

# The Divine Mystery

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### **Upcoming Events!**

<u>April 30: ALPHA</u> is meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30PM. It is a conversation built around wrestling with the deep questions of life. Feel free to invite others to join us!

<u>May 6: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)</u> - We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00am at the church.

<u>May 19: Annual Elections</u> - Voting will take place in the gym from 10-10:30AM and 11:30AM –Noon.

<u>May 19: Next Steps Class</u> - 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 will be provided upon advanced request.

June 2: 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 provided upon advanced request.

<u>June 2: Grad Sunday</u> - We're celebrating our graduating high schoolers, as well as our college and post-graduate students. If you or someone in your family graduated in 2023-2024, email Pastor Matt (<u>Matthew@connectionpointmi.com</u>), because we want to celebrate you! Please let us know by May 26th, to make sure you're included!

<u>June 9: Food Truck Sunday</u> - We are having Baby Suga's Cheesesteak Shack following the 2nd service! We will follow up with preordering options at a later date. Come on out, purchase some lunch, and fellowship with us!

<u>Week of June 17</u> - Kids Camp! Mark your calendars! Registration cards and Volunteer forms are in the Welcome Center! See Pastor Holly for more information. Scan the QR code to register.



<u>Food Pantry & Kids Clothing Donations</u> are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours.

### **Things You Should Know!**

<u>Connect Cards</u> 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!

<u>Prayer Requests</u> 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/offerings, 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.

<u>Church Directory App</u> is available now! If you need help accessing it, please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

## **Further Reflection for 4/28**

- 1. Have you ever had a moment when someone saw something in you that you didn't see in yourself? How did it make you feel?
- 2. Read John 4:1-42
- 3. What jumps out to you from the text?
- 4. What is the Samaria in your life? (the place you avoid, the place you think seems to be God forsaken, etc.). How might God be calling you to see it different?
- 5. Jesus offers her eternal life from the water he has on offer in that moment. How might we be misunderstanding eternal life if we think about it only in terms of death?
- 6. What do you think that Jesus means when he says his followers must worship in "the Sprit and in truth?"
- 7. Jesus tells his disciples that he is sustained not just by food, but by doing God's work. Have you ever experienced such "fullness" by working for God in some way?
- 8. The woman at the well shared her story about Jesus and people were compelled to go hear more from him. Have you shared your story in such a compelling way that others might want to learn more about Jesus? Why or why not?
- 9. How might you begin to take more seriously your role in telling people about your faith?

Further Reading: The Allure of Gentleness: Dallas Willard; Nudge: Leonard Sweet

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# Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 9AM & 10:30AM

Kids Service: Sundays during both Services

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7:30PM