

## **"The STEEPLE"**

**A Newsletter of Commerce UMC - OCTOBER 2023**

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**Sunday Worship: In-Person Worship 10:00 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](http://www.facebook.com/commerceumc)



***On a typical fall Saturday, I like to stay home and catch a Michigan State football game on television. The couch is comfortable, the snacks plentiful, and the task is mindless. Unfortunately, most of my Saturdays have been booked. On one weekend, I had to spend a good portion of the day purchasing a new-to-me car. On another, I had to officiate a wedding over in Flint. Most recently, I missed out on MSU football, because my wife and I took our daughters to "Disney on Ice" at Little Caesar's Arena.***

***While I have less time to watch MSU football lose its games, I apparently have more time to listen to my daughters –especially the younger one– sing songs from Frozen, dress up as characters from Frozen, or to request all kinds of Frozen merchandise. I am solidly in the Frozen phase of parenting. (Send help). As a result, our little one wanted a Frozen themed birthday cake for her 3rd birthday on October 2nd. In the days leading up to it, she reminds me repeatedly, "me gonna have fwozen birthday cake." It warms my heart. As a father, how can I say refuse? The cake has been ordered.***

***Parents want to enrich the lives of their children, ensure they feel loved, and instill in them a sense they are special. Beyond that, some grandparents just want to spoil the kids rotten. From what I understand, that's a grandparent's job. So, if a young son or daughter wants a Frozen –themed cake or has a specific birthday gift in mind, we do our absolute best to deliver. They often will remember the act of love for their whole lives. On the flipside, they will likely remember the disappointment if we fail to deliver too.***

**Recently, it came to my attention that the Methodist Children's Home Society needed a sponsor for its monthly Birthday Club program which seeks to celebrate the birthdays of the foster boys living on campus. Building off the relationship we already have with MCHS, the development officer hoped that we might step up to sponsor their November Birthday Club:**

*Birthday Club is usually done the 3rd Wednesday of every month if there is a celebrant. We send out a wishlist with gifts and food preferences for the donors to shop for and we ask that the gifts are no more than \$75-\$125 in total and wrapped for the party. Dinner needs to be catered/ordered from a restaurant and include drinks, plates, napkins, cups, and silverware. We take care of the cake as we now work with a nonprofit organization who donates them to us! We usually budget around 20-35 people but that number is subject to change based on the number of children celebrating. We also ask that you bring decorations. Pick a theme and get creative! November will be a big one as there are 4 celebrants currently.*

**This is a big ask, but I know our church is equipped to take it on. I have confidence that God's people will continue to respond generously to meet the wishlist of each individual boy, the catered food, and the decorations. More than that, I have confidence, people will show up on the day of the celebration to be a source of love and light to these special boys that need it. Lastly, I believe this is just one small chapter in our commitment to nurture, invest in, and show love for the children that God loves and has not forgotten.**

**I ask that you would continue to pray for MCHS, the residents, our church. When the opportunity arises, please respond generously with your donations, your time, your talents, your energy, your presence.**

**Let us continue to be the hands of Jesus.**

**Pastor Andy**

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# United Women in Faith

**UWF Fall Rummage & Bake Sale: October 5 thru October 7, 2023. Sign up and more information will be available on the Narthex bulletin board.**

**CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE: Saturday December 2, 2023 at 9AM - 4PM. It's that time of year, time to plan for the Christmas Marketplace! Crafters-- the cost of a table this year is \$35.00. Your craft has to be homemade not manufactured. By October 1<sup>st</sup> we contact previous crafters. If you are interested in renting a table, contact Kyle Caswell (248) 622-1465 ASAP.**

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## **NEWS FROM AND ABOUT ANCHORED HOPE OUTREACH**

**4 People – 4 Times"** has been a wonderful blessing in our Anchored Hope Outreach service! **Thank YOU Pastor Andy and Commerce UMC!** Your continued prayers, support and participation with us is AMAZING!

Thank you to the **UM Women's Ann Thomas Circle** for sharing part of the Coffee Hour Proceeds on the first Sunday of each month to support the ministry of Anchored Hope Outreach. Your support for what we do to serve many in need on the streets of Detroit is greatly appreciated.

We Thank God and Praise the Lord for two of the women we served through our mission relationships. In August they decided to take themselves off the streets. Please pray for them and others to find strength and courage to make a change in their lives.

Because you continue to care, this far in the year of 2023 we have gone out into the mission field an average of 14 day per month. We have been able to serve this year to date, an average of 264 meals and hand out approximately 47 hygiene kits. We also have been able to gift many birthday bags that help share God's love with those needing to feel loved!

Some of our September most needed donations are:

- Umbrellas (small ones from Dollar Store are perfect)
- Band-Aids
- Bras - Size A and C (new or gently used)
- Sports Bras - Xsmall and Small (new or gently used)
- Women's Socks
- Women's Size 9 Tennis Shoes We are completely out of size 9. We accept new or used (used shoes need to be gently worn and clean) **tennis shoes only please**. Thank you!)

You can find out top 5 Amazon Wish List

here: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NJL4PMW5BQR0...>

You can find our full Amazon Wish List

here: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ZF4BMZBHLHY3...>

For more information about Anchored Hope Outreach ministry go

to: <http://anchoredhopeoutreach.org/>

Thank you!

Anchored Hope Outreach, Kati Brush

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## **October 2023 Christian Education News...**

**Mark your calendars:**

**October 8th Kids On a Mission**

**October 21st 6-7:30pm Trunk or Treat**

**October 25th 6-7:30pm Kids Klub+**

### **Trunk or Treat**

The time is here once again to welcome the community to our church for this wonderfully fun event; last year we welcome over 400 children! Sign up in the narthex to host a trunk, or drop off bags of candy so that we can make this event possible. Trunk set-up will begin at 5pm, with the fun starting at 6pm on October 21st.

### **Kids On a Mission**

As you may already know, on the Second Sunday of each month, our children do a "Kids On a Mission" project. This is an opportunity for children to do hands-on missions work for friends in our community. We need a few adult volunteers to assist the children with stuffing care packages, etc. and are hoping that you can assist! We have created a Sign-Up and would love to see you upstairs.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAFAF2FAAFEC07-kids2>

### **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. This month we are having a Boo Fest. Kids will have a chance to watch Curious George, make crafts, and play themed games!

### **College Ministry**

Commerce UMC College Ministry is preparing to kick-off the 2023-2024 school-year! We would love to include all college aged youth in this outreach, be sure to sign up with Kristine today!

### **Remind**

The Kids of the Kingdom are now on the Remind app! We will be using this app to send out weekly reminders (Kids Klub, etc) and other pertinent information.

[remind.com/join/kidsofcumc](https://remind.com/join/kidsofcumc)

**Kristine Van Dussen- Christian Education Director**  
**Kristine.CUMC@gmail.com 248.363.3935 est. 304**



# *Women's Book Study*

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM

JOIN US IN THE WESLEY ROOM



\*CHECK CUMC WEBSITE CALENDAR TO  
CONFIRM MEETING INFORMATION\*



# TRUNK OR TREAT

COMMERCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 21ST, 2023 • 6:00-7:30PM

• FACEBOOK RSVP •



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**STARTING OCTOBER 5, 2023**

**Thursday's 7:00 p.m. & Saturday's 10:00 a.m.  
Upstairs in the Activity Hall.**

**Fun Exciting Game of a combination of  
Tennis – Badminton & Ping Pong!**

**Adults welcome to join in!**

**Any questions; call Joe @ 248-761-7000**

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# LADIES YOGA

COMMERCE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

All ages.  
All abilities.  
All are welcome.

EVERY SECOND  
MONDAY

6:30-7:30 PM

Check CUMC website calendar  
to confirm meeting information.



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Yoga in the sanctuary led by Rachel MacCarreall, church member and yoga instructor, who teaches at places like Lifetime Fitness.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

TUESDAYS 7:30PM  
IN THE ACTIVITY HALL





## MCHS STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT GALA

October 7, 2023 | The Henry, Autograph Collection

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# FUN ZONE

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS AND NEW ACTIVITIES



**DID YOU ENJOY YOUR COLORING?**

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## **CALLING ALL ARTIST OF ALL AGES**

**DRAW, PAINT, COLOR A PICTURE OF A BIBLE STORY AND SEND IT IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. WATCH**

**FUTURE BULLETINS AND SEE YOUR PICTURE USED  
AS A COVER IMAGE. YOU MAY DROP THEM OFF ON  
THE FRONT OFFICE DESK OR EMAIL THEM TO:  
[commerceumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:commerceumc@sbcglobal.net)**

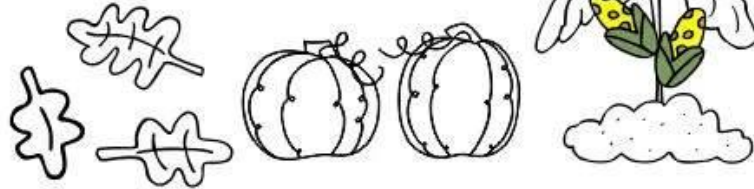
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# Pumpkin Patch Word Search



A	L	N	X	G	F	R	Q	Q	M	M	A	E	C	Z
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Reserve your tickets now for our Annual Tea & Luncheon Fundraiser!  
 This year's event will be better than ever! Guests will enjoy shopping local vendor  
 booths, homemade tea and scones, a catered lunch, a 50/50 Raffle, Live auction, a Special  
 guest speaker and much more! Reserve your tickets in person at our Open Door Thrift

Store located at 7140 Cooley Lake Rd. in Waterford or, click the "reserve" button below to purchase on-line.

[Reserve your Tea tickets here](#)



***Annual Tea & Luncheon***  
***Fundraiser for Open Door Outreach Center***  
***Monday October 2, 2023***  
*White Lake Oaks Golf Course & Event Center*  
*991 N. Williams Lake Rd. White Lake, MI 48386*

**DOORS OPEN**  
10AM  
**TEA & SCONES**  
11AM  
**LUNCH 12:30PM**

**\*VENDOR TABLES**  
**\*THEMED GIFT BASKETS**  
**\*50/50 RAFFLE**  
**\*LIVE AUCTION**  
**\*GUEST SPEAKER**

***Tickets \$50***  
***Purchase tickets in person at Open Door Thrift Store***  
***or online at [OpenDoorOutreachCenter.com](http://OpenDoorOutreachCenter.com).***

*Net proceeds go to feeding, clothing & emergency support in our community. Open Door Outreach Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit.*



Net proceeds from our Annual Tea & Luncheon provide food, clothing, emergency services, and referrals to those in need in our community. Open Door Outreach is a 501c-3 non-profit. Learn more by clicking [here](#) or visit [opendooroutreachcenter.com](http://opendooroutreachcenter.com) and, stay up to date on the latest news follow us on Facebook: [Open Door Outreach Facebook](#) and [Open Door Thrift Store Facebook](#).



**Continue to Pray for**

**Logan Helgemo, Grandma Brandt, Heather Antoon, Aza  
Catau, Sharon Hernande, Kendra, Al Young  
Richard Kornatowski, Leo & Bea Maki, Judy Rose,  
Mary Lesiak, Pat Elliot, Joyce Mikey Faust, Joy Dobson,  
Sally Courville, Bruce Flores, Linda & Gary Schultz, Larry  
Petersen, Gloria Jones, Rick Mead, Sandy Richardson, Dave  
Smiertka, Krull Family, Betty Barry's Family, Randy  
Pellett, Brenda Oliver's Family, Rebecca Flores, Joann  
Crook, Craig Smith, Dareld Putnam, Tim Lewandowski, Bonnie  
Larrabee**

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**Thank YOU for ALL YOU DO to Serve 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.**

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**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S**

- 1 Steve Bollinger
- 2 Clara Lee
- 3 Chris Bailey, Joey Long
- 5 Jace Lambert, Jesse Goosey, Milo Chun
- 6 Chase Curry, Steve Rohr, Ella Vrnak, Rich Hager, Aurora Hendry, Rob Long
- 7 Ann Smith
- 9 Paul Landry
- 10 Isaac Snyder

- 11 Colleen Topper
- 12 Sulaeman Kamara, Mila Woodland
- 14 Mickey Nelson, Kylie Pipkin
- 15 Brett Rendeiro, Penny Masch
- 16 Al Young, Rachel MacCarreall
- 19 Debbie Duffina, Sydney Urbaniak
- 20 Tracy Kramer
- 21 Gina Rendeiro
- 23 Nicholas Thiry, Teddy Urbiel
- 24 Rob Gulf, Lily Cooper
- 25 Catherine Topper, Bruce Flores, Andy Van Dussen, Julianna DiMaggio
- 27 Morgan Wenz, Kati Brush
- 28 John Edgington
- 29 Brittany Leonard, Cathy Linegar
- 30 Don Gilbert, Alice Flannery

#### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY'S

- 2 Frank & Linda Casenhiser
- 3 Andy & Kristine Van Dussen
- 8 John & Julie Antonelli
- 13 Ken & Maggi Harfoot
- 15 Glen & Eve Milligan
- 16 Tim & Julie Lewandowski
- 17 John & Cathy Linegar
- 20 Mark & Sarah Grever
- 23 Rich & Linda Kornatowski
- 26 Len & Linda Kumm
- 27 Steve & Linda Bollinger