

The Path Finder

Finding your way to acts of purpose and faith

Chelsea First United Methodist Church

128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI 48118

www.chelseaumc.org

February 28, 2016

Our Mission:

*Ordinary people living differently
because of the love of Christ.*

Connecting with God

Learning in Community

Making a Difference in the World

PRAYER REQUESTS

These prayer concerns were lifted during services
or were called into the church office.

Prayers for Comfort:

* Families and friends of those killed in the Kalamazoo
shootings Feb. 20th * Friend grieving the loss of his son *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Melanie Hopp * Don Detterman * Edie Wiarda *
* Rosemary Jones * Anna Boote * Dave Dunlap *
* Nick Brink's father * Jamie Herbert's grandson Bentley *

Prayers for Support for:

* Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *
* Paul & Joanne Weber *
* Hertha Laupmanis and her family * the people of Flint *
* Jeannie & Andy Ford *

PRAYER SUPPORT

You can contact Anne Zuehlke
(475-2535, alzuehlke@yahoo.com) or Debbie Noye
(475-1096, debnoye10@gmail.com) or a member of the
church staff and ask that your request be added to the prayer
chain. If you would like to join the group who prays for such
requests, contact Debbie Noye or Anne Zuehlke.

**To celebrate Daylight Savings time,
March 13th is PJ Day at church!
Donate to the capital campaign that
morning and wear your jammies to church!!**



Healing Through Cooperation

Please return your bottle(s) to church by
Sunday, Feb. 28th and we'll share the
difference that the cooperation of many
can make!

We'll have a basket at the bottom of the
steps leading to the sanctuary for those who forgot their
bottles last week. Thank you!



**Have you ever heard a
Steel drum band?
Come enjoy a bit of
the Caribbean here at
CFUMC!**

Friday, March 4th at 7pm: Southpaw Isle

This rhythm-driven performance will infuse the traditional
music of Trinidad with calypso, jazz and samba. Children and
families of all ages will enjoy this high energy performance!

**Donations needed to help the 3 - 5th graders
prepare a meal for the homeless served by
Cass Community Services!**

The mission focus of the 3 - 5th sleepover is to prepare a meal
for 200 at Cass Community Services as well as prepare a
craft to sell to raise money for the mission work being done
by the youth on their trip to Charleston, South Carolina.

Even if you are not in 3 - 5th grade, we need you!! We need
lots of food donations and helpers to make the sleepover a
success. Please click on the sign up genius link below
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-help>
and consider helping out the 3 - 5th graders
as they help the homeless in Detroit!

Announcements



Open Minds Reconciling Hearts,

a discussion group at CFUMC, is hosting a free showing of the 2014 Emmy nominated Documentary - The Day It Snowed in Miami- produced by the Miami Herald.

The Day It Snowed in Miami- follows individuals and activists as they sought to pass an equal protection ordinance in Dade County Florida in 1977. The efforts gained national attention, and for the first time many in America began to examine the concerns being expressed in Dade County and in other parts of the country .

The film chronicles the years of struggle for equal protection for LGBT persons, fueled and inspired by the Civil Rights and Equal Rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s, in Miami's Dade County.

The film will be shown at 3 p.m. Saturday March 19th in Gram's Hall , Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park Street - downtown Chelsea. Refreshments and discussion will follow for those who wish to remain and share their thoughts about the film. For information please email Inclusivewelcome@gmail.com

New Member Orientation

You are invited to participate in a New Member Orientation March 13th and 20th, 3 - 5 p.m. This two-part event is designed to help you learn more about Chelsea First United Methodist Church and United Methodism.

March 13th will focus on our local church, its ministries and activities, including many representatives from the congregation and a tour of the facility.

March 20th will focus on United Methodist beliefs and practices, along with the meaning of membership.

Child care is provided. We ask you to call the church office, email or speak with Teresa Steklac or Pastor Joy to let us know you plan to participate...or if you have questions.

Material Girls is Collecting Box Tops, Labels, and Tabs to Help Others

The collection box for all three items is on the Material Girls cart in Grams Hall
This year Material Girls are collecting *Box Tops for Education* coupons to raise money for Chelsea elementary schools. These small coupons are usually pink with a dotted line around them and a calendar date. The money received will support North Creek and South Meadows Elementary Schools. Box Top coupons are on the packaging of hundreds of participating products that you probably use every day.

All you need to do is cut them off of the box, stick them in a baggie, and bring them to church. There will be a collection box in Grams Hall on the Material Girls cart.

We are also collecting Campbell's Labels for Education. These labels are usually red and white. You need to submit the entire label, including the white portion. Chelsea elementary schools collect them and "purchase" equipment from the Campbell's catalog.

Please bring in tabs for Ronald McDonald House/Motts Children's Hospital. We collecting the aluminum tabs from pop cans and other recyclable cans. These will earn money for the Ronald McDonald house in Ann Arbor.

Tote Bags for Haiti

Would you like to make a difference in Haiti?

A team from the Dixboro United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor is going to Jeremie, Haiti in April. They will teach at a Local Preacher's Academy, assist at a United Methodist pre-school, and work with a Mobile Medical/Dental Unit.

Expecting 50 pastors to attend the Academy, the Dixboro team was pleasantly surprised when 175 signed up. The team would like to provide tote bags for the pastors to use when they travel from village to village.

The bags will be large enough to hold a Bible, paper, pens, and some personal items.

Would you like to help make the tote bags or provide fabric? We need medium-weight cotton fabric. (45" - 1 1/2 yards; 54" - 1 yard; 60" - 7/8 yard) Please leave the fabric on the table outside the library, and label it "Haiti Tote Bags".

If you would like to sew a tote bag or two, please contact Barbara Brown for the pattern. barbaraabrown@comcast.net

Announcements Continued/Mission Ministries

The event "Holy Conversations" that was going to be held on March 6th, has been postponed. Please watch the Path Finder or look for an email for the rescheduled date.

Material Girls

Material Girls had their first meeting of the year, and they are busy making gifts for this year's Children's Christmas Bazaar.

If you would like to donate any of the following items, please bring them to the church, label them "Material Girls", and put them on the table outside the church library.

Thank you

glue guns
Altoid boxes – regular size
wood burning tools
plain white mugs
band aids
decorative buttons
old cookie sheets
candles: any kind, new, used, scented, or unseated

We are also collecting
plastic grocery bags

Sound/AV Leadership Team needs volunteers!

The sound/AV leadership team is looking for technically-minded volunteers to share their gifts and serve on this team. Volunteers will attend a training class with our sound team leaders, and then run sound or video during worship 1-2 services a month. No experience is necessary. Please contact Ron Mourad at rmourad@albion.edu if you are interested.

The new 2015/16
Babysitting/Pet sitting/House sitting/
Yard worker list is available!
Contact Courtney for a copy.

Community Breakfast!

March 12, 2016

When you sacrifice your time for those you claim to love, you ultimately demonstrate that you do.

Thank you to all who make this meal possible from beginning to end. Beyond the numbers of meals served, lives that know the love of Christ because of people living differently.



Alpha House

March 21 - 25, 2016

Service Opportunities Available for Making & Serving Meals, Spending Time With Children Following Supper, etc.
Check out the mission kiosk in Grams Hall



<http://ginghamsburg.org/grow/ministries/change-the-world-2016>

You are invited to -
CHANGE the WORLD 2016...
a Ginghamburg missional church conference
on April 21/22, 2016.
Changing the world seems like a BIG, seemingly IMPOSSIBLE job. Except . . . it's NOT.
So, how do you do it? ONE life at a time.
CHANGE the WORLD is designed to eliminate our big "buts," providing the tools, information and inspiration we need to change the world ONE life, ONE community or ONE special point on the globe at a time - regardless of church size, location or budget.



FAITH IN ACTION PANTRY NEEDS:

Cereal Coffee Hamburger Helper Canned Tomatoes
Baked Beans

Children's Ministry

If you do not currently receive the "Weekly BLAST Parent Update" email that contains more detailed information about children's programming and upcoming events, please email caldrich@chelseaumc.org to be added to the list.

Our Virtue and Verse for February

Cooperation: Working together to do more than you can do alone.

"Two people are better than one.

They can help each other in everything they do." Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Challenge your family this month to cooperate together by planning and implementing a family project.

Could be cleaning the basement, sorting through photos, or doing some home repair – you name it!

Did you know?

Did you know our 2nd and 3rd graders cooperated to make pet blankets in BLAST to donate to the Huron Valley Humane Society? We will be scheduling a time to drop off the blankets and get a tour of the Humane Society shelter with families who want to come along (2nd and 3rd graders will get first dibs). Stay tuned for the tour date as there will be only 20 openings for the tour!

Family Ministries

"Better Halves " Two day marriage workshop

We will be offering a two day marriage workshop on March 6th and March 20th from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.

The focus of the workshop is finances and your marriage relationship. This engaging, hands-on workshop is offered through Prepare-Enrich and will be led by Jeff and Dianna Kause and Kristyna Dell. Please contact Courtney Aldrich, caldrich@chelseaumc.org or (734)475-8119x12 to register by February 28th.

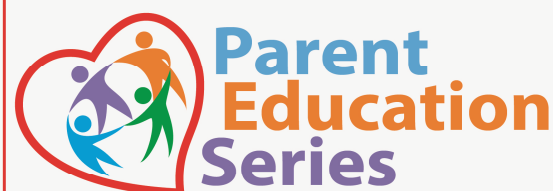
Cost is \$25 per couple payable by the first day of class.

Mystery Date returns in March!

For four Saturdays in March you can sign up to go on your own Mystery Date set up by the church!

The church provides childcare from 5 - 8 p.m. and the instructions for your date! Suggested \$20 minimum donation per couple.

Sign up will be in Grams Hall beginning February 21st.



The final Parent Education Series of the season, Feb. 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m., Chelsea District Library
CSD Band Director Rick Catherman and Music Together Specialist Tara Vesprini, "Music and your child's mind"



Wednesdays
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

In the future when school events are cancelled, Outlet will be cancelled as well.

We are looking to fill some spots for snack for Outlet. Please check out the link to sign up. Thank You!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-middle>

March BLAST Play Practice -

Second practice this Sunday during XP3 Middle School
Gabe M, Jessica E, Sean L, Ethan P, Caley P, Nick L,
Gavin C, Sawyer N

Sundays in March for XP3

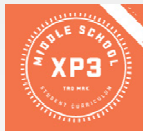
Stepping Up - Have you every had a moment where you knew you needed to step up? Maybe you always sat on the bench during the basketball game and your coach finally called you in to play. Or maybe you got selected to take a really advanced course in school.

Or took a really important and high paying summer job.

No matter the situation, you knew that you had two choices: either step up to the opportunity or step back and miss it altogether. And while these challenges aren't just limited to high school, we do have the chance to start becoming a step up kind of person right now.

This was exactly where a man named Joshua found himself in the Old Testament. Joshua was just a normal guy facing some really challenging circumstances. Through his story, we can learn to step up and reach the potential God has for us in the process.

XP3 Middle School
9:15 a.m. in room 216



XP3 High School
10:30 a.m. in room 216

Confirmation

March 6th 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Room 216

DATES TO REMEMBER

BLAST sleepover

March 4th Volunteer sheets in youth room

Community Breakfast - March 12th 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

ALPHA HOUSE

March 21st - 25th See the Mission kiosk in Grams Hall for more info.

Alternative Spring Break - April 2nd - April 8th
The deadline to sign up is February 26th. Simply register using this link www.chelseaumc.org/youth/missions

Change the World Conference - April 21st - 22nd
Ginghamsburg Church, Tipp City, OH.
See page 3 for more info.

30 Hour Famine - May 21st - 22nd

High School Summer Mission trip - July 24th - 30th
We are headed to the Upper Peninsula to serve with God's Country Cooperative Parish.

Bible Study for Middle School Girls

When: Begins Monday February 29, 2016
Where: Chelsea First UMC
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Led by: Emma Adkins

Alternative Spring Break Trip 2016
Valparaiso, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Charleston, SC
Accidentals Handbell Ensemble
and the Youth of CFUMC
Sat. April 2nd - Fri. April 8th

The deadline to sign-up has been extended to FEBRUARY 26th.

This is your FINAL OPPORTUNITY to go on the trip. LATE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

If you would like to attend, please fill out the online permission form found here:
<http://www.chelseaumc.org/youth/missions.html>

Questions, contact Kyle Webber -
kwebber@chelseaumc.org, or Jeanne Franks -
youth@chelseaumc.org or call 475-8119.

Sunday, February 28th

- 8:30 a.m. CFUMC Choir Warm Up, Praise Bells Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST music and classes - Pre-K - 5th, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3, Rezound Handbells Warm Up
3-5th Grade Sleep Over Adult Leaders Meeting
- 10:45 a.m. Knitting Group
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5th grades
- 11:30 a.m. 3-5th Grade Sleep Over Youth Leaders Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbell Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Parent Education Series "Tara Vesprini/Rick Catherman -
at the Chelsea District Library
- 3:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Monday, February 29th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 5:30 p.m. Bible Study for Middle School Girls
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study Group

Tuesday, March 1st

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. MOPS Steering Team Meeting, Trustees

Wednesday, March 2nd

- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 5:30 p.m. ParentConnect/KidConnect
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir

Thursday, March 3rd

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. Renew Band Rehearsal

Friday, March 4th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Mission Sleep Over
- 7:00 p.m. Concert Series 2015 - 2016 "Southpaw Isle Steelband"

Saturday, March 5th

- 5:00 p.m. Date Night

Sunday, March 6th

- 8:15 a.m. Renew Band Warm Up
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3 Classes, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5th grades
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 3:45 p.m. Marriage Class
- 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Monday, March 7th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 5:30 p.m. Bible Study for Middle School Girls

Tuesday, March 7th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Material Girls

Wednesday, March 9th

- 9:00 a.m. Material Girls Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:15 p.m. Share and Study
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10th

- 1:00 p.m. Covenant Bible Study Group
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, March 11th

- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up

Saturday, March 12th

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast
- 5:00 p.m. Date Night

Volunteers Serving February 28th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Nikki & Pat Little, Judy Park
- 10:30 a.m. John Seto, Liza Gray

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Todd Hubbard, Tim Sweeny, Kerry Franks
- 10:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Larry Martin

Nursery Workers:

- 8:45 a.m. Katie Seto, 10:45 a.m. Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Host: Dan & Chris Cobb, Dianne Kelly,
Jessica & Bob Fahlgren

Coffee Hour Bakers: Emily Kuo, Jane Newbound,
Dianne Kelley, Patti & Kayla Sweeny, Betsy Coy

Volunteers Serving March 6th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Tom Davis, Jeff & Sue Comstock
- 10:30 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Liza Gray, Harry & Lois Gibson
- 10:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Laurie Schiller
Phil Radant

Acolytes: Kate Krugh, Marah Putnam

Nursery Workers:

- 8:45 a.m. Katie Seto, 10:45 a.m. Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Host: Allison Vanderspool, Jody Hay,
Barbara Brown

Coffee Hour Bakers: Charma Dick, Linda Detterman,
Heidi Doyle, Dawn Putnam, Lois Gibson