

## 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

March 11, 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:

- \* Individuals and families traumatized by gun violence \*
- \* Friend of Cynthia Standefer \*

#### Prayers for Healing for:

- \* Melanie Hopp \* Gavin Crawley \* Dianne Kelley \*
- \* Bentley - grandson of Jamie Herbert \* Valisa Bristle's  
Grandma Thompson \* Charma Dick's sister-in-law, Georgie \*
- \* Audrey Timberlake's grandfather \*
- \* Dave Dunlap \* Anna Boote \*

#### Prayers for Support for:

- \* Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic \*
- \* Paul & Joanne Weber \*
- \* Hertha Laupmanis and her family \*

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### PRAYER SUPPORT

You can contact Anne Zuehlke  
(475-2535, [alzuehlke@yahoo.com](mailto:alzuehlke@yahoo.com)) or Debbie Noye  
(475-1096, [debnoye10@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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March 20<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m.

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Worship is at the  
First Congregational church at 12 p.m.

March 27<sup>th</sup> - Easter Worship 9 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Twenty-four Hour Prayer Vigil

2:00 p.m. Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to  
12:00 noon Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

See the Signupgenius below

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-24hour>  
or sign up in Grams Hall.

Lent is a time to reflect on what Jesus Christ's life, death,  
and resurrection mean to us. It's an opportunity to  
prayerfully reflect on what God is asking to do through your  
life, our lives together.

**PRAYER STATIONS** throughout the church sanctuary  
offer a variety of ways to experience prayer. Move to the  
station of your choice, staying as long as it is meaningful.  
Encounter scripture, move, meditate, listen, or sketch.  
Use all your senses or withdraw from them. Use words or  
silence. Gaze upon candle light or spiritual images.

#### **A LABYRINTH** in Grams Hall

(2:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Saturday).

For centuries its twisting and turning path was understood  
as a metaphor for our Christian faith journey.  
One path in and out, labyrinths offer rich opportunities for  
experiencing a deeper connection with God.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** start in the garden and  
continue throughout the Christian education wing  
(2:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Saturday).

Come walk through the events of Good Friday and  
prayerfully reflect on the meaning of our Lord's sacrifice in  
the ways we live our daily lives.

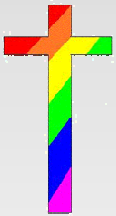
# Announcements

## General Conference Information Session

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. It is the only entity that speaks officially for the church. The General Conference meets once every four years. The conference can revise church rules, as well as adopt resolutions on various moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

The General Conference will meet in Portland, OR May 10-20, 2016. There are 864 delegates from each annual conference around the globe. In 2016, 58.3% of the delegates are from the United States.

As one of the delegates elected from Michigan, I'd invite you to learn more about General Conference and I ask for your prayers for the General Conference. Here are three ways you may learn more about General Conference: 1) check out the website: [www.gc2016.umc.org](http://www.gc2016.umc.org); 2) view videos from the Pre-General Conference Briefing in January which introduced major legislation at: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/pre-general-conference-video-archives>; 3) come to church Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a presentation/conversation about General Conference. Thank you for your interest and your prayers. Pastor Joy



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Inclusivewelcome@gmail.com)

## Finance Committee Update

Thanks to your generous and faithful response, Chelsea First entered 2016 with a balanced budget. Projected income of \$636,507 is expected to cover projected expenses of \$636,507. Through February, our actual income is \$13,624 greater than actual expenses, putting us in good financial shape after the first two months of the year.

Through February, budgeted expenses for 2016 were \$108,846, while actual expenses for the same period were \$101,318. Anticipated monthly income amounts have been projected based on past years' giving patterns. Through February, budgeted income for 2016 was \$114,737, while actual income for the same period was \$114,942.

In summary, we are happy to report the good news that actual expenses are a lower than anticipated and actual income is slightly higher than anticipated through the first two months of 2016. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful fulfillment of your pledges!

## 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.

## Announcements Continued/Mission Ministries

### 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

### 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](mailto:barbaraabrown@comcast.net)

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  
Or see the sign up genius to sign up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-volunteer>



<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:**

Ketchup  
Applesauce

Bakes Beans

Creamed Soups & Chowders

Mandarin Oranges

# 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](mailto:caldrich@chelseaumc.org) to be added to the list.*

## **Our Virtue and Verse for March**

### **Hope**

Believing that something good can come out of something bad.

*"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world" John 16:33b, NIV*

### **Humane Society Tour!**

Did you know our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders cooperated to make pet blankets in BLAST to donate to the Huron Valley Humane Society? On March 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 - 6 p.m. we will be dropping off the blankets and getting a tour of the Humane Society shelter. Anyone can go as long as you have RSVP'd in advance.

The tour is strictly limited to 20 spots and there are only 9 left!

Let Courtney know if you are interested!

### **Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade sleepover April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>! New location at CRC!**

Okay Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders -- It's your turn! Come join us for a sleepover at CRC! We will be playing games with the residents, having story time, a scavenger hunt and a photo booth. We will also have a cookie baking day before the sleepover to make cookies for the residents. RSVP to Courtney by April 15<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending the sleepover this year. (At least one parent from each family must stay overnight as well)

### **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!

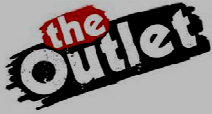
The church provides childcare from 5 - 8 p.m. and the instructions for your date!

Suggested \$20 minimum donation per couple. Sign up will be in Grams Hall beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **The new 2015/16**

**Babysitting/Pet sitting/House sitting/Yard worker listis available!**

**Contact Courtney for a copy.**



## Wednesdays

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

### **March 16<sup>th</sup> - #10 of 99**

Thoughts for Jr Highers - What if I don't have a clue who I am or what I'm good at?

When school or after school events are canceled, Outlet will be canceled as well. Be Safe.

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>

### **XP3 Middle School**

9:15 a.m. in room 216



**Stepping Up Part 3** - 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 High School**

10:30 a.m. in room 216

**DUST**

### Confirmation

**March 20<sup>th</sup> 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Room 216**

The Way of Discipleship

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Community Breakfast** - March 12<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

### ALPHA HOUSE

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

**Alternative Spring Break** - April 2<sup>nd</sup> - April 8<sup>th</sup>

Time to order the T-shirts, write some thank you letters, look for prayer partners, and pack your sun screen!

**Change the World Conference** - April 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ginghamsburg Church, Tipp City, OH.

See page 3 for more info.

**30 Hour Famine** - May 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

**High School Summer Mission trip** - July 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

We are headed to the Upper Peninsula to serve with God's Country Cooperative Parish.

### **Bible Study for Middle School Girls**

When: Begins Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Where: Chelsea First UMC, Room 223

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Led by: Emma Adkins

First Session: True Beauty

On Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, we'll be serving at Alpha House and playing downstairs with the children from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**We celebrate the gifts and talents of those who are now finished with finals, banquets, concerts, robotics; and those who are headed to the state swim meet, the hockey semi finals, performers in Alice in Wonderland, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and a million other activities (accidentally omitted) that you wonderful parents have afforded your children.**

**Peace to you in this day. Jeanne**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. CFUMC Choir Warm Up, Praise Bells
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST music and classes - Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup>, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3
- 10:45 a.m. Knitting Group
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 3:00 p.m. Membership Class
- 3:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Easter Quintet Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 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 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:00 p.m. Covenant Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ
- 2:00 p.m. Open Minds Reconciling Hearts
- 5:00 p.m. Date Night

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:15 a.m. The Accidentals Warm Up
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells, Random Ringers Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST music and classes - Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup>, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3 Classes, Jubilee Ringers Warm Up, Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Membership Class
- 3:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 3:45 p.m. Marriage Class
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 5:00 p.m. Alpha House - Youth bible study - Off Site
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Alpha House - Off Site

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 5:00 p.m. Alpha House - Off Site
- 6:15 p.m. Share and Study
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:00 p.m. Covenant Bible Study Group
- 5:00 p.m. Alpha House - Off Site
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
- 5:00 p.m. Alpha House - Off Site

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil ends
- 1:00 p.m. Easter Quintet Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Date Night

**Volunteers Serving March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, LuAnn & Loren Heller
- 10:30 a.m. Lois & Dick Willis, Julie & Dennis Deppner

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Bill, Brendan & Kyle Doyle, John Cugliari
- 10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac, Anne Zuehlke, Art Stoll, MaryAnn Myers

Acolytes: Natalie Morr, Fiona Stoker

Nursery Workers:

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

Coffee Hour Host: Sandy Schmunk, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Janet Kuras, Phyllis Tillman

Coffee Hour Bakers: Kathy Carter, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Linda Logan, Kasie Cousino, Dorothy Craft

**Volunteers Serving March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Meloche, Arlene Wiltse, Barbara Brown
- 10:30 a.m. John & Ellen Aldighieri & Mackenzie Benning

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Harry & Lois Gibson, Boyd & Arlene Wiltse
- 10:30 a.m.

Acolytes: Kate Krugh, Nolan Little

Nursery Workers:

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

Coffee Hour Host: Eileen Blough, Jane Newbound, Susan Wellman

Coffee Hour Bakers: Casey Wooster, Lillian Long, Eileen Blough, Janet Alford, Tara Basso