<b>9</b> 09:00 Am-Prayers Squares (Naz) 09:30 AM-Sister's Faith Circle (Sh) 05:00 PM-UMM Pancake Dinner (103) 07:00 PM-Special Needs Seminar (103)
<b>14</b> <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> 12:15 PM-Lenten Luncheon for Love, INC 03:00 PM-Financial Peace (103)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>21</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 03:00 PM-Financial Peace (103)	<b>22</b> 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts (Sh)	<b>23</b>
<b>28</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 10:15 AM-Blood Pressure Screening (FH) 12:15 PM-Lenten Luncheon for Center for Success 03:00 PM-Financial Peace (103)	<b>29</b> 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts (Sh)	



# FEBRUARY



	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 07:00 PM-SPRC (203/4)	<b>5</b>  Middle School Retreat	<b>6</b> 07:30 AM-UMM Breakfast (OS) 10:30 AM-Donna's Retirement Party (Boulder Pointe) Middle School Retreat
s & in  FH) (03)	<b>10</b> No 3-in-1 07:30 PM-Ash Wednesday Service	<b>11</b> 09:00 AM-FISH (Sh) 05:30 PM-Oakland County Services (Sh) 07:00 PM-Trustee (105)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 07:00 PM-Finance (Sh)	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM-LINK Assembly (Sh)	<b>20</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 07:00 PM-Church Council (105)	<b>26</b> 30 Hour Famine	<b>27</b> 30 Hour Famine 06:00 PM-Taste of Town (Canterbury Village)

# THANK YOU'S

**Funeral Luncheon Angels** - The family and friends of George Perry wish to thank all involved with the lovely luncheon provided on January 5, 2016. Thank you to the following people either provided food or worked for this luncheon: Mary Mansfield, Sandy Weaver, Patty and Rick Kalso, Jeff Noonan, Nancy Popchock, Kathy Caven, Joyce Marker, Marian Middleton, Shirley Bommarito, Trudy Carney, Kareen Olson, Debbie Heyboer, Emily Graffeo, Marilyn Gaskins, and Jim Pearce. Thank you so very much, *Ardis Pearce*

**Funeral Luncheon Angels** - The family and friends of Mary Weaver expressed their appreciation and thanks for the luncheon on January 15, 2016. The success is due to these wonderful workers: Shirley Bommarito, Mary Mansfield, Linda Fitzpatrick, Martha Northcote, Charlotte Brown, Jim Pearce, Marv and Linda Vanderver, Sandy and Charlie Weaver, Bob and Judy Muir, Carol Haley, Bill Hutchens, and Rick Kalso. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers. *Ardis Pearce, Coordinator*

**A special thank you** to all who helped decorate the Sanctuary and beyond for the Advent season...and most especially, thank you to those who helped pack away those decorations on January 3rd! We could not have done it without you!!! *Worship and the Arts*

**Dear Members of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church** - The Prayer Quilt is beautiful! Your prayers and thoughts have made a difference for me and the quilt will be with me as a reminder of all of you. You have brought light into my life with this loving gesture and renewed my strength for the challenge ahead. I look forward to meeting all of you when I overcome the challenge I am now facing. Love to you all. *Mary Fegan*

**PATTY MIECHIELS CRAFT CLOTHING SALE** - First of all, we would like to give a great big THANK YOU to Patty, for generously donating all of the beautiful, embroidered t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, etc. We had a wonderful sale during the Greens Market and then a couple of great follow-up sales, during Coffee/Fellowship Time. We also would like to say THANK YOU to the great team of volunteers, who helped sort, organize and sell so much of that clothing. Finally another huge THANK YOU goes out to all of you who shopped those sales and made them such a roaring success. As of right now, we have raised \$3,550, which has gone to chip away at the church's red ink deficit- THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!- everyone's support is deeply appreciated! We still have clothing left (probably less than half, of what we started out with) and will have follow-up sales: Community Garage Sale, Downtown Flower Fair, etc.- so there will be opportunities to pick up some more bargains along the way- we'll keep you posted.



## UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS



The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Saturday, February 6th 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.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS



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

## Working In The Kitchen

Thanks to those who worked at the Baldwin Avenue Kitchen on **January 20**: Jack & Charlotte Brown, Jim Childers, Phil & Ginny Lavender, Linda Nixon and Jay Verran.

Just a reminder that we do not work at Baldwin Avenue Kitchen in the month of February.

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, Bruce Denton, Linda Fairchild, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Gerald Melton, Patti Miechiels, Chuck Myers, Don Northcote, Randy Riley, Debbie Suzore, Judy Wright  
Community Meals Family, LOUMC Extended Family Members

# Taste of the Town

**Saturday, February 27th, 2016**

**Doors open at 6 p.m.**

Kings Court Castle at Canterbury Village

2336 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, MI

**Come sample from local restaurants  
& Auction**

**\$40/ adult or \$75/ couple**

*Limited number of tickets available*

**Contact: [TasteoftheTown99@gmail.com](mailto:TasteoftheTown99@gmail.com)**

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*Check out our Facebook Community Involvement & Assistance*

# How to Build Self-Esteem in Your Child with Autism

**Tuesday, February 9th**

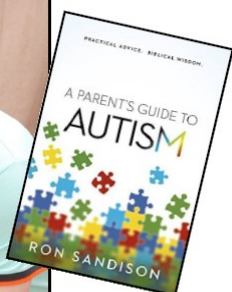
**7:00 p.m.**

**Lake Orion United Methodist Church,  
140 E Flint St, Lake Orion**

During this presentation, we will discuss building your child's self-esteem and cultivating a positive self-image through:

- *Helping your child overcome all or nothing thinking*
- *The impact of emotional memories on child with autism's self-esteem*
- *Regulating emotions by understanding your feelings and sensory issues*
- *Developing confidence to develop and maintain healthy relationships*
- *Breaking destructive thinking patterns*
- *Freedom from obsessive thoughts and compulsive behaviors*
- *Acceptance to be one's self*
- *Praise as a motivational tool for empowering your child*

*This event is designed for parents and caregivers of children with autism, as well as educators, therapists, social workers, or anyone interested in building self-esteem with an individual with ASD.*



**Presented by Ron Sandison,**  
adult with ASD & author of "A  
Parent's Guide to Autism"





# BLUE WATER DISTRICT 2016 WINTER LAY SERVANT CLASSES



Registration:

<http://bluewater.michiganumc.org/district-lay-servant-ministries/>

**Caseville UMC**, 6490 Main St., Caseville

Basic and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

**Heritage**, 33329 W. Snover Rd., Snover

Basic, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Leading Worship, Feb. 7, 14, 21 21 and Mar 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Saint Clair: First**, 415 N. Third St., St. Clair

Basic, Feb 14, 21, 28 and March 6, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 6, 3-5 p.m.

**Washington UMC**, 58430 Van Dyke, Washington

Basic and Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

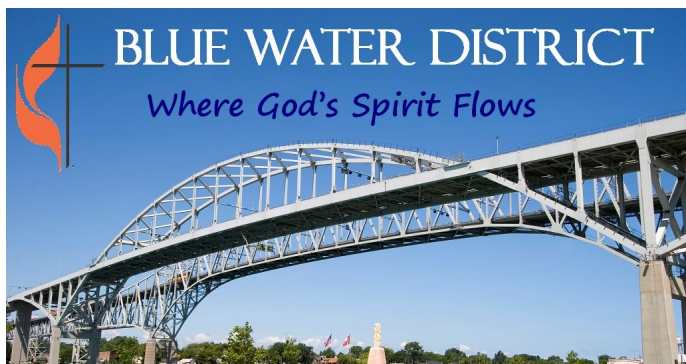
Feb. 7, 13, 21 and 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**West Goodland**, 2008 N. Van Dyke Rd., Imlay City

Basic and Story Telling

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Commissioning, March 20, 3 p.m. at Heritage



# 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 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:** February 15th for March 1st LINK

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the mailing list at 248-693-6201.



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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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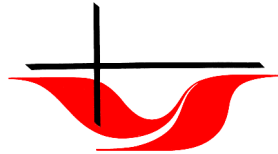
## **Nursery Director**

Jeri Melton

## **Accompanist**

Cristie Tyrrell





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