



“the CONNECTION” – Staying In-Touch Weekly

Commerce United Methodist Church – Offering Help for Life.

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Likes and Comments are always welcomed and appreciated!

January 12, 2020

Wednesday Adult Bible Study The plan for 2020 and subsequent years is to enjoy roughly four bible studies. Some years we may have more than four, but normally, we will not have less. After much reflection, my aim is to *annually cover the following studies:* Lent a book of the bible a topical study Advent
I ask that you would mark your calendars for the 6-week bible study; **“Entering the Passion of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine.** It will take place every Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning March 4th thru April 8th. 20 Books will be available after 2/13 for \$9 each on a 1st come basis in the church office. Would love to have you join in. Pastor Andy

It's time for our annual CHILI COOK OFF & EUCHRE TOURNAMENT Saturday ~ Jan. 25th ~ 4:30 p.m.

Chili judging will begin at 4:30 p.m. After our chili dinner we will set up and play the Euchre Tournament. Please sign the sheet on the board in the hallway if you plan to attend, bring a chili for the competition and/or play in the Euchre Tournament. This is a great evening of fellowship. Bring your family, friends and neighbors too.

After All ... Who doesn't like a great chili and good game night anyway!

ELDERBERRIES Potluck Lunch & Games. All are welcome to join the Elderberries on Thursday January 16th at 12-noon for a potluck lunch followed by our favorite board and card games. Please bring a dish to pass. Beverage and table settings will be supplied. Any ?'s; contact Bea Burkholder (248-330-2553)

Commerce UMC Defy Detroit Night! Calling all kids and youth. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, January 29th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We will be bouncing our fool heads off at Defy Detroit (2737 Union Lake Road, Commerce)! Drop off and pick up will be at Defy. Parents will need to bring/pay for and check in your kids/youth at Defy and then pick them up at 7:30 pm. If you are not staying, please give your contact information to Tracy Kramer. If there is a financial hardship for this event, please let Tracy know, in advance. We do not want any kid/youth not participating, due to financial reasons. See you at Defy! (Adults are welcome to participate too!)

Kids on a Mission Spring Coin Wars has begun! We will be collecting money to purchase animals for Heifer International. Once again, all coins and bills are accepted and the classes with the highest amount will win a class party on May 17th. There will be a congregation jar in the Narthex for anyone who would like to assist the kids/youth with their mission. Please check out the posted thermometer to check our progress!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING AND WE NEED YOU!

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ... Will be here before you know it and WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU !!! This year VBS (MYSTERY ISLAND) will be on June 22nd – 26th, from 9 am – 12:15 pm. If you have just dropped off your kids in the past, PLEASE consider volunteering this year. We have several longtime members who have volunteered for DECADES that are no longer able to help out. We still have the same number of volunteer positions to fill with Adults ages 18 and up, which means we need YOU to help in these spots. It is just about the most rewarding week you will ever experience. The spark for Jesus from the close to 200 kids is infectious. Volunteer sign-ups are on the board in the Narthex. (Registration for the kids will begin March 1st). Any questions can be directed to Tammie Fenn at tfenn@comcast.net. Please pray about where you can help out for the week. We CANNOT do it without YOU!

Worship Service USHERS are NEEDED: In the new year you find that God is calling you to serve Him through Commerce UMC, there are plenty of opportunities to be involved! Being an usher, helping host a coffee hour, greeting at the hospitality desk, serving on a committee are just a few that come to mind. Bob & Diane Senk are coordinating the 11 am Worship Service Volunteer Usher Schedule. If you would like to be an usher at 11 am, please contact Diane at 248-408-1968 or dbsenk@yahoo.com and if 9 am Ushering interest you, please contact Dorothy Saari at 248-669-4858.

Thanks to the congregation and our Community Bible Study (CBS) families who purchased candy from the UMM this year. We had a record year with sales of \$2,922. Through your generosity the UMM contributed \$500 towards the General Fund account and collected \$1,400 for our local missions.

Interested in being a Confirmation mentor? You can make a difference in the life of one of our young people. Confirmation classes will begin toward the end of January. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Pastor Andy Lee. His email is leeandr5@gmail.com



Commerce/Milford M.A.P. Community Group January 21st, 2020 7:00-8:30pm

Speaker: Kati Brush

Service Project Organization: Write out encouraging cards for street outreach ministry,
Anchored Hope anchoredhopeoutreach.org

Happy New Year! M.A.P is back! January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Kati Brush will give a Trafficking 101 presentation along with highlighting on what's "new" in the trafficking world. This presentation is for people who have no idea what human trafficking is and for people who have knowledge, but want to learn more. Kati Brush has been fighting human trafficking for nine years and has been in various organizations that have a passion in ending this atrocity. Human Trafficking is a local, state, nation, and world wide problem. It doesn't matter where you live, your economic status, ethnicity, gender, etc, so Kati strongly believes that all should know the basic signs of human trafficking so they themselves can identify it and then know what to do when they see it. Human Trafficking is labeled as being "hidden in plain sight" and still many have no idea what to look for or what to do if they are in a situation where they see it happening. Please, join us for this educational event!

There will be a new informational topic every time we meet, along with a service project. If you want to know more about a certain topic, please come and share your thoughts and ideas so we can schedule that event. We will be meeting at Commerce United Methodist Church upstairs in the Wesley Room. Group Leader: Kati Brush, 586-991-1389

We **educate** because there is a lot to learn about the complexities of human trafficking and how to prevent it. We inspire people to take action and we help them **engage** in activities that address root causes. We believe human trafficking can be **eradicated** by ending the demand that drives exploitation. **We need you** and your fellow community members to help us respond to the atrocity of modern slavery that exists throughout Michigan!

Upcoming Commerce/Milford Community Group meeting dates for 2020: 2/18, 4/21, 6/16, 8/18, 10/20

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

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 Norma Mansfield Kyle & Renee

PREVIOUS - The Family of Sandy Schnueringer The Family of Dave Jones (family of Pay Young)
The Family of Bernice OHannes The Family of Steven Sundberg

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