



# SHARE YOUR STORY

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## Things You Should Know!

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

**Text to Give** is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting [connectionpointmi.com](http://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!

## Upcoming Events!

**Connect Groups** have started to meet! Please contact Holly or sign up in the foyer if you are interested in the next session!

**Sunday School** meets in Classroom 101 off the gym & upstairs at 9:15am. Contact the office for more information if you are interested in attending.

**UNITY Christian Music Festival** is back! We are doing pre-purchased tickets through the church. Watch for an email or Facebook post for more information.

**IMPACT 231** will be helping in the Community Garden on May 22 from 9 - 10:30am. The child's reward is donuts!

**Community Garden** will need help planting the morning of May 21 & May 22 from 9 - 12ish.

**Backpack Drive** - We are partnering with Kids Belong and collecting new backpacks for foster kids through June 30th.

**Annual Church Election** is May 23rd. There is a sample ballot in the foyer.

### Further Reflection for 5/16

1. Read 1 John 5:9-13
2. Whose story (testimony of life) has most shaped your life? Whose faith testimony has most shaped your life (it could be the same person)?
3. Who's the most influential person in your faith journey in these days and why?
4. Share your testimony of how God has been at work in your life? If applicable, share how you came to follow Jesus?
5. The idea of a testimony/story being told by God may catch us off balance a little, but John is trying to say that God's testimony is given through Jesus and through his followers. What makes that appealing to you and what gives you pause?
6. What are testimony's that are sometimes difficult to believe?
7. John says that the testimony of God is His Son and that through Jesus we can have eternal life (life connected to God now and always). John even writes that the reason he wrote these words is so that his readers could have that life.
8. Have you ever shared your testimony of following Jesus? (a helpful thing is to be able to share who we were before we came to follow Jesus, what led to us following Jesus, and how Jesus is continually shaping our life). If you have, how did it go?
9. Why might it be important for us to always be able to share our testimony of faith?
10. Pray this week, "Father, help me to be follow your son. May I have the courage to share my testimony of what you have done in my life. Help me to live faithfully to the life that you have invited me into, to know eternal life now. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

## May 16, 2021 — Sermon Notes