

October 30, 2024



Dear CONNECT Family,

Family Spiritual Practice

Faith Talk:

This week, as we honor and celebrate the saints who have joined the cloud of witnesses, and those who walk among us, I invite you to celebrate and honor those who are among us by listening to their wisdom and following their examples, asking them questions or praying with them. Our communities are full of living saints, people who are loving, brave, and wise, and whose lives point us toward God.

Write them a note, children can draw them a picture, or call them on the phone to share your appreciation for teaching you to dare to live in God's love and share God's love with others.



What I am reading/listening:

[Anti-Racism For Kids 101: Starting To Talk About Race](#)

This article **[10 tips for teaching and talking to kids about race.](#)**

What I am watching:

This week, as we celebrate the saints - who walk among us, and those who have joined the "cloud of witnesses", I invite you to watch this video: **[Eulogies for the Living: Expressing Gratitude Before It's Too Late.](#)**

Quote, I've Been Thinking About...

Efficacy of Patience

"Let nothing trouble you,
Let nothing scare you,
All is fleeting,
God alone is unchanging.
Patience Everything obtains.
Who possesses God Nothing wants.
God alone suffices."

-Teresa of Avila

WHAT WE ARE WONDERING ABOUT

November Practice Theme: CONFESS!

We understand confession to be more about actions than simply words. Of course, words are a form of action, and confession certainly involves saying some key words, namely, those difficult and humbling words “I apologize” and “I’m sorry.” But it also involves recognizing that we’ve done wrong, committing to finding another way to live, and repairing, to the best of our ability, any damage (physical or emotional) that has been done.

Last Sunday:

Last Sunday, we wondered about the the Scripture of Luke 10:38-42. We invited the children to look inward and consider their gifts for hospitality and how they welcome others. Through the story of two sisters, Martha and Mary, children can see that, although the sisters had different gifts, they both provided welcome for their guest. Though they might not be able to welcome the way adults can by hosting parties for example, children have unique ways to offer welcome to all people.





This Sunday:

This Sunday we will worship together in the Sanctuary. It is Communion Sunday!

All are welcome.

In every generation, there are those who challenge the status quo in the name of love, justice, and inclusion - saints who break the norms and push boundaries for the greater good.

Saints Among Us - Welcoming All.

Coming Up

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](#)

PRICELESS GIFT STORE



As every year, we will once again, partner with The Priceless Gift Toy Store ministry in Jackson, MI

(<http://www.togetherdifference.org/pricelessgifttoystore.html>) to help parents or guardians to shop and obtain gifts for their own children for **FREE**. It's a gift of love!

We will be collecting used toys in fair to excellent condition, gently used, hand-made, and/or new toys that can be re-giving as gifts. Donations of batteries - mostly AA's are also welcomed.

All toys are cleaned, tested, and prepared for another wonderful life in the hands of children.

Donations can be dropped off at the church's social hall from **October 27 to November 20th**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

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=e06PgWWqTPE>

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

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Love and Peace,
Susan



Ordinary people learning to love like Jesus.