

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

May 29, 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:

* Kyle Webber and family on the death of his grandmother *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Maryann Myers' daughter-in-law *

* Charles Schmunk * Biff Weber * Warren McArthur *

* Dianne Kelley * Nephew of Alberta Colbry * David Dunlap *
Jane Johnston * those dealing with depression *
* Sandy Schmunk's sister *

Pray 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.

Got Grace?

Would you like to show GRACE to our Clergy and Lay delegates at Annual Conference in Lansing? How about having a day of fun by carpooling with other friends from your church? Lansing is not too far away.

If just 3 people from each church in our district attended to help complete a 5 hour shift, then the Ann Arbor District would have about 180 people on the Grace Patrol. What a great way to serve others!

Mark Doyal, Director of Communications for the Detroit Conference, along with Leslee Fritz are in desperate need of putting together a Grace Patrol team to help during Annual Conference in Lansing.

For more information go to bit.ly/graceteam2016 or you can email Leslee Fritz at fritzleslee@yahoo.com.

General Conference Follow Up

I am so very grateful for those who prayed for the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, which met in Portland, Oregon May 10th - 20th and for me as a delegate to the conference. I felt the warmth and strength of your prayers, connected in faith and remembrance though hundreds of miles away.

If you'd like to know more about what happened, I have several recommendations: you may visit the United Methodist General Conference website. There you will find articles from UM News Service, videos, photos, etc. Each day UMNS prepared a summary of the day's activities. You may find this information at: <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/united-methodist-news>.

Here is the link to the wrap up video that was shown just before closing worship at General Conference: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/reflections-on-united-methodist-general-conference-2016>.

There are plenty of blogs and commentary about the General Conference, much of which can be helpful too. However, I encourage you to first check out the UMNS reporting of the facts of what happened and then look into various opinions regarding the actions, which is what you find in blogs, etc.

Additionally, Birmingham First UMC and the Detroit Renaissance District are hosting a "post-General Conference Briefing," similar to the pre-GC briefing. It will be Friday, June 3rd, from 7-9 p.m. in the sanctuary. By holding the session there, they are able to live-stream the session. So, if you'd like to hear, but do not want to drive, look to their website for information, <http://www.fumcbirmingham.org>. And, I will be offering at least two information sessions here at CFUMC. One will be Wednesday, June 1st, at 6:30 p.m.; the second Sunday, June 5th, at 4:00 p.m. I imagine these will be similar events, though the conversation will vary with the questions and interests of those present. I am simply trying to provide options for you to access information.

Again, thank you for your prayers, all your care during this time, and your commitment to follow Christ and serve God through The United Methodist Church and the Chelsea congregation!

Yours in Christ's peace, Joy

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

Tons of thanks:

As another program year winds down, thank you for the many, many ways you support the ministries of our congregation. Among the often unsung "heroes" are the coffee/fellowship hour bakers, shoppers, hosts and clean up folks. We love this time for conversation, relationship building, yummy edibles... and, of course, the coffee! Thank you for the dedication and love you show to all of us!

Thanks also to Lynne Gould and the Chelsea Area Garden Club members; they rolled up their sleeves, put on their garden gloves and really went to work – raking beds, trimming back last year's growth, weeding, planting, mulching. The courtyard and front gardens look wonderful! What a cheery welcome they provide to passersby and those who come and go from the building. Thank you Lynne and members of the Garden Club for helping CFUMC look so good.

Chelsea Vintage Baseball

The Monitor (men) and Merries (women) Base Ball Clubs of Chelsea are amateur groups of baseball & history enthusiasts bringing the 1860's to life in the form of lively, competitive, courteous, and well-mannered match games. Both clubs are community-minded and inclusive, and provide afternoons of fun – win or lose! Several people from CFUMC are members of these clubs. I invite you to enjoy an afternoon of vintage baseball, with friends old and new. Their next home game (at Timbertown) is Sunday, June 19th, at 2 p.m.

You can see their 2016 schedules at <http://www.chelseamonitors.com/2016-matches>. Pastor Joy

Summer Worship Schedule

May 30th Church office and building will be closed.

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

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

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>

Finance Committee Update Through April 2016:

Actual Income: \$215,946	Actual Expenses: \$204,081
Budgeted Income: \$219,792	Budgeted Expenses: \$218,405

In summary, our Year-to-Date income through April is about \$4,000 (1.7%) less than anticipated. However, because we continue to spend less than our income, we are in a favorable position at this time. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful fulfillment of your pledges!

Mack Ruffin and Mike Vanderspool
CFUMC Finance Committee Co-Chairs

CREATIVE PLAY 2016-2017 "HOPPING THROUGH HISTORY"

Sign up now and plan on fun in the fall! Creative Play is offered two mornings a week, Mon, or Tue. from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Starting the week of September 12, 2016, we will study stories and characters from Genesis and others from the history of Israel. If you would like to take part with your child or grand child, call Darlene Schaffer at 475-9468 or email at schaffer@2020comm.net to sign up. You can also sign up on line at <http://www.chelseaumc.org/> under Children or Family.

There is no charge for the program.
We meet in the pre-school room.

Mission Opportunity/Youth Ministries

Opportunities to Live Differently

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>

If you have any questions, please email Jen Morr, sponsorship coordinator, at jennifermorr@gmail.com

30 Hour Famine - May 21st & 22nd - WRAP UP

What are your new thoughts about children in the developing world?

- "That they need more than just food"
- "Worse than I thought"

- "Food isn't the only aspect they need help with.

They need help with economic/money, being able to get clean water, and getting aid (health) when they are sick or hurt"

- "Even with all the progress that has been made, they still need help."

What was the high point of your 30 hours?

- "When we went to Faith in Action to make snack bags for children who attend the reading program at the library"

- "Grog, and having fun with friends"
- "All the games to help us learn more about the 30 Hour Famine"

- "Watching the 30 hr famine videos for a new perspective on life."

- "When I was NOT hungry"

What are you hungry for spiritually?

- "for everyone to be treated equally around the world"
- "to not have to struggle"

- "for everyone in the world to be able to eat more than just one meal a day"

- "for everyone to get the same chance to succeed"

- "I am hungry spiritually for everyone in this world to find God and have a relationship with him."

Thank you, Tom Lewis for the passion you have for both the youth of this church and those around the world.

Thank you to Mike Vanderspool and Laura Adkins for going the distance with us as well!

DATES TO REMEMBER

High School Summer Mission trip

July 24th - 30th

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

Job Opportunities

1. Interested in spending a week in Northern Michigan serving in camping, children, and youth ministry? Lake Louise seeks volunteer counselors for summer camp!

Email Sarah Hescheles: program@lakelouisecommunity.org or check out the website lakelouisecommunity.org

2. Camp Teacher Aides—Kids Cooking Camp

Do you like working with younger children? Enjoy cooking and have basic kitchen knowledge? Need volunteer time for credit or just like to give to your community?

Join Chelsea Community Kitchen this summer during their Kids Cooking Camp, July 18-22, 2016, at Beach Middle School Food Lab as a volunteer camp teacher aid.

We have two sessions, morning for 1-3 graders and afternoon for 4-6 graders. You can work half-days (8-12:30 or 12:30-4:30) or the full day, one day or all five.

Anyone entering 9th grade and up is eligible to participate.

Send us an email giving your name, contact info, grade in school (if applicable), a brief description of any experience you've had working with kids or cooking (chelseacommunitykitchen@gmail.com).

For more information about the camps, see our website www.chelseacommunitykitchen.org. We can provide documentation of hours worked for awards or class credit.

An Opportunity for Leaders and Volunteers!

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This year the conference will be held on Tuesday, October 11th.

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conference! The conference is full of informative, engaging, and thought provoking sessions that will motivate and inspire you about children, youth, and family ministries. We will need to register on June 9th to receive a deeply discounted rate.

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If you are interested in attending, please let Courtney know *before* June 9th!



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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. 144 guests were served, 50 volunteers 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.

Kayla S, Patti S, Lisa GL, Olivia C, Katy C, Judy P, Dawn P, Marah P, John P, Liza G, Alyssa G, Dorothy C, Tom Dr, Tom D, Shane M, Keegan M, Tessa A, Lydia A, Barbara B, Virginia M, Mark J, Steve F, Dayle W, Lu P, Michele M, Max P, Norm C, Mike S, David C, Nona C, Ann K, Harry & Lois G, Chris V, Bev D, Isabella M, Elizabeth M, Annie M, Violet F, Katelyn M, Serena A, Megan A, Eileen B, Judy R, Pat E, Mackenzie B, Jeannie A, Jane J, Tammy B, Ed A

The Gordon Food Service bill for the Community Breakfast in June totaled \$336.57. The donations received at the breakfast totaled \$337.00. The Good Things of God. Thanks be.

Detroit Annual Conference Haiti/Liberia Covenant Offering – June 8th

An offering will be received on June 5th 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 5th, 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. –

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!

BLAST Summer leaders needed starting June 5th!

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

Here 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 10am worship time.

Here are the adult slots we need filled:

3rd-5th grade help: June 19th, July 10th; K-2nd help: July 17th, 24th and August 21st, 28th
Please follow the link above and consider helping this summer. We need YOU!!! Thanks!!

Saturday, July 30th - Sunday, 31st: 3 - 5th Grade Mission Trip! Current 3rd-5th graders (with a parent) & older siblings!

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 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, www.redfordaldersgate.org

RSVP Deadline is June 5th!

Questions? Contact Courtney Aldrich: caldrich@chelseaumc.org

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	Sunday, May 29th
10:00 a.m.	One worship service
	Monday, May 30th
	Church building and office is closed
	Tuesday, May 31st
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	Wednesday, June 1st
6:30 p.m.	Middle School Outlet
6:00 p.m.	Share & Study
6:30 p.m.	General Conference Informational Meeting
	Thursday, June 2nd
10:00 a.m.	Post General Conference Briefing
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
	Saturday, June 4th
12:00 p.m.	Graduation Celebration Set up
	Sunday, June 5th
8:30 a.m.	Graduation Celebration
9:30 a.m.	Praise Bells "Try It"
10:00 a.m.	Worship
10:15 a.m.	BLAST Summer Classes
2:00 p.m.	Middle School Girls Bible Study
4:00 p.m.	General Conference Informational Meeting
	Tuesday, June 7th
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	Wednesday, June 8th
3:30 p.m.	Middle School Outlet
6:00 p.m.	Share and Study
	Thursday, June 9th
6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting

Volunteers Serving May 29th

Nursery Workers:

9:45 a.m. Katie Seto, Lori Campbell

Volunteers Serving June 5th

Greeters:

8:00 a.m. Tom Davis, Jeff & Sue Comstock

9:45 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. Liza Gray, Lois & Harry Gibson

9:45 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Phil Radant

Nursery Workers:

8:15 a.m. Katie Seto, 9:45 a.m. Lori Campbell

We Need Your Help! FLINT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

FLINT WATER CRISIS: UNITED METHODIST RESPONSE

Hello Friends,

We are in need of serious Volunteers on a regular basis: Every Monday and Wednesday at 1:00 PM, we have full semi-loads of water delivered and distributed at Calvary UMC, 2111 Flushing Rd., Flint, 48504.

Every Thursday around 11:30 AM 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

Flint Water Crises

The Healing Through Cooperation medicine bottle coin and bill collection netted a total of \$802.97. The thank you postcard received reads as follows.

"We wish to express our sincere thanks to you for your generous donation. It is the intention of the Crossroads District of the Michigan UMC to provide and equip our congregations with basic resources for our neighbors and constituents whenever possible with the donations made.

With your help, we have successfully launched eight Resource Centers located throughout Flint that provide home faucet filtration units, replacement filters, Zero Water pitchers, cases of bottled water and educational materials to the communities affected.

Sincerely, Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton Superintendent
Peter Plum, Relief coordinator

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



Caring Relationship for the Love of Christ

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

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