



**"the CONNECTION" – Staying Connected Weekly**  
**Commerce United Methodist Church – Offering Help for Life.**  
**Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Phone: 248-363-3935**  
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**APRIL 21, 2019**

## Easter Lily Dedications

In Memory of my Husband; Sherrill Burkholder .....	from Bea Burkholder
In Memory of John & Marie Himes .....	from Gary & Laura Contesti and Rich & Linda Kornatowski
In Memory & in Honor of Our Families .....	from John & Lynn Delaney
In Memory of My Daughter, Kym .....	from Shirley Grupido
In Memory of Clifford and Grace Neisch .....	from Jerry & Sherrill Sundberg
In Memory of Melbourne and Mae Sundberg .....	from Jerry & Sherrill Sundberg
In Honor of the Commerce United Methodist Church Families .....	Commerce Worship Committee
In Honor of Grandchildren - Landon & Dylan Contesti.....	from Gary & Laura Contesti
In Honor of Grandchildren - Kendra, Breanna & Marissa Kornatowski .....	from Rich & Linda Kornatowski
In Honor of Grandchildren - Jonathan & Weston Krull .....	from Rich & Linda Kornatowski
In Honor of Grandchildren - A.J., Kaley, Charlotte, Wyatt & Barrett Caraway....	from Rich & Linda Kornatowski
In Honor of the Leadership of the SPRC Committee at Commerce UMC .....	from the Staff

**Quilt Raffle; 100% proceeds will be given to Pastor Don and Shelley Weatherup!** The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour. (winner need not be present).

For those wishing to send greeting cards to **PEGGY ALLEN**, her address is:  
 Riverside Retirement Home 118 Canal Street Milford MI 48381

If you or your committee wants to make an **announcement during a worship service**, please contact Pastor Joe by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you want to make the announcement. This will enable us to properly place it into the service. He is in the church office on Monday & Wed's 9 am to noon. Thank You.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN - REGISTER NOW !

It is finally time to begin registering for Vacation Bible School! We are off on "The Incredible Race", where we will be learning about God's love for all the nations. We will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges. We will discover that no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race - the human race - and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

Vacation Bible School runs from Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 12:15pm. Then on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will perform our songs from the week, during a combined 10am worship service and then begin the fun that is our Summer Celebration! What a ride! **Crafts are looking for donations of A LOT OF Men's 'old' neck ties. Adult staffing is still needed for several classes, snack & recreation.** Please consider volunteering to help out in any way you can.

**Below is the link to register:** Please note the NEW THIS YEAR, ALL staff, ALL teen assistants and participants must register through the link. Even if you have already volunteered with Tammie or Tracy, we still need you to go into the link and register as a volunteer. <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=50921>

### A new 6 week Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

Pastor Joe will be leading a study on "Living Like Jesus" (the Renovare Model). Using the Renovare Resource, A Spiritual Formation Workbook, by James Bryan Smith & Lynda Graybeal, we will dive into the 6 practices/traditions that lead to a well rounded, spiritually mature existence. Each week we will encounter reading and resource material, participatory exercises and prayerful questions that will help us live out the 6 traditions.

The 6 traditions are:

Contemplation (prayer filled life)	Holiness (virtuous life)	Charismatic (spirit empowered life)
Social Justice (compassionate life)	Evangelical (faith sharing life)	Incarnational (sacramental life)

While not necessary to participate in the group, you can purchase the workbook, at the following sites, if you choose:  
 Christianbook.com (\$8.49) or Amazon (various prices based on new or used)

To know more about Renovare and the nature of this class, as well as spiritual formation in general, go to their website ([www.renovare.org](http://www.renovare.org)). No matter where you are in your walk, there is opportunity for you to take that walk deeper.

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**If you or anyone you know is in need of Pastoral Care please contact the church office.** Life struggles are sometimes hard to handle on your own. We have experienced Stephen Ministers on hand to listen. For life threatening and end of life pastoral care, Pastor Joe Bistayi is available. He can be reached through the church office (248-363-3935) and will be in the church office on Monday's & Wednesday's from 9 am to Noon.

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Please show your gratitude and support for Pastor Don and Shelley Weatherup as they navigate this difficult time. Donations can be made **between now and Sunday, April 28th**. Please make checks payable to Commerce United Methodist Church and include **"Weatherup Love Gift"** in the memo section. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

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**The Commerce United Methodist Women will again this year be selling BEAUTIFUL HANGING BASKETS.**

Please sign the sheet on the board in the hallway and indicate which kind you want. All are priced at \$25 each and are guaranteed to be full—blossoming and beautiful! Pickup date for your order will be Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10a - 2p and also on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> during church hours. The proceeds for this fundraiser are going toward the purchase of new chairs for the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 248-887-3341

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**Informational Meeting on The Way Forward, Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

Dear Church Family,

This has, indeed been a time of change for our local Church Family, and also for the United Methodist Church globally. As you may know, delegates to the General Conference in St. Louis Missouri voted in February to adopt the Traditional Plan for The Way Forward. Thereafter, the constitutionality of various elements of this plan were brought into question. Between April 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, the United Methodist Judicial Council will hear arguments and rule on the constitutionality of the changes introduced by the Traditional Plan. Change continues, and questions abound!

Please join in an **informational meeting on Sunday April 28th between 6:30 pm and approximately 8:00 pm in the sanctuary**. During this time, let us welcome the information and wisdom provided by **Reverend Joe Bistayi and Diane Brown** who, together, will facilitate this meeting. Rev. Bistayi is our interim Pastor, and Diane Brown served as a delegate at the General Conference. This meeting is intended to provide more in-depth information on the situation as it will stand after the Judicial Council ruling, as well as what to expect going forward.

Please remember, this is intended as an Informational Meeting. Pray, reflect and consider what questions you might have in advance of attending. Together, let us take this time to come to a stronger, more informed and up to date awareness of what we might expect going forward.

In the Lord's Service, Kathy Nelson, SPRC Chairperson

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**THANK YOU to all the volunteers for serving & donations for the CASS LUNCH!** Our serving fed approximately 170 men, women & children of the Detroit area. Also for all those who donated to the pantry: paper towel, toilet paper, body soap, shampoo, lotions and shelf stable meals. They were delivered this week to help restock their shelves and make the burden on the CASS COMMUNITY SERVICE clients a little easier.

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**Discarding GENTLY USED EYE GLASSES ...** The Milford Huron Valley Lion's Club is collecting gently used eye glasses. They will be made available to improve the quality of life for persons who are in need of glasses. Questions or Concerns about this program, please contact Sally or Russ Courville. 734-634-1085

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**The Elderberries plan to attend the FREE senior day at the Detroit Zoo Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.** If you want to attend that day there are motor carts available for those needing to ride rather than walk the long distance. You need to be there when it opens at 9 am to rent the motor carts for about \$25.00.

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It is with our heartfelt gratitude and love for all of the beautiful cards of caring and love that we have received from our CUMC family for my mom Alberta O'Dell who passed away on January 28<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who sent a donation on behalf of mom to Faith in Action of Oakland County we are especially grateful. The money received will be in mom's memory to continue our work of helping the low income elderly and disabled in our county. We do many home repairs and this year we will accomplish our Mission Possible project that will repair 30-40 homes in Pontiac of these elder folks. You will never really know the lives you touch but this year with pictures I will post them on our bulletin boards.

God Bless All of You. Sincerely, Jackie, David, Derek, David Jr, Melissa, Alexander and Olivia.

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**The SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE was a wonderful event! Thank U to everyone for all and any help you did and for the great donations of sale items, baked goods and your valuable time! We Love & Appreciate our CUMC FAMILY !**

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**Earth Day Dodge Park Clean-up - Wednesday, April 24th - 6pm - 8pm; Kids Klub will be on the road April 24<sup>th</sup>!**

We will meet at Dodge Park, off of South Commerce Road, for our Earth Day Clean-up! We will start off with pizza, in the picnic shelter and then break off into groups to pick up garbage throughout the park. Please bring gloves and garbage bags. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist with leading our clean-up groups.

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**Commerce UMC Family - The Incredible Race (VBS) is coming up FAST!**

The craft pit stop has been busy busy busy and needs your help! So far we are looking for the following items:

Men's Neckties      Empty Pill Containers      Empty Film Canisters      Old Road Maps      Stuffing (Poly-fil)

Please place your donations in the marked VBS bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you! ~Shenanigans & Chaos~

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**The Summer Celebration (Sunday, June 30th)** is right around the corner and the **Fellowship Committee is looking for two people to step in to organize/run the kitchen for this event.** The menu is set, the quantities of everything that needs purchased is set. All that is needed is two people to shop and then get everything prepared/organized for that day. We will also need other volunteers to help work shifts in the kitchen. These spots will be requested/filled closer to the event. This is one of our ALL Church largest outreach events of the year. Let Mary Pizarek know if you are able to step into this role.

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**Calling all 2019 High School and College Graduates! Sunday, June 9th is YOUR day, Graduation Sunday!**

We will be honoring all of our graduates during both the 9 am & the 11 am services and also during Coffee Hour on that day. If you would like to be listed in the graduation bulleting insert please provide the following information and your photos to the church office by email to Tracy at [tskramer1@ameritech.net](mailto:tskramer1@ameritech.net) no later than May 19<sup>th</sup>.

- ♦ Your Name                      ♦ School you are Graduating from                      ♦ Highlights/Honors/Scholarships you have received
  - ♦ Your Future Plans including the School you are attending in the fall                      ♦ Your Career you will be Majoring in.
  - ♦ 2 jpg photos (one of your early childhood years and one more current) for the slide presentation.
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**BIBLE JOURNALING WORKSHOP** – Join us for an awesome 4 hour crash course on Bible Journaling here in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Instruction on Page Planning, Hand Lettering, Color Techniques and More will be from “The Bright Bible”. Children must be accompanied with an parent.

Ticket (\$30 per person, nonrefundable) need to be purchased in advance at: <https://www.thebrightbible.com/products/>  
For more information and to RSVP, contact Linda Kumm 248-889-3088

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**Kids on a Mission - Blessing Basket Ministry – Instant Oatmeal, Cans of Soup, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Dried Fruit, Boxes of Spaghetti, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Cans of Vegetables, Pre-packaged cookies. (bold items are what we are in most need of)**

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**Kids-On-A-Mission Coin Wars** began on January 6th. Now through the beginning of May, our Sunday School classes will be competing in a tweaked version of coin wars. For this round, ALL money is accepted, not just coins, and will all be counted as their actual monetary value. All the money raised will be going towards purchasing animals for Heifer Project International. We will have a thermometer in the upstairs Education hallway, that will show how much we have raised each week and how much each animal costs. This way everyone will be able to see the progress and how close we are to purchasing each animal. How can YOU help? We will have a second thermometer in the Narthex and an adult collection jar. The same progress will show on the Narthex thermometer and any adults that would like to contribute towards the kids/youth efforts can be placed in this jar.

**Coin Wars COUNT, APRIL 9 = \$ 242.16; only \$7.84 away from enough to get a Water Buffalo! Thank YOU for participating in our Coin Wars as we continue to reach even further!**

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**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox** Project is a BIG project for **Kids-on-a-Mission** AND our whole church family! Thank YOU for your past years donations! We will collect items throughout the entire year - each month featuring a different suggested item. Please continue to pray all year long for this mission. You can place your donated item in the designated collection tub at the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. In November we will set aside a Sunday for the entire congregation to be a part of filling the boxes!

**During the month of APRIL - our suggested items are: SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS and DEODERANT**

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As you read through this weeks CONNECTION and see somewhere or something you want to help out with, for your convience you can now use this section to easily reply. Complete the information – Tear off at the dotted line and place it in the collection plate or drop it on the secretary’s desk in the church office.

\_\_\_\_\_ would like to help out with \_\_\_\_\_  
(my name)

So that I can find out more about what I will be doing to help, please call me at \_\_\_\_\_ or  
email me at \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss.

"He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken." Psalm 62:6 NLT



**THIS WEEK** – The Family of Rev. Brian William and the Congregation at West Bloomfield UMC

**PREVIOUS** - Betty Barry The Family of Jane Leonard

**LONG TERM** (please check the Long Term list below and let the office know of any that need to be removed)

Peggy Allen	Janice Dean	Amanda Hendrickson	Leo Maki	John Russell
John Andre	Claire DeBurghgrave	Sharon Hern	Becky Markland	Carol Santti
Amber Aro-Pisha	Shirley Dobleski	Cindy Hogan	Linda McDermid	Dennis Sherget
Joe Baker	Jim Dunn	Teresa Holloway	Morgan McGregor Family	Janet Schuler
Mrs. Baetz	Barb Dusenbery	Janet Howard	Mary Jean McKee	Cyndi Setticeri
Sydney Balzer	Jon Eaton	Russ Jenkins	Colleen Mischloney	Jameson Sheib
James Bassinger	Jeff Fagan & Family	Kathy Johnson	Cindy Mitchell	Olivia Smiertka
Betty Barry	Barbara Felice	Mara Juidici	Liam Morley & Family	Jeannie Snelling
Michael Behrend	Dennis Felt	Bruce Keilor	Erika Morris	Tom & Irma Speidel
Rosa Bergner	Brenda Ferns	Gail Keister	Charity Muldoon	Dave Stafford
Debbie Biermacher	Maud Foesz	William Kline	Mary Mullens	Bonnie Stanecki
Austin Bills	Heather Fournier	Amy Kopytek	The Alanna Nagi Family	Roy Stoddard
Ron Bland	Lucas Fredericks	David Lambertson	Jennifer Oldenburg	Nancy Strohs
Roger Bouchard	Brady Frelich	Genika Landry	Chuck Pabl	Tracey Thode
Jean Bowman	Hanna & Kris Froehlich	The Lang Family	Andrew Pawlak	Robert Troske
Susan Brandt	Mike Fuller	Linda Lawrey	Kathy Poppenger	Chris Tucker
Kyle Brown	Edna Geisler	Mike Leavey	Lisa Pritchett	Jean Vaquera
Kati Brush	T. J. Goines	Mary Alice Lesiak	Gerald Radar	Rosemary Voros
Joyce Byrd	Olivia Griffin	Colleen Litzau	Jeremy Ralston	Pastor Don Weatherup
Sarah Casenhiser	Shirley Grupido	Joe Lopez	Vicky Relitz	Brian Weiser
Laura Cohorst	Linda Guerrero	Zachary Lubnow	Cole Reynolds	Gail Weist
Chuck Cook	Shirley Hansen	Andrew Lumetta	Lori Rodriquez	Yvonne Zaun
Virginia Cooley	Kent Hausauer	Julia Maddock	John Rolke	Ken Zawisliak
Shelly Christy		Joyce Madsen	Warren Roon	

### **In The MILITARY ...**

David Beaver Alex & Kaitlyn Callahan A.J. Carraway Alan Culp Cody Ford-Aimone	Gary Hoga Sean Jemison Daniel Jensen Warren Johnson	Jeffery Kach Jimi Keller Nicolas Lindsay Kyle Moore Chad Parks	David Schmidt Robert Shouse Glen Stahl Jeff Swanson	Janae Tervino Mason Viers Brandon Wichowski Korey Wichoswki Fernando Zrinyi
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