

The LINK

July~August 2018

Summer Events

SUMMER KIDS ON THE ROCK

During the months of July and August, we give our regular teachers a break and ask that YOU share God's love with our children on a Sunday or two. At 10:00 a.m. we STILL need volunteers to teach Pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. Easy curriculum with very little planning. Come and be blessed by our children! Contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or by e-mail at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Youth Café will meet every week throughout the summer with the exception of July 1st, July 8th(communion), July 29th (VBS Celebration), August 5th (communion), and August 26th (worship service at Civic Center Park and church picnic.)



Sunday, August 26th

Praise & Play in the Park.

Outdoor worship service at Civic Center Park with a picnic to follow. The worship service will begin at 11:00am.



Vacation Bible School 2018

July 23rd—27th

9:00 a.m.—Noon

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Each day begins at **Castaway Sing and Play** where kids will sing, shout, praise, and pray and be introduced to a Bible story, Bible Buddies, and a daily theme. Then the kids will move with their crews to explore their daily Bible story, enjoy a snack at **Tropical Treats**, play sports and games at **Ship Rec Games**, visit **Imagination Station** for crafts and activities, and go to **Kidvid Cinema** to learn about our mission this year. The crews will end their day at the **Sail Away Sendoff**. Every part of Ship Wrecked VBS works together to produce an experience that really connects kids with Jesus. Preschool kids will experience **Preschool Tide Pool** and enjoy many of the same activities but in an age appropriate setting. It takes A LOT of teens and adults to bring our VBS to life, so I hope you will consider saving one week in July to be involved in this awesome ministry for our children. Contact Dawn Ames at (248) 563-2399 or e-mail dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org. Registration for children attending VBS will begin at the mid-May. The registration form will be available on the church website, www.lakeorionumc.org and at the church. Our VBS will be an **AWESOME** experience that involves every member of the team and every part will change kids' lives forever!

TEENS AND ADULTS SERVE GOD AND CHILDREN AT VBS

You can serve God AND make a personal difference in the life of a child at this summer's VBS by being a Crew Leader or Assistant or helping in one of the activity stations or the nursery. You can work with preschoolers or with the elementary kids. You will help them as needed with their activities and show them the love and compassion that will help them thoroughly enjoy VBS. Building caring relationships is an integral part of their VBS experience. Long after VBS is over, the children will remember the teens and adults who helped them. To become a part of the VBS Team, contact **Dawn Ames at 248-563-2399 or at dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org**. All volunteers (adult and youth) need to complete a registration form which is available at the welcome tables here at church OR on the church website and will be asked to attend one training session before VBS begins.

VBS meets from 9-noon, July 23rd—27th.

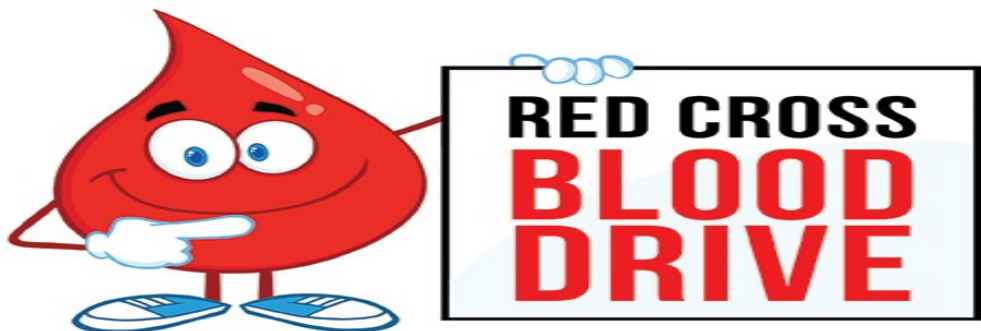


START BRINGING IN THOSE VBS SUPPLIES!!!

Watch for the VBS Supply boards at the church with a list of needed items (like snack and activity supplies) that you can donate. Boards will be located outside Fellowship Hall and you will have a wide range of items to choose from. New items will be added to the list throughout the summer.

Please bring your donations to Dawn's office. Be sure to put your name on your items so we know who brought them in.

Money donations are also very much appreciated!!



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

Date: August 9, 2018 Time: 1:30-7:30 pm
Where: Lake Orion United Methodist Church

Sign up on line at: 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 Trudy Carney at 248-320-4809. Blood is the most precious gift we can give to another person...it is the gift of life!





GRADUATES

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

On June 10th we celebrated our 2018 graduates:

Sydney Brzezinski

Tim Hauxwell

Mason Koncelik

Sierra Langegger

Lauren Lemke

Madeline Lowry

Jacob McCloud

Jeremy Mervak

Jacob Roman

Abby Smiles

Carlos Tomlinson

Drew Tyrrell



**Weekly Scheduled
Events:**

JULY

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

09:30 Sunny Day Summer Camp
10:30 Bible Study (Sh)
11:45 Tai Chi Sword & Tai Chi (122)
01:00 Staff Meeting (Sh)
05:30 Community Meal (FH & 105)
07:00 Small Group (Lockhart's)

Tuesday

09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
07:00 Chancel Choir
07:00 Eating Disorder Support
(EDS) Group (106)

Wednesday

06:45 BNI (FH)
09:30 Sunny Day Summer Camp
10:00 Sermon Review (120)
07:00 Worship Team Practice

Thursday

09:00 Mother's Morning Out (Nur)
09:00 YOGA (203/4)
09:30 Hallelujah Handbells

Friday

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

Saturday

Daily

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

AC=All Church

FH=Fellowship Hall

Naz=Nazareth

Nur=Nursery

OS=Offsite

Sh=Shalom Room

Sun	Mon	Tue
July 1	July 2	July 3
July 8	July 9	July 10
July 15	July 16	July 17
July 22	July 23	July 24
VACATION		
July 29	July 30	July 31
August 5	August 6	August 7 ELECTION
August 12	August 13	August 14
August 19	August 20	August 21
August 26 Dragon on the Lake Pray & Play in the Park 11 am Worship	August 27	August 28

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will be held in Fellowship Hall

- AUGUST

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	July 4 <i>Office Closed</i>	July 5	July 6	July 7
	July 11 7:00 PM - NAMI (Sh)	July 12 9:30AM - FISH (Sh)	July 13	July 14
	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
	July 25 BIBLE SCHOOL 9-12	July 26 BIBLE SCHOOL 9-12	July 27 BIBLE SCHOOL 9-12	July 28
	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4
	August 8 7:00 PM - NAMI (Sh)	August 9 1:30 PM - Blood Drive	August 10	August 11
	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
	August 22	August 23	August 24 Dragon on the Lake	August 25 Dragon on the Lake
	August 29	August 30	August 31	

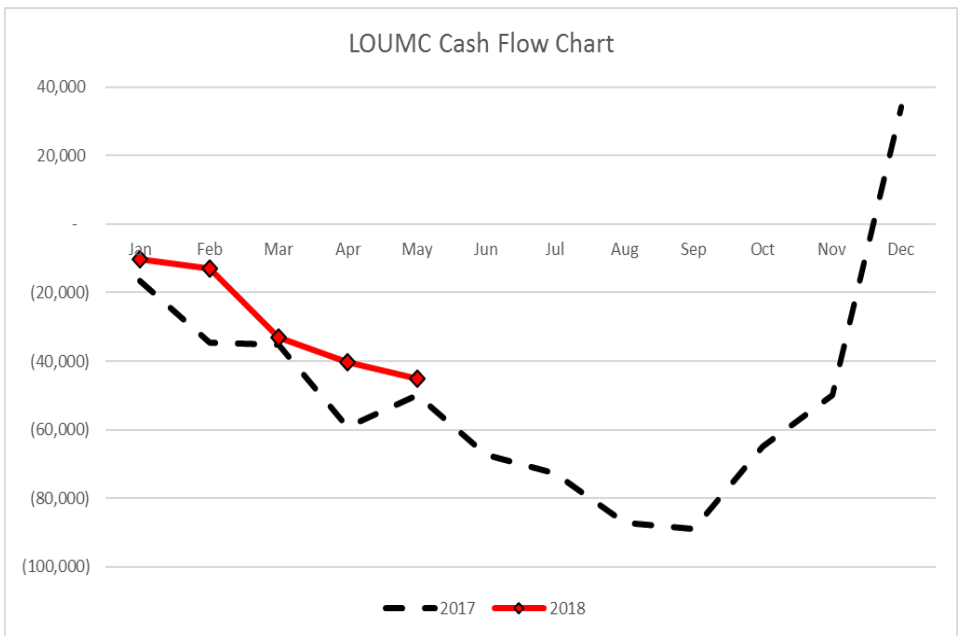
on Sunday, July 29 and August 19 at 11:00.

Finance Update Through May

This is an update through the month of May on how the Finances look this year for our church. Some of you have asked for updates more often and others prefer not to hear so much about it so in trying to strike a good balance, we came to you personally in April, now we are giving you this update in the link, and we will give an in-person update to the congregation in September.

As I have shared with you before, our congregation's financial history is usually one of carrying a negative balance through most of the year and breaking even in December. While the cost of funding our ministry is consistent throughout the year, the giving drops from the beginning of the year with the summer being the typical low point, and then finally increases late in the fall through December.

In the chart below the solid line represents our cash flow for this year and the dashed line shows last year's cash flow. Through May of this year, we are \$45,000 behind (last year we were about \$50,000 behind in May). This means that we are doing slightly better than last year, but obviously your Finance Committee would sleep easier if the giving could be more consistent throughout the year.



So please keep your giving up-to-date if you are able and thank you for continuing to support all the wonderful ministries that gush from well of gifts that God has given this congregation.

In faithful service, Don Tyrrell, Finance Committee Chair

PAUSE, PRAY, PROCEED

Ever been in a hurry? Of course! We all have. Whether it's a last-minute purchase before a birthday, a rush to make a dentist appointment, or a jammed roadway which might make you late for work, we have all experienced that anxiety inducing feeling of being in a hurry. We seem to feel it more and more with all of the distractions we experience in our daily lives. The accompanying frustration can be "life threatening" for some. A friend of mine reminded me of an old trick to help deal with being in a hurry and the frustration it produces.

Pause, pray, proceed. Much like the instructions on a shampoo bottle (lather, rinse, repeat), pause, pray, proceed are simple and yet very effective in their purpose. Here's how it works. A situation comes up. You are in a rush. You feel the frustration begin to build. In that moment, recognize and admit how you feel. Maybe it's to the others in your vehicle or to yourself or to God. Once you do this simply pause. How do you pause? Breathe in through your nose. Close your mouth first. Deep breathe in through your nose. Now let it out through your mouth. (If needed, you can repeat this more than twice.)

The idea here is to simply pause -

Stop thinking about what's frustrating you. Stop thinking about how late you might be. Pause. Next, pray. Doesn't really matter here which prayer you use. Pray! Whether it's The Lord's Prayer, the Serenity Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, or simply use your own prayer. The idea is to just pray. Pray to God to help you find calm. Pray to God to help you find peace. Pray to God . . . you get the idea. We pause to help us clear out thoughts and then we redirect our thinking to connecting to God. Finally, proceed. Go on your way. Don't dwell on the what you were frustrated about or how well you prayed. Instead, go on with your day.

Remind yourself of how you felt after the pause and the prayer. I will also guarantee you that if you follow this simple process you will find that things aren't as bad as you think they are.

Jesus himself encouraged us to do the same. In Matthew 6:25-27, we find the following: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? Jesus encourages us to not worry about so many unimportant things. We stress ourselves into the doctor's office more and more and more.

So the next time you feel the anxiety and frustration of being in a rush simply pause, pray, and proceed.



This old key in my pocket won't open any door,
It won't get me inside anyplace anymore.
It's just a daily reminder, you see,
Of the key to heaven and Jesus blood shed for me.
When I see it, I remember His pain,
I remember His suffering for my eternal gain.
So I'll keep it in my pocket each day,
To help me live the Christian way.

Just FYI - In an effort to increase security during summer hours, the Anderson Street entrance will be locked during the week, with the exception of scheduled events. The Slater Street entrance will be available for use from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Summer hours for the church office will be reduced to half days on Fridays. The Slater Street entrance will be locked at 12:00 noon on those Fridays.

*Calling all crafters! I will be holding a fundraiser for LOUMC on September 15, 2018. This will be an all day (12 hour) crafting event. All scrapbookers, card makers, knitters, etc., are welcome to attend. The cost will be \$40 and include lunch, dinner, drinks, and snacks. A flyer and registration information is forthcoming. If any one would like to help with organizing, please let me know. Also, if anyone has connections with local businesses/eateries and would be willing to solicit for donations of lunch, dinner, prizes, please let me know. I can be reached at (313) 717-5837 or misty.morin77@gmail.com.
hank you. Misty Morin*

LINK News : Please have all articles for the September edition to the church office by August 15th.

Expectations of Members

Every member at Lake Orion UMC has taken vows (like marriage vows) to commit to a life of discipleship. When you become a member, here is what you commit to *prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness*. Here's a little more about each one.

We commit to PRAY. The apostle Paul says, *"Pray without ceasing" in 1 Thessalonians 5:17*. To be a Christian means to have a personal relationship with God and prayer is where that starts. So pray; for this church, one another, the leadership of the church and the world.

We commit to PRESENCE. We commit to be at church on Sundays, to get involved and get connected to other Christians. *"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* Matthew 11:28-30

We commit to share our GIFTS. Being a Christian means to give. We give our time, talents and our resources to the church to build the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. *"They voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means."* 2 Corinthians 8:3

We commit to SERVICE. Service is a part of our faith commitment. Serving in the church and in the community. Service means getting our hands dirty for Jesus. *"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:37-40*

We commit to WITNESS. Faith is meant to be shared. Witness means telling others about our faith, the love of God and our church. A living witness of our faith is the best evangelism tool we have. *"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'" 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." John 1:43-46*



A Special THANK YOU




The UMW Sister's in Faith donated over 100 books to the Oakland County prison library after our program on Jesus' many references to remember those in prison and visit them as able. The books were delivered June 4, 2018 and were very well received. "That would be very generous and we would certainly accept them."

Thank you to all who donated books and assisted in their selection.

Best,

Susan Montgomery



Together We Did It - Many thanks to our amazing LOUMC church family for supporting the Lake Orion/Oxford Area CROP Hunger Walk. Our church was able to donate \$2100 to help stop hunger in our community and around the world thanks to your pledges, your cookie baking, your thoughts and prayers, and your walking. Twenty-five percent of that amount will be going to Love INC and FISH and the remainder will be used by Church World Service to aid those in need around the world with particular emphasis this year on building sanitary latrines in schools and homes in Vietnam.

This is a letter Emily Graffeo sent to Pastor Larry reflecting on a sermon. She gave permission for it to be shared in the LINK.

Anthony and I really enjoyed your sermon – with the casket and all! – for Memorial Day. I was reflecting on the part where you ask the full name of the child being baptized. My dad was a big family history person – even writing a book with a cousin about our Earle family. In fact, my Earle relatives (a man and his two sons) came over from England on the second boat after the Mayflower, and one of the sons married a woman named Emily. We can trace our family back many generations and are proud of our family name.

Several years ago, when I was still working, I worked for a man named Ben. His last name, Gibert, was constantly misspelled and mispronounced. I remember a time when a coworker actually told Ben that his name was misspelled. Later that day, Ben and I were talking about it, and he told me that he didn't care at all about his last name. It meant nothing to him. See, Ben was African-American, and (as he told me) his name spoke not of his own heritage, but of the heritage of the owners of his relatives. He said that his first name, Benjamin, was the name that was important to him. (And offered that many times the “unusual” first names of African-Americans are specifically to provide them some “particularities” of their own.)

My conversation with Ben made me realize that not everything that is important to me is important to others, and for some it is painful. That's one of the reasons your message about the white stone with a name which God writes “that no one knows except the one who receives it” is so dear to me. It will be the name God gives – with no history except our own! I like that idea.

Emily





Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

(John Wesley)

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Our prayers and sympathy are with the families and friends of Michael Amedure, Marilyn Campbell, and LuAnn Short.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Joan Bardallis, Connie Barnard, Linda Carpenter, Kallie Charlton, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Bruce Denton, David Fairchild, Rose Ford, Vee Hollenbeck, Don Johnson, Joyce Marker, Carol McCormick, Sandy McSwain, Patti Miechiels, Edward Naylor, Pamela and Leonard Nichols, Don Northcote, Sherry Reseigh, Norma Remer, Randy Riley, Tom Scott, Rosalie Ward, 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
[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-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
with lunch from 12 - 1

Summer months 1/2 day Fridays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesdays at 3:00 PM.

LINK DEADLINE: August 15th for September LINK

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