

## 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](http://www.chelseaumc.org)

May 15, 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:***

- \* Family and friends of Don Vogelsberg \*
- \* Family and friends of Jeff Savery \*

#### ***Prayers for Healing for:***

- \* Maryann Myers' daughter-in-law \* Roberta Anderson \*
- \* Charles Schmunk \* Biff Weber \* Warren McArthur \*
- \* Dianne Kelley \* Elden Parsons \*
- \* Nephew of Alberta Colbry \* David Dunlap \*
- \* Mary, a friend of Dennis Crawley \* Jane Johnston \*
- \* those dealing with depression \*
- \* Dan Roehm's father \* Sandy Schmunk's sister \*
- \* Jim Robbins \* Sue Comstock's sister-in-law, Wendy \*

#### ***Prayers for Support for:***

- \* Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic \*
- \* Those in wildfire areas \*

### Update on Johnson Francois

In 2010, Johnson Francois lost his twin brother in Haiti's devastating earthquake. Orphaned as a child, his resilient spirit and deep faith carried him forward. He left to complete his education in the Dominican Republic where he faced great challenges.

Over the years members of CFUMC have supported him over the years with both prayer and financial support.

Johnson has recently graduated from pharmacy school in the Dominican Republic and at the end of April wed his Haitian bride, Joliene, in Albuquerque, New Mexico where her family lives.

Thank you for your prayers for this young man over the years.

### Give the Gift of Life and give Blood

The Red Cross Blood Drive is May 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. here at CFUMC. Walk in' are welcome.

### 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.

### Adoption Ministry Family Potluck Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 5 p.m. @Timbertown

We are excited to announce CFUMC is kicking off a new and exciting adoption ministry. This ministry aims to connect and support families who have adopted, educate our community about adoption, as well as provide adoption related mission opportunities.

If your family is touched by adoption, or you are interested in learning more about adoption and this new ministry opportunity, please join us for a family potluck picnic at Timbertown at 5 p.m., May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring a dish to pass, and table service for your family. NO nuts please.

Please contact April Murphy ([amurphy@chelseaumc.org](mailto:amurphy@chelseaumc.org)) for more info.

### Summer Worship Schedule

May 29<sup>th</sup>, holiday weekend - one worship service at 10 a.m.

June 5<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. Recognition and Celebration of High School Graduates in Grams Hall, 10 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary.

Jun 12<sup>th</sup> - summer schedule begins: worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Holiday weekend Sundays - July 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup> one service at 10 a.m.

# Announcements

## Summer Worship: Special Music It's Time to sign up!

Please consider offering your musical gifts and talents this summer during our summer worship. Youth and adults are invited to participate. Please sign up using the link below for a worship time that works for you. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact April Murphy ([amurphy@gmail.com](mailto:amurphy@gmail.com))

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aadae2cabfc1-summer/>

## Pray for the United Methodist General Conference

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.

## Let's Pray Together

The Albion and Ann Arbor Districts have been asked to join other districts in our two Michigan conferences in "Let's Pray Together." As we move toward our joint annual conference in June of this year, "Let's Pray Together" is an opportunity to begin prayerfully creating connections between congregations across conference lines. Please note: our two conferences will join in a time of fellowship and prayer on Friday night, June 10, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Brody Hall. If you would like the list of churches, please contact Liza Gray in the church office at 475-8119.

## High School Senior Celebration

We are looking for help and donations for the 2016 graduation celebration for our high school seniors. Please check out the sign up genius link below to see if you can. Thank You.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44a9ac229-graduation>

On behalf of the church, and for the sake of hospitality, Pastor Joy is looking for a few volunteers to help with a new ministry.

Here are the details:

WHO: people who have gifts of detail and order

WHAT: straighten the songbooks and Bibles in the pew and chair racks

WHERE: CFUMC sanctuary

WHEN: once per week, at your day and time convenience; about one hour

WHY: to extend hospitality to all who gather for worship

When we have guests coming to our homes, we typically neaten things up, make sure towels are available and visible, etc. Here at CFUMC, we'd like to extend that same sense of welcome, care, and anticipation to all who come for worship. How frustrating it is to reach for a songbook, only to discover there aren't any within reach. Or to want to follow along with the scripture reading, but all the pew Bibles are at the other end of the row. Perhaps you have a gift for this kind of detail, you understand that first impressions are important, and you want to help your church put its best foot forward. This is a ministry you could do at your time convenience. Please let me know of your interest in this ministry; I'd be happy to talk with you in person or you may email or phone:

[jbarrett@chelseaumc.org](mailto:jbarrett@chelseaumc.org) ; 475-8119 ext. 18. Thank you for considering this opportunity! Pastor Joy

# Mission Opportunity/Youth Ministries

## We Need Your Help!

### FLINT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

These are all very busy water donation locations every day of the week and need help regularly. Unfortunately, the eagerness statewide to help Flint has worn down and the people are losing interest.

The need has NOT diminished and we need as much help as we can get.

Monday through Friday - 1:00 p.m.,  
we have full semi-loads of water delivered and distributed at Calvary UMC,  
2111 Flushing Rd., Flint, 48504.  
Thursday around 11:30 a.m.

We have 10 skids of water delivered and distributed at Asbury UMC

1653 Davison Rr., Flint, 48506

Every Monday – Friday, May 1 – 6  
from 9.30 to 2 p.m. each day

Address: Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N Dort  
Hwy, Flint, MI 48505

Contact: Sandra: [832-428-4887](tel:832-428-4887)  
Peter J. Plum

Emergency Water Crisis Coordinator  
Michigan Area of the UMC

Crossroads District Office of the UMC

1309 N. Ballenger Hwy. Ste. #1,  
Flint, MI 48504

[\(810\) 240-7531](tel:810-240-7531)

Email: [plum@miareaumc.org](mailto:plum@miareaumc.org)



### Wednesdays

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

After school in the youth room (216)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Community Breakfast** - May 14<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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

**YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE** - May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 & 11 a.m.

**GRADUATION CELEBRATION- Grams Hall**  
**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m.**

Graduating seniors, their families, friends, and those of you who would like to join the celebration are most welcome. There will be a regular worship service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Check the link below to see if you can volunteer or time or donate food for the celebration.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e44a9ac229-graduation>

Please consider - donating food

- helping with prep on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 2 p.m. (2 people)
- serving on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. (3 people)
- cleaning from 9:30 a.m. (3 people)

### **High School Summer Mission trip**

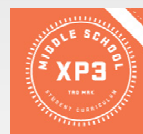
**July 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

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Last Sunday of the school year

May 15<sup>th</sup> - Join us for bbq pulled chicken, mac & cheese, a rebuild of human foosball, and time to play.



### **XP3 Middle School**

9:15 a.m. in room 216

### **XP3 High School**

10:30 a.m. in room 216



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

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

When: Sundays

Where: Chelsea First UMC, Room 223

Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Led by: Emma Adkins



Lola Children's Home is the brainchild of Abebe Fantahun, an orphan from Tigray who lost his parents in the famine. As an orphan himself, Abebe feels a calling to help kids in the same predicament. Working as a social worker at one of Addis Ababa's only HIV-positive orphanages, he felt a specific commitment to children with HIV. He decided to return to his birthplace and serve the local children as the founder and director of Lola Children's Home.

Lola Children's Home began as an orphanage for children affected by HIV. It quickly grew to encompass children from the community, and its mission was redefined. Instead of simply housing children, it would care for orphans in addition to assisting local families.

To sponsor a child at Lola, see the link below.

<http://www.lolachildrensfund.org/>

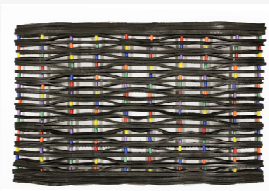
<https://www.facebook.com/LolaChildrensFund>

**Thank You!**

To each and every person who donated food on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons that youth might truly be fed, thank you for your witness.



**Cass Community Social Services Mud Mats for Sale**  
Mud mats made from abandoned tires retrieved from the streets of Detroit are now on sale at the Mission Market Place, 117 S. Main St. Chelsea.



Small – 25.00  
Medium – 35.00  
Large – 45.00

Thank you for supporting CCSS and the ministries of CFUMC.

**Community Breakfast!**

**May 14, 2016**

**Breakfast hiatus from June through August**



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.

**Detroit Annual Conference Haiti/Liberia Covenant Offering – June 8<sup>th</sup>**

An offering will be received on June 5<sup>th</sup> at CFUMC, the receipts then taken to annual conference to be dispersed evenly between Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village and the Haiti hot lunch program. If you wish to donate prior to June 5<sup>th</sup>, simply place Bishop Judith Craig Children's Home in the memo line.

The Liberian Civil war did not only leave all sectors of the country devastated. It broke the fabric of the society in every form and fashion. Countless numbers of parents were murdered, handicapped, or reduced to poverty. Predicated upon this, an unbelievable number of children were orphaned or left without needed parental support, a situation that led to most of them children to the streets.

Ebola only added to the numbers of orphans.

The Liberia Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, practicing "A Christ Centered Church" initiatives as a means of not only preaching the Gospel, but also giving hope to humanity, initiated the establishment of an "Orphanage Home" to help our society cater to some of the future leaders. We have seen and known what it means to have kids (God's Creations) sleep outside under public market make shapes and the street corners and surviving on arms purchased bread, not dreaming of an education because it was far away from reality. It was more than Godly and appropriate to act. With donors help, we acted; and it was rewarding and not only lives but also society and generation are being saved. –



**FAITH IN ACTION PANTRY NEEDS:**

Broth	Gravy	Juice
Canned Tomatoes		Sloppy Joe Sauce

# 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.*

**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

### **Contentment**

Deciding to be happy with what you've got.

*"I have learned the secret of being content no matter what happens. Philippians 4:12b, NIV*

### **BLAST Summer leaders needed starting June 5<sup>th</sup>!**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-summer2>

Summer is a time for vacations and crazy schedules, so we will be having volunteers sign up to help with summer BLAST using a sign up genius to accommodate everyone's schedules. This is a great opportunity to "try out" being a BLAST leader or just to volunteer your time once or twice if the school year commitment is more than you can handle or are ready for right now!

Lesson plans and materials will be provided for you.

Summer BLAST is at the 10 a.m. worship time.

Please follow the link above and consider helping this summer. We need YOU!!! Thanks!!

### **Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>: 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Trip!**

**Current 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders (with a parent) & older siblings!**

As you map out your summer, current 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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 educational experience for our families to understand and serve communities in Michigan that are only one hour away from us.

We will serve God in Detroit, Michigan as we partner with the Brightmoor Read, Seed and Feed Program, sleep at Redford Aldersgate UMC and attend morning worship at Brightmoor UMC. Join us and make a difference! Activities may include:

- Painting and installing murals to board up abandoned homes
- Cleaning empty lots
- Preparing/serving food
- Working in a community garden
- Assisting at the Brightmoor Free Store

Mission Trip Partners [www.readseedfeed.org](http://www.readseedfeed.org), [www.redfordaldersgate.org](http://www.redfordaldersgate.org)

### **RSVP Deadline is June 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Questions? Contact Courtney Aldrich: [caldrich@chelseaumc.org](mailto:caldrich@chelseaumc.org)

### **The 2015/16**

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

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting  
8:30 a.m. Praise Bell "Try It"  
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, CFUMC Choir Warm Up  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery  
2:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study  
3:30 p.m. General Conference Prayer Time  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Creative Play

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Creative Play

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet  
6:00 p.m. Share & Study

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Food Ministry Meeting

**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. 30 Hour Famine Set Up

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Youth 30 Hour Famine

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells "Try It"  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:45 a.m. Knitting Group  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
3:30 p.m. General Conference Prayer Time  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting  
1:30 p.m. 65+ Members and Friends

**Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

**Volunteers Serving May 15<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. Ruth Ammon, Gerry Boettger, Teresa Steklac

Acolyte: Natalie Morr

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 May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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,  
Jessica & Bob Fahlgren

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

**Stephen Ministry Opportunities**



**Caring Relationship  
for the Love of Christ**

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

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

Concert Series page <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc.concerts>