

The Path Finder

Finding your way to acts of purpose and faith

Chelsea First United Methodist Church

128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI 48118

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April 17, 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:

- * Bob Couch on the loss of his daughter *
- * Family and friends of Robert Reed *

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Maryann Myers' daughter-in-law * Roberta Anderson *
- * Charles Schmunk * Biff Weber * Warren McArthur *
- * David Church * Dianne Kelley *

Prayers for Support for:

- * Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *

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.

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



**Caring Relationship
for the Love of Christ**

Contact: Pam Mansfield 475-7548, Norm Colbry 475-7321



Joel Raney, Piano & Jane Holstein, Organ
April 24, 2016 . 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This is a FREE Community Concert!
Everyone is Welcome!

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Chelsea Retirement
Community Resident Council invites you to participate in a
Community Prayer Service, Friday, May 6th,
at the CRC chapel.

A time of gathering and refreshments will begin at 10:00 a.m.
and the prayer service will begin at 10:30 a.m. If work or other
responsibilities prohibit you from being present in person,
you are invited to simply pause wherever you are for a few
moments of silence and prayer that morning.

The intent it is offer intercessory prayer on behalf of our
community and for all who are suffering. For more
information, please contact Rev. Cathy Rafferty at the
Chelsea Retirement Community, crafferty@umrc.com.

Announcements

Pray for the United Methodist General Conference

There will be a sign-up for prayer support for Pastor Joy, all other delegates, for the wisdom and love of God to prevail when The United Methodist Church gathers in Portland, Oregon on May 10-20, 2016.

Here are some suggestions on how to pray:

Make the General Conference a part of meal-time prayers. This allows us to be in unity with one another as we give thanks for the food that sustains us.

Invite God to guide the leaders who will gather in Portland for General Conference.

Read and pray over Psalm 133.

Place reminders in car, home, and work space that encourage "prayer without ceasing."

Here are some ways to focus. Pray for:

- Pastor Joy, delegates and visitors for their travel to Portland;
- Health, energy and safety of all who gather;
- Clear discernment and wisdom of God's guidance in all issues;
- Kindness and grace with which all should be treated;
- Bishops who will preside over the Conference;
- translators, volunteers and agency staff who work attending to details;
- International delegates and guests who will be present in unfamiliar cultural settings; leaders of the worship services.

In your time of prayer, please be sure to allow for times of silence so that you might be open to hearing and receiving what God would speak to your heart and mind.

The sign-up sheet will be for: morning, afternoon and evening of each Conference day. Prayerfully consider doing this for our Church, Our Pastor and our Denomination. You can find the sign up sheets in Grams Hall.

Calling all current 2nd graders: Come and "Try" Praise Bells!

All current 2nd graders are invited to come and "try" Praise Bells, to see if its something they might want to do in 3rd grade! We will have 4 rehearsals and then play in worship on June 12th at 10 a.m.

All current youth ringers in Praise Bells, Random Ringers or Accidentals are invited to come ring and assist with this group as leaders.

We will rehearse at the following times.

Sundays:

May 15th 8:30-8:55

May 22nd 8:30-8:55

May 29th (OFF, Memorial)

June 5 9:30-9:55

June 12th 9:30-9:55, 10am Play in Worship

If your 2nd grader or current ringer is interested in ringing, or leading please email April Murphy (amurphy@chelseaumc.org)

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

Mission Ministries

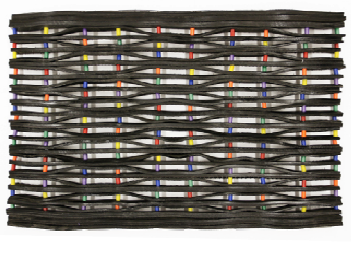


To all of the Adult Prayer partners & the KidConnect Prayer buddies, to Deb Noye who gathered them in, to all of you who donated food and money and prayers of your own:
Thank you.

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to offer music 'that speaks to the part of us that wants to be well.' Thank you for the opportunity to offer the love of Jesus Christ to the broken and the hurting, the homeless, the abused, the traumatized and the marginalized that we might be one.

Cass Community Social Services Mud Mats for Sale

Mud mats made from abandoned tires retrieved from the streets of Detroit are for sale in Grams Hall.



Small – 25.00
Medium – 35.00
Large – 45.00

Thank you for supporting CCSS and the ministries of CFUMC.

Community Breakfast!

May 14, 2016

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

160 guests were served & 20 bags of paper products were distributed. 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.



FLINT WATER CRISIS: UNITED METHODIST RESPONSE

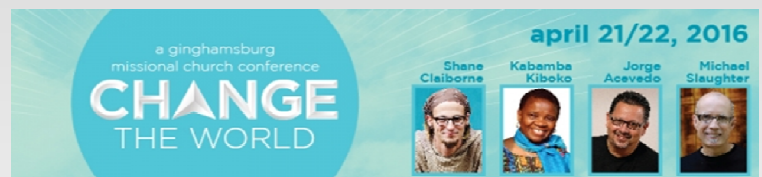
Hello Friends,

We are in need of serious Volunteers on a regular basis:
Every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. we have full semi-loads of water delivered and distributed at Calvary UMC,
2111 Flushing Rd., Flint, 48504.

Every Thursday around 11:30 p.m. we have 10 skids of water delivered and distributed at Asbury UMC 1653 Davison Rr.,
Flint, 48506

We need volunteers to help. Please give this your consideration.
Thanks, Peter Plum

Emergency Water Crisis Coordinator at The United Methodist Church - Crossroads District



<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:

Sugar
Body Lotion
Boxed Pasta (not spaghetti)

Juice
Children's shampoo

Mac & Cheese
Stewed Tomatoes
Diced Tomatoes

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.

Spare pants needed for the nursery! If you have some 3T or 4T pants that your children have outgrown, we would love to have a couple of spares for the nursery. Just drop them off at Courtney's office. Thanks!

Our Virtue and Verse for April

Perseverance

Refusing to give up when life gets hard.

*"But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."
Isaiah 40:31, NIV*

*Get the conversation going with your child as each of you share the answer to this question:
What is the hardest thing you've ever had to do? How did you get through it?*

Newsflash! The 3-5th graders' candle sales raised \$589 to donate to Windwood Farms Home for Children in South Carolina. Way to go!

Pre-K - 2nd grade sleepover April 22nd - 23rd! Two ways to get involved -- Cookie Baking fun on April 17th and/or join us for the sleepover fun on the 22nd!

Okay Pre-K through 2nd 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. The sleepover will be done by 8:15 a.m. on Saturday morning, so you will make it to soccer or whatever your day's events may be!

We will also have a cookie baking day on April 17th at 2 p.m. in Grams Hall to make cookies to share with the residents when we visit!! If you cannot attend the sleepover, you are still welcome to bake cookies!

RSVP to Courtney by April 17th (this Sunday) if you will be attending the sleepover this year, **and** if you will be attending the cookie baking day. (At least one parent from each family must stay overnight for the sleepover as well)

Looking Ahead . . . May!

On the first of May, children from BLAST will meet after the second service to create "May Day" baskets and then deliver them residents of the Pines. This is a wonderful, feel good event that ushers in Spring and the joy that flowers and children can bring to others. We look forward to serving with you and your children on May 1st!

On May 15th, we will be celebrating the end of the BLAST year with special food and appreciation for our leaders. Adults, please consider helping on this special day so our leaders "don't have to lift a finger". Let Courtney know if you are available to help. More details to come . . .

Looking WAY ahead -- July!

As you map out your summer, current 3 - 5th grade families should mark their calendars for the summer mission trip to the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit. This weekend of serving is always a fulfilling and eye opening experience for our families to understand and serve communities in Michigan that are only one hour away from us. The 2016 dates are July 30th - 31st.



Wednesdays

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

After school in the youth room (216)

MARCH MADNESS RESULTS -
Winners and last place 'winner'
announced **THIS** Sunday



XP3 Middle School

9:15 a.m. in room 216

XP3 High School

10:30 a.m. in room 216



April 17th LIKE ME - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:16 NIV

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous - how well I know it. Psalm 139:13-14 NLT

BOTTOM LINE: When I feel unlikeable,
God still likes me.

April 24th DON'T LEAVE ME

**For more parenting tips and information,
check out the <http://theparentcue.org/>**

Confirmation

April 17th 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Room 216

The Way of Discipleship

DATES TO REMEMBER

Community Breakfast - May 14th 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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

NO XP3 on May 8th - Music Celebration Sunday

30 Hour Famine - May 21st - 22nd

YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE - May 22nd 9 & 11 a.m.

INSTAGRAM

Social Media explained by the experts
aka Middle School youth.

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ACCOUNT -

"Some people like to have public accounts so that they can have lots of followers (feel popular); but that means that anybody can see your photos."

"I like a private account because I choose who I allow to see my photos. I accept only the friend requests of people I know. My cousin's friends wanted to follow my account, but I don't know them and I'm not going to accept their request."

If you have questions that you would like to ask the experts (aka the youth), email me at youth@chelseaumc.org.
Thank you.

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: Mondays

Where: Chelsea First UMC, Room 223

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Led by: Emma Adkins

So, chosen by God for this new Life Of Love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, forgiveness & patience; and regardless of what else you put on, wear Love. It's your basic all purpose garment. Never be without it. Colossians 3:12-14

They tore lettuce, chopped tomatoes and carrots, and slammed basketballs into a makeshift hoop. Together with brothers in residence in the activity area, they stood in a circle smiling widely at each other after a whoopee cushion sounded off one last time. No designer wear, simply the hearts of the Designer Himself.

Alpha House 2016

Sunday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
 8:30 a.m. Praise Bell Rehearsal
 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, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Cookie Baking for CRC
 3:30 p.m. General Conference Prayer Time
 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal, Stephen Ministry Training

Monday, April 18th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play
 3:00 p.m. Bible Study for Middle School Girls
 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study Group

Tuesday, April 19th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council

Wednesday, April 20th

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

Thursday, April 21st

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

Friday, April 22nd

9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
 5:30 p.m. PreK-2nd Sleep over at CRC

Saturday, April 23rd

9:00 a.m. Mom2Mom Sale

Sunday, April 24th

8:30 a.m. CFUMC Choir Warm Up, Praise Bells Rehearsal
 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
 10:45 a.m. Knitting Group
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
 3:30 p.m. General Conference Prayer Time
 4:00 p.m. Marriage Class, Random Ringers Rehearsal
 Concert Series "Joel Raney & Jane Holstein"
 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Monday, April 25th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play
 3:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study

Tuesday, April 26th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, April 27th

3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
 6:00 p.m. Share and Study
 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting

Thursday, April 28th

1:00 p.m. Covenant Bible Study Group
 7:30 p.m. Renew Band Rehearsal

Volunteers Serving April 17th

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

Acolytes: Natalie Morr, Kate Krugh

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

Volunteers Serving April 24th

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

Acolytes: Nolan Little, Shane McLaughlin

Nursery Workers:

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

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

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

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and find us on the church facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc>

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