

September 25, 2024



Dear CONNECT Family,

### ***Family Spiritual Practice***

#### **Faith Talk:**

This week, I invite you to consider doing a prayer walk. It might not be a sunny or pleasant day, but also on days that are rainy, "too hot," "too cold," or otherwise not ideal offer a rich opportunity to see evidence of God's work in ways that might not be apparent on other days.

You might choose to do the CROP walk this coming Sunday (see info below) - a great way to come together for an amazing cause.



#### **What I am reading/listening:**

[Dreamers](#) - by Yuyi Morales

[Where Are You From?](#) by [Yamile Saied Méndez](#) (Author), [Jaime Kim](#) (Illustrator)

#### **What I am watching:**

Have you ever thought of how after accepting Jesus' invitation to "Come and See", you can share this invitation with others by sharing God's love? [This story](#) illustrates it well.

This is Hispanic & Latino Heritage Month Celebration - **Stream [These Documentaries](#) that Explore Diverse Latino Experiences.**

#### **Quote, I've Been Thinking About**

**We give our children  
a lifelong gift when  
we teach them  
how to think,  
not what to think.**

Susan David

## WHAT WE ARE WONDERING ABOUT

**September Faith Theme: FOLLOW JESUS!**

### **Last Sunday:**

Last Sunday, we wondered together about the Scripture passage of Matthew 22:34-40. As we follow Jesus, he shows us the realm of God, the way God's world could be. We begin to see the world through Jesus' eyes as we catch glimpses of what it means to truly love God and love one another. We feel God's *nudges* toward acting as if we are living in that world now, noticing those in need, who are being treated unfairly, who are lonely, or who are hurting. And, not just noticing, but taking action to do something that Jesus would do. Jesus teaches us how to approach God, one another, and the world around us. Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

We made telescopes and binoculars to help us look for love in God's world.

And played charades so others could guess a way that people can love God or love their neighbors.





### **This Sunday:**

This Sunday we will wonder together about the Scripture passage of Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus called the disciples (and us!) to accept his invitation to "Come and see!" and now sends his disciples out to pass that invitation along to others. By inviting others to join us in the journey of faith, we join Christ's mission to help others learn and grow in faithfulness, and to become more complete as Christ's body.



### **Coming Up**

**September 29-      CONNECT - 9 AM**  
Follow Jesus in the Making of Disciples  
Matthew 28:18-20

**October 06-      NO CONNECT - 9 AM**  
All Worship Together in Sanctuary  
Communion Sunday

**October 13-      CONNECT - 9 AM**  
Welcome Others as God Welcomes You  
Genesis 1:1-2:25, Leviticus 19:33-34

**October 20-      CONNECT - 9 AM**

See Christ in Every Person  
Matthew 25:31-46

**October 27-**

**CONNECT - 9 AM**

Know Your Gifts of Hospitality and Encourage Others' Gifts  
Luke 10:38-42

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**FALL REGISTRATION:** we kindly ask that you complete the registration process if you haven't done so already. Your prompt attention to this matter will help us ensure we have all the updated information needed. Thank you. Available [HERE](#)

**MESSY CHURCH**

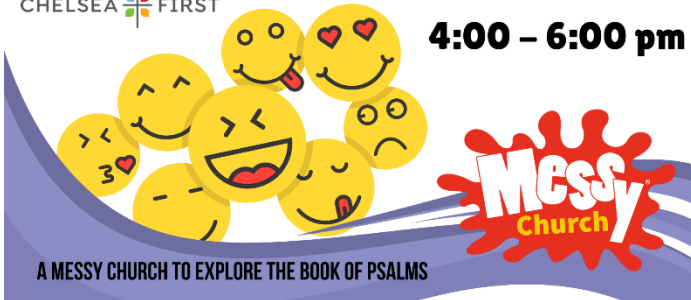


Next Messy Church Session: October 13th - 4-6PM

**All Our Feelings!**

CHELSEA  FIRST

**October 13**  
**4:00 – 6:00 pm**



**CROP WALK: It's this SUNDAY! Come join us!!!**

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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## Chelsea/Dexter Area CROP HUNGER WALK

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OCTOBER 06, 2024

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CHELSEA, MICHIGAN



See Barbara Locks in the Social Hall to join our team, donate or get more information.



You can also scan this QR code and signup or donate online.

### 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:

10/01/2024: RELAX: Alternative to Anger for Parents and Caregivers

10/08/2024: Positive Discipline

10/15/2024: NO CLASS

10/22/2024: Epilepsy 101: Empowering Knowledge, Enhancing Care

10/29/2024: Young at Art

**Class Times:** 8:00PM to 9:30PM

**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tsaVF3uvTp2wINV5dlR2vw](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tsaVF3uvTp2wINV5dlR2vw)

#### 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: Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11**
- **Class times: 7:30pm-9:00pm ET**
- **Registration:** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bj8nWuROCeXu6vY](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.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

**WATCH:**

**Online CONNECT Services:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDi-wgrEo9A>

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.***