

Community Resources

Compiled for you by the United Methodist Church of Lake Orion

The United Methodist Church of Lake Orion cares about you and has compiled this list of resources for our benefit. There are a variety of different organizations on this page that are dedicated to helping the people in our community. This list will continue to be updated as new information is received.

Please use this information as needed. Don't hesitate to call the church for assistance that isn't found here. We will do our best to help you find the assistance you require. In addition to these resources, our trained Stephen Ministers are ready to help you in your time of need.

If you have contacts that you would like to share with the community please contact the office and we will add your information here.

This list is in no way intended to be an advertisement for any organizations listed. It is merely intended to provide members and friends with the contact information for those organizations that can provide the help they need.

1. Uninsured and in need of prescription medication? The following agencies provide medication at no cost.

- a. **Select Care Benefits Network (SCBN)** is one of America's leading Patient Advocacy Organizations that specialize in patient assistance programs (PAP). SCBN gives prescription drug assistance by helping it's member patients locate, qualify for and successfully access hundreds of free prescription programs on an ongoing basis for only a fraction of the would be retail costs for those prescription medicines. SCBN also works with thousands of doctor's offices and healthcare clinics to ease the administrative burden of giving medication help to patients through prescription assistance programs.

Enrollment Questions :(888) 331-1002 or see: www.scbn.org

- b. **The Forest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (FPI)**, Patient Assistance Program provides medication for qualifying patients at no charge. If the patient qualifies under FPI guidelines, a three-month supply of the requested drug(s) or device(s) will be shipped to the patient's licensed practitioner for dispensing to the patient.

Enrollment Questions: (800) 851-0758 or see: www.forestpharm.com

- c. **Oxford Pediatrics** will provide fee medical care to uninsured children (up to age 18) on Wednesdays from 9am until 1pm by appointment only. For an appointment call **248.628.0800**. Oxford Pediatrics is located at:

51 S. Washington St, Suite G
Oxford, MI
(upstairs in the Starbucks building, across from the movie theatre)

2. Need to Sell a Home? Scott Johnson is a realtor from Lake Orion and a member of LOUMC

- a. **Call:** (248) 608-5051, (248) 693-2757 or email: ScottJohnsonC21@aol.com

3. Christian Counseling Services - Treeside Psychological Clinic, P.C. is a Christian Counseling Center in downtown Lake Orion that is run by the husband and wife team of Jim and Renee Rowe.

a. Located at 45 N. Lapeer St., Lake Orion, Mi 48362

b. Call: (248) 693-9614

4. Love In the Name of Christ of North Oakland County (Love INC)

a. Love INC is a non-profit cooperative effort that links churches, volunteers, and service agencies and helps them to organize their efforts by reaching out to the poor and disadvantaged. Love INC serves as a needs “clearinghouse”, where people in need contact them and Love INC, in turn, connects them with local churches and agencies that provide them with assistance. Love INC can help people in need of clothing, furniture, household goods, and home repairs. Love INC can also work to coordinate efforts for other assistance that may be needed.

b. Call: (248) 693-HELP (4357) or e-mail at: info@loveinc-noc.org

5. Christian Credit Counselors (CCC) –

a. CCC’s mission is to help individuals and families burdened with financial pressures learn how to become debt free and attain financial freedom in accordance with principles found in the Holy Bible. CCC helps individuals and families build assets and financially and educationally prepare for, maintain, and sustain successful home ownership while supporting people to build generational wealth, by transforming their lives and strengthening their communities.

b. Call: (800) 557-1985 or see: www.christian-credit-counselors.com

6. Domestic Violence

a. Michigan Coalition against Domestic & Sexual Violence

3893 Okemos Road, #B-2
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 347-7000 Fax: (517) 347-1377
Website: www.mcadsv.org
Email: general@mcadsv.org

7. Beginning Experience Weekends:

a. For persons who are widowed, separated or divorced.

b. Call Laura at: **586-247-5032**, or visit www.BeginningExperience.org

8. Alcoholics Anonymous

a. Call: **(248)332-3521** or Email: aa_oakland@sbcglobal.net

9. Food and Clothing

a. Rochester Neighborhood House – is a nonprofit human service organization founded by communities of faith in 1968, assists people during times of hardship. Some of the services they offer are: food pantry, clothes closet, financial support, budgeting help and counseling support.

Call: (248) 651-5836 or Email: ranhranh@sbcglobal.net

b. Oxford Orion Fish – can help with monthly food provisions for those in need.

Call: (248) 693-0638

10. Mortgage Help

a. Governor Granholm has identified a Toll-Free Number to Help Families Facing Mortgage Foreclosure "Save the Dream" campaign. Established to help homeowners, who are facing mortgage foreclosure, get counseling services and advice on how to avoid foreclosure.

Mortgage Help (continued)

b. Call: (866) 946-7432

11. Free Counseling Services – the below centers offer free counseling support for people experiencing: anxiety, depression, stress, loss and grief, self esteem issues, relationship issues, career exploration, etc

a. Oakland University – call (248) 370-2633

b. Common Ground – call (800) 231-1127

12. Emergency help with utilities

a. Energy Assistance Hotline 1 (800) 292-5650 Through the Department of Human Services, the state of Michigan offers energy assistance through the State Emergency Relief Program to both DHS and non-DHS clients.

b. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Services offered to those who cannot afford their home energy bill or their home may not be safe and may be at risk of serious illness or injury.

Mr. Donald Mussen
Director, Income Support Programs
Michigan Family Independence Agency
235 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 1306
Lansing, MI 48909

Tel: (517)335-4323
Fax: (517) 335-7771
Public Inquiries: 1 (800) 292-5650
<http://www.michigan.gov/fia>

An energy bill that is subject to shut off due to non-payment may be postponed up to 21 days because of a medical emergency. Contact your gas or electric company for more information.

Consumers Energy (800) 477-5050
<http://www.consumersenergy.com>

DTE Energy (800) 477-4747

c. Home Heating Credit For those who are low-income, are receiving public assistance, or are receiving unemployment compensation. The application form (MI-1040CR-7) can be requested from the Michigan Department of Treasury at 1 (800) 827-4000 or through its website at <http://www.michigan.gov/treasury>

d. OLSHA Phone: (248) 858-5180 *Provides funds for gas, electric and water shutoff notices.

13. Free Legal Service – Common Ground offers free legal advice every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

a. Location is 1410 South Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

b. Call (248) 456-8158

14. Employment

a. Michigan Works – offers employment and training programs serving employers and workers by providing support activities and a forum for information exchange for Michigan's workforce development system. They can also help with transportation issues in the local area.

Oxford Service Center

1370 S. Lapeer Rd.

Oxford, MI 48371

Phone: 248-969-2399

www.michiganworks.org

b. Operation ABLE of Michigan

Operation ABLE works to provide market responsive programs to meet the employment needs of individuals over the age of 50. For more information please call 313.832.0922 or 800.922.4473. You can also visit them on the web at <http://operationable.org>

c. Patina Solutions

Patina Solutions specializes in placing workers older than 50 and has offices in Cleveland and Milwaukee. Staff finds jobs for the workers in short-term assignments in professional fields such as accounting and engineering. For more information please call 440.925.2810 or visit them on the web at www.patina-solutions.com

15. Free Transportation – North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA)

NOTA will provide free transportation for seniors (60+ years of age) and people of any age with disabilities (with doctor's letter). Phone to get an application and be interviewed for approval to use service. Once approved, rides can be arranged with 48 hours notice. Transportation to work, doctor appointments and hospitals, etc. can be arranged. The service is free but donations are accepted. For more information please call **248.628.7900**.

16. Workers Rights

"Can my boss do that?" Many workers have asked that question as they have faced job loss, reduction in salary or the closing of a business with little or no notice.

www.CanMyBossDoThat.com helps workers understand their rights and protections.

17. Grieving Parents

For parents that have suffered the loss of a child finding the right type of support can be very difficult. The following groups are experienced in this area:

a. Compassionate Friends meets the third Thursday of every month at the Richardson Center, in Commerce Twp. Other chapters meet at different locations

1485 E. Oakley Park Rd
Phone: 877.969.0010

b. A Hope After a Loss meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month, at 6pm, at:

43097 Woodward Ave
Bloomfield Hills, MI
Phone: 248.334.1323