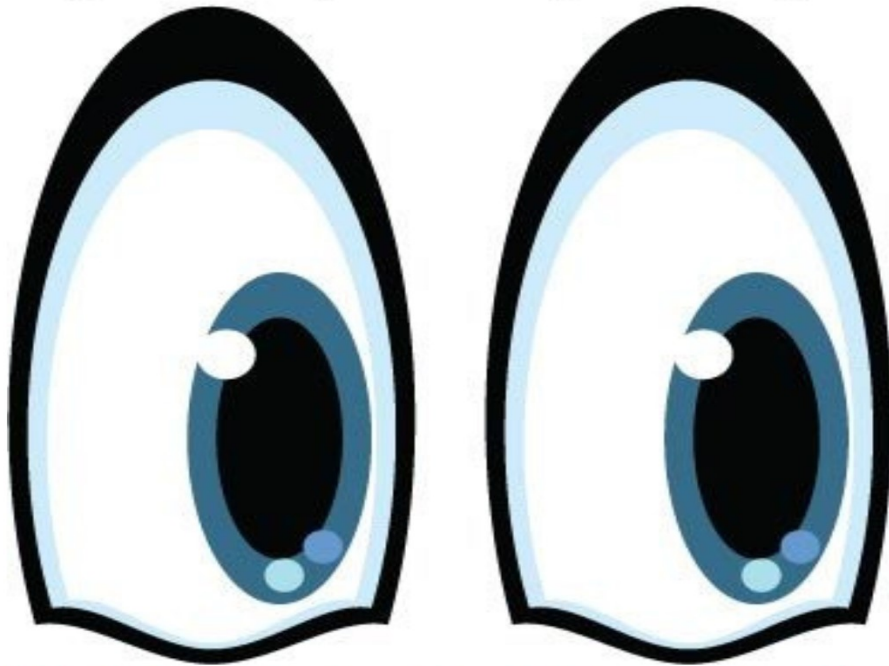


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*WHAT DID YOU
GO TO SEE?*

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Upcoming Events!

Bible Study with Rich Mitchell has begun studying the book of Isaiah! This class will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30am.

December 7: Engage is this Wednesday 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!

December 14th: Women's Group will meet from 6:30-8pm for a cookie exchange! Bring 3 dozen of the same cookie. You'll get to taste test up to 12 kinds and then bring home 2 dozen of your favorites mix and matched to your liking! There will be games and Christmas activities during this time as well! Contact Sarah for *more info*.

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service will be at 5pm.

December 25th: Christmas Day Service will be at 10:30am.

December 28th: Blood Drive will be the Wednesday after Christmas in the gym from 2-7pm. Scan the QR code to schedule or reach out to the church office. A \$15 e-gift card will go to those who attempt to donate.



January 1st: Sunday Service will be online and there will be guided time of prayer in-person.

Things You Should Know!

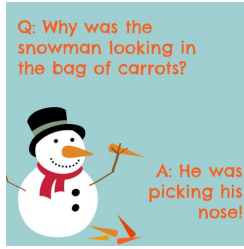
Connect Cards can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

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 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 12/4

Reflection:

1. When is a time you find yourself watching something and you couldn't take your eyes off of it?
2. When is a moment you have experienced peace in a place and time that is hard to believe?

Study:

1. Read Matthew 3:1-12
 - a. What jumps out to you from the text?
 - b. When you read the description of John, what in your mind could be a modern day equivalent?
 - c. Confession acknowledges something sinful was done and repentance is a commitment to change. Why was this so powerful in John's message? Why or why not is it difficult for you to do?
 - d. What might your life need to look like to "produce fruit in keeping with repentance?"
- e. Read Isaiah 11:1-10
- f. What from the Isaiah text is good news for you today?
- g. When is a time that you have created a picture of Jesus that as you came to know Him more you realized was a bad picture?

Application:

1. How might you take one step to experience God's peace?

Prayer:

Father, help me to see your son as he is, so that I can know what you look like. May I seek to reflect Him. Help me to receive your Spirit and allow it to shape who I am. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- Begin each day this week in silence, reflecting on God's love for you.
- End each day this week reflecting on any area of life you may need to confess or repent.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- Who is this Man?: John Ortberg
- The Jesus I Never Knew: Philip Yancey

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