



Chelsea First
 United Methodist Church
 128 Park Street
 Chelsea, Michigan 48118
www.chelseaumc.org

The Path Finder

*Finding your way to
 acts of purpose and faith*

**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 of Comfort for:

- * Family and friends of Phil Alexander *
- * Jody & Rob Croskey following the death of Rob's uncle *

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Biff Weber * John Seto's mother *
- * Amie from Manchester * Kelly Stoker * Edie Wiarda *
- * Pam Mansfield's father, Elmer * Jan Bernath *
- * April Murphy's friends, Sarah, Ron and their son Ethan *
- * Ed Haller * Patti Feeney * John Michael * Friend of Alberta Colbry' * Gracie' teammate and friend, Jani who has cancer *

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Biff & Suzie Weber * Ryan Sweeny *
- * Jamie Herbert's son, Frank * Joanne Weber *
- * Ruth Ammon' son * Those living under oppressiveness of violence against them locally and globally *

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

VCI

Vital Church Initiative

"The Vital Church Initiative is a discovery process for vibrant churches to be even more healthy, vital, fruitful, and missional. The VCI process was initiated for our church through research and a vote of our Administrative Council. This process is designed to help churches move from "good to great." Rather than comfortably resting on our laurels, VCI will help us ask questions and develop resources so that our vitality will be sustainable and fruitful for the future.

We have a team of eight members: Allison Vanderspool, Steve Fetyko, Andrea Alford, Steve Beck, Sandy Schmunk, Ron Mourad, Darlene Schaffer, and Pastor Joy. For nine months the team members will be reading several books and participating in monthly learning sessions with other similarly-sized churches. We expect to step back in order to see the big picture, learn to ask crucial questions, and wrestle with new and important concepts as we seek to be relevant and fruitful in ministry. We believe this will lead us to responses to the question continually put before us, "Lord, what do you want to do through me, through this church?"

We know the importance of involving our whole church family in this process. So, we invite you to a Town Hall meeting Sunday, November 6th, from 4 - 5:15 p.m. in Grams Hall. You will learn more about the Vital Church Initiative and how you may be a part of the conversations and learning's. I look forward to seeing you November 6th as we build momentum and a broad community for this discovery process for our congregation.

We will soon add a page to the website with VCI updates and information. Thank you and I hope to see you for the VCI Town Hall Sunday, November 6th!"

CFUMC Communications Survey

In an effort to improve communication to our members, we are conducting a CFUMC Communications Survey during the month of November. Please use this link to quickly answer 9 questions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z9Y8MYC>

Hard copies of the survey will be available to complete in Grams Hall as well. Please help us serve you better!



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 sprc@chelseaumc.org or Courtney Aldrich at the church office.

Advent Choir returns!

All children and youth K-8th are invited to join in the celebration of the season and participate in worship with singing! The advent choir will sing as a part of worship on 12/4 and 12/11 at the 9 a.m. service, & 12/24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4 p.m. They will learn additional songs during these rehearsal times, in the choir room.

Rehearsal dates are Sunday, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/18 from 10:30-11 a.m.

Please sign up using this doodle poll.

<http://doodle.com/poll/g3bt77zeaw8zqe2c>

or email April Murphy (amurphy@chelseaumc.org) for more information.

If your child can only sing at 1 or 2 of the worship times that's no problem!! Also, this is a busy season and we understand you may not be able to make every rehearsal. We would love to have as many children participate in worship and celebrate the season.

Volunteer to help at the Children's Christmas Bazaar

On behalf of the Material Girls, below is the sign up genius link for the Material Girl's Children's Bazaar volunteers. This sign up has all of the youth shopping buddy spots on it and the adult volunteer spots left for the day of the event. Those adults who sign up to help will get priority shopping appointments for their children.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-20161>

Website Questions or Social Media

Do you have questions, comments, concerns or additions to our website and/or social media accounts? Have you ever come across a non functional link or outdated information on the website and are not sure who to contact? Do you want your ministry to have more of a presence on the website but are not sure how to go about updating or creating a page? Would you like to post information regarding an upcoming ministry event on our social media accounts? All your questions, comments, concerns or requests can be handled most expediently by contacting:

Denise Cugliari media@chelseaumc.org OR (734)276-4206

The MATERIAL GIRLS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



The Material Girls Children's Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 3rd during Chelsea's Hometown Holidays. Held at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, the bazaar is open to children ages 4-years - 6th grade.

All items for sale are handcrafted by members of the Material Girls and local artisans and sell for \$1 - \$5. The children will enjoy the excitement of purchasing and wrapping gifts and keeping their gifts a surprise until Christmas, while learning that meaningful gifts don't need to cost a lot of money.

Upon arrival, parents complete shopping envelopes so their children know for whom to shop and how much they can spend. Youth from the community help the children select, wrap, and pay for their gifts.

Space is limited and appointments are required.

These can be made on the church website chelseaumc.org in November.

A second bazaar will be held on Thursday, December 1st for children and youth who need a quiet shopping environment. The children will be assisted by adult volunteers or family members. All profits from the bazaars will be given to Faith-in-Action.

Many volunteers are needed - both youth, 6th - 12th grades, and adults. To sign up to help, please go to the church website chelseaumc.org, "Children", "Special Events", "Children's Christmas Bazaar".

Thank you!



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.

Our virtue and verse for October:

Courage

Being brave enough to do what you should even when you are afraid.

Bible Verse

"Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9b NlRV"



Reverse Trick or Treat at CRC

4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

October 30th

Two ways to participate

Join the fun on October 30th as we celebrate Halloween with our buddies at CRC! Come to Dancey House at 4:15 p.m. (bring your costume!) if you would like to help decorate tables and stuff goodie bags to give away to the residents. Come at 5:00 p.m. (wear your costume!) if you would like to just participate in handing out the goodie bags to the residents.

Leaf Raking November 6th!

This is the third year of our three year commitment to raise funds for the sanctuary renovation capital campaign! We will be raking leaves to raise money through donations. Even if you have fulfilled your commitment to your campaign pledge, this is a fun afternoon of service to others. Use the link below to RSVP for this event and see other ways you can help! Bring your own rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, gloves, etc.!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-3rdannual>

Christmas Pageant

Preparations have begun!

Handouts regarding the Christmas pageant have been sent out. Please see Courtney if you did not get a handout or check the BLAST Weekly Update for an electronic copy. Respond with your child's top three part preferences no later than October 30th!

Priceless Gift Store Donations are being collected now!!

It is hard to believe but it is time to start cleaning out those toy closets as we approach another holiday season! Every year the BLAST children deliver gently used toys to the Priceless Gift Store in Jackson. Families in the Jackson area are given an opportunity to "shop for free" for their children's holiday gifts so that their children will have gifts to open Christmas morning. We are asking you to help stock the store with your used toys that are in good condition – gifts you would be willing to wrap and put under the tree. Please place your donations at the display in Grams Hall!

All BLAST children will also be invited to deliver the toys and help sort the items in the store on November 27th from 12 - 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Courtney if you will be attending and if you have space in your vehicle to haul toys!

Family Ministry

Halloween Party

October 31st, 5:30 - 6:30pm!

Come to the community Halloween Party in Grams Hall on October 31st as you kick off trick or treating or to warm up a little from the cold! We will have hot dogs, chips, hot cocoa and coffee as well as crafts for the kids. All are welcome!

If you would like to help with the party contact Courtney Aldrich, caldrich@chelseaumc.org or Heidi Doyle, hdoyle@charter.net)

The 2016/17

Babysitting/Pet sitting/House sitting/Yard worker list is available!

Contact Courtney or Liza Gray for a copy.

Next Parent Education Series

Social Media Savvy for Parents

Sunday, Nov. 20th from 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Chelsea First United Methodist Church
Family centered approaches to
managing technology and social media.

Presenter: Sarita Schoenebeck, U of M School of Information Assistant Professor.

This is a super relevant topic for parents today. What are the implications of how you "put your child out there" on social media? What are some strategies for boundary setting around social media and technology use? Ask the youth themselves: How are kids choosing to use social media?



Sunday November 6th
**No XP3 for Middle School
or High School**

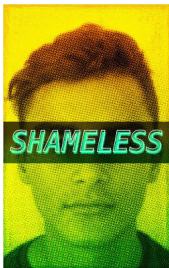


November 13th - XP3 Middle School
9:15 a.m. in room 216

BOTTOM LINE:

On social media, it's better to get your worth from God than from your likes.

We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. ~Ephesians 2:10



November 6th - XP3 High School
10:30 a.m. in room 216

Week 1 - God loves you as you are, not as the way you think you should be.

*"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."
- John 3:16-17 MSG*

6th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays with Tom.



7th/8th Grade

Wednesdays
3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we end the afternoon by discussing the 'everyday's' of middle school life.

This week - Drink, Drank, Drunk

Proverbs 23:29-35, Isaiah 5: 11-12, Ephesians 5:18-20

¹² Just because something is technically legal doesn't mean that it's spiritually appropriate. If I went around doing whatever I thought I could get by with, I'd be a slave to my whims. ~1 Corinthians 6:12 MSG

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fri. - Sun. November 18th - 20th

Fa Ho Lo Camp Retreat In Grass Lake

Open to 7th - 12th Grade

Registration forms available or online

U of M vs. OSU Hockey Men's Hockey February 3rd 8:00 p.m.
Cost - 10.00 30 Tickets - 7 Tickets Available

Youth Sunday Oct. 30th

No XP3 for Middle School and High School youth, we will all be in worship.

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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 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>

Confirmation

Sunday November 6th at 11:45 a.m. in room 216

Please read Chapters 5 & 6 in your book of Luke.

Middle School Girls Bible Study

Next meeting, Sunday, October 16th 5:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Room (216)



For more parenting tips and information, check out

Middle School

<http://theparentcue.org/being-present-during-the-awkward-years/>

High School

<http://theparentcue.org/choosing-a-passion/>

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



Haiti needs our help

Dear Friends,

Hurricane Matthew, a Category 4 storm with sustained winds of 145 mph, smashed through the Caribbean and on to our nation's coast leaving in its path a wake of death and destruction. Haiti was one of the worst places of damage. The death toll is expected to surpass 1000, with over 95% of structures in the path of the storm totally destroyed. The Haitian people are living outside with little food and no clean water. First responders are already reporting the outbreak of Cholera. We must pray for all those lost and affected, but we can also help.

Yesterday, the Michigan Area Haiti Task Force met to formulate a caring and compassionate response.

It is a natural response to want to travel to Haiti to help or send supplies, however, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and all relief agencies are urging us to only send funds at this time. For that reason, I urge our Michigan Area congregations to take an offering this Sunday or a date soon supporting UMCOR's international relief fund Advance #982450. You can use the link below to donate:

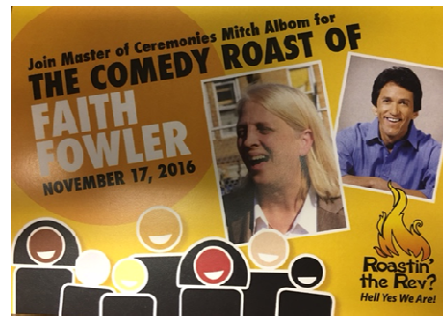
https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=982450

Once first response needs are met, the Michigan Area Haiti Task Force will announce other ways we can help.

Watch our website MichiganUMC.org and [Facebook](#) for details. Please continue to pray for the people affected by Hurricane Matthew. Let us also offer gifts of compassion for the people of Haiti.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop David Alan Bard



DeCarlo's Banquet Center
Warren, MI

75.00/person

For tickets and more information, go to

www.casscommunity.org.

If you'd like to car pool, contact Jeanne Franks at youth@chelseaumc.org



cass community social services
fighting poverty, creating opportunity



The first tiny home build is now complete and the foundation is being poured for two more homes!

Special thanks to Norm Colbry, Rob Long, and Kerry Franks as we traveled to

Detroit last Saturday October 22nd in order to paint at the

Cass Community Social Services Activity Center.



Cass Community Social Center Wish list:

- Twin size sheet sets (not the XL size)
- Metal Coffee Cans (any size)
- Hawaiian Shirts (any size)
- Heavy Duty Fabric Scraps (at least 1/4 yd. - 36" wide)

Justice for Our Neighbors Southeastern Michigan is a United



Methodist supported organization that provides free legal services to immigrants who cannot afford an immigration attorney. Come celebrate the work of this important ministry at their 2016 Fall Fundraiser! Enjoy hearty appetizers and drinks while listening to the music of special guests, jazz guitarist Gary Allen and popular folk singer Katie Geddes. Thurs.,

Nov. 10th, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Genitti's Hole in the Wall, Northville, MI.

Sunday, October 30th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Worship
- 9:15 a.m. The Bible Jesus Used
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells
- 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers, The Accidentals
Reverse Trick or Treating at CRC
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, October 31th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 5:30 p.m. Community Halloween Party
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple V

Tuesday, November 1st

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 5:30 p.m. ParentConnect/KidConnect,
- 7:00 p.m. Falling Upward Book Study, Trustees
MOPS Steering Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 2nd

- 3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Leadership Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 3rd

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. Renew Band Rehearsal

Friday, November 4th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Making Sense of the Bible

Saturday, November 5th

- 8:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread - Middle School
- 10:00 a.m. Private Event

Sunday, November 6th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells
- 1:30 p.m. Leaf Raking Capital Campaign Fundraiser
- 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers, The Accidentals
Vital Church Initiative Town Hall Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, November 7th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple V
- 7:00 pm. Hometown Holiday Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 8th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Material Girls
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 7:00 p.m. Falling Upward Book Study

Wednesday, November 9th

- 3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10th

- 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, November 11th

- 12:00 p.m. Making Sense of the Bible
- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up and Prep

Saturday, November 12th

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast and Paper Product
Distribution

Volunteers Serving October 30th 9 & 11 a.m.

Greeters: Connor Peterson, Gretchen Kuras

Ushers: Todd Hubbard, Jeremy Northrop, Sawyer Northrop,
Drew Vanderspool, Kaylee Roehm

Acolyte: Massimo Cugliari

Computer: Ethan Pfeiffer

Worship Leaders: Remy Sturt, Mike Vanderspool

Scripture: Sarah Loring

Speakers: Olivia Haber, Gabe Morr, Gretchen Kuras

Bulletin Design: Kirby Hubbard

Nursery Workers:

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Cathy Riedel, Liza Gray

Coffee Hour Bakers:

Marjorie Switz, Sally Bouton, Lu Parsons

Volunteers Serving November 6th

Greeters:

8:30 a.m. Tom Davis, Jeff & Sue Comstock
10:30 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

8:30 a.m. Liza Gray, Harry & Lois Gibson
10:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Phil Radant

Acolytes: Kiera Crawley, Kate Krugh

Nursery Workers:

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

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Barbara Brown, Dayle Wright, Liza Gray

Coffee Hour Bakers:

Charma Dick, Linda Detterman, Heidi Doyle, Dawn Putnam