

March 27, 2024

Dear CONNECT Family,



Family Spiritual Practice

Faith Talk:

This week, as you walk through Holy Week I encourage you to think about aspects of Jesus life you have not considered before. It seems to me that for many people Holy Week ends on Good Friday but that is not what we should dwell on. When we plant a seed, we don't mourn and wail, we wait in joyful anticipation for the new life to emerge. Death is necessary for life to flourish. It nurtures a fresh and vibrant life. As we walk through Holy Week, I wonder what our eyes are focused on. What are we willing to put to death so that life can flourish in, around, and through us? How willing are we to accept the cost of Easter and look beyond the pain and suffering as Christ did so that life can flourish?

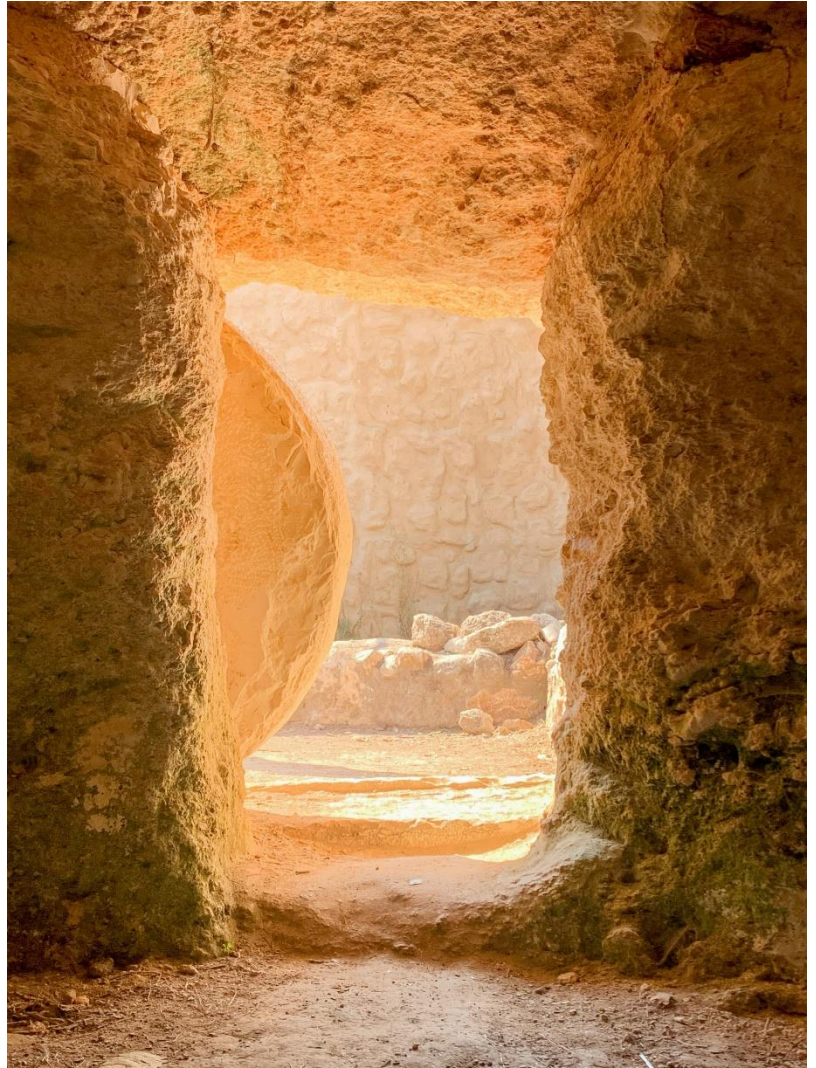
-Christine Sine

What I am reading:

Pick out a [cup to pray with today](#). Consider what the cup of your life is like.

Hold your cup and consider what is filling your cup this week.

Consider all the cups of Holy Week.



What I am watching

[At Home Faith Practice - Holy Week](#) by Traci Smith

[The Story of Easter for Kids](#) - Stories of the Bible. Holy Week

[Easter According to Kids](#) - Always fun to watch, as kids know how to tell a good story!

Quote, I've Been Thinking About:

"Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see yet believe."

- John 20: 29

WHAT WE ARE WONDERING ABOUT

March Faith Word: REMEMBER!



Last Sunday:

Last Sunday, we wondered about the excitement of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem. As Jesus approached Jerusalem, crowds gathered on the road to greet him as people greeted kings in those days, by spreading their clothes on the road for him to walk on, along with palm branches cut from nearby trees.

As Jesus passed, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

By riding a donkey instead of a horse, Jesus said he came in peace. Jesus asserted he was a king of peace for all.





This Sunday:

This Sunday, we will celebrate Easter! Christ is Risen! In the story This Sunday, women are the first to find the empty tomb. We have many ways of remembering Jesus' resurrection. Resurrection can remind us that with each new day, there is an opportunity to see God's goodness and to share that goodness with others. God continues to give us new life, exemplified in the story of Jesus' resurrection. We may also shout, "Christ is risen!" to remind ourselves and one another of the many ways God offers us new life through the life of Jesus.



Coming Up

- March 31 - CONNECT - 9 AM - EASTER SUNDAY**
Resurrection - Matthew 28: 1-10
- April 07 - NO CONNECT - ALL WORSHIP TOGETHER - 9 AM**
Communion Sunday
- April 14 - CONNECT - 9 AM**
The Great Commission - Matthew 28:16-20
- April 21 - CONNECT - 9 AM**
Peter and John - Acts 3:1-10
- April 28 - CONNECT - 9 AM**
Believers Share - Acts 4:32-3
- May 05 - NO CONNECT - ALL WORSHIP TOGETHER - 9 AM**
Communion Sunday
- May 12 - CONNECT - 9 AM**
The Church Grows - Acts 9:26-31
- May 19 - CONNECT - 9 AM**
Pentecost! - Acts 2:1-12
- May 26 - CONNECT - 10 AM - One Service**
Love in Action - Romans 12:9-18

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Messy Church was great fun!

Check it out [HERE!](#)

The next Session will be on **April 14!** You don't want to miss it. Invite a friend to come along.



[Wonderful online classes](#)

Michigan State University Extension Child and Family Development Offerings

Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

Class dates:

- 3/26/2024: Supporting Children Through Grief and Loss (Guest Expert)
- 4/02/2024: Positive Discipline
- 4/09/2024: Parenting in the Digital Age Part 1 (children 0-8 years old)
- 4/16/2024: Importance of Outdoor Play
- 4/23/2024: Parenting in the Digital Age Part 2 (children 9-17)
- **Class Times:** 8:00PM to 9:30PM
- **Registration:** https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_viGxTEIqSdKY2cEX2EhVbQ#/registration
- Attached are flyers for these workshops and graphics for social media
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

The Parent Talk System

Do you feel like the children in your care aren't listening to you? Do you find yourself constantly repeating yourself trying to gain compliance? This 6-week series is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Topics include eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character. Certificates of attendance are available.

- **Class dates:** April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, May 10
- **Class times:** 11:30am-1:00pm ET
- **Registration:** https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bj8nWuROCeXu6vY
- Attached is a flyer and graphics for social media
- For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.e

Check out more classes [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Kinship Caregiver workshops

Are a free online series of workshops that provide guidance for caregivers of children as they navigate the joys, challenges, and concerns of raising children.

Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are once monthly on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM EST as follows:

April-June Class dates:

- 4/10/2024: Parenting in the Digital Age
- 5/8/2024: Introduction to Adverse and Positive Childhood Experiences
- 6/12/2024: Mindfulness for Children

Class Times: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_msxyZuH0QeS9MsKaD_y7Tg

WATCH:

Online CONNECT Services:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxZhvHVXG3Q>

You can find all our videos on the CFUMC YouTube channel

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

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Love and Peace,
Susan



Ordinary people learning to love like Jesus.