



IT'S STILL *Christmas*

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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!

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 27: NCRC Play & Learn will be here in the KidZone at 10am.

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.

Further Reflection for 12/26

1. What are areas that are easy for you to become fearful? Why?
2. What is a story that is almost unbelievable, but is true, that comes to mind?
3. Read Matthew 1:18-25
4. What are the things that jump out to you from this text?
5. What do you think were the emotions that Joseph felt when he found out Mary was pregnant?
6. What can we learn about the character of Joseph from this passage?
7. How might the two names given to Jesus in this passage be helpful for us to understand the character and nature of God?
8. Pray this prayer: "Father, help me to trust you in all circumstances. May I live without fear and still live with compassion, grace, and mercy for others. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

What rhymes with orange?

No it doesn't

What did the shark say when he ate the clownfish?

This tastes a little funny.

What kind of streets do ghosts haunt?

Dead ends!

What's the best thing about Switzerland?

I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

Sermon Notes

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm