

The STEEPLE a Newsletter of Commerce UMC "Offering Help for Life!"



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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Toward the end of last year, I unlocked the door to my office and I immediately noticed a container of home-made brownies. A small envelope sat on top of it. When I opened the envelope, I found a thank you card. How sweet.

A few weeks earlier, our church was able to help one of our neighbors with a small favor. Slowly, my sleepy brain recalled the name and face from this particular case; the brownies were from a young lady who was about 7 or 8 months pregnant. She wrote in the card that after her child was born and when life settled down, she planned to stop by the church with her baby. For weeks, our secretary Roberta and I waited. Every so often, we wondered aloud when we might meet the little bundle of joy. Unfortunately, we never got the chance. The baby passed away from SIDS at two months old.

On the morning of my 32nd birthday, I presided over the funeral. It was an extremely difficult experience for everyone. After I concluded the service, the parents of the baby tightly hugged me as they thanked me over and over again. Honestly, I wished I could have done more. It's not like I could claim I preached a profound sermon or that I offered the perfect prayers for healing. The reality is, I just showed up and did the best I could under the circumstances.

In the last chapter of John's gospel, Jesus reinstates Peter by commanding him to essentially take care of Jesus' flock:

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

Christ's command to Peter is quite a tall order. After Jesus ascends into heaven, how can anyone fill his shoes? Won't the sheep and the lambs be disappointed they have to do deal with Peter and not Jesus? Clearly, Peter is not able to provide the same level of care as Jesus. After all, Peter is not the son of God. And yet, Jesus has full confidence that Peter is the man for the job. Peter isn't Jesus. Peter is Peter, but that's perfectly acceptable.

Jesus looks to each of us and continues to make the request to take care of his beloved on earth: "feed my lambs," "tend my sheep," and "feed my sheep." Jesus deeply understands your limitations, but he's still asking you to take care of his flock. I believe there are plenty of ways we can faithfully respond to Christ's call that are right within our grasp. We just need to show up and do the best we can.

Every Tuesday evening at the activity hall, a few of the men at our church play basketball. Recently, a middle schooler -at his mother's encouragement- joined in on the festivities. It can be intimidating playing with strangers. The intimidation factor is compound if you're a middle schooler playing with grown men. Apparently, he had a fairly good time playing with the older players, because the very next day, his mother called the office to thank those who accepted her young son and encouraged him to play.

This small act meant quite a bit to her. As it turns out, our middle school hooper recently lost his older brother. In the aftermath of this loss, life has not been the same. However, basketball has served as an activity that helped him cope with this difficult chapter. Our Commerce UMC basketball players did a lot more than just play basketball that night.

If you have a chance to be kind, compassionate, and loving this month, please jump at it. We live in a world full of struggle and pain. You can make a difference by being yourself and offering whatever gifts are at your disposal. Thank you for following Christ. May God continue to bless you so that you may be a blessing to others.

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Thank you for ALL YOU do to SERVE the LORD! Here is the FEBRUARY Schedule... Liturgist - Readers - Acolytes - Greeter/Ushers - Coffee Hour - Hospitality Desk



Feb 2	Ell Pizarek / Laura Elliott
Feb 9	Lauren Watkins / Millie Kargol
Feb 16	David Brassell / Harry Bruss
Feb 23	Norma Gilbert / Laura Elliott
March 1	Christine Pellett / Millie Kargol



Feb 2	Ann & Scott Leonard, Bonnie Dunneback
Feb 9	BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
Feb 16	TORCH YOUTH GROUP
Feb 23	UMW
March 1	Al & Pat Young, Rich & Erin Allenson, Don & Penny Masch, Bea Maki



Feb 2	Maureen Clapper, Mac MacArthur / Millie Kargol, Linda Kumm
Feb 9	UM Men / Vicki & Mike Kennedy
Feb 16	Bev Hughes, Judy Rose, Teresa Holloway / Debbie Whitson, Wendy Brassell
Feb 23	Laura Contest, Debbie Duffina / Marilynn Bruss, Trent Thiry
March 1	Maureen Clapper, Mac MacArthur / Millie Kargol, Linda Kumm



Feb 2	Gabriel Heximer, Morgan Wenz, Kaelyn Heximer (Communion)
Feb 9	Olivia Brush, Abby Brush
Feb 16	Kevin Leon, Kaelyn Heximer
Feb 23	Landon Contesti, Dylan Contesti / Feb 26 ASH WED. 7pm; Kevin Leon
March 1	Gabriel Heximer, Morgan Wenz, Kaelyn Heximer (Communion)



Feb 2	9 am - Greg & Marilyn Baroni, Len Kumm, Jim Thompson 11 am - Laura Elliott, Bonnie Dunneback, Marilynn Bruss, Jane Sampson
Feb 9	9 am - Greg & Marilyn Baroni, Len Kumm, Jim Thompson 11 am - Jim & Pat Elliot, Rachel & Eric Laming
Feb 16	9 am - Greg & Marilyn Baroni, Len Kumm, Jim Thompson 11 am - Amy, Chuck, Matt, Mike Kositzke
Feb 23	9 am - Greg & Marilyn Baroni, Len Kumm, Jim Thompson 11 am - Jill Hendrickson, Linda & Frank Kasenhiser
March 1	9 am - Greg & Marilyn Baroni, Len Kumm, Jim Thompson 11 am - Laura Elliott, Bonnie Dunneback, Marilyn Bruss, Jane Sampson



Thank You AV Team/ Sound & Lights Crew for your service and dedication week after week to help bring a heartfelt worship atmosphere... Pamela & Rober Bergner, Rich Allanson, Russ Courville, Pat & Suzanne LeVasseur, Christine Pellett, Gabe Laming YOU ARE ALL APPRECIATED!

If you would like to serve on the AV Team, please contact Pam Bergner (248-214-4836)

Please contact Beth Leon (248-417-3299) or the church office if you are interested in being a Liturgist or Reader, Usher, Acolyte, a Communion Steward or Volunteer to be a part of the Worship Committee or want to help with Coffee Hour Please contact Mary Pizarek (248-345-0871) if you are interested in serving on the Hospitality or Outreach Teams. Please contact Beth Leon (248-417-3299) or Sherrill Sundberg (248-889-6463) if you would like to help with a Coffee Hour If you are interested in becoming a part of a committee or serving on a mission at Commerce UMC, please contact Pastor Andy at 248-977-0400 or at the church office Monday—Thursday 8:30 am to 4 pm.

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If you or someone you know are in need of PRAYER and want to be placed on the Commerce UMC Prayer List, please contact Bonnie Dunneback at 248-709-6539 or bonniedunneback@sbcglobal.net

I call on the Lord in my distress, and He answers me. Psalm 120:1

Bonnie Blaufuss Paul Landry Juleen Lumetta Kyle & Renee The Family of Sun Kyle Caswell Carl Schneider & Family Donnie Stewart Dorothy Felt

The Family of Sunny Edwards
The Family of Norma Mansfield

If you would like to be added to the Commerce Prayer Warrior List and be notified when our prayer requests come in, please contact the office at 248-363-3935.



Please review the Long Term PRAYER LIST & The Military Prayer List in the weekly bulletin over the next few weeks and report any names that need to be removed. This will help to keep our list more up to date on those who are in long term need of prayers.

Ash Wendesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 26th 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Hope to see you there!

CASS LUNCH (Prep & Delivery) SATURDAY MARCH 7th.

If you can help, please sign the sheet on the board in the hallway.



FEBRUARY FOLLIES ...

"Get Your Act Together"...

Dust off those costumes and instruments, brush up on your routine and come to the

Annual FERRAURY FOLLTES

Annual FEBRAURY FOLLIES Saturday February 22nd.

We will begin with a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your appetite for both dinner and great entertainment. While performing is not required, it is encouraged to add to the fun filled event. The Follies will begin at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you want to be part of the entertainment and show your talent and skill, please contact Mary at 248-345-0871 with your act information for that evening's bulletin.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE at Commerce UMC

Sundays:

9 am - Traditional Worship Junior Church - Upstairs

10 am - Disciples-in-Training; SundaySchool Classes for ALL ages Sept. thru May

Coffee Hour between Services

11 am -Contemporary Worship Children's Worship - Upstairs

6 pm - SR & JR High Youth Group

Mondays:

7 pm - Boy Scout Troop 229 Meetings

Tuesdays: (Sept thru May)

9:30-11:30a Community Bible Study

11 am - Crosby Circle (3rd Tuesday)

1 pm - Prayers & Patches Quilters

7 pm - Men's Basketball (every week Drop-ins are Welcome!)

7 pm - Reed Circle (3rd Tuesday)

Wednesdays: (Sept thru May)

8:30 a - Holy Yoga (Drop-ins Welcome!)

5:30 pm - Women's Book Study

5:45 pm - Adult Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm - Kids Klub (K-5th grade)

6:45 pm - Adult Choir Practice

7 pm - Adult Bible Study (3/4 to 4/8)

8 pm - Praise Band Practice

Thursdays:

Noon - Elderberries (3rd Thursday)

5:30 pm - Bible Journaling

7:30 p - Pickleball (Drop-ins Welcome!)

7:30 pm - AA (SonDance Room)

7:30 pm - C.A.S.A. (Wesley Room)

Saturdavs:

9 am - UM Men (2nd Saturday)

10:30 am - Pickle Ball (All Welcome)



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU everyone who donated throughout 2019 to help filling boxes We are ready to begin our collections for the 2020 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES.

For the MONTH of **FEBRUARY** we are asking for: Accessories; Jewerly, Hair Bows, Sunglasses. Plus Ivory Bar Soap. Please place your donations in the tub at the back wall of the Fellowship Hall marked with "Child Shoeboxes".

THANK YOU for helping out again this year with this great mission project!



Reminder... It is IMPORTANT to attend your Committee / Leadership Meeting! The Ad Council meeting will be on FEBRUARY. 9, 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For your monthly Committee/Team Meeting time and place, please check with your chairperson for location & time.

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The Scoop ~ February

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS TO NOTE:

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>Feb 22nd @ 5pm Potluck and February Follies</u>. Save the date and plan your act! In January, the Fellowship Committee will begin recruiting talent for the follies. Do you sing, dance, tell jokes, have a funny skit, play an instrument? We need acts of ALL ages to fill out our evening of entertainment. Look for the sign-up in the Narthex. No talent? No problem! We need food to eat, (bring a dish to share) and an audience of support! Bring the entire family for food, fellowship and a LOT of laughs!

<u>Lent Giving Challenge</u> – on February 23rd, all kids/youth will be coming home with a Lent Giving Challenge. For each day of March, the kids/youth/families are asked to set aside a food item to donate to The Student Pantry. The collected items can be brought in and placed in the rear of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 5th.

Wednesday, Feb 26th - Ash Wednesday Service in the chapel - 7pm No Kids Klub this evening.

College Ministry Spring Care Packages - Bakers & care package donations needed.

On Tuesday, March 31st, we will be packing 30 care packages to ship off to our college students. We are in need of 15 bakers to bake wonderful soft cookies and other donations to round out the care packages. (microwave popcorn, k-cups, teabags, cheese/peanut butter crackers, beef sticks, granola, protein bars, snacks, etc.). We will also be collecting monetary donations to cover the shipping cost of each package (approx. \$10 each). On March 31st at 10am, help will be needed to pack the care packages.

Please let Tracy know if you can help in any way.

Easter Egg Candy & Small Toys Needed - Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday at 10:30am. In preparation, we are looking for donations of small wrapped candy and toys that will fit into the eggs. We also need volunteers to stuff said eggs. Please let Tracy know if you can help out in any way.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING AND WE REALLY REALLY NEED YOU!



Looking for ALL adults 18 years and up. WE NEED YOU! Vacation Bible School will be here in a blink of an eye and we are in GREAT need of volunteers to make this week rock! VBS will be June 22nd – 26^{'th}, from 9am – 12:15pm. If you have just dropped off your kids in the past, PLEASE consider volunteering this year. It is just about the most rewarding week you will ever experience. Volunteer sign-ups are in the Narthex. Any questions can be directed to Tracy Kramer - tskramer1@ameritech.net. (Registration for the kids will begin March 1st)

Junior Church - YEAR ROUND during the 9am service, for kindergarten through 5th grade. (every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month.)

Children's Worship - YEAR ROUND during the 11am service, for kindergarten through 5th grade. (every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month).

Topics for February: "The Life of Jesus"

2/02: ALL-IN SUNDAY - everyone stays in service 2/09: Jesus Called His Disciples 2/16: Jesus Preached 2/23: Jesus Calmed a Storm

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE! All are welcome to any of our programs and you may drop in at any time.

Sunday School Classes are available for ALL preschool through adult at 10am upstairs.

For the kids/youth, in addition to their weekly lesson, **Kids on a Mission** will be putting together food and hygiene kits for Anchored Hope Street Outreach, during class time.

Spring Coin Wars began on January 5th. The classes bring in their coins and bills and place in the jars upstairs. Pre – 2nd battles the 3rd – 5th grade class and the middle school battles the high school class. The classes with the highest dollar amount collected in May, win a class party. Spring Coin Wars will benefit Heifer International.

Adult Sunday School: All are invited... On February 9th, we will begin a 6 week study on Adam Hamilton's book, "The Walk - Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life. We meet in the Wesley room each week at 10am.

Disciples-In-Training (Christian Education) continued

Kids Klub: Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30pm - K-5th.

Kids Klub is a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of free play in the Activity Hall, followed by a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of craft or cooking time. There is no lesson. Just a hour of un-structured fun! Did you know that you are ALLOWED to have FUN at church? Who knew? Middle school students are invited to come and help out/participate.

Please note that we will NOT be meeting on Feb.19th (mid-winter break) or Feb.26th (Ash Wednesday).

<u>Items needed for the month...</u>How can YOU help our Christian Education Department? Here are some items that you could pick up to help us out! All collection bins are located in the Fellowship Hall for your donations! Please and thank you!

- Anchored Hope Street Outreach travel sized deodorant, shampoo, dry shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, lotion, Kleenex, wipes, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, body wash, bar soap, chapstick, Q-tips, cotton balls/cotton pads, washcloths, pads/tampons, snack sized chips/goldfish/cheez-its/pretzels, etc, cereal/granola bars, cheese/pb crackers, small bottled water/juice pouches, snack pudding cups, applesauce/fruit cups or pouches, individual packages of popcorn/chex mix/packaged cookies/brownies/sweet treats, gum/mints, encouraging notes/verses to put in lunch bags, flip flops/shoes (women's 5-11), socks, new or very gently used women's clothes or jackets, purses/backpacks/string bags, hairbrush/combs, nail clippers/files, hair ties/headbands, small compact mirrors, small flashlights w/ batteries, travel sized first aid kit, sunglasses, small umbrellas, blankets, NEW women's underwear, brown paper lunch bags, gallon or quart sized Ziploc bags, hand/foot warmers, gloves/hat/scarves.
- Operation Christmas Child For the Month of February, we will be collecting accessories (sunglasses, hair ties, kids watches/jewelry, small unbreakable hand mirror, hats) and Ivory Bar Soap.
- Kids on a Mission Blessing Basket Ministry we are very well stocked! Thank you!
- Blessing Box Pantry Ministry non perishable food items, hygiene, paper products and cleaners.
 PLEASE LOOK AT EXPIRATIONS DATES ON FOOD! WE CAN NOT PUT OUT EXPIRED ITEMS.

THANK YOU for immersing yourselves and your kids in our Disciples-in-Training Christian Education Programs. Giving your children a firm Christian foundation will set them up to live a God-filled life and be better equipped to handle the curves life throws at them.

Tracy Kramer - Christian Education Director <u>Tskramer1@ameritech.net</u>, (248) 346-5441 cell

VALENTINE POTLUCK LUNCH

CALLING ALL **ELDERBERRIES**... bring Your Sweetheart -Your Sweetie for the Day – or Someone you just met while Shopping, (but of course, stop short of Abduction)

for a VALENTINE THEMED POT LUCK LUNCH FEB 20th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The Elderberries (mostly considered Seniors by age, but really young at heart) meet every 3rd Thursday of each month.

Perhaps you already come most every month, perhaps you haven't come in quite a while, perhaps you've never been, whatever your circumstance you are invited to join us! Did you get the idea yet... it's a wonderful time for friends to gather and just hang out while enjoying some good food and conversation.

EVERYONE is WELCOME!

Please bring a dish to pass – table settings and beverages will be supplied. Hope to see you and friend there to make this the SWEETEST PotLuck Lunch EVER!

Chocolate Covered Pretzels

Super easy and fun treat for any occasion. Pretzels dipping in white chocolate and coated in sprinkles.



Ingredients

harden.

1 pound white chocolate, , melted 1 bag pretzels - sticks or knots or twists Colored Sprinkles - heart shaped or dots Instructions

Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper.

Hold onto edge of each pretzel one at a time. Dip in melted chocolate. Gently shake off the excess.

Immediately - while chocolate is still soft and not set yet, hold over the lined baking sheet, sprinkle with the colored sprinkles Place on baking sheet to let the chocolate Page 6 THE STEEPLE

VBS 2020--- Mystery Island, Tracking Down the One True God! Is approaching fast and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The days are counting down FAST and we need 22 more volunteers to make this year the best one yet! VBS 2020 begins on Monday, June 22nd and runs through Friday, June 26th . The Summer Celebration will be on Sunday, June 28th.

(A colossal amount of help will be needed for this, but that is a huge task for another day...)

Below is a listing of ADULT staffing needs still needed for VBS week. We are in hopes that we can get our staffing completed BEFORE Feb. 15th. Lack of staff will effect what classes we can offer. (We have to adjust these offerings before registration opens on March 1st) If we have to begin combining grades, then we will be cutting about 100-120 kids from being able to participate in our program. That would be a HUGE shame. Please, please look over our needs below and let us know ASAP where you would like to jump on board!

We cannot do the week without YOU and the 200+ kids that attend will miss YOU if you are not there! (volunteering questions can be directed to Tracy)

Narthex Monitor/CD & Wristband Sales:

Nursery – need 1 more adult (monitor's staff's kids only)

Preschool 2: 1 Co-Lead:

Kindergarten 1: 1 Lead & 1 Co-Lead Kindergarten 2: 1 Lead & 1 Co-Lead 1 st Grade: 1 Lead & 1 Co-Lead

2nd Grade: 1 Co-Lead 4th Grade: 1 Lead

5th Grade: 1 Lead & 1 Co-Lead

6th Grade: 1 Co-Lead Snack: 2 helpers

Craft: 1 Co-Craft Lead & 4 helpers

Recreation: 1 Co-Lead FOR MONDAY & WEDNESDAY ONLY

We cannot wait to hear from you and where you want to plug in for this adventure! Shenanigans (Tammie Fenn) - commercevbs@yahoo.com Cell 248-396-3078 Chaos (Tracy Kramer) – tskramer1@ameritech.net Cell 248-346-5441



Adult Bible Study - ALL are Welcome!

Sunday, February 9th, @ 10am, our Adult Sunday School class will begin a new 6 week DVD/Book study on Adam Hamilton's book, "The Walk - Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life." "How do we walk with Christ - daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual love. The apostles taught it in their

writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life." The Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New

Testament. Though the book is not necessary for the weekly meetings, it can enhance the study.

We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and doughnut and come join us upstairs to the Wesley room!

Do you like Christian Praise Music?
Then you might want to attend Winter Jam 2020 at Eastern Michigan Univ. on Feb. 23, 2020.

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Multiple groups entertain. The place just rocks If you are interested in going, there are two options. For \$15 at the door, you can get in line and have general admittance seats.



For \$35 advanced purchase, you get general admittance seats, however, you get in the building earlier so you get your choice of better seats. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the hallway if you would like to group together and go. We can meet at church and car-pool or we can meet in Ypsilanti to find seats together. Please sign up if you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Laura at 248-669-3855.

From the FINANCE COMMITTEE: With many of our members giving their tithes and offerings electronically, we have



discontinued ordering pre-numbered offering envelopes for everyone. However, if you prefer to give by placing cash or checks in the offering plates on Sunday, there are envelopes in the pews for you to register your gift, and we also have provided books of blank offering envelopes on the table outside the church office. Please feel free to take one of these books if you like. If you would like to start giving electronically, it is easy and secure! You can sign-up by visiting the church website at www.commerceumc.org and click on the "Please Give Now" link! You will be directed to the VANCO

Sign-up location. Questions, or need help, please contact the Finance committee or the church office to reach them.

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COME JOIN US AT THE PEP RALLY!

At this year's Annual Dinner, we'll be cheering on our home team while celebrating the ground-breaking of the Fostering Leadership Academy, the first trauma-informed charter school in the state of Michigan, which will be located on the MCHS campus. The purpose of this event is to thank our generous supporters, announce our 2020 Mission Possible winners, and celebrate the exciting year to come. Guests will enjoy dinner, networking, silent auction and raffle prizes and learn more about the exciting ways MCHS plans to bring innovation and education together!

WHEN: Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: The Henry, Autograph Collection, at 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, MI 4812

6 p.m. Doors Open | 7 p.m. Dinner & Program | Tickets \$20 per person, \$200 per table

To reserve your tickets as a table from Commerce UMC contact BETH FOURNIER (248-935-9674 or beth.fournier@trw.com) by Thursday Feb. 27th. More details go to: https://www.mchsmi.org/events/

Time for our CHURCH FAMILY Photo Directory Update!

EXCITING NEWS!

We have selected Universal Church Directories to help us with our new church directory. It is NOW time to sign up for your free 8x10 portrait and complimentary Church directory.

Our photo setting times will be:

Thursday March 19th (2 - 8:30 pm), Friday March 20th (2 - 8:30 pm) Saturday March 21st (10:30 am - 4 pm)

here at the church upstairs in the Wesley & Asbury Room. Photo Sessions for Groups of with 6 or more people, please schedule two consecutive time slots.

Pets are permitted to be included in your photos.

You can reserve your photo appointment time and date NOW (Monday's thru Friday's) – online at www.ucdir.com using the CHURCH CODE: mi1449 and the CHURCH PASSWORD: photos

If you prefer to NOT reserve online, there will be assistance for you to schedule your appointment in the narthex during coffee hour over the next 3 Sundays, Feb. 9th, & 16th. Or call the church office to schedule.



HOME PLATE 2020

Program, Souvenirs, and Baseball Game ... Detroit Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays
Saturday, June 13, Comerica Park

Each \$29 ticket provides you with souvenirs, pre-game program at 12:30 PM and followed by the 4:10 PM game between the Detroit Tigers and the Toronto Blue Jays.

Join Tigers pitchers Matt Boyd, Daniel Norris, Buck Farmer, Michael Fulmer and Spencer Turnbull, third baseman Jeimer Candelario, outfielders Christin Stewart and Brandon Dixon, and retired Tiger Frank Tanana for a program that will include several of these athletes speaking about their careers in professional sports and their faith in Jesus Christ. New Tigers players, wives, members of the Blue Jays, and other athletes may also participate. Speakers may be added or deleted due to schedule changes.

Christian recording artist **Matt Hammitt** will also be singing at this event.

An **On-The-Field Baseball Clinic** sponsored by the Detroit Tigers.

Each \$29 ticket includes: The Program. Souvenirs. An Upper Box Infield, Upper Reserved Infield, Upper Grandstand, Mezzanine, Pavilion, Skyline or other seat for the game between the Tigers and the Blue Jays.

The clinic is scheduled from 2:05–3:20 PM. This is available to all attendees at **HOME PLATE 2020**.

Tickets for this event are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. To Make Reservations: please contact Pat or Jim Elliott (248-3667-7512) or sign up on the sheet on the board in the church hallway. Deadline to get a ticket is Sunday March 15th.

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FEBRUARY Birthday's

Paige Lawrey	Leah Tessman			
Susan N <mark>adeau</mark>				
Clayton LaTurneau				
Patricia Elliot	Charles Fletcher	Donna Haney	Renee Roemmele	DJ Scott
Dennis Keeney				
Polly Dodson	Virgil Schave	Eve <mark>Milligan</mark>		
Nancy Bennett	Caiden Jones	Cam <mark>den Jones</mark>		
Jacob Caswell			1	
Hailie Curry	Landin Long	Shell <mark>ey Weatherup</mark>		
Ron McCurdy			d	
Tony Contesti	Scott Lyon	Tony Contesti		
Lindsey Kramer	Alex Kaschyk			
Alicia Hughes	Hannah Ralston	Jessica Simpson		
Mic <mark>helle Boitkus</mark>				
Le <mark>e Schulz</mark>				
Stephen Kumm	Damien Shephard	Tracy Thode	AL.	1
Julia Masch	Bar <mark>ba</mark> ra Runnels			
Gloria Jones	Austin Osagie	Rabi Osagie		V
Bea Maki				
Frank Casenhiser			(100)	
	Susan Nadeau Clayton LaTurneau Patricia Elliot Dennis Keeney Polly Dodson Nancy Bennett Jacob Caswell Hailie Curry Ron McCurdy Tony Contesti Lindsey Kramer Alicia Hughes Michelle Boitkus Lee Schulz Stephen Kumm Julia Masch Gloria Jones Bea Maki	Susan Nadeau Clayton LaTurneau Patricia Elliot Charles Fletcher Dennis Keeney Polly Dodson Virgil Schave Nancy Bennett Caiden Jones Jacob Caswell Hailie Curry Landin Long Ron McCurdy Tony Contesti Scott Lyon Lindsey Kramer Alex Kaschyk Alicia Hughes Hannah Ralston Michelle Boitkus Lee Schulz Stephen Kumm Damien Shephard Julia Masch Barbara Runnels Gloria Jones Austin Osagie Bea Maki	Susan Nadeau Clayton LaTurneau Patricia Elliot Charles Fletcher Donna Haney Dennis Keeney Polly Dodson Virgil Schave Eve Milligan Nancy Bennett Caiden Jones Camden Jones Jacob Caswell Hailie Curry Landin Long Shelley Weatherup Ron McCurdy Tony Contesti Scott Lyon Tony Contesti Lindsey Kramer Alex Kaschyk Alicia Hughes Hannah Ralston Jessica Simpson Michelle Boitkus Lee Schulz Stephen Kumm Damien Shephard Tracy Thode Julia Masch Barbara Runnels Gloria Jones Austin Osagie Rabi Osagie	Susan Nadeau Clayton LaTurneau Patricia Elliot Charles Fletcher Donna Haney Renee Roemmele Dennis Keeney Polly Dodson Virgil Schave Eve Milligan Nancy Bennett Caiden Jones Camden Jones Jacob Caswell Hailie Curry Landin Long Shelley Weatherup Ron McCurdy Tony Contesti Scott Lyon Tony Contesti Lindsey Kramer Alex Kaschyk Alicia Hughes Hannah Ralston Jessica Simpson Michelle Boitkus Lee Schulz Stephen Kumm Damien Shephard Tracy Thode Julia Masch Barbara Runnels Gloria Jones Austin Osagie Rabi Osagie Bea Maki



FEBRUARY Anniversary's

19	Rich & Lori Kornatowski
25	Alex & Terri Stefanou



If you have noticed that your birthday or anniversary has not been in the monthly listings and you want it to be, or that an incorrect date has been entered for your special day, please contact the church office by email or phone and give your updates.

We don't want anyone to feel left out!

Email:

commerceumc@sbcglobal.net Phone: 248-363-3935

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	A Comment					1 Court Cleaners 10:30a Pickleball
2 1p Pickleball 3-5p Tennis Academy 4:30p Confirmation Class 6 pm SR & JR TORCH	3 Mustard Seeds 3:15p Tennis Academy 7pm Boy Scouts	4 8-3 CBS 1pm Quilters P&P 3pm TWIRL-M's 7pm Basketball	5 Mustard Seeds 8:30a Holy Yoga 4:30P Tennis Academy 5:30p Women Book 5:45p Bells 6:30 Kids Klub @ Aldi 6:45p Chancel Choir 7:45p Praise Band 8p Worship Comm Mt	6 5:30p Bible Jrnlg 7p Pickleball 7:30p AA 7:30p CASA	7 Mustard Seeds	8 Court Cleaners 9a UM Men Mtg 10:30a Pickleball 1:30p Church Unique Mtg
9 BOY SCOUT SUNDAY 10:05 Mission Mtg 1p Pickleball 3-5p Tennis Academy 4:30p Confirmation Class 6p SR & JR TORCH 6:00 pm SPRC 6:30 pm Finance 7:30p Ad Council Mtg	10 Mustard Seeds 3:15p Tennis Academy 7pm Trustee Mtg 7pm Boy Scouts	8-3 CBS 1pm Quilters P&P 3pm TWIRL-M's 7pm UMW Board 7pm Basketball	12 Mustard Seeds 8:30a Holy Yoga 10a MS Valentine Paty 4:30P Tennis Academy 5:30p Women Book 5:45p Bells 6:30 p Kids Klub 6:45p Chancel Choir 7:45p Praise Band	13 5:30p Bible Jrnlg 7p Pickleball 7:30p AA 7:30p CASA	14 Mustard Seeds	15 Court Cleaners 9 am Village Quilters 10:30a Pickleball
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23 Giving Hands Sunday (Penny-a-Meal) 1P Pickleball 3-5p Tennis Academy 4:30p Confirmation Class 6p SR & JR TORCH	24 Mustard Seeds 3:15p Tennis Academy 7p COURT OF HONOR Boy Scout	25 8-3 CBS 1pm Quilters P&P 3pm TWIRL-M's 7pm Basketball	26 Mustard Seeds 8:30a Holy Yoga 4:30P Tennis Academy 5:30p Women Book 5:45p Bells NO Kids Klub 6:45p Chancel Choir 7p ASH WED SERVICE	27 5:30p Bible Jrnlg 7p Pickleball 7:30p AA 7:30p CASA	28 Mustard Seeds	29 LEAP YEAR DAY Court Cleaners 9am UMW Kitchen Clng 10:30p Pickleball

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Sunday Morning Worship

(Communion offered first Sunday of each month)

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Traditional Worship Service Junior Church - Children's Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School - SUNDAY SCHOOL

For all ages; Children & Adults September thru May, no classes during Summer

Worship together with music by our Praise Band

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Children's Worship - Children's Worship Service