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PEACE

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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!

Men’s Study - All Men are invited to a 4-week study on “Play the Man” exploring how to be better disciples of Jesus and live out God’s call on their life. Sunday nights at 8PM, January 9-30. Questions contact aaron@connectionpointmi.com

December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be at 5pm!

December 26: Youth Group will be cancelled.

January 3-7: Prayer Week - Join us nightly from 6:30PM-7:30PM for a moment of worship through song, a devotional thought, and a time of intentional prayer. Start the new year off in the right way!

January 9th Faith Promise - Our commitment to local and global missions is emphasized this day. We will be learning more about our partnership with churches in Puerto Rico.

January 16: 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 at the welcome center, or see one of the church staff. This is an informal lunch with the church staff and some other leaders of the church.

January 23: Membership Class - This class is designed to explore what our church holds to be true in terms of theology, doctrine, and what it means to be a part of the Church of the Nazarene. Please sign up with Pastor Aaron (aaron@connectionpointmi.com) or in the welcome center. Childcare is available upon advanced request.

January 30: Next Steps Class - 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 is available upon advanced request.

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm

Further Reflection for 12/19

Reflection:

1. What is a moment in which you felt peace in a way you never had before?
2. What are the things in life that bring you the least/most peace?

Study:

1. Read Hebrews 10:5-10
 - a. What are the things that jump out to you from the text?
 - b. What is the point trying to be shared in verse 5?
 - c. Verses 6-8 are intertwined in their meaning. What is the writer trying to get the reader to understand in these verses?
 - d. Verse 9 shares that the first covenant was set aside for the second covenant. What is the first covenant and what is the second covenant?
 - e. Verses 9 and 10 combine to tell us that Jesus came to do the will of God and in doing so made it possible to be made holy (other translations will say “to sanctify”). What does what Jesus did mean for how you are called to live?

Application:

1. What is one way you could be more obedient to God?
2. How might you daily practice allowing God to sanctify (make holy) you? How might that add to your sense of peace?

Prayer:

Father, help me to be made holy. May I live in obedience to you and reflect the love of your Son in all I do and say. In Jesus’ name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- Meditate on the words of Jesus found in the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7) and think aloud whether you embody the things you have read.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- Wholeness in Christ: William Greathouse
- From Grace to Grace: Mark Quastrom

Sermon Notes
