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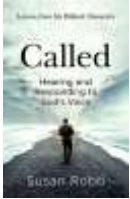
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September 8, 2019

TORCH YOUTH Group will meet - both Groups (Sr High & Middle School) TONIGHT Sept. 8th 6-8 pm for some campfire FUN at the Landry's house. Food and of course S'Mores will be supplied. All Youth along with their friends are invited. Landry's address: 4416 Lynne Lane, Commerce Twp, 48382

ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Andy will begin on Wednesday Oct. 9 - Nov. 13th with a 6 week book study of the book: "Called, Hearing and Responding to God's Voice" by Susan Robb.



God calls us to a life that we could never imagine on our own. Samuel, Esther, Jonah...they all lived pretty ordinary lives...until they didn't. In *Called*, author Susan Robb shows us how God interrupts the lives of ordinary men and women, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never would have imagined on their own. And she shows us that the same God who called six of the Bible's most iconic characters calls us, too, to bring hope and transformation to the world. Discover how to hear and respond to the unique call God is placing on your life in this six-week study.

If you plan to attend, there will be 15 books available (1st come basis) from the church office after Sept. 19th for \$12

The Commerce UM Women invite you to a Unit Gathering Dinner, hosted by ALL the UMW Circles on **Tuesday Sept. 24th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** In recognition of September being Children's Cancer Awareness Month we will hear from a representative, Maggie Barney, from St. Clair Shores in support of **"WIGS4KIDS"** <https://www.wigs4kids.org/> an organization that accepts donations of human hair that are made into wigs for children with hair loss due to cancer treatments. If you plan to attend the dinner, please sign the sheet on the board so we can get a count for meal prep.

OPEN DOOR Resale Presents: Community Flea Market & Store Wide Sale - Sell YOUR Treasures!

Help Feed the Hungry! Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 am - 3 pm at Open Door, 7140 Cooley Lake Rd, Waterford, MI 48327 \$20 for one parking spot/ \$30 for two parking spots. Sell your own stuff and make extra cash.

Reserve your spot today, call or go to : <https://opendooroutreachcenter.com/junk-in-the-truck>

Proceeds from the parking spot \$ goes to Open Door Outreach Center a 501C3 NonProfit.

Please contact Pat Kanners @ 248-417-4745 or the Resale Store @248-360-4977 with questions or for more details.

Interim Hospice of Novi is offering a six week Grief Support Group in conjunction with Highland Senior Center.

We will meet on **Thursdays, September 12 thru October 17, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Highland Senior Center - 205 W. Livingston, Highland.** The contact person at the Center is Heidi Bey at 248-887-1707.

The Grief Support Group is open to anyone who is grieving a loss, even if the loss is not recent. It is appropriate for people of all ages, not just seniors. The sessions will be facilitated by Kathleen Roberts, MSW, a trained therapist as well as the Bereavement Coordinator for Interim Hospice of Novi. If you have any questions or need more information you can reach Kathleen at 248-553-3333.

Anyone looking to serve the church on Communion Sundays as a Communion Steward... We Need YOU !

We need someone to assist with communion at the 11:00 service on the first Sunday of each month. This is a minimal commitment responsibility. Duties are to tidy up the altar after the 9 a.m. service, before 11 a.m. service and then take down the elements after the 11 a.m. service.

All supplies are already provided. Training and more detailed information is available! Please contact Lauren Watkins at 248-763-9650 or the church office if you are interested in helping.

The Worship Team is looking for a volunteer to be the **USHER COORDINATOR for the 11 a.m.** Sunday worship. This would consist of reaching out to individuals, couples, and even families to fill each Sunday with 4 to 5 persons to serve as ushers. Ideally the schedule would be made in advance of each Sunday's worship time (possible quarterly, 6 months at a time or even annually) and would begin in December to work on the 2020 schedule. The schedule with names that will be serving then needs to be given to the church office so that the bulletin can reflect those who are serving each week. Duties of ushers include handing out bulletins in the Sanctuary as people enter, assisting with directions to locate their way through the building, involved during worship with collection plate passing, and in general just being a helpful friendly person to keep attendees feel loved and welcome!

With that said, not only is the Worship Team asking for a coordinator volunteer **BUT we are in NEED of ushers too.**

Please contact Lori Hunt (hunt99@flash.net) or 248-345-6631 if you are interested in helping Commerce UMC serve the Lord.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY returns to Commerce UMC, beginning Tuesday Sept. 10th with a Women's study of GENESIS. Classes are every Tuesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am through May 2020. Pre-registration is helpful, but not necessary. to register go to: <http://commerce.cbsclass.org/>

ELDERBERRIES Birthday Party! We will be having a **WHITE ELEPHANT BIRTHDAY PARTY** on **Thursday Sept. 19th**. All are welcome to join us for a **Potluck lunch at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall**. Please bring a dish to share. Table setting and drinks will be supplied. Following lunch, we will have the white elephant birthday gift exchange. Beautifully wrap one of your favorite things you no longer want or need and bring it for our gift exchange. Please be warned ... this event may cause you to lose control of your senses with severe laughter and fun!

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."



Sock It to Me & Drop Your Drawers!

N.O.A.H. Project (Networking, Organizing and Advocating for the Homeless)

It's that time again! The NOAH Project's annual Sock-It-To-Me September donation drive is just around the corner and they have asked our Mission committee to extend the invitation to Commerce UMC to help. You can place your donation of NEW Socks & NEW Underwear in the designated tubs now through September. Men's (ALL sizes) socks and underwear are most in demand, BUT Women all sizes are also needed.

Last year the project collected a total 7,615 pairs of socks – everyone of which were greatly appreciated to keep many feet warm during the winter and prevent blisters during the summer. Commerce UMC happily earned the "Silver Skivvies Award" (on display in the narthex) as the location with the highest number of pairs of underwear given (577 of the 8,220 total the project collected).

Both Socks & Underwear again this year are in competition for achieving highest number donated awards. Please help us reach our goal to keep our Silver Skivvies Award.

If you want to learn more about the N.O.A.H. Project, check out their website at www.noahprojectdetroit.org



Women's Book Study will begin Wednesday Sept. 11th, 5:30 pm to 7 pm upstairs in the Wesley Room. ALL WOMEN, church family and community, are invited to join in. Our first book for this year we be ... **"The Girl's Still Got It: Take a Walk with Ruth and the God Who Rocked Her World" by Liz Curtis Higgs.** This book will help us study Ruth, how she is called by God but faces an uncertain future. We will read about how Naomi puts her life back together and how Boaz blesses both women and honors God. Any Questions, please contact Diane Senk, our Women's Book Study coordinator. Thank YOU Diane for leading this wonderful group study.

Mark your calendars and come on out for a wonderful evening of music! Our **2nd Annual Coffee House Event will take place on Saturday, September 14th. Doors open at 7pm and the show will begin at 7:30pm.**

Performing this year will be **"Michigan Emmy award-winning songwriter Kitty Donohoe** was born into a large, creative family outside of Detroit and has been 'making up' songs for as long as she can remember.

You may view a sampling of her music on her website, <https://kittydonohoe.com/>

There is no cost to attend, but this event is a benefit concert for "Anchored Hope Outreach", a Detroit street outreach ministry. Anchored Hope ministers and distributes food/supplies to women working on the streets of Detroit. You can learn more about their ministry at AnchoredHopeOutreach.org. **Any of the items below can be brought as your "admission" into the event.**

Suggested items include:

TRAVEL SIZE HYGIENE ITEMS: (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, tissues, wipes, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, body wash, bar soap, chapstick, cotton swabs, cotton balls, washcloths),

SNACK SIZED FOOD ITEMS: (chips, goldfish, cheez-its, pretzels, cereal/granola bars, cheese/pb crackers, bottled water/juice pouches, snack pudding/fruit cups, packaged desserts, gum/mints),

NEW OR GENTLY USED: women's clothing/jackets/coats, flip-flops/shoes, purses/backpacks/synch bags,

NEW WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR

INCIDENTIALS: hairbrushes, combs, nail clippers/nail files, hair ties/headbands, small compact mirrors, small flashlights/batteries, travel sized first aid kit, sunglasses, small umbrellas, blankets, brown paper lunch bags, gallon or quart sized ziploc bags, hand/foot warmers, gloves/hats/scarves.

Get ready for a wonderful evening of a relaxing atmosphere and entertaining music!

Our **College Ministry** program is beginning for our third year. At this time, we do not have a confirmed number of how many are participating, but we do need to get prepared. This program sends a little love to our college students in the fall, winter, spring and then for their birthday. For their birthday, we like to include a small \$10 Amazon Gift card. If you are interested in supporting our college ministry program, we are looking for monetary donations to go towards the purchase of greeting cards, postage, gift cards and care package boxes. Any donations can be marked "Christian Education - College Ministry". Thank you for your support!

Host Family needed for Chosen People Ministries presenter on Saturday, Oct. 5th, we will be having a speaker from Chosen People Ministries. **We need to provide housing for the presenter for one evening, Friday Oct 4th.** If you are interested in hosting our speaker, please let Tracy know so she can provide more details as they become available.

Nursery School - weekly 'mini' lessons will be provided in the nursery, for those children newborn through preschool. This is a self-guided lesson, with an activity and bible story. If you have children in this age range, please plan to utilize these resources, while you are in the nursery with your child. If you do not normally use the nursery, please feel free to swing by and pick up a copy of the lesson and associated coloring page, to take home with you. It is NEVER too early to begin teaching our children the word and love of Jesus Christ.

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. On November 3rd the entire congregation can be part of filling the boxes during Coffee Hour. **FOR SEPTEMBER - suggested items are: SMALL GAMES and Chap Stick.** Thank you for your on-going support.

Halloween already ??? On **Saturday, October 26th**, we have an evening (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.) Halloween Event on the calendar, called **"Trunk or Treat"**. This is a community event where the congregation and committees come together to provide safe trick-or-treating, at their decorated trunks in the parking lot for not only our church family kids, but for the local community kids too. Afterwards, we move the party inside for fun games and snacks.

Tracy is looking for 2 people to step up to coordinate this event this fall. She will work with you this year, as a training year, before the event is handed over. If no one steps up to take over as coordinator, this will be the final year for Trunk or Treat.

In order to put together a successful Trunk or Treat event, we MUST have a decent amount of trunks participating! That is where all committees, groups and members of the church come in. I am placing a sign-up on the Narthex board. If you or your group will commit to doing a trunk for this event, please sign up to participate. **If we do not have at least 25 trunks committed by Sept 30th, this event will be cancelled. As of 9/5 we have 15 trunks !!!**

Other items we need for this event is donated children and youth books. One of the stations we have inside is a "Book Walk". It works just like a Cake Walk, but the prize for your number being picked is a book! Donated books can be placed in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. Here is hoping for a successful Trunk or Treat event for the kids this year! Tracy



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

THIS WEEK – Roy Stoddard

PREVIOUS - Bernice Ohannes

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

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