



“the CONNECTION” – Staying In-Touch Weekly

Commerce United Methodist Church – Offering Help for Life.

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MARCH 15, 2020

IT IS TIME! ...Time to Register for Vacation Bible School 2020 !

Is there just one God? . . . Who is God? . . . What is God like? . . . Does God love me? . . . Can I know God?

Our kids grapple with questions like these every day.

At Mystery Island, we'll uncover the truth about our Creator God! There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what he's like, so we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing he is through the pages of Scripture. Each day, kids will learn more about one of God's amazing attributes (great, almighty, ruler, Emmanuel, trustworthy) and how that applies to their lives. Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at Mystery Island! **Commerce UMC's Vacation Bible School runs from Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th, 9am - 12:15pm.** Then on Sunday, June 28th, we will perform our songs from the week, during a combined 10 a.m. worship service immediately followed by our annual Summer Celebration! (food, games & inflatables) Vacation Bible School is open to all ages 3-1/2 years (by VBS AND has completed one year of preschool) through those entering the 6th grade in the fall of 2020.

Please register today at: <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=55078>

Registration closes on Sunday, June 14th, 2020. Looking forward to seeing you at Mystery Island!

Your Tour Guides: Chaos (Tracy Kramer) & Shenanigans (Tammie Fenn)

ATTENTION ELDERBERRIES **The Independence Village outing has been cancelled ...** so for our March event, **will go to America's Coney Island** (167 S. Milford Rd, Milford & GM Road) **for breakfast as originally planned**, Thursday March 19th. Please meet at the restaurant at 9:30 am for our reservations.

Sunday, March 22nd, our Adult Sunday School class will begin a 6 week video journey to the lands where the Apostle Paul traveled, preached, suffered and triumphed. **We meet upstairs in the Wesley Room 10 am. All are Adults invited!** For this final study, before we break for the summer, we will be looking at Adam Hamilton's book, **"The Call ~ The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul"**.

"What would lead a first-century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and by land, to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately beheaded for this faith? It was a call - a call to turn the world upside down. This is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings continue to shape the lives of one-third of the world's population, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith, and whose witness defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ."

Egg Coloring & Snack Eggstravaganza! **On Friday, April 10th,** bring your hard-boiled eggs and a snack/ appetizer to share and come on out for egg coloring fun! Drop in anytime between 6 - 8pm. Come and color your eggs and leave the mess!

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt - Join us for Easter between worship services for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will take place in our upstairs courtyard at 10:30 am sharp! All Kids are invited to participate! Please bring your own basket or bag to collect your goodies in! In case of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in our historic 1841 chapel. (We are in need of wrapped candy and small toys to put inside the eggs! Donated items can be placed in the marked bin, in the rear of the Fellowship Hall. - please avoid nuts, if possible. Thank you!)

The Resurrection Season is fast approaching and it is time again to remember a loved ones with the dedication of an Easter Lily. The plants are 6" in size and **cost \$9 each.** If you want to purchase a lily, you can find an order envelope at the Hospitality Desk. Please complete the front of the order envelope, enclose the appropriate amount of payment for your order and place it in the collection plate. Please write clear so that your dedication will be accurate. **Order deadline is Sunday, March 29th.** Lily's will be delivered and placed in the Sanctuary in time for our Easter Services. Once Easter Sunday's services are over, please take your plants home with you.



THIS WEEK – Don't forget to come for your already scheduled Pictorial Directory Photo session. Thank YOU for signing up and helping make our directory a 'FAMILY EXPERIENCE' – Once photos are complete and after the design phase & print time – the directories will be ready for distribution.

If you did not take advantage of the photo session to receive a complimentary church directory but you want a directory once they are released there will be a fee of \$10 to get one. Please sign the sheet on the board if you plan to purchase a directory for \$10 once they are available.

CASS LUNCH - THANK YOU to Beth Fournier for organizing Cass Lunch again this year. AND to EVERYONE WHO Donated Food and/or Volunteered in the Prep & Delivery. Our 2nd Cass Lunch for 2020 is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 3rd.

YOU ARE INVITED... to the GET ACQUAINTED BRUNCH on Saturday, March 28th at 10 a.m. !!!

Each year the Commerce United Methodist Women (UMW) host a gathering for the women of the church and community. A delicious brunch is prepared and shared during which time there is opportunity to unite and become better acquainted, get to know each other a little more personal.

As always during our UMW events we choose a program to support... this year we are planning to help "Anchored Hope" the Street Outreach program that Kati Brush, along with other church & community ladies formed to reach out to women who have fallen into street life and even human trafficking. *Anchored Hope volunteers go to the Detroit Streets each week to give, sack lunches, personal hygiene items (kits assembled from our donations) and a listening ear to any women who wants them. The hope is to let them know that they are valued and someone really does care about them.* We are asking that if you can, when you attend the brunch, please bring a personal hygiene item to donated for the kits. (suggested items are: Ladies New Underwear sizes xs-med., Deodorant, Washcloths, Ladies New Socks, Individually Wrapped Snack Foods such as Little Debbie, Cookie and Cracker Packs).

PLEASE consider attending as this is a great morning for fellowship and fun to meet and make friends with your church family women. If you plan to attend the brunch, please sign the sheet on the board so that we have an estimated number for food preparation.

The Worship Committee is looking for a volunteer to be a communion steward once a month during the 11 am service and occasionally on added services throughout the year (Ash Wed, Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, etc). There will be a training time with Lauren Watkins. She will continue to handling the 9 am service. Primary duty would be to take down and place away communion elements after the 11 am service once a month. If someone is interested, please contact Lauren at laurenwatkins777@gmail.com or at 248-763-9650.

Dear Church Family – My sincere thanks and love for all your support before, during and after my recent hip surgery. We received many meals from friends and family. They were delicious and truly appreciated. Thank you for your kind get well cards and flowers. **Our church family is a blessing and I truly cherish each and every one of you.** Sincerely, Kyle Caswell

Instead of giving something "up" this year, we would like to invite you in giving something "away" during our season of Lent. The idea is to give a non-perishable food or school supply item a day, starting March 1st to March 31st, you will have 31 items that can be donated to The Student Pantry.



THE STUDENT PANTRY
Helping Students in Need

All items are to be returned to church by Sunday, April 5th in the Fellowship Hall on the back table. Our Kids-On-A-Mission will then donate it to The Student Pantry which services seven schools in the Walled Lake School District. Questions, Please Contact Kati Brush (810) 869-9629 and/or Jeni Fletcher 248-207-7413.

SUGGESTED LIST

Day 1: Soup	Day 2: Applesauce Cups	Day 3: Canned Chili	Day 4: Cereal	Day 5: Granola Bars
Day 6: Canned Veggies	Day 7: Colored Pencils	Day 8: Canned Fruit	Day 9: Peanut Butter	Day 10: Rice
Day 11: Crayons	Day 12: Canned Tuna	Day 13: #2 Pencils	Day 14: 1"3-RingBinders	Day 15: Nuts
Day 16: Cereal Bars	Day 17:Dried Fruit	Day 18:CannedChicken	Day 19: Loose Leaf Paper	Day 20: Glue Sticks
Day 21: Trail Mix	Day 22: Protein Bars	Day 23: Individual Oatmeal Packs	Day 24: Fruit Cups	Day 25: Pens
Day 26: Jelly/Jam	Day 27: Healthy Snacks	Day 28: Canned Beans	Day 29: Canned Stew	Day 30: Beef Jerk
				Day 31: Popcorn

The Student Pantry's mission is to give students who do not have access to basic food, clothes, or school supplies the ability to obtain these items at no cost. Their plan is to be in all Walled Lake Schools by 2021. For more information and community events, their website is: <https://thestudentpantry.weebly.com/>.

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 MARCH - QUALITY CRAFTS, Toothbrushes & Ivory Soap**

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= \$180.17 /Pre-2nd \$10.70 /3-5th \$87.74 /Mdl Schl \$4.85 /HI Schl \$.54 /MustSds \$19.94 /Congrtn \$56.40**

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!

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 – Mike Smith Dan Kniffen

PREVIOUS - Bill Gulf Tom Buzzo Kerrington Jones Terri Bean The Family of Vicky Relitz

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