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## **Upcoming Events!**

<u>Impact 231</u> is collecting pop cans! Donations can be dropped off at the church or picked up. Contact Holly to schedule pick ups.

<u>Men's Study</u> - All Men are invited to a 4-week study on "Play the Man' exploring how to be better disciples of Jesus and live out God's call on their life. Sunday nights at 8PM, January 9-30. Questions, contact aaron@connectionpointmi.com

**TODAY - January 23: Membership Class** - This is directly after church in classroom 101 off the gym.

**NCRC Play & Learns** - Tomorrow! This is Grab & Go style. Grab & Go Bags will be available for pick-up from 10am-11am in the church foyer.

<u>January 30: Next Steps Class</u> - This class is designed to help you take your next step spiritually and will meet right after church. Please sign up with Pastor Aaron (<u>aaron@connectionpointmi.com</u>) or in the welcome center. Childcare is available upon advanced request.

**Youth Group** is having a Chili Cookoff in February. Details to follow!

## **Things You Should Know!**

<u>Connect Cards</u> can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

<u>Prayer Requests</u> can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

<u>Text to Give</u> is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting connectionpointmi.com and click the DONATE tab for a secure transaction. Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/ offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store. Please email the church office for more information.

**New Church Directory App** is available now! If you need help accessing it please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

## **Weekly Gatherings:**

Sunday Service: 10:30am

**Kids Service**: Sundays during 10:30am Service **Youth Group**: Sundays from 6-8pm

## **Further Reflection for 1/23**

- 1. Read Genesis 37:1-36
- 2. What are the things that jump out to you from this text?
- 3. Put yourself in Joseph's shoes. What do you think you would wish you would have done differently?
- 4. Read Genesis 39:1-19
- 5. What change can you notice in Joseph? Why does that matter?
- Read Genesis 41 (notice it begins with "when two full years had passed" that is describing the amount of time after Joseph had helped the cupbearer with his dreams)
- 7. Genesis 42-45 is about the restoration of Joseph, his brothers, and his family. How would you have responded to seeing your brothers?
- 8. What does this story tells us about Joseph's character and integrity? How might that impact how you live?
- 9. Pray this prayer: "Father, help me to live toward restorative justice and not retributive justice. Help me to live and look more like your son Jesus. May my character be the same in public as in private. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

Sermon Notes