

Upcoming Events!

May 5: MomCo (formerly known as MOPS) meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month from 9:30-11AM in Classroom 101 off the gym. See Pastor Holly for more details.

May 17 Young Adults Ministry (graduated through age 25) outing to Craig's Cruisers in Muskegon at 2pm. Bring \$30 and enjoy an afternoon of fun, games, and fellowship! Contact Pastor Sarah with questions.

May 18: Lunch With Leaders - If you are new to our church or have never attended this lunch, you are invited! Please RSVP through office@connectionpointmi.com, sign up in the Welcome Center, or see one of the church staff.

May 18: Annual Church Election - This is an important opportunity for our members to help choose the leadership that will guide us in the year ahead.

June 1st: Grad Sunday - During both services on June 1st, we're going to celebrate our graduating students. If you graduated from high school, college, trade school, grad school, etc., please fill out the form on our website or talk to Pastor Matt!

June 28th Women's ministry event. We will meet at Aldea in Muskegon at 9am and then head over to the farmer's market at 10am. Feel free to bring friends!

Summer Connect Group | Sunday Nights in June

This Summer, we're hosting a group discussing the spiritual practice of scripture. We'll meet in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30pm on June 1, 8, 15, and 29. You can sign up in the welcome center between now and then!

Aug 6-9: Unity Christian Music Festival Church ticket sales available through May 31st. Sign up sheet is available in the Welcome Center.

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.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offering, 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.

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!

Soul Care

Prayer and Meditation

Further Reflection for 5/4

1. What has been your experience with prayer in the past?
2. Read Matthew 14:22-23, Luke 5:15-16, and Mark 1:35. What do we see about prayer in Jesus' life?
3. We talked about how important it is to have a time and space to pray, to help us form the habit and later embrace the rhythm of prayer.
4. Thinking of your own schedule, what times tend to work best and why? What comes to your mind when you think about meditation?
5. How does the spiritual practice of meditation, chewing on or dwelling on faith/God, change your view?
6. Read Psalm 46:10-11, what obstacles do we face when we try to be still?
7. Read Philippians 4:6-7. What does it look like to pray to God in all circumstances?
8. What would it take for you to begin praying with honesty and vulnerability, openly sharing your life with God?
9. How can you embrace the practices of meditation and prayer this week?

Prayer requests and prayer to close... or to begin... or whenever you think it works best, or all three. Prayer is good. That was the point of the message. Go for it!

Further reading: *The Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, *How to Pray* by Pete Grieg, *Praying Like Monks*, *Living Like Fools* by Tyler Staton, *Being with God* by AJ Sherrill, *Sacred Rhythms* by Ruth Haley Barton (and many many more, but you know, space is limited).

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 9AM & 10:30AM

Kids Service: Sundays Both AM Services

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7:30PM



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