

"The STEEPLE"

A Newsletter of Commerce UMC - May 2022

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Sunday Worship: In-Person Worship

Traditional 9 am & Contemporary 11 am

Our Worship Services LIVE STREAM our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/> and also linked through our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/commerceumc



A Message from Pastor Andy

On Easter, the traditional service concluded with the beloved hymn "Because He lives." It was a wonderful and appropriate selection by our music director. The hymn was familiar to everyone in attendance, and it is a personal favorite of mine. The lyrics and the chorus in particular speaks to the certainty and peace believers have as a result of Christ's resurrection:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

Indeed, Christians everywhere can take on the unpredictability that so often accompanies the future. During my time as the pastor here, I have heard numerous testimonies that validate such an experience. After a serious medical diagnosis, the passing of a family member, or the loss of a job, do you know what I witness? Time and time again, I see individuals leaning deeper into their faith trusting God with all that lies before them. And the reason? Well, apparently, it's "Just because He lives!"

The song is so good that I think it deserves a sequel. There's so much more we can sing about as a consequence of Christ's victory over sin and death. Yes, fear and despair buckle in the presence of the risen Christ while confidence and assurance soar, but this is merely the beginning of greater things. What else is now possible? What else springs forth as a new reality?

At Commerce UMC, God's people boldly declare, "Because he lives, I can..."

- Stomp out hunger and clothe the naked.
- Bring peace to a divided world.
- Tirelessly journey alongside those who are sick and in recovery.
- Put an end to human trafficking in the city of Detroit.
- Pour love into and raise up a whole new generation of young believers.

The list can and does go on. Through this Eastertide, please continue to reflect upon the impact the resurrection has on God's people, God's church, God's creation. You have an undeniable reason to be an optimist, an idealist, a visionary, a dreamer and more because God did the impossible through Christ and everything has changed.

Let's continue sharing with everyone all the different ways life is worth the living, just because he lives. Amen.

Pastor Andy



YOU CAN HELP !!!

Your Trustees are hard at work and invite you to join in. Saturday May 14th we will begin at 9 am for our Annual Spring Clean-up Workday. We will tackle both the outside of the building and grounds and also some areas inside too.

For details on what to bring and where you might be most helpful, please contact Vic Leon. 734-564-0944



MAY 2022 Christian Education News / Kids-of-the-Kingdom

Mark your calendars:

May 25 ... Kids Klub+ 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

June 20 thru 24 ... VBS 2022

Easter Egg Hunt 2022

Our Epic Egg Hunt was a smashing success as we welcomed over 100 church family & community kids to our event! Children were able to participate in the egg hunt, sweets & treats walk, plus play other games. Thank you to all of our volunteers, and treat bakers for making this event possible.

VBS 2022!

Looking for an easy way to help make VBS a success? We will have many hungry tummies to feed, which means many creative snacks to provide!

Donating Gift Cards to Meijer, Kroger, or Amazon is a fantastic way to support the purchases Commerce UMC will be making for snack & crafting supplies.

Gift cards can be dropped off to the office; please contact Kristine at kristine.cumc@gmail.com or 248-363-3935 x304

College Ministries

20 care packages were mailed and delivered to our college aged church family in April. These young adults were able to enjoy homemade treats, a CUMC mug, and some other goodies sent especially for them. If you have a college aged child that isn't currently on our ministry list, let me know so we can get them added.

Graduates - High School and College

Graduation Recognition for both College & High School Grads will be on Sunday, May 29th. If you want to be recognized, we hope you have turned in your graduation information along with 2 pictures of yourself.

Congratulations for your achievements and we hope to see you on May 29th.

Kids Klub+

The fourth Wednesday of every month Kids Klub+ offers an opportunity for families to share a dinner, and then let the kids have some fun while the parents' run errands, or just sit and chat. On May 25th we will celebrate "God's Garden" by planting flowers to take home, and also work on some spring crafts.

Kids-On-a-Mission

MAY Donations - Samaritan Purse Child Shoebox's

For the month of May, we are looking for travel-sized hygiene items, specifically: chapstick, ivory soap bar, deodorant, washcloths, combs/brushes, and toothbrushes. We have a collection bin in the rear of the Fellowship Hall for all donations.

Here is a recap of what we have been gathering so far this year; Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Sunglasses, Hair clips and other accessories, Bar soap, Small Crafts, Toothbrushes, Stuffed Animals (beanie baby sized please) and Deodorant.

It is NOT too late to donate any of the items listed above. If you are able to help us catch up on the needed quantities on any of these items, it would be GREATLY appreciated. Thank you for your support ~ Kids on a Mission ~



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If you are interested in helping in children's ministries at Commerce UMC, please contact Pastor Andy (248-363-3935 x301) to discuss opportunities to serve in this way.

ELDERBERRIES Field Trip



On **May 19th** the **ELDERBERRIES**, our **CUMC Seniors and their Friends** will be taking a **field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts** on a free bus ride (FREE, IF we have **25 or more signup no later than MAY 4.**

Limit for the bus is 50) The bus will start boarding at 11:15 to leave by 11:30 am from the church. The Cafe' will be open at the institute.

Load to Depart on the bus at 3 pm to return to the church at 4 pm.

Please sign the sheet on the board, call Sherrill 248-563-4886 or the church office 248-363-3935 to have them sign you up.

There are 3 (all free) choices to do once there;

1. View our world famous Detroit Industry murals: *Diego Rivera*'s Mexican muralist masterpiece. Four walls. Twenty-seven paintings. Nine months of labor-intensive work. In 1932,...Free descriptive audio with driver's license.
2. Movie Matinee 1:00-2:30 pm: The Palm Beach Story, Claudette Colbert, Comedy (note if attending the movie you might want to bring a sack lunch for the bus)
3. Humble and Human Exhibit; and Special impressionist Exhibit.

The **PET Mobility** mission group is **ready to accept CLEAN (with lids attached) 1 gallon plastic milk jugs** again. Please wash out, and attach the lid and drop off in the Fellowship Hall at the PET Unit/Board area. Thank YOU for your continued support with this Global Mission work.

Any questions about PET Mobility, please contact Al Young at 586-808-6965.

On the Light Side ...



A 3 yr old had been told several times to get ready for bed. The last time his mother told him, she was very insistent. His response was; "Yes sir!"

Correcting him, she said, "You would say, 'Yes sir to a man'

I am a lady and you would say 'yes ma'am' to a lady".

To quiz him later on this lesson, she asked him,

"What would you say to Daddy?"... "Yes sir!" came his reply.

"Then what would you say to Mommy?" ... "Yes ma'am!" he proudly answered. "Great Job! Now, what would you say to Grandma?"

His face lit up and he said, "Can I have a cookie?"

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We continue all year collecting for our next Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes that will be filled and shipped in November. Each month we will list a specific item needed. The tote for your donation is in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Each Months items can be dropped off at any time, not just the month listed.



For **MAY ... Hygiene Items; Washcloths, Chapstick, Comb & Brush, Toothbrush, Bar Soap, Deodorant**

Past Months always include Deodorant & Bar Ivory Soap plus:

Jan - Hats & Gloves

Feb. - Accessories- hair ties-sunglasses-headbands

March - Quality Crafts (that will fit in the shoebox) & Toothbrushes

April - Stuffed Toys (like Beanie Babies, small to fit in the shoeboxes)



Continue to Pray for

Gina Rendeiro & Family Susan & Brian Nadeau

Susanna Ray The Family of Jean Meizner



Thank YOU for ALL YOU DO to Serve the Lord at Commerce UMC!

If you would like information about helping with a committee or mission of the church please contact Pastor Andy at the church office or by email.

Commerce UMC ~ Help Wanted

- **Nursery Coordinator ... 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (4 hours) Sunday Mornings during both the 9 am & 11 am Worship Services. And possible extra hours if needed to cover care during meetings &/or events.**

To inquire about either job opportunity, contact Dana Wenz at 248-762-7932 or danasimons@comcast.net

Asparagus Spinach Salad with Chicken

Time: 30 min. YIELD: 6 servings.

This salad is a favorite because it packs in so much great produce, plus it's quick and easy on a warm summer day. Joan Hallford, North Richland Hills, TX

Ingredients

- 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed & cut to 1-inch pcs
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 cup Mayo
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/2 teasp Dijon mustard
- 8 cups fresh baby spinach
- 3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries or fresh blueberries
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted - optional



Directions

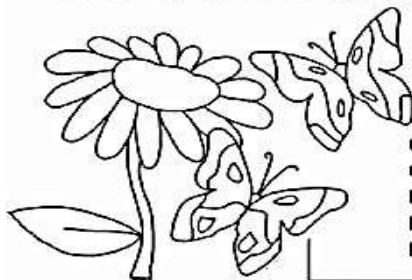
In a microwave-safe bowl, combine asparagus and water. Microwave, covered, on high until crisp-tender, 2-4 minutes; drain. Remove asparagus and immediately drop into ice water. Drain and pat dry.

In a small bowl, whisk mayo, orange juice, honey, orange zest and mustard until blended.

In a large bowl, combine spinach, chicken, strawberries, almonds, sesame seeds and asparagus. Add dressing and toss to coat.

Mother's Day

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CARING	FRIEND	KIND	MOTHER
CHILDREN	FUNNY	LAUGH	PARENT
DAUGHTER	GIVING	LOVE	READ
FAMILY	HAPPY	MAY	SON
FLOWERS	HUGS	MOM	SPECIAL

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

2 Joyce Broyles Colton Fletcher
3 Josh Simpson Mark Watkins
5 Steve Thode
6 Cynthia Forsyth
7 Ameilia Dubin Sawyer Summerville
10 Tim Lewandowski Jack Caswell
11 Kent Hausauer Graham Bennett
15 Dorothy Saari
17 Corinne Hughes
18 Eleanor Van Dussen
19 Marilyn Baroni Ally Cooper
20 Tom Fournier Roberta Carpenter
21 Meghan Oliver
22 Sue Willis Paul Simpson
24 Jill Hendrickson Nancie Stoddard Gabriel Heximer Jerry Gill
25 Megan Abdallah
26 Michael Stefanou
27 Nita Craft-Hawisher Amy Snyder Heather Fagan
28 Betty Barry Julia Antonelli
29 Kevin Lambert
30 Ann MacArthur Sandy Bakken Rebecca Flores
31 Gary Contesti

MAY ANNIVERSARY'S

12 Randy & Christine Pellett
16 Bill & Janet Boyd
25 Paul & Vickie Armstrong
30 John & Louise Kirk-Stoddard
30 Trent & Kristen Thiry
31 Gary & Laura Contesti

