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## **Upcoming Events!**

<u>January 28: Men's Group - The Last Supper On The Moon</u> has begun meeting on Sunday evenings at 8PM in the classroom off the gym from 1/14-2/18 (not meeting on 2/11).

<u>January 29: Parenting in a Tech World Life Group</u> - Starting on January 29th, Pastor Holly and Pastor Matt will be hosting a life group for parents surrounding the topic of parenting in an ever-evolving tech world. There will be snacks, video curriculum, and small group time to debrief. Please sign-up in the welcome center or by talking to Holly or Matt.

<u>January 31: Women's Bible Study</u> has begun meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the classroom off the gym. This will be an 8 week study.

<u>February 4: 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 (aaron@connectionpointmi.com) or in the Welcome Center. Childcare will be provided upon advanced request.

<u>February 6: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)</u> - We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00am at the church.

<u>February 6: ALPHA</u> begins on Tuesdays at 6:30PM. It is a conversation built around wrestling with the deep questions of life. Feel free to invite others to join us on this 11-week journey!

February 11: Chili Cook-Off - After our 10:30am service, the Youth Group is hosting their annual Chili Cook-Off in the gym to help raise funds for our students. It's \$5 for an adult, \$3 for a child (up to 12), and \$20 for the family! We also need your help! If you would like to help us make chili, you can sign up in the Welcome Center or on our website. Make sure to mark your calendar!

**February 13: Engage** will be Tuesday from 5:30-7. The cost is \$3/person or \$10/family. Come on out! Let the kids burn off energy, an activity for kids and have a meal made for you and your family!

<u>Clothing & Food Pantry Donations</u> are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours. We are in need of canned or packaged goods for the pantry and kids clothes of all sizes. The Kids Clothing Closet will be postponed until March due to low inventory.

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## **Further Reflection for 1/28**

- 1. When was a moment that you felt shame? When is a moment that someone stepped in and helped you in a moment of need?
- 2. Read John 2:1-12
- 3. What jumps out to you from the text?
- 4. Jesus is at an everyday event, a wedding. Why might it be important to remember that Jesus was present and participated in everyday activities?
- 5. What was your initial response to Jesus' response to his mother?
- 6. What possible symbolism do you see in the text? Why do you think John wanted to make sure that this story was recorded, when he acknowledges so many other stories are not recorded?
- 7. The text says that the disciples believed in him because of this sign. Has there ever been something in your life that felt like a "sign" that deepened your faith in Jesus?
- 8. What is one practice you can begin to do that might help you better see the holy moments in the ordinary moments of life?

Further Reading: Water to Wine: Brian Zahnd; Broken

Signposts: NT Wright

## **Things You Should Know!**

Connect Cards 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.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings, you may do so by putting donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary or by giving online. Please email the church office for more information.

<u>Church Directory App</u> 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: 9AM & 10:30AM Kids Service: Sundays during both Services Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7:30PM