

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

September 4, 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 Karen McKeachie * Julie Coleman following the death of a childhood friend *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Maryann Myers' daughter-in-law * Biff Weber *
* Joanne Weber * Maxine Hardy * Lois Gibson *
* Ava Hinz * Art Stoll *

Prayers for Strength for:

* Biff & Suzie Weber * Peter Johnston * Ryan Sweeny *
* Staci Gatica & Mark VanDeWege * Felicia Hurst *
* The Loring Family as they transition to Chelsea *
* Dorothy Collins * Leigh Schwarz * Steve Hinz & Lisa Hinz-
Johnson * Clinton Olberg as he begins Army basic training *
Travelers during the holiday weekend * Bob Brown *

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.

Community Breakfast!

Will resume on September 10th,
to volunteer check in at the table in the lobby or go to the sign up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-community>

Adult Education fall opportunities

“Jesus in the Gospels” – This study looks at the way each Gospel writer (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) presents events and teachings of Jesus and at the picture of Jesus that emerges in each of the Gospels. The study follows the philosophy and ideals of Disciple Bible Study -high-commitment, long-term, small-group, disciplined study. The group will meet Monday evenings beginning September 12th at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Teresa Steklac for additional information and to sign up.

Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

A Book Study led by Lisa Gray-Lion

Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, invites us to explore the paradox of how we must 'fall down' in order to 'rise up' and grow further spiritually. This totally counter-intuitive idea of 'falling to rise' is the place in life where many of us simply dig in our heels and 'refuse to go there'. However by doing so, we risk missing the full richness of the Christian spiritual life. Bring your questions and come join our explorations of this baffling paradox of spiritual growth. We'll meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. starting September 27th. Please purchase your own copy of the book and feel free to direct any questions to Lisa Gray-Lion at lgraylion@gmail.com

LeAnn Seto will repeat the class on Adam Hamilton study **“Making Sense of the Bible”** This class will be during the week. Stay tuned for more information.

Orientation to Chelsea First UMC – would you like to learn more about Chelsea First UMC and/or the United Methodist denomination? We will meet for three Thursdays evenings, beginning October 6th. All are welcome!

Parables class coming Sunday evenings later this fall; led by Rob Long. Stay tuned for more details.

Announcements

Staff Parish News

We are welcoming two new staff members: Jody Croskey is our new Custodian. She lives in Chelsea and officially became part of the CFUMC leadership team Monday, August 29th. Mark Loring is our new Director of Music Ministries; Mark will join the CFUMC leadership team Tuesday, September 6th. Mark and his family live in Grand Rapids and are in transition. We are delighted to have Jody and Mark on board!

A note of gratitude: The members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee have been working in overdrive since early May managing all the details with the transitions of two staff members.

They have worked generously, tirelessly, and faithfully with position descriptions, reviewing applications, conducting interviews and auditions, prayerfully seeking God's guidance, and making decisions.

Others participated as well: Trustees for the custodian and Music Search Committee, along with dozens of music ensemble members for the director of music ministries. So, to Bill Doyle, Ann Brill, Jim Alford III, Heather Hay, Kerry Plank, Melanie Hopp, Gary Packard, Max Plank, Lois Gibson, Tim Sweeny: well-done, good and faithful servants! To Cynthia Standefer, Brian Brill, Nolan Peterson, April Murphy, and all the members of music ensembles – you showed up again and again when asked to interview and participate in auditions with candidates. You provided important feedback and assistance in the discernment process.

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity and commitment. On behalf of the entire congregation and staff, please receive our deep and heartfelt thanks!

Material Girls Wish List

We have two requests for this year's bazaar. We need:
Christmas stickers
Children's tea sets
(porcelain, plastic, glass, or metal)
Please label the donations "Material Girls"
and put them on the
table outside the church library.

Thank you

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Brown
barbaraabrown@comcast.net or 734-678-2868

Dinner for Eight (or 7 or 9)

Dinner for Eight is a delightful way for the adult members of our congregation to spend time in Christian fellowship with those we haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting and those we already know, but would like to spend more time getting to know better.

It has been an excellent way for newer members of our congregation to get to know people in the church.

Here's how it works: All who are interested sign up in the lobby this week - couples and singles. Groups of eight are formed - sometimes 4 couples, sometimes 3 couples and 2 or 3 singles - you get the picture.

Each group meets for dinner once a month for four months, in the homes of the members of the group.

The host couple provides the entrée and beverages, while the others provide an appetizer, salad or dessert. What we end up with is a delicious dinner and interesting, lively conversation.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Logan at 433-9157 or e-mail at dllogan@charter.net.

This round of Dinner for Eight will include the months of October, November, December and January. Sign up in the lobby by September 11, 2016.

CREATIVE PLAY 2016-2017 **"HOPPING THROUGH HISTORY"**

Come join in the adventure! Creative Play is offered two mornings a week, Mon and Tue from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Each family comes one morning a week to enjoy free play and creative "craft" activities, a Bible story told during snack time, a time of songs and active learning through simple skits or games, and we close with a quiet song and prayer. Starting the week of September 12, 2016, we will study stories and characters from Genesis and others from the history of Israel. Sign up now for:

"Hopping Through History"

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. There is no charge for the program. Anyone in the community is welcome. The parent or grandparent must attend with the child. Come join the fun!

Announcements



Thanks to a generous donation, the Parents of College students provided 10 dorm kits to Eastern Michigan University Students who are coming out of the foster care system. What a joyous way to share God's blessings with others!



Concert Series:

Sunday, September 25th 4 p.m.
Hector Olivera, Organ

Come and kick off our 2016-2017 concert series with internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso Hector Olivera! Prepare to be entertained, dazzled and amazed by his high level of skill and musicianship.

THANK YOU to all who have donated to the concert series! Previously it was announced that there would be a Collage concert in November. This concert has been postponed indefinitely.

Mark your calendars! Our Hometown Holidays community concert will be on Sunday, December 4th at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. This community tradition is not to be missed!

Our 2016-2017

Music Ministry is ready to begin!

YOU are invited to come and worship God with music! Our CFUMC music ensembles have a place for everyone. Many of our ensembles are well-suited for beginners and require no prior experience. Please contact April Murphy to sign up or to find out more info (amurphy@chelseaumc.org) or call the church office.

Ensemble Start Dates:

Wednesday, September 7th - Choir 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, September 18th:

Praise Bells 8:30-8:55 a.m.

Rezound Handbell Ensemble 12-1:30 p.m.

Random Ringers 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Accidentals 4 p.m. - 5:15p.m.

Wednesday, September 21st:

Jubilee Ringers 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Most of our ensembles will start on September 18th.

Ensembles typically rehearse once a week from Sept 18th-May 14th and participate regularly in worship. If you have any questions as to which ensemble would fit you or your youth best, please contact April Murphy for more information.

(amurphy@chelseaumc.org)

Praise Bells is best suited for 3rd - 5th grade beginning ringers and rehearses Sundays at 8:30 - 8:55 a.m., Random Ringers is ideal for 4 - 8th grade intermediate or older beginning ringers and rehearses Sundays from 4 - 5 p.m. Accidentals Handbell Ensemble is an advanced handbell ensemble for 7th - 12th grade ringers and rehearses Sundays from 4 - 5:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers is a beginner handbell group for adults and youth, that rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. This group will be taking a short hiatus and will *not* be rehearsing or playing in worship in December.

Rezound Handbell Ensemble is an advanced handbell ensemble suited for ringers who want a challenge! This group rehearses on Sundays from 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Our CFUMC Choir is a great fit for youth or adults, with any level of musical experience!

The choir participates in worship most every Sunday and rehearses on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Please email April Murphy (amurphy@chelseaumc.org) if you are interested in participating in one of these ensembles this year or if you have any questions pertaining to the music ministry. Also, if you have any other musical gifts or talents you would like to share (play an instrument or love to clean handbells!) please email April

Announcements



To each and every person who filled a backpack, made a donation, and/or extended your hand as the backpacks were blessed: Thank you for the depth of your love for Jesus Christ; such love in fact, that each year more and more backpacks are requested. Thank you on behalf of each and every child who now owns a backpack filled with the tools and the encouragement to succeed.

“Then the King will say, I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.”
Matthew 25:40

Wanted: Magazines lying around the house such as Time, Newsweek, National Geographic, etc. that you are willing to donate for a youth project. Please leave on the library table or drop them off in my office. Thank you so very much. Jeanne Franks

Coffee Hour Hosts and Bakers

Sunday coffee hour is a great time that is enjoyed by many, it’s a great way to meet people in the church and catch up with friends. We are in need of some volunteers in these areas so we can continue to have coffee hour on certain Sundays.

We need 3 host for the first and the fifth Sunday of the month. If we cannot fill these spots we will not be able to provide a coffee hour.

We are also in need of 1 to 2 more bakers for each Sunday. If you can volunteer please contact Liza Gray - coordinator at 734-904-6556 or email at lizagray1@aol.com.

Dawn Farms

We'd like to let you know about two FREE education series organized by Dawn Farm! This includes the "[Dawn Farm Education Series](http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/education-series)" and the "[Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do](http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/teens-using-drugs)" series. All programs are free and are open to anyone interested – people with a personal or professional interest are welcome.

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The [Dawn Farm Education Series](http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/education-series) is a FREE annual series providing helpful, hopeful, practical information about chemical dependency, recovery, family concerns and related issues. The Education Series is designed to reduce the misinformation, secrecy, shame and stigma that prevent people with addictions and their families from *getting help* and *getting well*, and to help create a community culture that supports recovery. This year's series will include several exciting new programs as well as updates to previous favorites. Topics will include treatment and recovery, relapse prevention, family concerns, spirituality and recovery, intervention and Structured Family Recovery™, suicide prevention, tobacco cessation, trauma, grief and loss, mindfulness, neuroscience, the opiate epidemic, domestic violence/sexual assault, collegiate recovery programs, health care concerns for people with addiction and more. For a schedule and additional information please see <http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/education-series> or contact [734/485-8725](tel:7344858725) or info@dawnfarm.org. See Grams Hall bulletin board for more information.

Dawn Farm also presents "[Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do](http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/teens-using-drugs)," a free, ongoing, two-part series presented by Dawn Farm Youth and Family Services therapists on the first (part one) and second (part two) Tuesday evenings of October, November, and January through June. This series is inclusive of parents, teens, other family members, people who work with teens and families, students and others. For information about this program, please see <http://www.dawnfarm.org/programs/teens-using-drugs> or contact [734/485-8725](tel:7344858725) or info@dawnfarm.org.

We'd like to invite you to attend, and ask your help in sharing information with anyone that may be interested in attending. We're happy to provide fliers and information and to discuss ideas. I can be contacted at edseries@dawnfarm.org. Information is also available from the Dawn Farm office at [734/485-8725](tel:7344858725) or info@dawnfarm.org, or from our web site at <http://www.dawnfarm.org>. Thank you!

[Dawn Farm](http://www.dawnfarm.org) is a non-profit community of programs whose mission is to assist addicts and alcoholics in achieving long term recovery. Dawn Farm works to identify and remove barriers that prevent addicts and alcoholics from joining the recovering community.

Children's Ministry

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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 September:

Trust

Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

Bible Verse

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5, NIV

Training September 18th in "Safe Sanctuaries"

CFUMC has now adopted a "Safe Sanctuaries" Policy that replaces the former Gabriel Policy. All volunteers who work with children or youth will be required to attend training in "Safe Sanctuaries". The next training for all others is on September 18th at 10:45 a.m. and again at 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Courtney with whichever training you will be attending. FYI, volunteers working directly with children will now be cleared through ICHAT, a state of Michigan database that tracks public convictions.

First Day of School Breakfast Potluck September 6, 2016, open house 8-11 a.m.

Once again it is time to kick off another school year! Come enjoy conversation, fellowship, coffee, and food with friends as we spend some time reconnecting. After your child heads off to school, stop by for as little or as long as you would like. Don't have time to make anything for a potluck? Then just bring yourself -- there is always plenty for all!

Marriage Encounter Weekend October 21st - 23rd in Brighton Brochures are in Grams Hall! Register Now!

Save the date! Marriage Encounter provides a wonderful weekend of renewal for couples. CFUMC is encouraging couples to attend the Brighton Marriage Encounter. Couples have the option of either "commuting" back and forth or staying in a hotel in Brighton the weekend (we have blocked some rooms for Chelsea attendees). For more information on the weekend, how to register, or booking your hotel room, contact Courtney Aldrich, caldrich@chelseaumc.org, or Dianna Kause, dianna.kause@comcast.net

ParentConnect 2016!

Intentional Parenting: 10 Ways to be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick Fix World. Will be held on 5 consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 4th - Nov. 1st from 6 - 7 p.m. Dinner, Yes at 5:30 p.m.; Entire family is welcome. Childcare for birth - 4yrs. KidConnect is for 5yrs. And up. KidConnect is a service based program for children. To sign up or ask questions contact Courtney Aldrich.

Do you love cooking for a crowd??

If you answered yes, then contact Courtney! We are looking for teams of people to cook a simple meal (soup, salad, rolls) for our ParentConnect classes this fall.

Halloween Party Assistant needed!

If you love Halloween and would like to help host the CFUMC Halloween party this year, please let Courtney know! We have a lead person but due to work schedules and Halloween being on a Monday we need some extra leadership earlier in the day!

Which ^{is the} great
commandment ^{in the} law?

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.



Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mt 22:37-39

We begin the season on Sunday 9/11 with an XP3 series called What Makes You Happy?

Week One – 100 Grand Bar: We'll talk about how things don't bring us happiness, but instead happiness is about the people we love.

Scripture: "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Mt 22:36

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mt 22:37-39



6th Grade

starting 9/13 3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays with Tom Come eat, relax, play hard, laugh harder, & look for God in the midst of our everyday lives.

7th and 8th Grade

Wednesdays starting 9/7 from 3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Come eat, relax, play hard, laugh harder, & look for God in the midst of our everyday lives.

Join us Tuesday, September 6th for a First Day of School Breakfast Potluck!

Where: Chelsea First United Methodist Church – Grams Hall

When: Anytime between 8 -11 a.m. Kindergarten parents feel free to come with your Kindergartener after your "short day". Working parents stop by before you head into the office!

Who: Come one, come all! Bring a friend, children not in school, you name it!

What to bring: Bring a breakfast dish to pass if it works for you to do so. If not, then just bring yourself!

Why: Conversation, friends, and a way to re-connect as you transition into the new schedule that the school year brings for all of us. Hope to see you there!

The Parent Education Series is Back!!

Our own Katie Giardello will be presenting on "Making College Affordable" on September 18th at 2 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library! Help your student find college success without breaking the bank!



XP3 FEEDING THE MASSES - Food Donations -

These links are to the sign up genius which provides snacks for the youth of this church. Thank you so very much for your support.

Sunday - Middle School – 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

High School – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-xp3feeding>

Outlet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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

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

Parents and Confirmands 2016-2017

We're almost there.

Still collecting information.

See you on the 18th!

Please see page 3 for Musical Opportunities for youth.

For more parenting tips and information, check out theparentcue.org

Thank you for the privilege of spending time with the greatest of teachers who continue to show me The Way.

Mission Ministries



As you are getting ready to send your kids back to school. You can do your back-to-school shopping at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to Chelsea First United Methodist Church.

Use the following link below to support Chelsea First United Methodist Church when they shop for back-to-school supplies. #StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1843469> and Amazon donates. Amazon Smile is finally here!

Money received through Amazon Smile will support the UMM service scholarship awarded to graduating seniors here at Chelsea First UMC.

Any questions, contact Jeanne Franks 475-8119 x20
Thank you so very much for your support!



**HANDS4DETROIT
BRIGHTMOOR 2016**
**Saturday October 1st 9:00
a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Hands4Detroit is an annual day of service and food drive sponsored by the Detroit Renaissance District of the United Methodist Church. Held on the first Sunday of October, Hands4Detroit brings together a thousand volunteers of all ages from across Metro Detroit who, alongside residents of the community, put their hands to work on clean up and beautification projects.

<https://events.rethinkchurch.org/hands4detroit>



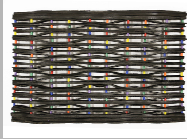
Save the Date – Gimme Shelter 2016

The annual Alpha House fundraiser committed to ending child and family homelessness

takes place Saturday September 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the UM North Campus Research Complex.

For ticket information, see link below.

<http://alphahouse-ihn.org/sample-page/news-events/purchase-gimme-shelter-2016-tickets>



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.



cass community social services
fighting poverty, creating opportunity

Construction Supplies

and Repair Skills Needed!

Cass has begun building tiny houses for those who will no longer experience homelessness. If you have any leftover building supplies (counter tops, bricks, wood, shingles, paint, etc) please contact Jeanne Franks at youth@chelseaumc.org for pick up and delivery. Thank you so very much!

UPDATE:

Workers needed!

In two weeks, the foundations for six homes will be laid. On Saturday October 15, we will head to Cass to offer our skill set in order to bring them closer to completion. We will be painting, drywalling, cleaning, or prepping the



ground... whatever is needed at that point. Please contact Jeanne Franks youth@chelseaumc.org or 475-8119 x20

Interested in viewing the construction live?

<https://casscommunity.org/tiny-homes-2/>

Rev. Faith Fowler discusses tiny homes in the one minute vimeo clip below. <https://vimeo.com/167127037>

Bicycles and those who

Repair Bicycles Needed –

If you have a bicycle that you would like to donate or have the skills to help repair the bicycles, please contact me at the above email address.

Below is a list of church programming and events

Sunday, September 4th
One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Monday, September 5th
Church office and building is closed

Tuesday, September 6th

8:00 a.m. Parent Breakfast Potluck

7:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, September 7th

3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Middle School Outlet

6:00 p.m. Share & Study

7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8th

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, September 9th

9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up

Saturday, September 10th

8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast and Paper Products

Sunday, September 11th

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Preschool - 5th Grade BLAST Classes
Middle School XP3

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. High School XP3

11:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Ministry with the Margins

Monday, September 12th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play

3:00 p.m. Material Girls Set Up

6:30 p.m. Disciple V

Tuesday, September 13th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Material Girls

3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet

Wednesday, September 14th

3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Middle School Outlet

6:00 p.m. Share & Study

7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15th

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Saturday, September 17th

8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ

Volunteers Serving September 4th
One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Greeters:

9:30 a.m. Jon Van Hoek, Liza Gray

Ushers:

9:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Phil Radant

Nursery Workers:

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

Volunteers Serving September 11th

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 Doyle, Tom Lewis, Todd Hubbard

10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac, Anne Zuehlke,
Art Stoll, MaryAnn Myers

Nursery Workers:

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

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



**Caring Relationship
for the Love of Christ**

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

Check out our website: www.chelseaumc.org

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

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