

"The STEEPLE"

A Newsletter of Commerce UMC-JUNE 2026
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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



Summer

What does summer mean for you? For many, it means time around the bonfire and firing up the grill every day. Maybe you have property “up north,” and you’ll fill your weekends going there. In our area, it’s not uncommon for people to hang out on their boats with family and friends.

For me, I often view summer through the rhythm of church life. Attendance normally takes a hit. It’s irregular and unpredictable. You never know who’s going to be at worship. Many of our ministries slow down or take a pause altogether. As pastor, I take it all in stride. These are important months for rest, for healing, and for filling our hearts by making fun memories.

Still, that’s not all this season has in store. We don’t just play in the summer. Instead, we also work. We work really, really hard. In June, we have a weeklong Vacation Bible School. Did you hear we have over 150 students registered?

The youth group, for the third time in four years, is headed down to Cincinnati for an out-of-state mission trip. Our teens will serve children grappling with literacy challenges, work with nonprofits like Meals on Wheels, and they will learn to serve each other. Hyde Park Community UMC will provide our youth group with lodging, but the teens and chaperones are tasked with making most meals. They will wake up early to make breakfast for each other. I am excited for how this experience will shape them.

The opportunities to be part of God’s work continue throughout the summer.

The missions team is leading another group to volunteer at our local food pantry Hospitality House on Saturday, July 11th. There are hungry people within our community and we are eager to serve them. Please give it a try.

The other day, I met with Kati Brush, the founder and leader of our ministry partner Anchored Hope. We agreed to once again offer the summer campaign “4 People, 4 Times” where we encourage four new people from the congregation to commit to participating in street outreach four times through the summer. While on the surface, it appears we are doing the same thing we have always done, this is not the case. Anchored Hope, with the help of God’s people, is growing its impact. Anchored Hope looks to add another day of outreach, another day to minister to trafficked women. We can be a part of making that happen. Pray on this and consider stepping out to be a part of what God is doing.

I could go on. In the summer, we plan to bless the foster children of the Methodist Children’s Home Society by taking them out to Zap Zone to celebrate the completion of another year of school. We will also be on site and spend quality time with them through the love of basketball, conversation, and a shared meal.

So yes, summer may be a season for rest, travel, and making memories with the people we love. But it is also a season for serving, growing, and joining God in the work already happening around us. I hope you’ll find time to do both.

**May God bless you this season so that you can be a blessing to others.
Pastor Andy**

Kingdom News



Online **Kids of the Kingdom**

registration is now available! Please follow the link below to update your child(ren)'s information.

[Registration](#)



Potential Movie Knight June 10th??

VBS 2026 June 22nd-26th

Celebration Sunday June 28th

No Kids Klub in June



Royal Movie Knight

Royal Movie Knight brings our community together - families, friends, and neighbors sharing laughter and fellowship.

But we can't keep it going without your support!

Your sponsorship covers film licensing, equipment, dinner, & treats so everyone can enjoy a night out.

Help us keep this CUMC summer tradition alive!

\$350.00 Covers the Annual License for 2026

\$300 Covers Pizza for 2026

\$225 Covers Candy and Popcorn for 2026



CUMC VBS 2026

We have over 150 kids signed up to join us this summer for **CUMC VBS 2026!** We need your help to make this amazing week possible. Sign-up in the narthex or email us to **volunteer!**

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



Celebration Sunday

Our Celebration Sunday volunteer sign-up is now posted in the narthex! This sign-up is for adult volunteers, and we are looking for volunteers from UMM, Fellowship, UWIF, and Youth! **Dunk Tank, Bounce Houses, Food, Arts and Crafts!** Fun for everyone and plenty of spots for all volunteers!

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Hospitality House

FOOD PANTRY

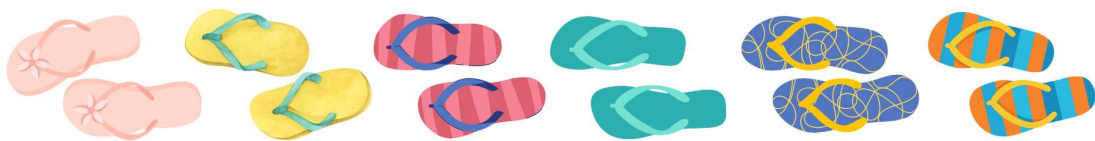
July 11th
9:45am-2pm

12 ADULT
VOLUNTEER
SHOPPERS



**CUMC Missions Committee is
collecting Sunscreen & Flip Flops
for Anchored Hope Outreach!**

Donate now through June 7th



United
Women
in Faith

**Spring UWF Unit Gathering
Thursday June 18th at 12pm**

Salad Luncheon followed by a speaker from Hospitality House. We have asked what their current needs are, so if you would like to help they are in need of the following:

Female Hygiene products such as tampons, pads, incontinence products;
Food products such as peanut butter, jelly, jam and cereal.

We have an auction planned and the proceeds will go to the Hospitality House. Bring small items which women would enjoy, gifts received that have not been used, use your imagination. We find this all enjoyable. If you

can't attend that day, we will have a table set up in the fellowship hall the Sunday before to leave what you would like to donate. We hope you can come, it is a enjoyable luncheon and auction.



If you have any questions please contact: Kyle Caswell at 248-622-1465 or Linda Kor5natowski at 248-505-3191



**CUMC
STAFF**



APPRECIATION



CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING CUMC STAFF BY ATTENDING CHURCH ON JUNE 14TH.
PLEASE CONSIDER SHOWING YOUR APPRECIATION BY MAKING A DONATION TOWARD A GIFT.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY PLACING IN OFFERTORY PLATE
(MARK YOUR ENVELOPE SPRC / STAFF APPRECIATION)
OR VIA VENMO (@MEGHANCASWELL-POHL)

COMMERCE YOUTH

**YOUTH CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE -
BRING YOUR RETURNABLES TO THE CHURCH!
THE DEPOSITS FUND OUR MISSIONS WORK IN
CINCINNATI. NOW THROUGH JUNE 21.**



CUMC Youth

We have had a lot of fun and some great conversations in youth group this month! There are only two regular Youth Group gatherings left this year: June 7 and June 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We hope you can join us.

The Youth Missions Team will be serving in Cincinnati June 28-July 3, and we need your help! Now through June 21, bring in your returnable cans and bottles and we will put the deposit refunds toward our trip! Want to fund a meal for our team? Write "Youth Missions Meal" in the memo of your check or cash envelope.

COMMERCE YOUTH CINCINNATI MISSIONS TRIP

SPONSOR A MISSIONARY MEAL

DONATE \$75 - GROCERIES FOR 1 MEAL

DONATE \$225 - GROCERIES FOR A DAY

DONATE \$1200 - GROCERIES FOR THE WHOLE WEEK



Adopt a Garden 2026



Do you know the Church has 11 gardens? Think about becoming a foster gardener in 2026 and sign up in the Narthex. For more information see Laura Elliott

CAREGIVERS

Past Experience as a Caregiver? We can use your input.

Present Caregivers? We meet to support each other in an informal environment.

Think being a Caregiver is in your future? Maybe we can help in some small way.

Please join us:

We meet once a month at CUMC Fellowship Hall at 1:00pm. Dates vary according to everyone's busy schedule.

The next meeting is June 17, 2026

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**GRADUATE'S
BIO AND
PICTURES
DUE MAY 27TH**

**GRADUATION
SUNDAY
JUNE 7TH . 2026**

2026



ANCHORED HOPE

Anchored Hope loves keeping our community connected and informed. See what's new in our latest newsletter: [Anchored Hope May Newsletter](#)

Anchored Hope Packing Event

June 15th, 2026
at 6:00pm



Everyone
Welcome!



CUMC MUSIC

- Choir
- Bell Choir
- Bells Ensemble
- Kids' Music
- Praise Band
- Special Music

Join us!

kgnagey@commerceumc.org

CUMC Music and AV

As we roll into summer, our weekly rehearsals wind down, but there are still many ways to be involved in music at CUMC! Email Music Director Kim Gnagey for more info. kgnagey@commerceumc.org.

JOIN THE AV TEAM!

SERVE ONCE A MONTH



- The AV Team is looking for help!
- Do you have experience running sound?
 - Do you have experience with video and streaming?
 - Do you have graphic design experience?
 - Do you have none of the above, but you're willing to be trained to run slides or video?

email Kim Gnagey for more info
kgnagey@commerceumc.org



The AV Team is looking for two new volunteers who can assist with running the Audio/Visual aspects of the service about once a month. If you have sound, video, or graphic design experience, we could really benefit from having you on the team; however, if you don't have any experience in these areas, we would still love to have you and can train you to help. Email AV Director Kim Gnagey for more info: kgnagey@commerceumc.org.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up in the
Narthex to host a
Sunday

COFFEE HOUR provides not only great food and drinks, but a wonderful time to fellowship with people after service. Thank you to those who have signed up in the past and have served in this capacity. If you are feeling led to host a coffee hour with a few of your friends or with your committee/organization, please sign up either in the Narthex or click the link below. If you've never hosted before, we will provide you with everything you need to know and will be there to help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BACAE2BA57-46927626-commerce>

Thank you for hosting a coffee hour! Kati Brush and Dana Wenz

Women's Book Group

If you enjoy books and conversation you are welcome to join us for lively discussions, encouragement, and friendship.

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Questions? Call Diane Senk 248-770-0711



BIBLE JOURNALING

Wednesdays at 3:00pm

No experience needed,
everyone is welcome
to join the fun!



IN-PERSON AND ZOOM!

CHECK CUMC WEBSITE CALENDAR TO
CONFIRM MEETING INFORMATION

**MISSION COMMITTEE
MEETS SUNDAY
June 14, 2026
11:30 AM IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM**



Ushers Needed



**Interested?
Contact
Diane Senk**





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BIRTHDAY'S

- 1 Grace Baek-Lee, Lexie Pipkin
- 4 Sarah Casenhiser, Becky Lemon, Jane Sampson
- 6 Amina Osagie
- 7 Bob Senk
- 8 Linda Bollinger, Andrew Masch, Abby Brush, Maddy Hager

- 9 Teresa Holloway
- 11 Jim Elliot, Ann Leonard
- 12 Linda Schultz, Todd Fletcher
- 17 Conner Beard, Abby Reich
- 18 John Stoddard, Ada Stevenson, Brielle James
- 19 Veronica Wichowski
- 21 Harry Bruss, Samantha Wichowski
- 22 Alyssa Buchmann
- 24 John Antonelli
- 25 Serena Frederick
- 26 Meredith Keesling, Luke LeVasseur, Owen Baldwin
- 27 Ell Pizarek
- 28 Bill Whitson, Robbie Long, Michael Stiltner, Ashton Miller
- 29 Joanne Crandall, Kathy Stiltner
- 30 Kristen Thiry, Saoirse Urbiel

ANNIVERSARY'S

- 6 Ell & Mary Pizarek
- 7 Scott & Michelle Lyon
- 15 Graham & Nancy Bennett
- 16 Bob & Donna Morris
- 17 Tim & Kati Brush
- 21 Chris & Holly Bailey
- 22 Russ & Sally Courville
- 24 Jeff & Heather Fagan
- 24 Frank & Bonnie Larrabee
- 26 Jack & Kyle Caswell
- 27 Gavin & Meghan (Caswell) Pohl
- 28 Jim & Pat Elliot
- 29 Don & Norma Gilbert

Please Pray for



Kristin Lemon (Steve & Becky Lemon's daughter), Terry Shaw (Steve Lemon's brother-in-law), Leroy Stoddard's Family for his passing, Pastor Andy's Stepfather, John Sgriccia, Mychele friend of Jaclyn Parvin



**Thank YOU for ALL YOU DO to
Serve at Commerce UMC!**
If you would like information about joining
with a committee or mission of the church
please contact Pastor Andy at the church office
or by email: pastorandy@commerceumc.org

Access the Calendar [HERE](#) for Events and Important Dates

Find the Commerce UMC Website by [clicking here.](#)

