

October 2, 2024



Dear CONNECT Family,

***God of the Harvest,
just as you planned flowers to bloom,
trees to blossom,
and the earth to bring forth fruit,
so too might goodness grow in us
that we might not only be blessed,
but also become a blessing to others,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.***

Family Spiritual Practice

Faith Talk:

This week, I invite you to watch this beautiful, short [video](#), to refresh your soul - and salt you with gratitude!
Be a Blessing to everyone you meet today.

What I am reading/listening:

[An Open Table: How United Methodists Understand Communion](#)

[May children Receive Communion?](#)

[How Did Jesus Deal With Conflict?](#)

What I am watching:

[A Lesson in Humanity](#)

[Communion - Chuck Knows Church](#)

[Kindness Boomerang](#)

Quote, I've Been Thinking About

Don't forget to include giving love and caring to yourself. Without yourself, you can't do much of anything!

— Susan Jeffers in [Embracing Uncertainty](#)



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 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.



This Sunday:

This Sunday we will worship together in the Sanctuary. We will celebrate World Communion Sunday - an opportunity to emphasize the unity of Christians around the globe. World Communion Sunday is also a time for outreach and support.

Worship boxes will be available and ready for busy little hands to explore and engage during the service..



Coming Up

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

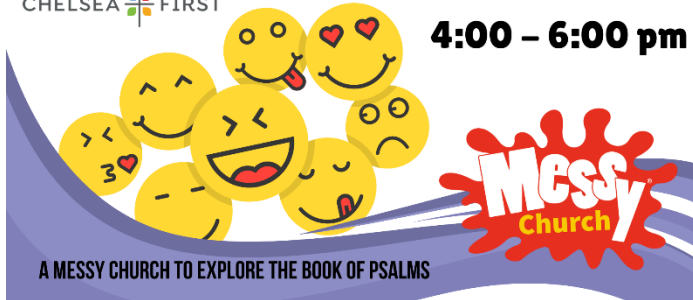


Next Messy Church Session: October 13th - 4-6PM

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.

Chelsea/Dexter Area
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 06, 2024

CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

October 6, 2024
1:30 pm

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

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
- 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=hTmHALJ4ao0>

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.

