



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

December 25, 2016

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Sue Comstock * Dave Manning * Paul Hartman *
- * Nan Schroeder * Linda Kimball * Lois Gibson *
- * Ginnie Hartman * Friend of Jim & Gail Finch, Glenn *
- * Maryann Myers daughter-in-law * Lynn Wagner *

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Suzie Weber * Ryan Sweeny * Joanne Weber *
- * For people experiencing homelessness *
- * People of Aleppo Syria and all affected by war *

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.

CoupleConnect begins on January 10th!

Following the same format as ParentConnect, we will be bringing you a 5 week class on marriage/relationship called CoupleConnect!

A meal will be provided for the family at 5:30 p.m. and KidConnect and

CoupleConnect programming will run from 6 - 7p.m.

The CoupleConnect program is called "Become your best US".

Please RSVP to Courtney to confirm your attendance!

Vital Church Initiative

Prayer Team Forming

Prayer support is an important part of the Vital Church Initiative (VCI) process of learning, evaluating and implementing recommendations from the VCI Consultation Staff. If you would like to receive and pray for requests for the Vital Church Initiative (VCI) process as we discern "What God is asking of us now as disciples of Jesus?", please contact Darlene Schaffer 475-9468, schaffer@2020comm.net Your name will be included on the VCI Prayer Team.

Debbie Noye will be the coordinator of prayer requests to those who are on the VCI Prayer Team. Thanks be to God who hears our prayers and answers.

The VCI Study Team invites you to explore with them the ideas and probing questions raised in the book *Renovate or Die: Ten Ways to Focus Your Church on Mission* by Bob Farr and Kay Kotan. The team will host a conversation group Sunday, January 22, 4-5:30 p.m. at the church. Copies of the book will be available on loan if you'd like to read it yourself. Reading the book, however, is not required to participate. All are welcome!

Children's Ministry

Our virtue and verse for

December: Joy

Finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way.

Bible Verse

"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!" Philippians 4:4 NlRV

January: Knowledge

Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

Bible Verse

"Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me." Psalm 119:105, NlRV

Youth Information

XP3 Middle School & High School

See you January 8th

Outlet - see you Jan. 10th & 11th

Sunday, December 25th

One worship service at 11 a.m.

Monday, December 26th

Church office and building is closed

Wednesday, December 28th

6:00 p.m. Share & Study

7:00 p.m. Missions Team Meeting

Friday, December 30th

6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Sunday, January 1st

One worship service at 11 a.m.

Monday, January 2nd

Church office and building is closed

Tuesday, January 3rd

7:00 p.m. MOPS Steering Team Meeting, Trustees

Wednesday, January 4th

6:00 p.m. Share & Study

Thursday, January 5th

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, January 6th

6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Saturday, January 7th

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

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5th BLAST Classes, Middle School XP3

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

5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Trustees

The Trustees met for our rescheduled regular meeting on December 13th. This month the furnace was replaced at the parsonage and we are developing an inclement weather policy.

This month we also bid farewell to two long-term Trustees; Bob Fahlgren and Suzie Palmer-Weber have completed their terms this month. Thank you both for your guidance and wisdom in the care and keeping of our church facilities.

Material Girls Give \$9000 to Faith-in-Action

Members of Material Girls hosted the 7th annual Children's Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd. A check for \$9000, the profits from the bazaar, was given to Nancy Paul, Director of Faith-in-Action. The group expressed appreciation for the many ways the organization supports families in the Chelsea area.

The Material Girls, a 90-member organization, meet at Chelsea First United Methodist Church February through November, on the second Tuesday of each month. This year, members made 4022 gifts for the 310 children who shopped. Leftover gifts were donated to the Chelsea Senior Center and Faith-in-Action.

Bazaar Committee members were Marna Balazer, Barbara Brown, Alberta Colbry, Dorothy Craft, Kristy Fetyko, Judy Irwin, Sandy Schmunk, Carol Strahler, and Marjorie Switz.



**Updated Posting for
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. Position will be for Sunday morning care starting in January. Occasional weeknight and Sunday afternoon availability is preferred.

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.

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



**Caring Relationship
for the Love of Christ**

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