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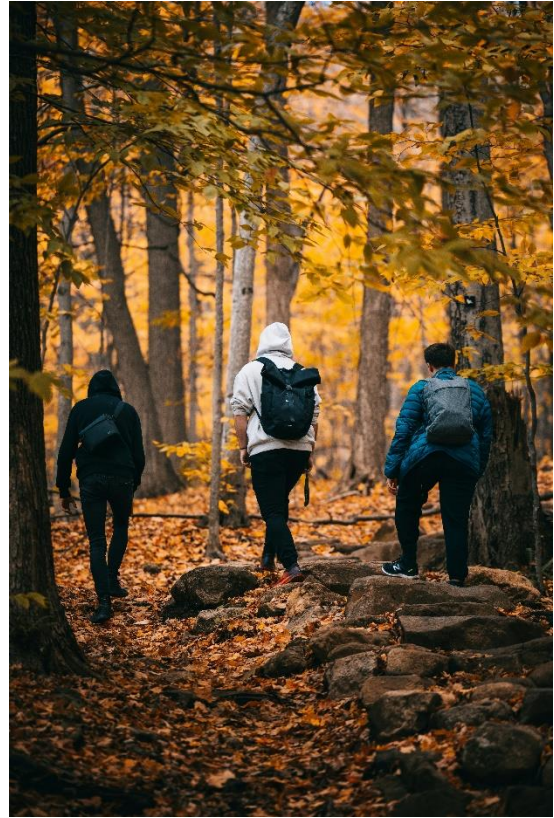


Dear **CONNECT** Family,
Family Spiritual Practice

Faith Talk:



This week, try to remember this, whenever you feel a bit overwhelmed. Remember to care for yourself before caring for others.



What I am reading/listening:

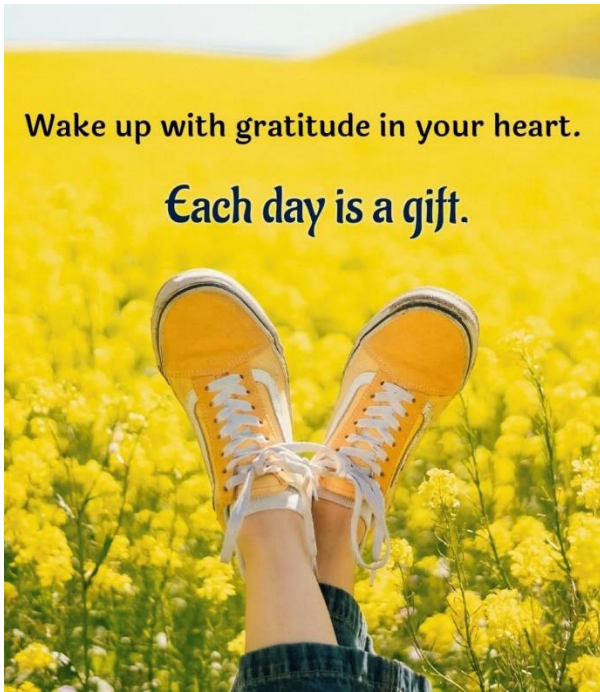
Why Not? A Story about Discovering Our Bright Possibilities by Kobi Yamada

What I am watching:

Kindness 101: Embracing Wonder

Preschool "twins" take a stand against discrimination

Quote, I've Been Thinking About...



WHAT WE ARE WONDERING ABOUT

October Faith Theme: WELCOME ALL!

Hospitality is being intentional and authentic in offering welcome to all of God's people - stranger and friend. When we welcome *all*, we are affirming the worth of all of God's people. A commitment to opening our hearts, our homes, our churches, and our capacity for friendship and community to, not only those who are like us, but also those who are different from us is at the very heart of the practice of hospitality.

Last Sunday:

Last Sunday, we wondered about the Welcome to God's World! Although the story of creation (Genesis 1:1-2:2) may be familiar, with hospitality and welcome as our lens, we explored this story from a different angle. This story affirms the worth and belonging in each part of creation, and that is something to celebrate and lift up. God's welcome is as abundant as God's creation is! Children noticed ways they have experienced welcome, and use those experiences to find ways to practice the same kind of welcome, both in our church and in their own daily lives.



This Sunday:

This Sunday we will wonder about the the Scripture of Luke 24:13-35 - the story of the road to Emmaus. This passage is one of the stories of encounters between the risen Jesus and the disciples. The arc of this story is a true model of welcome. A stranger comes to the confused disciples, to both hear their stories and remind them of the larger story. With a spirit of welcome and hospitality, a meal is shared and God's self is revealed. Indeed, those who welcomed the stranger were welcoming Jesus.

By hearing the story of Jesus' disciples' encounter with the "stranger" on the road to Emmaus, the children envision ways that they can see Christ-like qualities in, and extend welcome to, all people - even those outside of their own circles.



Coming Up

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

November 03 - NO CONNECT - WORSHIP 9 AM
Communion Sunday - All worship together

November 10 - CONNECT - 9 AM
Confess
Genesis 3:1-24; Psalm 51

November 17 - CONNECT - 9 AM
Repent: As Individuals
Luke 3:3-14

November 24 - CONNECT - 9 AM
Repent: As Communities
Isaiah 58, Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:31-46

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Halloween Rest Stop - Oct 31, 5:30-7 PM



Interested in helping?? Please sign up [HERE](#)

MESSY CHURCH



November 10 - Messy Church Session - 4-6PM



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 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:

11/05/2024: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder and Neurodiversity

11/12/2024: Purpose of Play

11/19/2024: Introduction to Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences

11/26/2024: Together We Can: Co-Parenting

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

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tsaVF3uvTp2wINV5dIR2vw

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. **This class is eligible for MIRegistry Credit!**

- **Class Dates: Tuesdays, November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10**
- Class Times: 11:30am-1:00pm 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, aldric82@msu.edu

WATCH:

Online CONNECT Services:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_-sugC0Z2Q

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

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Love and Peace,
Susan



Ordinary people learning to love like Jesus.