

August 5, 2022

Dear CONNECT Family,



Remember when you were little and someone expressed genuine delight about something you'd made or said or done?



One "That's a really beautiful drawing!" could set your artistic soul on fire and spark a flurry of new pictures of squiggly yellow suns and lopsided purple flowers and bobble-headed children with stick arms and huge smiles playing in scribbles of green grass.



One "Wow, that's an incredibly wise insight!" could ignite your inquisitive soul and inspire a thousand questions and observations about life, love, rock formations, the physics of light refraction, or the purpose of rainbows.



One "That was such a kind thing to do!" could light up your sweet soul and kindle a hundred little acts of kindness from helping a sibling pick up their toys to making a card for a sick friend to picking a bouquet of muddy wildflowers for an elderly neighbor.



All humans appreciate being appreciated, our tiniest humans most of all. So take some time to tell your children you like them today and list the reasons why. Then watch in wonder as they blossom before your eyes. Words of recognition and appreciation to a child are like sunshine and rain to a flower. Remember, beautiful things grow when they are nurtured.



But don't stop there. Big humans need recognition and appreciation to grow well, too. So if you see something good in someone, tell them. If you appreciate something about someone, thank them. And if no one has told you recently, let me take some time to tell you... You matter. You don't have to be perfect. You're trying your best and your best is more than enough. You are a beautiful human. I'm glad we're on this ride through the galaxy together. And I appreciate you more than I can ever say. ❤️

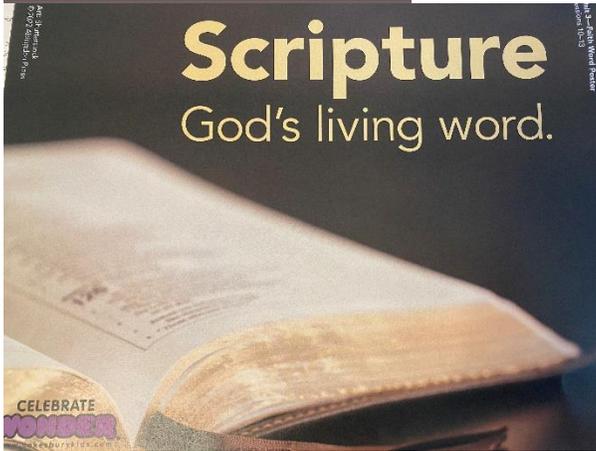
-L.R.Knost

Spiritual Practice

This month, we will try out the spiritual practice called *lectio divina*. It's a practice of reading Scripture out loud to hear what God might be saying to you through the passage. Read Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1; 17:1. What stands out to you from these verses?

Read Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1; 17:1 again. What might God be telling you? Take time to write down what you are hearing from God in these verses.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING



July Faith Word: **SCRIPTURE!**

This month our Faith Word is SCRIPTURE. We will hear stories about people who wrote passages in the Bible.

Last Sunday:

Last Sunday we had no CONNECT but children were invited to worship in the Sanctuary.

This Sunday:

No CONNECT this Sunday. Children are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. It is Communion Sunday and children are invited to participate in bucket drumming for worship.

PLEASE BE HERE 30 MIN BEFORE WORSHIP TIME, IF POSSIBLE, FOR A QUICK DRUM REHEARSAL. Children participating are expected at 9:30AM. That gives us an opportunity to set up before worship starts.

Coming Up

August 7 - WORSHIP TOGETHER IN SANCTUARY - 10am
(Children participate in drumming)

August 10 - **Summer Play in the Park - Timber Town - 10-12PM**

August 14 - CONNECT - Wise Writings - Proverbs 6:6-8; 10:1; 17:17

August 17 - **Summer Play in the Park - Timber Town - 10-12PM**

August 21 - CONNECT - Everything Has a Season - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

August 28 - CONNECT - Paul Writes to the Corinthians - 1 Corinthians
12: 12-31

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS in Sanctuary

Mark your Calendar:

Every Wednesday 10am - 12pm it's Summer Play time in the Park! Come join us.



Come play in the Park! This Wednesday we spend quality time during our Hang out together.



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! well... almost

The Children's Ministry is collecting back to school items to be donated to Chelsea Public Schools.

See the display located in the lobby for details.



WATCH:

Online CONNECT Services:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIA4xUCF6no>

You can find all our videos on CFUMC YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-oDHg9zalmC42npYW0EvTA>

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Love and Peace,
Susan

