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Upcoming Events!

Sunday Mornings - **Conversation on Revelation** from 9:15-10:15am in the conference room by the church office. All who would like to join pastor to talk about the previous weeks' sermon text are invited to do so.

<u>October 2: Men's Group</u> is TONIGHT at 8pm in the classroom off the gym. This is the last meeting for session.

Bible Study with Rich Mitchell has begun! This class will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. They are studying the book of Isaiah.

October 5: Blood Drive will be happening THIS WEDNESDAY in the Foyer from 2-7pm. Please consider signing up! Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment!

October 5: Engage is back! This

Wednesday from 5:30-7. The cost is \$3/person or \$10/family. Come on out! Let the kids burn off energy, an activity for kids and have a meal made for you and your family!

<u>October 5: Women's Group</u> will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm in the classroom off the gym.

October 9: 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.

October 15: Fall Festival, 5K & Cornhole Tournament to

benefit the NCRC from 9-1pm. Check out the NCRC Facebook page for more information on how to sign up! There are flyers in the Welcome Center you can pick up.

October 26: Trunk Or Treat is back!! 6-7pm! We need you, treats, & your trunk! We are accepting candy donations as well as parking spot reservations! Sign up in the Foyer! Wear a smile!

<u>MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)</u> has launched! We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 9:30-11:00am. To register go to <u>www.mops.org/join</u> and enter the group code JMTB.

Further Reflection for 10/2

Reflection:

- 1. When is a moment in life where you felt like you were just going through the motions? What area of your life was that in? What led to that moment? How have you tried to overcome that?
- What is the area of your life that you are most likely to be apathetic (to not care enough)?

Study:

- 1. Read Revelation 3:1-6
 - a. What jumps out to you from the text?
 - b. What area of your spiritual life comes to mind when you think of needing to be strengthened? What do you feel is your greatest strength?
 - c. Read Ephesians 5:14-15 and compare it to verse 2. What do you see?
 - d. Reread verse 3 and share what comes to your mind.
 - e. In the early church people wore white after their baptism. How might that help you think through verses 4 and 5? What then do you see the author saying?
 - f. Verse 6 says, "whoever has ears, let them hear..." what is the author trying to say?
 - g. Is repenting something you do well or often? Why or why not?
 - h. What is an area of faith or church life in which your temptation is to look backward too often?

Application:

- 1. What is one step you can make to not be apathetic in your faith?
- 2. How might you commit to living a life that will bear fruit going forward?

Prayer:

Father, help me to know you, Jesus, and to live in communion with your Spirit. May my life be a life of holy urgency. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

 Pray daily this week for God to give you an opportunity to live out your faith with others.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- The Shack: William Young
- Learning to Walk in the Dark: Barbara Brown Taylor
- An Altar in the World: Barbara Brown Taylor

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.

<u>Text to Give</u> 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.

<u>The Bridge the Gap Fund</u> 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!