



“the CONNECTION” – Staying In-Touch Weekly

Commerce United Methodist Church – Offering Help for Life.

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YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT INVITING ALL High School & Middle School Kids to join together TONIGHT
Sept. 15th for MAKE & BAKE PIZZA, plus of course a youth oriented lesson with Pastor Andy – **6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. All ingredients for the pizza and the beverages will be supplied. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andy (248-977-0400) The Youth Group September schedule will be to meet on Sunday nights at the church, 6-8 pm. Please watch the CONNECTION and our FACEBOOK Posts for any changes.

Sunday, October 6th – Kids on a Mission CROP Walk – 1:30 check-in, 2pm walk begins at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48375. The church is located on Meadowbrook road between 8 & 9 mile roads.

This is NOT the same church as last year!



Save the date and plan to join Kids on a Mission for the 50th Anniversary CROP walk, benefitting local food pantries and Church World Service. Our goal is to have many of our children, youth and adults participate. If our group of youth can raise \$250, then there is a private donor that will kick in an additional \$125! To join the walking team, please sign up with Tracy Kramer (tskramer1@ameritech.net). To make donations to support the team, please also give these to Tracy (or place in the Education box in the office). Your check can be made out to “CWS/CROP”. Please DO NOT make checks out to the

church. We are hoping for a large group of Commerce UMC walkers! The walk is approx. 4 miles, but you can tap out early if needed. Added bonus ~ there will be FREE GUERNSEY ICE CREAM at the finish line! To register – go to:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/novimi/commerceumc>

Commerce UMC P.E.T. NEWS – PET Worldwide continues to build and send blessings out into the world.

It was a BIG undertaking as our group relocated our woodshop to Linden Michigan but even in the midst of the move we still managed to build over 80 carts. We work together with FIVE other Church's in the East Michigan part of Mobility Worldwide and are self-funded plus our time is volunteered to get our mission work done. The cost to build and ship one PET unit is \$250.00. They are shipped worldwide to a number of international locations. You can see our newest model on display in the fellowship hall.

Sunday Oct. 6th will be a P.E.T. COFFEE HOUR & BAKESALE. We will also begin taking orders for our Homemade THANKSGIVING PIES on that day. Pies are made fresh, delivered unbaked and ready for pickup the week before Thanksgiving.

More details on pies will be coming soon.

Thank You for your support over the past years, and we hope you can please continue helping with this great mission work.

Thank You from the P.E.T People of Commerce UMC, Al Young

FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE - Thurs. Oct 3rd / Fri. Oct 4th, 9 am – 4 pm & Sat. Oct 5th, 9 am – 12 noon.

As we all start back to our Fall Activities, the United Methodist Women (UMW) prepare for the long time running community wide Annual Fall Rummage Sale. Take a look in your closets and dressers,... are you really going to wear that sweater or dress anymore? Pretty sure it's time to clean up that garage so that you can get your car or both cars in for the winter! How 'bout those items in the basement that you keep dusting off over and again... will you really ever use them anymore? ALL these situations would be the perfect opportunity to send your unwanted, unused, unneeded items to the rummage sale – and THANK YOU if you do! The rummage sales (both spring & fall) are one of Commerce UMC's biggest events we host. AND IT TAKES US ALL TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS! **Setup in the Fellowship Hall begins on Sunday Sept. 29th after the 11 am worship service.** WE

NEED not only great organizers, but MUSCLES for this as we have to move tables, chairs, metal racks, more tables and even already stored rummage items for sale. Many of our UMW are elderly and not able to do this muscle work. Thank YOU in advance for helping! **Rummage DROP-OFF times will be:** Mon. & Tues. 9 am-7 pm, Wed. 9 am-5 pm. **Our church members will be invited to pre-shop on Wednesday evening; 6 p - 8 p**

If you can help with any preparation (sorting and hanging clothes, organizing household, electronics, books, shoes, toys, holiday, furniture, and more) please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board. All UMW Circles have been assigned certain days to cover for set-up, sale days, and cleanup, but we always need extra help beyond just the UMW.

During the Rummage Sale hours, we will have a **Bake Sale**. If you enjoy baking and would like to donate to this, we appreciate and always welcome your goodies. **Please drop off any bake sale items to the kitchen on Wednesday between 9 am & 6 pm. and Thursday before 9 am.** Thank you over and over again, to all who support the UMW projects. Through your help and hard work our mission efforts continues to benefit not only our church, but needs in the local community too.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE ... ? Christmas ? What ? Yes, it's time to start thinking about this year's Annual Marketplace!

Saturday December 7th from 9 am to 4 pm the Fellowship Hall and Narthex hallway will look and smell a lot like Christmas! It is time for Church Member Crafters who are interested in participating to contact Kyle Caswell at 248-622-1465 or 248-363-9820 to rent a table/spot to sell your crafted items. ALL Crafts must be handmade or homemade, not manufactured products, a party company or rummage goods. The cost of an 8 foot table or space is \$ 30.00 each. You will be able to setup your space the day before. Please remember because of how well known this event is in the community the table rentals go fast and are given on a 1st come basis.

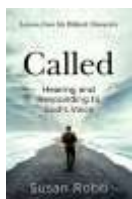
This event is also host to our **COOKIE WALK**. If you can bake and give your favorite holiday cookies, fudge or candy toward this very well known part of Marketplace...we appreciate it! Cookies are plated by your own choice, and sold by the pound. The variety, quality and display of our cookie tables have been a highlight of the Marketplace and the community for years.

Holy Yoga is back! Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 25th Bonita Austin will hold Holy Yoga at 8:30 am each week in the Nursery. No Monday Holy Yoga at this time, but it may return later in the year. ?'s about Holy Yoga, please contact Bonita at 248-787-2265

Due to their transportation constraints Chosen People Ministries has CANCELLED their presentation at Commerce that was scheduled for October 5th. Sorry for any disappointment this may have caused!

Thank YOU everyone, group, and committees who signed up to participate as a Trunk station for this year's "Trunk or Treat". We have met our goal and will be hosting this event for our church family, friends and the community on Saturday Oct. 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. If you want to help out in any way, please contact Tammie Fenn 248-396-3078 or Tracy Kramer at 248-346-5441

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 are about 15 books available (1st come basis) from the church office 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.

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.

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!

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.



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

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.



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

THIS WEEK – Jeremy Ralston

PREVIOUS - Bernice Ohannes Roy Stoddard

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

Peggy Allen	Virginia Cooley	Kent Hausauer	Becky Markland	John Russell
John Andre	Shelly Christy	Amanda Hendrickson	Linda McDermid	Carol Santti
Amber Aro-Pisha	Janice Dean	Sharon Hern	Mary Jean McKee	Janet Schuler
Mrs. Baetz	Claire DeBurghgrave	Cindy Hogan	Cindy Mitchell	Cyndi Setticeri
Joe Baker	Jim Dunn	Teresa Holloway	Liam Morley & Family	Jameson Sheib
Sandy Bakken	Barb Dusenbery	Bruce Keilor	Erika Morris	David Smiertka
Sydney Balzer	Jon Eaton	William Kline	Charity Muldoon	Olivia Smiertka
James Bassinger	Jeff Fagan & Family	David Lambertson	Mary Mullens	Dave Stafford
Betty Barry	Barbara Felice	Genika Landry	The Alanna Nagi Family	Bonnie Stanecki
Michael Behrend	Brenda Ferns	The Lang Family	Jennifer Oldenburg	Roy Stoddard
Rosa Bergner	Maud Foesz	Linda Lawrey	Glenn Oliver & Family	Nancy Strohs
Debbie Biermacher	Heather Fournier	Mike Leavey	Chuck Pabl	Tracey Thode
Austin Bills	Brady Frelich	Mary Alice Lesiak	Andrew Pawlak	Robert Troske
Ron Bland	Hanna & Kris Froehlich	Colleen Litzau	Kathy Poppenger	Chris Tucker
Roger Bouchard	Mike Fuller	Joe Lopez	Lisa Pritchett	Jean Vaquera
Jean Bowman	Edna Geisler	Zachary Lubnow	Gerald Radar	Rosemary Voros
Kyle Brown	T. J. Goines	Andrew Lumetta	Jeremy Ralston & Family	Gail Weist
Kati Brush	Shirley Grupido	Julia Maddock	Vicky Relitz	Yvonne Zaun
Sarah Casenhiser	Linda Guerrero	Joyce Madsen	John Rolke	
Chuck Cook	Shirley Hansen	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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