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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!

Upcoming Events!

We are looking for prayer partners!! If you are interested in “adopting” a child and praying for them throughout the year, contact Pastor Holly! She has cards made and ready to hand out!

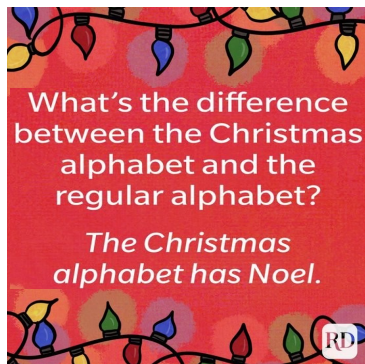
Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Aaron is Sunday mornings from 9:15-10am. Come hang out, have a chat, some coffee & eat a donut.

All Church Bowling Night is tonight at 6pm at Northway Lanes.

Women's Craft Night is Dec. 8th from 7:30-9pm in the gym. \$10 to participate. Make and take 3 fun Christmas ornaments! Please sign up ahead of time to make sure we have enough crafts! Invite friends!!

NCRC Play & Learn will be here in the KidZone 12/13 at 10am.

Christmas Eve Service will be December 24th at 5pm!



Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm

Further Reflection for 12/5

Reflection:

1. What is something you have had to wait for its arrival? How did it impact you?
2. What is a moment someone cleared any type of obstacle so that you could know you were loved?

Study:

1. Read Luke 3:1-6
 - a. What are the things that jump out to you from the text?
 - b. Why do you think Luke made such an effort to name people in leadership in religious and government places?
 - c. Luke writes that John was “preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” why might that still be important for us today?
 - d. Verse 4 shares some words from Isaiah chapter 40 about “preparing the way for the Lord” how might we do that today?
 - e. In the section quoted from Isaiah we see mention of valleys, mountains, roads, and rough places, what is Luke trying to get us to understand via the words of Isaiah?
 - f. In verse 6 Luke writes the words “and all people will see God’s salvation.” How might that be understood?

Application:

1. What is one way you could help raise valleys, or knock down mountains, or make roads smooth for others?
2. What is one thing if you changed in your life that others might see “God’s salvation”?

Prayer:

Father, help me to have a repentant heart. May your Spirit become more and more evident in my life. May I be a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus’ name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- Seek opportunities to model repentance, humility, and care for others
- Be baptized if you have not done so.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- The Wounded Healer: Henri Nouwen
- The Signature of Jesus: Brennan Manning

Sermon Notes
