

March 5, 2025

Dear CONNECT Family,

*Family Spiritual Practice*

**Faith Talk:**

This week, as we begin the season of Lent, I offer you some time to stop and reflect on this prayer:

***God, as we begin the season of Lent, help us look for your presence...***

***in prayer,***

***in our spiritual practice,***

***in nature,***

***in one another.***

***Bless our days, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love.***

***Amen.***



And today, on Ash Wednesday, we can remember our beginning and consider our place in this vast and ancient universe. May we wonder aloud what our place is in this enormous universe. It is so big, and we are so small.

**What I am reading/listening:**

[Songs To Light Their Way: Family Milestones Playlist](#)

[The Words We Share by Jack Wong](#)

[All The Faces of Me by Laura Alary and Salini Perera](#)

**What I am watching:**

[Finger Labyrinth to practice with](#)

[Praying with Kids - Finger Labyrinth - video](#)

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

***"God doesn't call us to greatness in the way the world defines it. God calls us to goodness. There's a world of difference between the two."***

**- Cameron Trimble**

**WHAT WE ARE WONDERING ABOUT**

**March Practice Theme: WALK HUMBLY**

Walking humbly means drawing closer to God and intentionally living more and more into our identity as children of God. It is a balance between not belittling or discounting our gifts and uniqueness while understanding that we are human, just like everyone else.

**Last Sunday:**

Last Sunday, we gathered together in the Sanctuary for a special time of worship and communion. It was Communion Sunday, and all were warmly welcomed to partake. As we concluded our 'Roots' series, we reflected on the powerful meaning of communion, with a focus on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

Children had their own special toolboxes filled with fun activities designed just for them. It's a wonderful way for our young ones to engage and be part of the worship experience!



**This Sunday:**

This Sunday, we will reflect on the Scripture reading from Luke 12:13-21. Our focus will be on cultivating gratitude and recognizing all that we have as a gift from God. We will also explore what it means to walk humbly with God and how true gratitude involves honoring God in all things.

We will also be creating cards (in the shape of a car) to be placed on the lawn on March 12, 2025, where United Methodists and friends across Michigan will join in an Advocacy Day in Lansing to tell stories and call for justice and compassion at the State Capitol. You can read more about it [HERE](#).

## Coming Up

- March 09**            **CONNECT - 9 AM**  
Be Finite - Luke 12: 13-21
- March 16**            **CONNECT - 9 AM**  
Be Unapologetically You - 1 Samuel 3
- March 23**            **CONNECT - 9 am**  
Receive Blessings - Joshua 2:1-24; 6:22-25
- March 30**            **CONNECT - 9 AM**  
Be Quiet - Luke 24:13-35

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



CHELSEA FIRST

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
WORSHIP**



**MARCH 5  
7:00 PM**

more information:  
[www.chelseaumc.org/events](http://www.chelseaumc.org/events)

## MESSY CHURCH



**March 09, 2025 - THIS SUNDAY!**



### **March 16th - CONNECT Time: Assembly of Care Packages**

During our CONNECT time on March 16th, we will be assembling small care packages in collaboration with the Congregational Care Team. These packages will be distributed to some of our congregation members as a token of love and support during this season of Lent and Easter. We invite all children to participate in assembling the packages, and families are encouraged to help deliver these thoughtful gifts to some very special members of our community. Join us in spreading kindness and care!

### **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:

3/04/2025: Exploring Parenting Styles

3/11/2025: Talking With Kids About Race

3/18/2025: Parenting in the Digital Age

3/25/2025: Importance of Outdoor Play

**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: Mondays, February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17**
- **Class Times:** 7:30pm-9:00pm ET
- **Registration:** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dd7Nnn1h8Y1TcNg](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dd7Nnn1h8Y1TcNg)
- 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=HOVn83ZKhcE>

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

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Love and Peace,  
Susan



***Ordinary people learning to love like Jesus.***

