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# MARY'S SONG

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## Upcoming Events!

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

**December 14th: Women's Group** will meet from 6:30-8pm for a cookie exchange! Bring 3 dozen of the same cookie. You'll get to taste test up to 12 kinds and then bring home 2 dozen of your favorites mix and matched to your liking! There will be games and Christmas activities during this time as well! Contact Sarah for *more info*.

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

**December 25th: Christmas Day Service** will be at 10:30am.

**December 28th: Blood Drive** will be the Wednesday after Christmas in the gym from 2-7pm. Scan the QR code to schedule or reach out to the church office. A \$15 e-gift card will go to those who attempt to donate.



**January 1st:** Sunday Service will be online and there will be guided time of prayer in-person.

**January 2-6:** Week of Prayer will be in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30.

## 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.

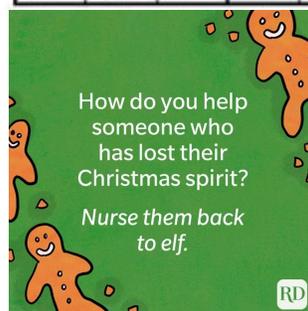
**The Bridge the Gap Fund** sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store. Please email the church office for more information.

**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!

## Further Reflection for 12/11

1. Read Luke 1:46-55
2. What jumps out to you from the text?
3. Imagine being Mary and singing these words. What would be going through your mind?
4. How could the hope and joy that Mary exhibits be meaningful to you in your difficult days?
5. Mary speaks of her "soul" and we would know she means the very essence of who she is. What might it mean for you to be able to sit with the presence of God so that your "soul" could find joy in whatever situation you are in? How might you practice sitting in the presence of God?
6. This song recognizes that God makes wrongs right. He lifts up the humble and knocks down the proud. Where do you need God to help you be humble and where do you need him to pick you up?
7. This week, spend 5-10 minutes each morning sitting in silence, listening for the still small voice of God. When your mind wanders pray a brief prayer, "Father, help me to sit with you."

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### **Weekly Gatherings:**

**Sunday Service:** 10:30am

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

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