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## Upcoming Events!

**July 17-August 16:** We are partnering with United Way for their *Back To School Drive*. We are collecting school supplies in the Foyer. See the box for specific items needed.

**August 17: NCRC Mini-Golf Scramble** at 6:30pm. All ages welcome! \$15/player includes a mallet, ball, & a goody bag! Teams of 3-6 players. Contact Sarah at [nazcrc@gmail.com](mailto:nazcrc@gmail.com) or 231-769-2323 to sign up!

**August 27: Annual Church Cook-out** after the 10:30am service! We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, and we'll be supplying chips and water. We encourage you to bring a side or dessert to share if willing. This will also be Pastor Aaron's first Sunday back from sabbatical and this is a great way to celebrate his return! Reach out to Pastor Matt or Pastor Holly with any questions.

**September 4-8: Week of Prayer** will be in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30 each evening.

**Sept. 9: Double Bubble Fun Run** 5k and 1/2 Mile Kids Race at Central Park in Spring Lake to benefit the NCRC! Details at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/SpringLake/DoubleBubbleFunRun> or ask Sarah Klassen!

**Sept 23: Annual Richard "Dick" Fry Golf Memorial** at Chase Hammond Golf Course. \$60/person or \$240/team. Proceeds benefit the NCRC! Sign up via Aaron Gregory (after Sabbatical) or Sarah Klassen by Sept. 14th.

**Kids' Clothing Closet** - Open by Appointment ONLY at this time. We would love to take any and all donations of kids' clothing and shoes that are still in good condition. Socks & underwear are to be new, in package. Donations can be brought to the church on Sunday mornings and placed in the donation box in the Family Entrance lobby. Please contact Marla Panches at 231-286-8030 or Krista Panozzo at 231-903-7065 with any additional questions.

## 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.

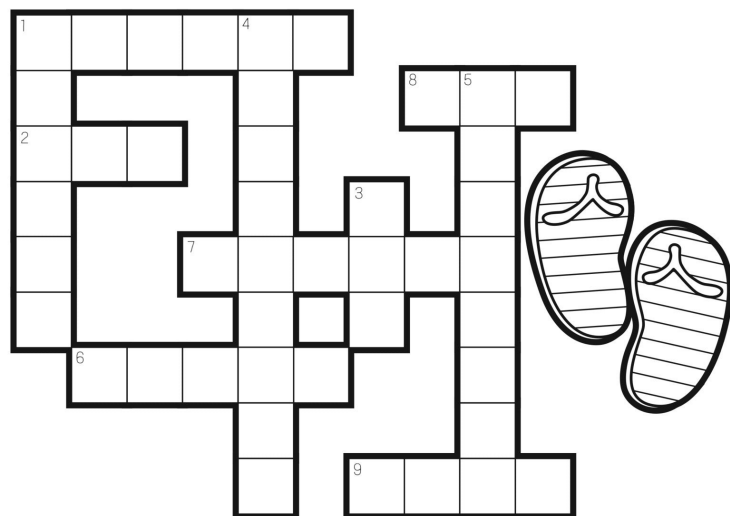
**Text to Give** is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting [connectionpointmi.com](http://connectionpointmi.com) and click the DONATE tab for a secure transaction. Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

**The Bridge the Gap Fund** sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offering 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 8/6

1. Read James 3. What stands out to you as important or noteworthy?
2. Share about a time you didn't tame your tongue. How did it feel? What did you do after? Were you able to ask for forgiveness and receive it?
3. N.T. Wright says "If someone turns out to be pouring out curses then one must at least question whether their heart has been properly cleansed, rinsed by God's powerful spirit." What are your thoughts on this quote?
4. James points out through his comparisons to the spring of water and the trees that cursing from the mouth of a Christian is both undesirable and unnatural. Why might this be?
5. Is there a next step that the Holy Spirit is urging you take? If so, what is it?



Today is the first day of (1 down)\_\_\_\_\_ break! My (2)\_\_\_\_\_ makes me pancakes for breakfast and then I clean my room. The sun is shining and it is nice and (3)\_\_\_\_\_ outside so I put on some (4)\_\_\_\_\_ and go out to play. My friend comes over and has a great idea! We fill some (5)\_\_\_\_\_ with (6)\_\_\_\_\_ and when I throw it at my friend it makes a giant (1 across)\_\_\_\_\_! We play all afternoon. My friend says, "I'm so glad we don't have (7)\_\_\_\_\_ for 3 whole months!" In the evening my dad comes home and pulls out his grill so we can (8)\_\_\_\_\_ for dinner. I know that this is going to be the (9)\_\_\_\_\_ summer break ever.

ANSWERS: 1 across: splash, 1 down: summer, 2 mom, 3 hot, 4 sunscreen, 5 balloons, 6 water, 7 school, 8 bag, 9 best

## Weekly Gatherings:

**Sunday Service:** 9AM & 10:30AM  
**Kids Service:** Sundays during both Services  
**Youth Group:** Sundays from 6-7:30PM