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Commerce United Methodist Church – Offering Help for Life.

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Likes and Comments are always welcomed and appreciated!

TODAY IS CONSECRATION SUNDAY – after prayerful consideration, please fill out your “Estimate of Giving” card and bring it forward to place in the basket during the designated time in the worship service. Thank You.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE TODAY - 2 pm at the Northville First United Methodist Church; 777 Eight Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48167. The conference attendance is open to any person – not just committee's, staff and clergy. Let's make this a record year for Commerce UMC representation!

Sunday, December 1st, the Kids on a Mission Tree will be up in the Narthex. Each tag on the tree will list multiple items that you may choose from, to bring in for Anchored Hope Street Outreach. You may take a photo of the tag list with your phone or take the tag with you.

Items (with the tags PLEASE) can be returned anytime through December 29th. In January, Kids on a Mission will be sorting the items and making food and hygiene kits for outreach nights out of your donations. Thank you for your support!

Sunday, December 8th, Kids on a Mission will be hosting coffee hour. During that time you will be able to see what our Kids on a Mission Program has been doing over the last year. We will also be selling Christmas Ornaments, which the kids made during Kids Klub. The ornaments will be sold by donation, with the proceeds benefiting MI Animal Rescue League. Proceeds from the coffee hour will be used to purchase supplies for next years' Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Thank you for your on-going support of Kids on a Mission.

Our Blessing Basket ministry is suffering a shortage on a few items. We are in need of bottled juice, cans of vegetables and soup. You can place your donations in the marked Blessing BASKET bin, in the rear of the Fellowship Hall. So far in 2019, Kids on a Mission has distributed over 30 Blessing Baskets to our church family and friends. Thank you for supporting Kids on a Mission!

YOUTH GROUP COFFEE HOUR TODAY All proceeds from this coffee hour will be going towards two upcoming Youth trips. First, they will be going on a weekend retreat to Judson Collins Camp for Snow Zone, in January and then at the end of July, they will be joining the Heritage District for a Youth Mission Week at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit. Thank you for your support for these upcoming exciting trips for some fun & ministry.



2020 Commerce UMC Coffee Hour

NOW seeking volunteers for Coffee Hour. New for 2020 is to sign up for your date online at

SignUpGenius.com, Information needed will be: your name - phone number - and what you plan to bring.

Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D44A9A72BA46-coffee and set up a User Name and Password or simply

Log In if you have already used SignUpGenius. Once you sign up for the date you want, you will receive an automatic email reminder on the Friday prior to your date. If you need to change the date you signed for, you may use the swap feature in SignUpGenius to ask another individual to change dates with you.

Also new for 2020: Every group must become familiar with using the kitchen's automatic dishwasher. Instructions that are clear and easy to follow are posted by the unit. It is our goal to have every group be able to use it without assistance by the year 2021! Thanks and if you have any questions, please contact either

Beth Leon (248) 624-9794 bethaleon@sbcglobal.net or Sherrill Sundberg (248) 563-4886 sherrisundb@aol.com



The Commerce ANGEL TREE is up – decorated with gift tags and ready for action !!! With your help this year's angel tree will benefit BALDWIN, HOSPITALITY HOUSE and also some of our own Church Families. The labeled tags will have information of what to purchase and who to purchase that gift for; boy, girl, woman or man. **ALL GIFTS need to be returned to the tree no later than Sunday Nov. 24th. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFT and PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RETURN THE TAG YOU REMOVED FROM THE TREE SECURELY ATTACHED TO YOUR GIFT.**

Thank You in advance for making someone's Christmas a little bit brighter!



It is time to order the beautiful **Poinsettia Plants for the Christmas Season.** Again this year **the plants will be 6" pots with RED Poinsettia and each plant will cost \$9.** If you would like to purchase one to dedicate in Honor or Memory of someone special in your life, please pick up an order envelope from the Hospitality Desk, complete the front with all required information, include payment in the envelope and either place the sealed envelope in the collection plate or in the office wall slot. (Please write clearly so that your information will be published correct). The **deadline to order will be Sunday Nov. 24th.** The plants will be in the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve Services, Dec 24th. Please feel free to take your plant home with you after the Christmas Eve Services.

Job Opportunities at Commerce UMC. Currently we have 2 positions open at Commerce UMC.

Youth Ministries Director and **Nursery Coordinator.**

The job descriptions for both positions are posted on the bulletin boards. **If you know of someone that may be interested in applying for these positions, please have them send their resume to the SPRC Committee at: sprc4cumc@sbcglobal.net**



CONCERT – SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 3 p.m. – Sure to be WONDERFUL!

We are again this year delighted to host a Christmas Concert by them, in the Sanctuary at Commerce UMC, Sunday December 1st at 3 p.m.

Come – Relax and Enjoy some phenomenal instruments and the talented society that loves to play them. The concert lasts about an hour – is NO COST for admission, but a free will offering will be collected.

The UMMen candy sales has started and will go until November 24th.

Samples will be available starting November 10 until supplies last. **Candy will be made Friday November 29th and available for pick-up on Sunday December 1st.** Similar to past years, 25% of profits benefit the CUMC General Fund and 75% the UMM Missions. Thanks to all who have purchased in the past and we look forward to another great year. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Leonard 313-319-5494.

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. 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.



The United Methodist Women annual Christmas Marketplace will be on **Saturday December 7th. this year.** If you would like to **volunteer to help with this year's Marketplace, please use the sign-up sheet on the board** to indicate when and where you can help. We need muscles for set-up on Friday, Dec. 6th as well assistance during the marketplace hours and with Cleanup afterwards on Saturday. Any questions about helping – please contact Kyle at 248-622-1465

The UMW CRAFT TABLE always welcomes donations and gratefully accepts your talented work. Please price your items yourself as you know best their value. Contact Linda at 248-505-3191n or Kyle at 248-622-1465 with any UMW Table questions.

COOKIE WALK - this is the most popular part of our Marketplace and widely known throughout the community. If you enjoy baking and would like to donate your best cookie or holiday goodies, we greatly appreciate it! Please drop off your goodies Friday Dec. 6th or early before 9 am Sat. Dec. 7th. We will plate and sell dozens and dozens of all these goods by the pound and will expect to sell out as we do every year.

RAFFLE - a raffle is held each year with donated items from our Craft vendors, and members of the church. Examples of raffle items are; Christmas Decorations, Baked Good Baskets, Jewelry, Homemade Pies ... We limit our raffle to 6-8 items so please contact Kyle or Linda to discuss your donation. Tickets will be sold at \$1 for one and 6 for \$5. Winners will be drawn the day of Marketplace.

SERRV - There will be a table of items from SERRV - Craft items made in third world countries. All the funds from this table are returned back to the Crafters in those countries who made them.

CHRISTMAS GREENS & ARRANGMENTS - Susie Thompson and her helpers create gorgeous arrangements from fresh greens for your holiday decorating. If you have a container you would like her to fill please contact her at 248-887-4773 to organize delivery to her. Your arrangements will be ready and at the Marketplace for pickup.

White Elephant Table – Our Youth will be manning a white elephant table with gently used and like new items for sale. (if you have items to donate to this table, please bring, marked for white elephant and put in the Fellowship Hall before Dec. 4th). The proceeds in sales from this table will help fund their Winter Retreat in January to Judson Collins and their Summer Mission Week working at Cass Community with the Heritage District Youth.

Lunch made by the UMW consisting of Soups, Sandwiches and Dessert will be available on Marketplace day for a small fee. Christmas Marketplace is the Commerce UMW's largest fundraiser of the year. ALL proceeds go to local missions, There will be a signup sheet posted closer to Dec. for those who would like to help. We appreciate working closely with the entire congregation on this fundraiser. Your support and involvement with your UMW is priceless and we can't do this mission work without YOU!

Confirmation Class 2019/2020 - We are putting together the 2019/20 Confirmation Class and are looking for those youth interested in going through the confirmation process. These candidates need to be at least 13 years of age (or turning 13 in this school year). If interested, please contact Tracy Kramer, tskramer1@ameritech.net or 248-346-5441

Kids-on-a-Mission Fall Coin Wars – total so far: \$151.10 – Thank U EVERYONE! (Congregation ... \$46.53)

Classroom Count as of NOV. 12: Pre-2nd = \$26.39 3-5th = \$51.36 Middle = \$19.22 HS = \$7.60 Our coin wars money will be **benefiting The Student Pantry, located in several of the Walled Lake Schools.** We will be collecting through mid-December. In January, Kids-on-a-Mission will be taking a fieldtrip to Aldi, to shop for food items with the money collected. These food items will then be given to The Student Pantry, where they will pack them up into weekend "go" bags to send home with students on Fridays, who may not have enough to eat over the weekend. Kids-on-a-Mission is hoping for a HUGE shopping trip to benefit as many students as possible. A "congregation" coin jar is located in the Narthex each week, if you would like to support their efforts. Thank you!

Dear Church Family: as many of you are aware, Spencer Landry has begun college in Switzerland. While this is an exciting adventure, there are trials with being so far from home. The Landry family would appreciate if our church family could reach out with cards/notes and or emails of encouragement to him. He is also being included in what our wonderful college ministry program does to keep in touch with all our great college students.

His email address is: stlandry11@gmail.com Spencer mailing address is:

Spencer Landry, Franklin University Switzerland, Via Ponte Tressa 29, 6924 Sorengo, Switzerland.

Please remember, an international stamp will be required for mailing through the Postal Services. Thank you.



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DECEMBER 2019 SPEAKERS BUREAU:

A workshop series designed to support and further educate lay caregivers by providing opportunities to grow in their sense of calling, identity and skill; deepen their knowledge and understanding of many difficult issues; and gain a variety of resources to enhance their caregiving. www.sccmich.org for details. Any individual or organization with a topic they would like to see presented can contact SCC's office at 248 474-4701, and we will try to accommodate your request.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



THIS WEEK – Beverly Hughes Bonnie Blaufuss Jared Beamlander Cece Skarritt-Williams

PREVIOUS - Betty Wallen Gloria Jones Diane Eklov Graham Squires Tammie Fenn Jim Schroader

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

If someone has been removed and they need to be added back on, please call the church office, 248-363-3935)

Peggy Allen	Virginia Cooley	Kent Hausauer	Linda McDermid	John Russell
John Andre	Shelly Christy	Amanda Hendrickson	Morgan McGregor Family	Carol Santti
Ambler 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	David Lambertson	Charity Muldoon	Olivia Smiertka
James Bassinger	Jeff Fagan & Family	Genika Landry	Mary Mullens	Betty Spehar
Betty Barry	Barbara Felice	The Lang Family	The Alanna Nagi Family	Dave Stafford
Michael Behrend	Brenda Ferns	Linda Lawrey	Jennifer Oldenburg	Bonnie Stanecki
Rosa Bergner	Maud Foesz	Mike Leavey	Glenn Oliver & Family	Roy Stoddard
Debbie Biermacher	Heather Fournier	Mary Alice Lesiak	Chuck Pabl	Nancy Strohs
Austin Bills	Brady Frelich	Colleen Litzau	Andrew Pawlak	Melinda Summerville
Ron Bland	Hanna & Kris Froehlich	Joe Lopez	Kathy Poppenger	Tracey Thode
Roger Bouchard	Mike Fuller	Zachary Lubnow	Lisa Pritchett	Robert Troske
Jean Bowman	Edna Geisler	Andrew Lumetta	Gerald Radar	Chris Tucker
Kyle Brown	T. J. Goines	Julia Maddock	Jeremy Ralston & Family	Jean Vaquera
Kati Brush	Shirley Grupido	Joyce Madsen	Vicky Relitz	Rosemary Voros
Sarah Casenhiser	Linda Guerrero	Leo Maki	John Rolke	Gail Weist
Chuck Cook	Shirley Hansen	Becky Markland	Warren Roon	Yvonne Zaun

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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