



“the CONNECTION” – Staying In-Touch Weekly

Commerce United Methodist Church – Offering Help for Life.

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February 16, 2020

CASS LUNCH - Commerce UMC Missions is again organizing as the hands & feet of Christ to serve a Meal at the Scott Building in downtown Detroit on **Saturday, March 7th** . We meet early that Saturday in the kitchen – prepare, pack and then load to deliver and serve. If you can help, please sign-up on the sheet on the board to provide a food item for the hot lunch or serve the meal to our Detroit community. Thank you for your willingness to serve & provide the nutrients of the meal.

College Ministry Spring Care Packages – Bakers & Care Package Donations Needed.

On Monday, March 30th 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. (k-cups, teabags, cheese/peanut butter crackers, beef sticks, protein bars, snacks, etc.). We will also be collecting monetary donations to cover the shipping cost of each package (approx. \$10 each). On March 30th at 10 am, help will be needed in the Fellowship Hall to pack the care packages. Please let Tracy know if you can help in any way. Thank you!

Easter Egg Candy & Small Toys Needed - Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday, April 12th at 10:30 am. In preparation, we are looking for donations of small wrapped candy and toys that will fit into the plethora of eggs. Please put any donated candy/toys in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. (nut-free please!) We also need volunteers to stuff said plethora of eggs. Please let Tracy know if you can help in the annual 'stuffing o the eggs'! Thank you!

MAP (Michigan Abolitionist Project) Commerce/Milford Community Group has been cancelled for Feb. 18th. We will not meet in February. Kati Brush if you have ?’s (586-991-1389)



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! We will also have a **guest speaker after our lunch at our Valentine party; Kari West, certified senior advisor from Care Patrol to help guide us to a vital senior life.** All members and friends of Commerce United Methodist Church are cordially invited to join us. 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 we have ever had!

FEBRUARY FOLLIES ... “Get Your Act Together”... Dust off those costumes and instruments, brush up on your routine and come to the **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.

Attention all High School Seniors! NOW is the time to pick up an application for the Church's Legacy Scholarship. They are located just inside the church office door under the first aid kit in the tray on the wall.

Completed application are **due back into the Church office no later than MARCH 15, 2020.**



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 Directory is for Everyone, not just those who have membership records on file.**

All are welcome to be a part of the Commerce UM Church Family.

Our photo setting times will be **Thursday March 19th (2 – 8:30 pm), Friday March 20th (2 – 8:30 pm) and 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 TODAY - 16th.

ASH WEDNESDAY Service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 7 pm in the Chapel.



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/>

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. In November we will set aside a Sunday for the entire congregation to be a part of filling the boxes! **During the month of FEBRUARY - ACCESSORIES; bar Ivory soap**

HOME PLATE 2020 – Sat., June 13 Detroit Tigers vs Toronto Blue Jays at Comerica Park

Tickets on Sale NOW, \$29 per person; provides you with the 12:30 pm Home Plate Program, \$5 Fun Money coupon for concessions, 4:10 pm Game Seat and an On-the-field Baseball Clinic sponsored by the Tigers is available from 2:05 –3:20 pm. If you would like to go, please contact Pat or Jim Elliot (248-366-7512) to get your ticket. Ticket purchase deadline is Sunday March 15th. Please sign the board in the hallway if you plan to attend, maybe we can gather and car pool.

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. Any questions, or need help to sign up, please contact the Finance committee or the church office to reach them.

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. Books will be available on the table under the church office window for \$9 each on a 1st come basis. Would love to have you join in. Pastor Andy

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING AND WE NEED YOU! 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 ?'s, contact Tracy Kramer tskramer1@ameritech.net Please pray about where you can help out for the week. We CANNOT do it without YOU!

YOUNG ADULT Mission Interns Opportunity for Summer of 2020

The Mission Intern Program offers a great summer opportunity for young adults to deepen their faith and work alongside other faith-driven people. **The Mission Intern Program offers young adults, age 18-28**, the opportunity to serve for eight weeks over the summer in United Methodist congregations and related non-profits across the state of Michigan. Interns serving with congregations who engage with their communities through a variety of opportunities including children's day camp, housing, and feeding programs. **Deadline for Application is: April 1, 2020**

The overall goals of the Mission Intern Program are to develop young adult leaders, assist United Methodist congregations to be in ministry with their local communities, and answer the challenge of the Bishops' Initiative on Children and Poverty.

Young adults participating in the Mission Intern Program also have the opportunity to experience serving in a community that may be different than their home setting. Interns receive a 2,800 stipend throughout the summer.

Apply via the link : **Become a Mission Intern!** <https://forms.gle/aE2GLjmeHrg8ACuR9>

Lisa Batten, Young Adult Initiatives Coordinator, Michigan Area UMC cell 269-491-1799

Kids on a Mission Spring Coin Wars has begun! We will be collecting money to purchase animals for Heifer International. All coins and bills are accepted and the classes with the highest amount win a class party on May 17th. There is a congregation jar in the Narthex for anyone who would like to assist the kids/youth with this mission. TOTAL= \$142.70 /Pre-2nd \$5.08 /3-5th \$67.61 /Mdl Schl \$2.83 /HI Schl \$.52 /MustSeeds \$19.92 /Congrt'n \$46.74

2020 Commerce UMC Coffee Hour ... NOW seeking volunteers for Coffee Hour.



New for 2020 is to use the online sign up at **SignUpGenius.com**.

This change is important to help coordinate and maintain a continually successful Coffee Hour for everyone!

Information needed on the genius 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 if you have ever already used SignUpGenius, simply Log In using that same account.

Once you signup 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. The Committee's, Special Sunday's, Event Related Coffee Hours do not need to use SignUpGenius BUT individual's that are volunteering or with your friends as a group, PLEASE use the SignUpGenius!

If you, as a team don't want to each individually signup, you can designate a coordinator to signup for all of you. *You can also access the coffee hour signup genius through our website, "Giving and Ways To Serve" link at:*

<http://commerceumc.org/giving/>

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



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

THIS WEEK – Bill Gulf Tom Buzzo

PREVIOUS - Paul Landry Shirley Hansen Donnie Stewart Michael Henrickson Dorothy Felt

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	Donnie Stewart
Debbie Biermacher	Heather Fournier	Colleen Litzau	Glenn Oliver & Family	Roy Stoddard
Austin Bills	Brady Frelich	Joe Lopez	Chuck Pabl	Nancy Strohs
Ron Bland	Hanna & Kris Froehlich	Zachary Lubnow	Andrew Pawlak	Melinda Summerville
Roger Bouchard	Mike Fuller	Andrew & Juleen Lumetta	Kathy Poppenger	Tracey Thode
Jean Bowman	Edna Geisler	Julia Maddock	Lisa Pritchett	Robert Troske
Kyle Brown	T. J. Goines	Joyce Madsen	Gerald Radar	Chris Tucker
Kati Brush	Shirley Grupido	Leo Maki	Jeremy Ralston & Family	Jean Vaquera
Sarah Casenhiser	Linda Guerrero	Becky Markland	Vicky Relitz	Rosemary Voros
Chuck Cook	Shirley Hansen	Linda McDermid	John Rolke	Gail Weist
				Yvonne Zaub

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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