

June 05, 2024

Dear CONNECT Family,



Family Spiritual Practice

Faith Talk:

This week, I invite you to take a moment to practice this [prayerful meditation](#) for Wholeness and Healing with James Finley.

Accompanied by visual and audio cues, this guided meditation invites you to enter a deep healing space. James offers us, "May we continually reach out to the hurting places until only Love is left..."



What I am reading/listening:

When I think about friendship, I always think about my favorite children's book: [Charlotte's Web](#).

Charlotte's Web is a **story of friendship, courage, and self-sacrifice**. Wilbur is a pig who finds out that he is destined for slaughter. His friend, a spider named Charlotte who lives in the doorway of his pigpen, is determined to save him; she accomplishes this by spinning words about him in her web.

Fun Craft Idea for Dads: Love [THIS](#) project idea.

What I am watching

["Free My Soul"](#) sung by Joseph Moore.

What an amazing LOVE Jesus Christ has for YOU.

This talk about [Friends = Happiness](#). Friends help you to survive and live longer. Wouldn't it be awesome to live up to 100 years old? **Eyva Dusetzina** is a third grader at Jamacha Elementary School and shares her views on friendships.

Quote, I've Been Thinking About

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

-Marcel Proust

WHAT WE ARE WONDERING ABOUT

June Faith Word/Theme: SUMMER OF LOVE

Watch [HERE](#)

Last Sunday:

Last Sunday, we worshiped together in the Sanctuary.

It was Communion Sunday!

The focus was on the Scripture of Luke 10:29-37

This scripture was the parable of the good Samaritan. We heard about the bottom line of this parable which is love...putting God's love into action.



This Sunday:

This Sunday, we will start with the Series: Summer of Love, which will be introduced to the congregation. We will explore how the love of friends carries us through good times and times of trouble. Jesus models for us true friendship even through times of disappointment. We will talk about what an awesome friend we have in Jesus!



Coming Up

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| June 9th- | CONNECT - 10 AM
Summer of Love - Loving Friends |
| June 16th - | CONNECT - 10 AM
Summer of Love - Loving Community |
| June 23rd - | CONNECT - 10 AM
Summer of Love - Loving Family |
| June 30th- | CONNECT - 10 AM
Summer of Love - Loving God |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MESSY CHURCH

Our Next Messy Church - June 9th!
You don't want to miss the fun.



FUN WEDNESDAY!!!!



Join us for a Fun Wednesday – an immersive music experience!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE is an event packed with interactive activities, such as singing games, playing on buckets, making an instrument, relaxing/listening time with music, lots of music games and even making and eating healthy food snacks.

Led by the former music teacher Janet Carson, the morning will be packed with fun and music!!!

We will explore the world of music together.

When: June 19, 2024

Time: 9 to 12 PM

Where: Chelsea First United Methodist Church

For: Children ages 5 to 12 years old

Limited Spaces Available.

Don't miss out on this opportunity. Join us for a fun and inspiring morning filled with music!

RSVP [HERE](#)

SUMMER CONNECT VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare for an exciting summer in the Children's Ministry Program, we're reaching out to invite you to join our volunteer team!

Why volunteer?

So you can make a positive difference in the lives of young people and have some fun along the way. Please consider. Sign up [HERE](#)

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.

Class dates:

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:** Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14
- **Class times:** 11:30am-1:00pm ET
- **Registration:** https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu
- For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.e

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five-week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

- **Class Dates:** Mondays, July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12
- **Class Times:** 7:30pm-9:00pm ET
- **Register at:** https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu
- Attached is a flyer and graphics for social media
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Kinship Caregiver workshops

Kinship Caregiver classes are targeted to relatives caring for another relative's children.

Workshop:

7/10/2024: Positive Discipline

- **Class Time:** 7:00PM to 8:30PM
- **Registration:** https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_msxyZuH0QeS9MsKaD_y7Tg
- Attached are flyers and social media graphics for these workshops
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WATCH:

Online CONNECT Services:

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

You can find all our videos on the CFUMC YouTube channel

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

Follow us on Instagram

- **Instagram** - follow us on Instagram <http://instagram.com/chelseafumc.children>

Love and Peace,

Susan



Ordinary people learning to love like Jesus.