

\*Sundays HS & Middle School 9:00 a.m. Room 216 Head to the sanctuary when you arrive. You'll be dismissed from there.

# **Events:**

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| March 9  | Children and Youth create 'cars' for Advocacy Day |                      |  |  |  |
| March 9  | Messy Church                                      | 2 Corinthians 9:8-11 |  |  |  |
| March 12 | College Gift Card                                 | Sign Up Due          |  |  |  |
| March 16 | Assemble Congregational Care Packages             |                      |  |  |  |
| March 16 | Confirmation                                      |                      |  |  |  |
| April 26 | Earth Day of Actio                                | n                    |  |  |  |
| April 27 | Planting Trees                                    |                      |  |  |  |

Please remember to complete a **registration form**. Click on the link below. Thank you so much!

# Safe Sanctuary Forms:

**Registration Form** 

**Event Permission Form** 

# HINDUISM

This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you Mahabharata 5:1517



# BUDDHISM

Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful



# CONFUCIANISM

One word which sums up the basis of all good conduct... loving kindness. Do not do to others what want done



you do not to yourself Confucius, Analects 15.23

**TAOISM** 

SIKHISM

a friend to all

I am a stranger to no one;

and no one is a stranger

Guru Granth Sahib, pg. 1299

to me. Indeed, I am

Regard your neighbour's gain

neighbour's loss as your own loss T'ai Shang Kan Ying Pien, 213-218

as your own gain, and your



BAHA'I FAITH

be laid upon you, and

desire not for

anyone the things you would not

desire for yourself

Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to

# **ISLAM**

Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself
The Prophet Muhammad, Ha



# **JUDAISM**

What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary Hillel, Talmud, Shabbat 31a



# **JAINISM**

One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated



# ZOROASTRIANISM

Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself -na-Shayast 13.29



# **NATIVE** SPIRITUALITY

We are as much alive as we keep the earth alive
Chief Dan George



# CHRISTIANITY

In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets

# UNITARIANISM

We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part Unitarian principle



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# Love God, Neighbor, Enemy

Week 1 Love Extravagantly Luke 6: 27-42 Week 2 Serve a Stranger 1 Kings 17:8-16

Week 3 Show Mercy 1 Samuel 24; Luke 23:32-43

Week 4 Wash Another's Feet John 13:1-20

Week 5 Be Courageous Acts 6:8 - 7:2, 51-60 Week 6 Live Peaceably Romans 12:9-21

This practice will expand conceptualizations of what it means to show love. In these six sessions, youth will explore the relationship between love and justice and discover a roadmap for showing love to God, their neighbors, and their enemies.

We shouldn't easily dismiss the language of *enemies*. First, it's the word Jesus uses; if it seems too harsh to our ears, perhaps simply associating it with people we find hard to love would be a place to start. Second, a life of robust Christian discipleship will spark opposition. If we truly have no enemies, perhaps we have conformed too much to this world, to echo the words of Paul. We can decry media depictions of Us and Them as deeply problematic while not devolving into a moral relativism that allows the gospel to become so dilute that it couldn't possibly offend anyone. (Excerpt of Love God, Neighbor, Enemy Foundational Essay written by Maryann Dana)







College Care Cards Let's send a little love just in time for finals week.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848ADAF23ABF58-55364386-college

# 10 Important Things Parents Should Never Do for Their College Freshman

Written by Whitney Fleming

https://parentingteensandtweens.com/what-college-parents-should-not-do-for-kids/





This Sunday, Marna Balazar, Dayle Wright, Mr. Tom; and Miss Susan's leaders and children will join us in 216 as we create paper plate cars 'assembly line' style. These cars will be displayed on the lawn of the Capital building in Lansing when we travel to speak with lawmakers on Advocacy Day Wednesday March 12.

All we need is you to get the job done. Horn honking and dance breaks included. Oh, and doughnuts. Definitely doughnuts.

https://michiganumc.org/advocacy-day-2025/



Lent is my very favorite of the Christian observances. It offers a season of intentionality rather than the status quo of daily lives that lean into mind numbing auto pilot.

During the prayer of confession at last night's Ash Wednesday service, it ended with these words.

'Jesus, forgive my delay. I want to follow you. Turn my intentions into actions. Show me the way.'

Early in our relationship, Kerry and I walked through the fields of his grandfather's farm in Wooster, Ohio. His grandfather raised bison, reportedly procured from a ranch whose bison were featured in the movie Dances With Wolves. Yes, it was that long ago.

Bison are a symbol of America, joining the bald eagle in the representation of strength, endurance and dignity. It wasn't exactly what came to mind the closer we got. Bison are a) the largest

mammal in North America and b) the wild in their eyes is relative to your proximity. You know the 'death stare' a mom throws when distance prohibits physical intervention? It pales in comparison to the gaze of a bison who feels threatened.

On one particular walk, I noticed that the bison were huddled in a circle with the exception of one some 20 yards away. I asked Kerry for the story. While bison are a cohesive lot, aggressive interactions can happen between dominant and subordinate animals, leading to separation from the herd. I don't know why it punched me in the heart like it did, but seeing him all alone in the corner near the fence line led to the follow up questions.

"Is there something wrong with him?"

"No"

"What will happen to him?"

He answered in tones matter of fact. "He'll die."

And he did. Ostracized, spirit crushed, rejected, and alone.

I view that memory through a different lens these days. I once vilified the dominant bull'y' for targeting a younger bull's challenge; but there were many more in that circle that had their backs turned to one who dared to claim its rightful place among them.

Am I any different?

'Jesus, forgive my delay.

I want to follow you.

Turn my intentions into actions.

Show me the way.' Amen

#I'm searching for Jesus

https://chelseaumc.org/event/lenten-daily-devotional/ A Lenten Exploration of Anti Racist Values in Matthew, Mark, and Luke

https://justiceunbound.org/queerlent/ Ashes to Rainbows - A Queer Lenten Devotional

https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/family-lent-devotion-week-1 Family Lent Devotion





https://michiganumc.org/care-for-our-fragile-home/



# The Science of Well-Being for Teens

The most popular class in Yale University's history.
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A recent survey found that 37% of teens say they have poor mental health. Explore what the field of psychology teaches us about how to be happier, how to feel less stressed, and how to thrive in high school and beyond.

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This course will share evidence-based strategies for feeling happier in high school and beyond. Learn about common misconceptions about happiness; biases that get in the way of happiness; behaviors, thoughts, and feelings that lead to happiness; and how we can achieve our happiness goals. By the end, you will learn a set of tools for feeling better and building healthier habits.



# Feel better. Build healthier habits.

# Misconceptions

Discover what it means to be happy.

Examine misconceptions about money,
grades, and social media that hold us back.

# Biases

Learn how biases affect our happiness.

Explore strategies for healthier comparisons and dealing with our limited attention.

# Strategies

Uncover how we can harness our behaviors, thought patterns, and emotions to boost our happiness and experience better moods.

Feel Better. Build healthier habits.

https://www.drlauriesantos.com/science-well-being-teens

Yes, I enrolled. No, I did not agree to be a part of the research study.

Yes. I can't recommend this highly enough. Yes.

If you're looking for the teachings of Jesus and meta analytics, this is your one stop shop.

You'll find the link to enroll in the link above.



Life is big, screens are small... and you deserve to live your fullest life.

https://screensanity.org/tool/smarterstart/