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Commerce United Methodist Church – Offering Help for Life.

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TODAY, 6/9, during Coffee hour will be honoring Pastor Willobee as well as our Graduates! Hope to see you there.

Pastor Andy Lee will be joining us in the 10 am Worship Service on Sunday, June 30th that will include a baton passing ceremony. He will also be attending the Summer Celebration All Church Picnic directly after the service.

There is a SPRC meeting TONIGHT, 6/9 at 6:00 in the Wesley Room

YOU CAN HELP BEHIND THE SCENES ... Have you been hearing announcements for VBS and can't help VBS week but really want to help with the VBS experience? Please help the **VBS Kitchen Crew Saturday June 22 from 9 am – 2 pm to pre-make snacks!** We can use any ability level and you can come and leave as you have time. We really appreciate any help you can provide! Please talk to **Kristen Thiry** in church or contact her to let her know you can help (ph: 248 505 4610 or email: Kristen.milligan@gmail.com)

Registration for Vacation Bible School closes TODAY, June 9. Any ?'s please contact commercevbs@yahoo.com

VERY IMPORTANT VBS All-Staff (Adults & Teens) meeting will be on Sunday, June 23rd at noon, (immediately following the 11am service). Please plan on attending to receive important information, additional materials, set-up/decorate your space and help set up the common areas of the building.

Christian Education has a few openings for the next school year, **beginning in Sept. 2019 through May 2020**. If you love to work with our young people, this is the spot for you! All teaching materials and supplies are provided and given to you well in advance. Just show up and execute the lesson! Please let Tracy know if you are able to jump on board, for one of these super-rewarding positions.

Junior Church (during the 9 am service) - 2 substitute teachers

Children's Worship (during the 11 am service) - 4th Sunday of the month (2 adults)

Children's Worship (11 am service) - 5th Sunday Months (4 times during the year) - 1 adult (we already have a lead)

For any who would like to send a card or visit - **Peggy Allen** has been relocated to Medilodge in Milford – Room 201

Vacation Bible School needs YOUR help! We are 3 weeks away and still have several openings that need filled.

VBS is such a rewarding week of working with our young people and sharing the love of Jesus.

Please consider lending us a hand. Vacation Bible School is June 24th – 28th from 9 am - 12:15 pm each day.

Our needs are as follows: **3rd Grade/2nd Adult, Crafts / 2 Adults.**

Thank you for considering to jump into The Incredible Race with us! Tammie Fenn (Shenanigans) & Tracy Kramer (Chaos)

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:

Empty Pill Containers Empty Film Canisters Old Road Maps

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

Vacation Bible School Mission Project(s): Every year our VBS program selects a mission or two to support and we collect items during the week of VBS for those programs. This year, we will be supporting Anchored Hope & Student Pantry. Donated items can be brought in during the week of VBS or anytime through July 28th. Items needed include the following:

Travel sized hygiene products, Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, wipes, bodywash, soap, bottled water, chapstick, Q-tips, washclothes, snack size chips/goldfish/cheez-its, cereal/granola bars, cheese/pb crackers, raisins/dried fruit, snack cups pudding/applesauce, cookies, gum, mints, small purses, backpacks, string bags, hats, gloves, coats (can be gently used), small blankets, warm socks, 2 pencils Sharpened-Ticonderoga, Large box of Kleenex, Anti-bacterial wipes, post-it notes, Colored pencils, yellow highlighters, Black sharpie marker, child scissors with a Point, marble composition notebooks-WIDE ruled, spiral notebook- wide ruled, Ziploc sandwich bags, Ziploc gallon bags, Ear Buds, red pens/blue pens, Plastic Duo-tang folders (Red, yellow, blue, green)

YOGI says ... don't forget your pic-a-nic basket ! Elderberries invite any and all to join in for a potluck/picnic style lunch Thursday, June 20th. We will meet at 12 noon at DODGE PARK in Commerce, off S. Commerce Road, (as a rain or bad weather alternative, same time but in the church Fellowship Hall). Please bring a dish to pass, your own table settings. Don't forget your water to stay hydrated. We hope to play yard games and maybe take a tour in the Commerce Library. See you there.

Hosts: Mary Pizarek 248-345-0871, Judy Rose 248-245-2031, Millie Kargol 248-807-9989



Annual All Church Summer Celebration - Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fun for the entire family! Wristbands will be on sale Thursday & Friday of VBS and then the morning of the event. Cost is \$6.00 per person or \$25 for families of 5 or more. Includes: Lunch (Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, chips and Baked Beans), Ice Cream Sundae Bar, Cake Walk, Face Painting, Hair Chalking, Pie Eating Contest, Frozen T-Shirt Contest, and Inflatable Fun!

Tons of volunteer help is needed to pull off this event.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE and Thank U if you can help in any way – we CANNOT do it without You! ... sign up on the Narthex Board for a shift (or two). Please check the sign-up sheet(s) on the Narthex Boards to sign up for a shift, working an activity, scooping ice cream, selling wristbands or working in the kitchen.

Any questions, please see Tracy Kramer - (248) 346-5441, tskramer1@ameritech.net.

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

SUMMER TORCH ... SR & JR Youth TORCH Groups will meet combined on Sunday evenings 6 to 8 pm during the summer months. Hope to see you all there and don't forget to bring your friends too!



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Junior Church & Children's Worship (during the 9 am & 11 am services) are memorizing verses and you are invited to participate! Each week the kids/youth are introduced to a bible verse and have a lesson about that verse. They then take home an activity sheet and memory verse card, to work on during the week. The following Sunday, if they can tell the memorized verse to Tracy, they will win a prize. Whoever has memorized the most verses at the end of our 12 week lesson series will win the GRAND prize. **If you want to participate..... work along with us each week and see how many YOU can memorize?** Contact Tracy Kramer each week for your memory verse homework!

The Commerce United Methodist Women (UMW) are having a **Unit Gathering Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.** Our guest speaker this year will be from a branch of Faith-In-Action; **Mission Possible Work Camp 2019.** *(This is a pilot work camp being held in July for the purpose of revitalizing selected homes of the low income elderly and disabled in Pontiac.)* Come and learn how and why Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) along with recruiting help from 11th and 12th grade Oakland Co. High School Students who need a chance to find a purpose and potentially a profession in the trades are involved in improving these homes. A Gift Bag Silent AUCTION will also be held with the proceeds going to Mission Possible Work Camp 2019. This unit gathering is open to men and women of the church and community. Bring your neighbors and friends. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are planning to attend, so we can have an estimate for food prep. Hope to see you there!



Commerce/Milford M.A.P. Community Group June 18th, 2019 7:00-8:30pm

Speaker: Erin Oginsky, Mission 25 – Labor Trafficking

Service Project Organization:

Is the person who served you recently at your favorite restaurant doing so at their own free will? How about the person who did your nails? The housekeeper working at the hotel you just stayed at? Do you know who and how the shoes you are wearing were made; or the coffee or tea you are drinking?

Labor trafficking includes situations of debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor. Labor traffickers use violence, threats, lies, and other forms of coercion to force people to work against their will in many industries. Many times, people are being labor trafficked right in front of our eyes, and we don't even realize it. Erin will discuss how to recognize this and questions to ask if you suspect someone is being labor trafficked. Also, how we can be conscientious buyers. She will also talk about her organization **Mission 25** and how it is combating labor trafficking by prevention through education, providing wells for clean water, places to live in dormitories, and helping in many other ways.

The group meets at Commerce United Methodist Church, 1155 N. Commerce Rd, Commerce Twp, MI 48382, upstairs in the Wesley Room. Group Leader is Kati Brush, 586-991-1389

Upcoming Commerce/Milford Community Group meeting dates for 2019: 8/20 and 10/15

To learn more about M.A.P, <https://www.michiganabolitionistproject.org/>

Coin Wars; "Thank YOU!" – Kids on a Mission would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our spring Coin Wars, benefiting Heifer Project International. \$382.14 was collected and we rounded up to \$390. Utilizing these funds, the kids chose the following animals to purchase to help families in need: Honeybees, Flock of Ducks, Llama, Flock of Chicks, Pig and a Hope Basket (Rabbits & Flock of Chicks). Coin Wars will take a break for the summer, but will begin again on September 8th. We will announce the benefiting organization closer time.

Kids on a Mission / Blessing Basket Ministry is in need of: **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)** "Fun Fact - over 20 Blessing Baskets have been distributed to various church members and friends during this school year! These baskets are sent out in times of joy, illness, surgery, death or just because things are currently stressful. The idea is to provide one full days' worth of food, to take the thought of 'what to eat' out of the mix of everything else that may be going on. Thank you for your support of spreading a little Commerce UMC love."

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 JUNE - suggested items are: SMALL TOYS & WASHCLOTHS** If you missed donating items during the months of January - May, it is NOT too late! We still are short quantities on the following items: Hats/Gloves/Scarves, Accessories (hair/sunglasses/ball caps), quality crafts, small stuffed animals (beanie baby sized only), bar soap, toothbrushes, deodorant, psnl hygiene items. Thank you for your on-going support.



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

THIS WEEK – **Nicole, Bobbie, Eliza Kimmer** **Our High School & College Graduates**

Joe Medico **The Family of Shirley Walters**

PREVIOUS - Glen Milligan Sr. Sandy Bakken Al & Helen Harmeyer

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

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 Wichowski Fernando Zrinyi
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