

July 3, 2024



Dear CONNECT Family,

## Family Spiritual Practice

### Faith Talk:

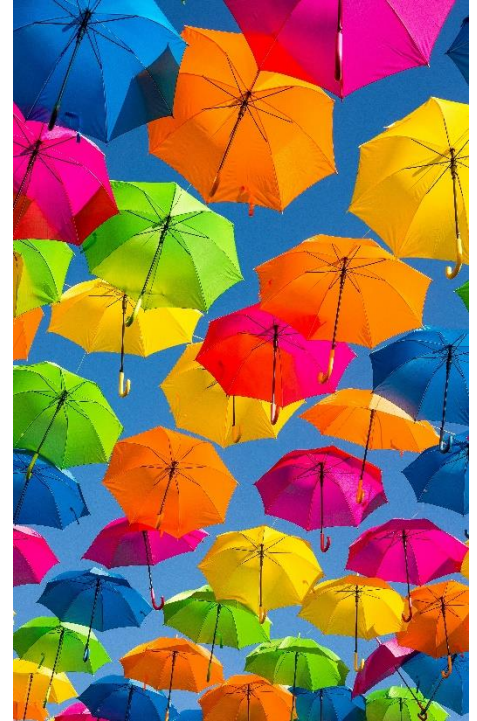
This week I invite you to reflect and wonder!

How many parts of the human body can you name? What jobs do they do? How are they different from each other? Are there any we don't need?

Which parts of the body can't you see? Do you know what they do?

Think about the different people in your family and the different personalities and gifts they bring even though they are one family unit.

What different things do Christians do to show they belong to Jesus and the Christian family? In church? At home? At work/ school? What could you do to show you are part of the Christian family? What gifts do you think that God has given you?



### What I am reading/listening:

Explore Diversity with:

[Luli And The Language of Tea](#) by Andrea Wang.

When Luli says the Mandarin Chinese word for tea, the other children respond with the word in their own language. Play recordings of the word 'tea' in other languages (check out [HERE](#)) and invite your child to repeat each one. Ask: *What are your favorite words for 'tea'? Why do you think so many languages have similar words for 'tea'?*

[God Made Me And You](#) by Christian hip hop artist Shai Linne.

This book helps children, parents, and caregivers to celebrate this biblical truth through a lyrical, rhyming style and colorful illustrations. Check out [HERE](#) scroll down the page.

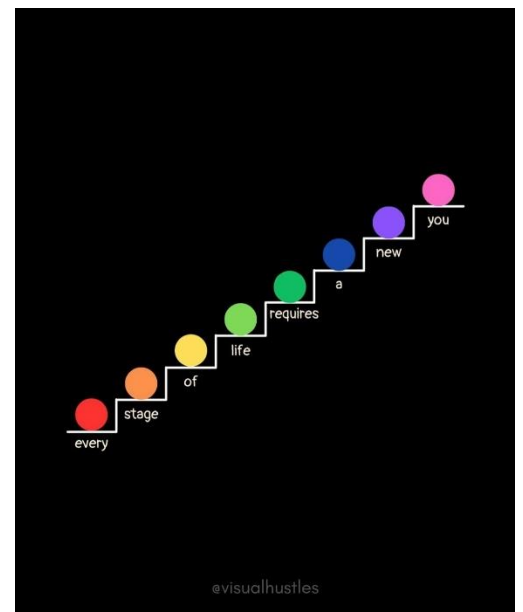
### What I am watching

[What is Diversity? for children... and adults](#)

[THE BODY SONG!](#)

### Quote, I've Been Thinking About

Source: Visualhustles



**WHAT WE ARE  
WONDERING ABOUT**

**July Faith Theme: CELEBRATE!**

**July is a month to celebrate!**

The heart of worship is celebration! We celebrate who God is, what God has done for us in Jesus, and the new Spirit-filled lives we get to live because of it. By taking time to celebrate God's gifts to us - gifts of diversity, unity, promise, and new life - we

are attuning ourselves to the good things in life so that, even in times of struggle and hardship, we can be sustained.

Let's celebrate together this July in worship!



**Last Sunday:**

Last Sunday, we close the series Summer of Love, we focused on the Scripture of Mark 2:23-28. As a society, we tend to overschedule. Jesus points to Sabbath as a holy time. Sabbath rest helps us create space to honor God, to set time apart, and to build a loving relationship with God. We ended the Sunday together in the Sanctuary as we Celebrated in a Love Train style.

Our Kindness Garden is thriving! We were able to have our first share this Sunday.



## This Sunday:

This Sunday, we will worship together and focus on the Scripture of 1 Corinthians 12:12-20. As the body of Christ, we are called to celebrate the diverse ways God is reflected in each and every person.

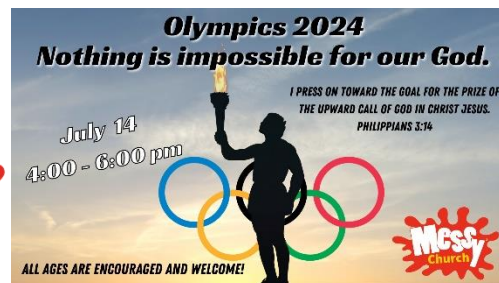


## Coming Up

- July 07th - **NO CONNECT - All Worship Together 10 AM**  
Communion Sunday - Celebrate Diversity - 1 Corinthians 12:12-20
- July 14th - **CONNECT - 10 AM**  
Celebrate Unity - Ephesians 4:1-16
- July 21st - **CONNECT - 10 AM**  
Celebrate Promise - Romans 4:3, 13-25
- July 28th - **CONNECT - 10 AM**  
Reset Direction - Mark 5:35-43

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MESSY CHURCH



Next Messy Church Session: July 14th - Lots of games will make this one Super FUN!!!

### SUMMER CONNECT VOLUNTEERS

As we continue to plan 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](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu)
- For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, [aldric82@msu.e](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_msxyZuH0QeS9MsKaD_y7Tg)
- Attached are flyers and social media graphics for these workshops
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**SUMMER OPPORTUNITY AT NORTH LAKE UMC** - For more info click [HERE](#)

## **WATCH:**

### **Online CONNECT Services:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMA4PJGQ0is>

You can find all our videos on the CFUMC YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-oDHg9zaImC42npYW0EvTA>

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.**