



Dear DFMC Family,

One of the greatest lies of our culture is that we are meant to live life alone. We're told to be independent, self-sufficient, and strong—but Scripture tells a different story. From the beginning, God designed us not just to believe, but to **belong**. This Sunday, we continue our series **The Connected Life** with **Week 5: "AND" — Community**, and I'll be preaching on the power and purpose of life together. Jesus forms His people not as individuals, but as a body—a family connected by grace, purpose, and shared life.

The word *AND* reminds us that faith was never meant to be lived in isolation:

- Faith **and** community
- Belief **and** belonging
- Loving God **and** loving others

You'll also be able to pick up this week's **keychain**, marked with **AND**, and add it to your carabiner—another reminder that a connected life is built together, not alone. If you've ever felt disconnected, unseen, or unsure where you fit, this message is for you. And if you know someone who could use community right now, this is a great week to invite them to join you. We look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday at **10:30am** as we continue discovering what it means to live **The Connected Life**.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Shane
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PS Immediately following the worship service, we'll hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. During this time, we'll (1) Elect our church leadership team, (2) Vote to receive the **2026 Operating Budget**, (3) Share an update on our **Ministry Initiative**. We'll also take time to celebrate and welcome **Pastor Glenn Rupert** and **Pastor Kaylee Grimshaw** with a **welcome cake** following the meeting. We hope you'll plan to stay and be part of this important and joyful moment in the life of our church!