



MAKING SPACE: JESUS

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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!

Next Steps Class is TODAY in the classroom off the gym following the service.

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!

NCRC Play & Learn will be here in the KidZone 10/25 at 10am!

Men's Night - Axe Throwing will be October 18th in the gym from 7-9pm! The cost is \$10/person. Bring a snack to share!

“Finish Well” Worship Service will be Wednesday, 10/20 at 10am in the sanctuary for all senior adults. Please bring items for filling gift bags for the shut-ins of our church. Bags will be assembled on 11/10 at 10am. Items are welcome up to that date. We will distribute that day. Come and worship with us!

Trunk Or Treat is October 27 from 6-7:30pm. WANTED!!! Candy!!! Cars!!!! Bodies!!! Sign up in the Welcome Center to participate! We need EVERYONE!!!

Looking for Mentors! The NCRC in partnership with Step Up are looking for mentors for young adults in the Muskegon area. If you are interested, please check out the bulletin board by the Kids Check-in or talk to Sarah Klassen.

Further Reflection for 10/17

Reflection:

1. What is a moment in which someone made room for you in a crowded group? What is a moment when someone did not make room for you and how did you feel?
2. What about the Bible is most difficult for you to understand?

Study:

1. Read John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18
 - a. What jumps out to you?
 - b. Substitute “Jesus” in the spots in verse 1 for the words “the Word.” How might you now understand this?
 - c. How might you understand verses 2-3?
 - d. Why might John use the picture of dark and light?
 - e. Why is it important for Paul (and u)?
2. Read John 14:9-11
 - a. How do we understand the relationship between Jesus and the Father from these verses?
3. Read Matthew 5:3-10
 - a. Which Beatitude makes the most sense to you?
 - b. Which Beatitude is one you struggle with?
4. Read Matthew 16:24-27; 22:37-40
 - a. How do we understand how we are called to live all of life based on these words?

Application:

1. What, based on today’s texts, is the most life giving thing that is shared from the Scriptures?
2. What words from Jesus are hard for you to follow?
3. Write your own story: Who you were before Jesus. When you encountered Jesus Who you are in Jesus and who He is calling you to become

Prayer:

Father, help me to focus on Jesus. May my life be centered on who He is and who he calls me to be. In Jesus’ name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- Spend time reading and re-reading the Beatitudes. See if you can memorize them.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- ‘Simply Jesus’ by NT Wright
- ‘Who is this Man?’ by John Ortberg

Sermon Notes

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm