

the Chatterbox

*Announcements and Entertainment from
The Connection Center*

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and 11-1130 AM on Saturdays

Upcoming Events

Grand Rapids Field Trip-Sat 3rd @11-4

Salad Bar-Tue 6th @4-7

MacQueen Trip-Fri 9th @1030

CC Closed-Sat 10th All Day

Fringe Trip-Tue 13th @4-7

Tea Party-Thu 15th @2

Abke's Pumpkin Patch Trip-Fri 16th @1030

Free Community Church Lunch-Sat 17th @11-4

Pumpkin Art-Tue 20th @4-7

Fleitz Pumpkin Farm-Fri 23rd @1030

Halloween Movie/Pizza Party-Sat 24th @11-4

Game Day/Décor-Tue 27th @4-7

Halloween Party/Birthday Party-Fri 30th @11-3

CC Closed-Sat 31st All Day

Halloween Party/Birthday Party

It's that time again! The best party you'll go to this spooky season! On Friday the 30th we'll be having our annual Halloween bash! We'll be comparing costumes, having fun, and eating great food! As always the meal is only \$3!

Tea Party

On the 15th we will be having the monthly tea party! The snacks and tea are free and the company is always delightful!

1-on-1 Meetings with Chelsea

Starting in October our favorite Chelsea will be offering one on one meetings every Tuesday at 3:15. If you're interested in meeting with her please sign up at the Connection Center.

Hours: Mon-Fri 9-4, Tues open until 7, Sat 11-4

This is Just a friendly reminder of the rules for the Connection Center

CONNECTION CENTER RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Rules for the Connection Center have been adopted to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of all of its members. Rules for the program were developed by the Connection Center members and approved by Harbor. Staff are responsible for the enforcement of the program's rules and will also be responsible for determining the appropriate consequences, which may range from verbal warning to suspension from the program. Suspensions from the Connection Center will be based on the severity and frequency of the rule(s) broken.

Members, Staff, Interns, Volunteers, and Guests will observe the following rules:

- No profanity or offensive language (directed at others)
- No physical or verbal threats
- No smoking (including e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, marijuana and gummies) in facility, on van or on premises. Smoking permitted in designated smoking areas.
- No gambling
- No verbal or other harassment (including sexual orientation harassment, stigma, discrimination, bullying, begging or borrowing)
- No verbal sexual harassment
- No inappropriate public displays of affection (hugs and hand shaking require consent)
- No going behind the Café counter without staff assistance or permission except to access member fridge
- No food or drinks at the computer area
- EVERYONE MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES
- Everyone will dress appropriately and reasonably for the Center
- Everyone will respect the personal space, property, and opinions of others
- Discussion of politics, religion, or potentially controversial subjects is permitted in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect for all. Arguments about such topics are not permitted. If others not involved in a discussion, but present, express offense, the discussion will be moved to a more secluded area of the Center.

The following will be considered major or severe rule violations:

- Possession of a firearm, or any other weapon
- Possession of alcohol or any drugs without a prescription
- Being under the influence of alcohol, or any drugs without a prescription while at the Center
- Stealing from the Center, or any person involved in the program's activities
- Members, staff, interns, volunteers, and visitors not keeping member information confidential
- Sexual or physical assault

Beneath is a snippet from Richard Davis's ongoing Novel and a picture to go with it

The old file room was altogether spooky. As Jay walked onto the aged pine flooring, it creaked ominously, echoing off the flaking plaster walls from another era. Although it was called the file room, there were no longer any cabinets, or any other furniture in this dust-filled tomb-like space. There was only one door, an old-fashioned icon of orangish varnished wood with a thick, cracked glass window covering most of its upper half, so caked with grime and the residue of an ancient soaping you could no longer see through it. The room was a great hiding place. He had locked the door by sliding the nickel plated bolt in place, which was the only thing that shone in the entire room.

The two shadeless, leaded glass windows were also soaped, allowing only a little light to seep through on this mostly overcast, October day. Like the floor, the ceiling was of ancient, rough yellow pine, and was supported by 2x8's of some unknown species of unsanded heavier wood. The remains of a naked bulb affixed between two of the beams hung like a hovering angel diseased by old age. It was accompanied with a twisted pull-string, stiff and fragile with age, to turn it on and off. This mechanism was, however useless, and possibly dangerous, as most of the right side of the bulb was cracked and shattered, with its dietaries lying in a neat, compact pile like sifted flour ready for someone to bake a doll size cupcake on the warped pine below. He grimaced at his forced metaphor.

The footsteps could be heard in the vacant office area outside, a weird shuffling sound that one might associate with those of a re-animated Egyptian mummy. Jay knew, whatever this entity was, it was searching for him. More shuffling, now nearer to the door; his hair was standing on end as he broke into a cold sweat. Transfixed, he watched in horror as the door bolt jerked slowly into the open position by invisible hands. He couldn't breathe. The door creaked open, exposing a narrow slice of the dark beyond.

Through the gloom, a cheerful voice chimed, "Hi! Did you order a pizza?"



A Cup of Coffee with My Bestie

We are avid
Coffee connoisseurs
We start
Each day with
A cup of coffee
Usually iced

I like sticking to
A few certain kinds
My bestie likes
To try all kinds

She asks me if I've
Had my coffee every
Morning as I do to her
Always also

Each of us needs the
Burst of caffeine without
It we are moody or very tired

Once coffee is in us both
We are ready to start
The day we smile laugh
And joke

We truly care about
Each other we are
Adopted sister friends
At last we are both
Ready to start the day!

By Missy S.
9-10-26



Gathering Harvest

The evening was beautiful. Homework completed we work to gather acorn squash and butternut squash. As dad dug the carrots, we sorted the same, large ones went into a basket to be fed to the pigs over the next month.

The smaller carrots gathered were put in a basket. Lather mom will chop them for vegetable soup and casseroles.

Before it gets real dark we raked leaves and burnt them throwing a log onto the fire. We roasted marshmallows and treats of smores on a nice fall evening. Another of God's blessings of family working together.

By Nancy Oberhaus

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Stacie's Sign of the Month

PUMPKIN

Pumpkin is signed by making your non-dominant hand into a fist and flicking it with your forefinger on your dominant hand. The sign is like you are testing the surface of pumpkin to make sure it is good.

