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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](http://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!

**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.

**Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Aaron** is Sunday mornings from 9:15-10am. Come hang out, have a chat, some coffee & eat a donut.

**Women's Craft Night** is Dec. 8th from 7:30-9pm in the gym. \$10 to participate. Make and take 3 fun Christmas ornaments! Please sign up ahead of time to make sure we have enough crafts! Invite friends!!

**All Church Bowling Night** will be December 5th at 6pm at Northway Lanes! Cost will be \$10/person. We are asking that you sign up in the welcome center and prepay in order to reserve lanes. You can also email the office to make your reservation!

**Christmas Eve Service** will be December 24th at 5pm!



**Why did the police arrest the turkey?**

They suspected it of fowl play!

**Where do turkeys go to dance?**



## **Weekly Gatherings:**

**Sunday Service:** 10:30am

**Kids Service:** Sundays during 10:30am Service

**Youth Group:** Sundays from 6-8pm

## Further Reflection for 11/28

### Reflection:

1. What are the things that you are thankful for today that you were not years before?
2. Who is a person outside your family who you are thankful for what they have meant to your spiritual life?
3. What is your greatest hope?

### Study:

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
  - a. What are the things that jump out to you from the text?
  - b. Why do you think Paul felt joy for the people of Thessalonica? Who are people (outside your home) who give you joy?
  - c. Summarize verse 10 in your own words.
  - d. Verse 11 implies Paul is prayerful in the little things in life. What is a thing in life you sense you should be more intentionally prayerful?
  - e. Describe what overflowing love may look like in your life (verse 12)
  - f. Why might our heart matter in terms of holiness and being blameless before God?
  - g. What about your life needs to become different to be “ready” when Christ returns?

### Application:

1. What is one thing that needs to be committed to prayer in your life right now that has not been a part of your previous prayer life?
2. What is one thing you may need to start doing to help you to overflow with love for others?

### Prayer:

Father, help me to be thankful for you and others. May I love like your son. In Jesus’ name I Pray. Amen.

### Spiritual Practice:

- Seek opportunities to express your gratitude and love to others.

### Further Learning Opportunity:

- A Theology of Love: Myldred Wynkoop

## Sermon Notes

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