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 18, 2016

Prayer Requests

These prayer concerns were lifted during services or were called into the church office.

Prayers for Healing for:

* Biff Weber * Bob Brown * Ava Hinz * Jean Sayre * * Joanne Weber * Maxine Hardy * Lois Gibson *

Prayers for Strength for:

* Biff & Suzie Weber * Ryan Sweeny * * Staci Gatica & Mark VanDeWege * Felicia Hurst * * Dorothy Collins * Leigh Schwarz * Bob Brown *

Prayer Support

You can contact Anne Zuehlke (475-2535, <u>alzuehlke@yahoo.com</u>) or Debbie Noye (475-1096, <u>debnoye10@gmail.com</u>) 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

Give the Gift of Life and Give Blood

The Red Cross Blood Drive is September 22nd from 7 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. here at CFUMC. You can call Carol Brock at 475-9898 to schedule an appointment. Walk in' are welcome. **Our Mission:**

Ordinary people living differently because of the love of Christ. Connecting with God Learning in Community Making a Difference in the World

Open Child Caregiver Position

Chelsea First United Methodist Church has an open position for a part time child caregiver. The candidate must be
18 years of age or older with previous childcare experience. Weeknight and some Sunday afternoon availability will be required. Position may evolve into Sunday morning care in 2017. This is a paid position and is for 1.5 to 6 hours per week.

If interested in finding out more information, please contact the SPRC Chair, Bill Doyle at <u>sprc@chelseaumc.com</u> or Courtney Aldrich at the church office.

Funeral Meal Ministry

The Funeral Meal Ministry is a group that offers comfort, compassion, fellowship and of course food after a loved one's passing.

The Four areas that make up our ministry are food donations prior to a scheduled service, kitchen/food/table set up the day of the gathering, serving/maintaining a buffet and clean up. Our ministry is in need of help in all the areas listed in addition to a lead role within these groups on the day of the fellowship time.

If you are interested in learning more or being a part of this meaningful ministry, please contact Debbie Noye (734)475-1096 or Susan Wellman (734)475-9050. There will be more information and sign-up sheets in Grams Hall on Sunday, Sept. 25th.

Adult Education fall opportunities

Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

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. <u>We'll meet Tues.</u> <u>evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. starting Sept. 27th</u>. Please purchase your own copy of the book and feel free to direct any questions to Lisa Gray-Lion at <u>Igraylion@gmail.com</u>. You can sign up for the class at <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-falling</u>

Making Sense of the Bible

Would you like to learn more about the Bible, in a format that touches head and heart? We invite you to *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* - by Adam Hamilton.

LeAnn Seto will be leading this class Fridays, 12 - 1:30 p.m. beginning September 30th.

Please order your own book: which is available in a variety of formats: paperback (new and used) or ebook (Cokesbury, Amazon, etc.) or contact LeAnn to figure out how to get one. The conversation together will be enriched by each person coming prepared to reflect. Therefore, please read the first 30 pages (first three chapters) for Sept. 30th.

The basic format of the group is 45 minutes of discussion about the readings; a break; 30 minutes of devotional practice – head and heart yoked together as we deepen our journey as followers of Christ.

"Great class, I would recommend it for everyone interested in a deeper understanding of the Bible. Adam Hamilton raised difficult questions and offers ways to understand Biblical answers. It does not matter if you agree or disagree with his perspective, reading his book helps to focus on questions we often tend to bypass. It was a great class." -- Bob Dick

"Adam Hamilton attempts to honestly wrestle with the difficult questions often raised by thoughtful Christians and non-Christians concerning things taught in the Bible. He does not claim to have all the answers." -- Suzanne Fraker

"I took Disciple 1 many years ago, which was very helpful, but this book laid the groundwork for taking Disciple. I wish I could have read this earlier."

-- John Seto

Adult Education Cont.

"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 -highcommitment, 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.

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.

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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 <u>schaffer@2020comm.net</u> 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 (<u>amurphy@chelseaumc.org</u>) or call the church office.

Ensemble Start Dates:

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 (<u>amurphy@chelseaumc.org</u>) 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

Material Girls

Next Community Breakfast is October 8th. Check out the sign up link to see where you can volunteer. Thank You.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-community

Did you Know!

If you would like to receive the Pathfinder electronically, please call the office (475-8119) or send an email to our office manage Liza Gray (<u>lgray@chelseaumc.org</u>). We will happily add you to the email distribution list. Did you know: the Pathfinder (every other week) and the weekly worship bulletins are posted to the church website on Fridays.

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.

For an afternoon of...

laughter

spirited conversation

crafting

Leaving with...

a sense of accomplishment

few friendships

the knowledge you are an integral part of our community of faith

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE

MATERIAL GIRLS MINISTRY

It began as an idea in early 2012 implemented by a core group of 20 women meeting once a month to provide quality items for the annual Children's Christmas Bazaar and to give the profits to Faith in Action

Material Girls meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month February through November 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. in Grams Hall Project materials are provided To express your interest or to have your questions answered, contact Barbara Brown <u>barbaraabrown@comcast.net</u> 734-678-2868

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 <u>barbaraabrown@comcast.net</u> or 734-678-2868

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 <u>caldrich@chelseaumc.org</u> 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, NIrV

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.

Next training October 23rd at 2 p.m.!

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, <u>caldrich@chelseaumc.org</u>, or Dianna Kause, <u>dianna.kause@comcast.net</u>

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.

Babysitter and Youth Helper list being put together for 2016-17 now!

It you are a youth and like to baby sit, pet sit, or help with yard work, please forward the following information to Courtney Aldrich: Name, age/grade, driver yes/no, contact information, preferred way to help (baby sit, pet sit, house sit, yard work), preferred ages if applicable, availability (example: "weekends only", or "no overnights") We will put together a list to provide to our church families upon request!

Save the date -- Hayride and Bonfire October 9th, 5:30 p.m.!

Come to the Aldrich house, 11664 Boyce Rd., for some fall fun on Sunday, October 9th at 5:30 p.m.! We will have a hayride and bonfire for all ages. All are invited -- Bring your family! Bring a friend!



Youth Ministry



Sundays

XP3 Middle School 9:15 a.m. in room 216

XP3 High School 10:30 a.m. in room 216



We begin the year with a series called What Makes You Happy

Scripture - Matthew 22: 36-39 Happiness is more about *who* than *what*. Happiness comes from having peace with God, self, and others. Loving people is more important than loving things. This week, we focus on one person to whom we can show love by showing kindness, encouraging, or saying 'I'm sorry.'

> Confirmation September 18th 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Room 216



6th Grade

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 from 3:15 – 5:30 p.m. Come eat, relax, play hard, laugh harder, & look for God in the midst of our everyday lives.

COMING OCTOBER 9th

Gigi Colombini LMSW - Suicide Prevention Specialist - Learn How We Can Give Help and Hope for This Silent Epidemic CFUMC – Grams Hall Adults 10:30-12 p.m. Youth 12 p.m.-1:00 p.m. (lunch provided for youth in Rm 216 at 11:30) If you are interested in attending, please contact youth@chelseaumc.org

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<u>XP3 FEEDING THE MASSES -</u> 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 mornings (Middle school/High School) http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-xp3feeding

Outlet on Tuesdays

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

Outlet on Wednesdays

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

Please see page 3 for Musical Opportunities for youth.

For more parenting tips and information, check out <u>theparentcue.org</u>

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

Mission Ministries



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

Invite a friend or friends and head to Brightmoor to choose from any number of projects including trimming branches for an elderly couple, cleaning a neighborhood, boarding houses, harvesting a garden, registering participants, etc.

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



To each and every person who filled a backpack, made a donation, and/or extended your hand as the backpacks were blessed: If you need a tax receipt for goods purchased,

please contact Jeanne Franks at <u>youth@chelseaumc.org</u>.

UPDATE ON THE AVALON HOUSING PROJECT

Success with the initial application to the Federal Home Loan Bank for funds to put toward the development. The second successful piece thus far is the community based pre-development fund that you have contributed toward, which has allowed Avalon to complete initial environmental and site work that have allowed the project's applications to move forward.

"As we at FIA are working hard to learn the ins and outs of this complicated process and work actively with Avalon Housing to bring this project to fruition, we are grateful to such generous community partners, who have been willing to embark on this ambitious project with us to improve the lives of local struggling people with the addition of a potential of 17 units of affordable housing in Chelsea." Sincerely, Nancy Paul



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

Workers needed!

In two weeks, the foundations for six homes will be laid. On Saturday October 15th, 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? <u>https://casscommunity.org/</u> <u>tiny-homes-2/</u>

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

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.

View the church calendar at http://chelseaumc.dyndns.org/virtualems/BrowseEvents.aspx

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	Sunday, September 18
8:00 a.m.	Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
8:30 a.m.	Praise Bells
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
10:45 a.m.	Safe Sanctuary Training
11:00 a.m.	
11:45 a.m.	Confirmation
12:00 p.m.	Safe Sanctuary Training, Rezound Handbells
2:00 p.m.	Parent Education Series "Making College
	Affordable" at the Chelsea Library
4:00 p.m.	Random Ringers, The Accidentals
·	Monday, September 19 th
9:30 a.m.	Creative Play
6:30 p.m.	Disciple V
0.00 p	Tuesday, September 20 th
9:30 a.m.	
	Creative Play, Staff Meeting 6th Grade Middle School Outlet
3:15 p.m.	
	Wednesday, September 21 st
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 22 nd
7:00 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
	Friday, September 23 rd
9:00 a.m.	MOPS Meeting
	Sunday, September 25 th
8:30 a.m.	Praise Bells
9:00 a.m.	
9:15 a.m.	•
	Middle School XP3
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	High School XP3
11:00 a.m.	•
	Rezound Handbells
	Mission Book Discussion
4:00 p.m.	
	2016 - 2017 Concert Series "Hector Olivera"
	Monday, September 26 th
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9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Creative Play
0.30 p.m.	Disciple V
	Tuesday, September 27 th
9:30 a.m.	Creative Play, Staff Meeting
3:15 p.m.	6th Grade Middle School Outlet
6:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 p.m.	Falling Upward Book Study

Wednesday, September 28th

3:15 p.m.	7 th /8 th Grade Middle School Outlet
6:00 p.m.	Share & Study
7:00 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting
7:30 p.m.	CFUMC Choir Rehearsal
	Thursday, September 29 th
9:00 a.m.	Material Girls Group Meeting
	Friday, September 30 th
12:00 p.m.	Making Sense of the Bible
	Saturday, October 1 st
8:00 a.m.	Confirmation - Hands4Detroit - Brightmoor

Volunteers Serving September 18th

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

8:30 a.m. Harry Gibson, Boyd & Arlene Wiltse 10:30 a.m. Ruth Ammon, Gerry Boettger, Teresa Steklac

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Eileen Blough, Jane Newbound, Liza Gray

<u>Coffee Hour Bakers:</u> Casey Wooster, Lillian Long, Eileen Blough, Janet Alford, Bernice Packard

Volunteers Serving September 25th

<u>Greeters:</u> 8:30 a.m. Mike & Leigh Schwarz, Judy Park 10:30 a.m. John Seto, Liza Gray

<u>Ushers:</u>

8:30 a.m. Todd Hubbard, Tim Sweeny, Kerry Franks 10:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Larry Martin

<u>Nursery Workers:</u> 8:45 a.m. Katie Seto, 10:45 a.m. Lori Campbell

<u>Coffee Hour Hosts:</u> Dan & Chris Cobb, Dianne Kelley, Jessica & Bob Fahlgren

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<u>Coffee Hour Bakers:</u> Emily Kuo, Jane Newbound, Dianne Kelley, Patti & Kayla Sweeny

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