

November 6, 2024



Dear CONNECT Family,

**Family Spiritual Practice**

**Faith Talk:**

This week, I offer you this [video!](#)  
There are a lot more good people than not in this world.

**What I am reading/listening:**

[11 Facts About Native People in Society and the Church](#)

[The Artist](#) - you can check it out at the Sanctuary children's bookshelf.



**What I am watching:**

[Sara Bareilles - Brave | Cover by One Voice Children's Choir](#)

[Sesame Street: Become an Upstander Song | #ComingTogether](#)

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

*"Imagine a country whose citizens - maybe even its leaders - are brave, calm, and open towards each other; a country whose people realize that all human beings belong together as one family and must act accordingly.*

*- Br. David Steindl-Rast*

**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 worshiped together in the Sanctuary. It was Communion Sunday!  
In every generation, there are those who challenge the status quo in the name of love, justice, and inclusion - saints who broke the norms and pushed boundaries for the greater good.  
Saints Among Us - Welcoming All.



**This Sunday:**

This Sunday we will wonder about the Scripture passage of 1 Kings 8:54-61. In this passage, King Solomon prays a blessing over the people of Israel at the conclusion of the dedication of the temple of Jerusalem. They have followed God's instruction in constructing the temple, and God has been faithful to them. Solomon hopes that the people will continue in their obedience to God, encouraging them to "follow the life path" God has cleared for them. When do we follow God closely? In confession, we pause, look around, and realize our mistake.



### Coming Up

**November 10 -       CONNECT - 9 AM**  
Confess  
1 Kings 8:54-61; Psalm 51

**November 17 -       CONNECT - 9 AM**  
Finding Our Way Back  
Luke 15:11-32

**November 24 -       CONNECT - 9 AM**  
We're All in This Together  
Micah 6: 6-8

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Halloween Rest Stop

It was awesome seeing some of you stop by!

Huge **THANK YOU** to our **volunteers**. It takes a community-and what an awesome community we have.



**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**



**This Sunday -**  
**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](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](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](mailto: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.***