



**Chelsea First**  
 United Methodist Church  
 128 Park Street  
 Chelsea, Michigan 48118  
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# 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

**January 8, 2017**

## Prayer Requests

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

### Prayers for Comfort:

\*Family and friends of Adaline Stone \*

### Prayers for Healing for:

\* Sue Comstock \* Paul Hartman \*

\* Linda Kimball \* Lois Gibson \* Ginnie Hartman \*

\* Lynn Wagner \* Jim Alford Jr \* Ed Brown \* Liz Van Hoek \*

\* Sandy Schmunk \* Shirley Fischer \* Bruce Szcodronski \*

### Prayers for Strength for:

\* Suzie Weber \* Joanne Weber \*

\* Syria, South Sudan, Turkey - on-going violence and trauma \*

\* Ruth Ammon's uncle, Ralph \* Meg Gilbert's sister, Merilee \*

## Prayer Support

You can contact Anne Zuehlke

(475-2535, [alzuehlke@yahoo.com](mailto:alzuehlke@yahoo.com)) or Debbie Noye

(475-1096, [debnoye10@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Next Community Breakfast is Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Check out the sign up link to see where you can volunteer. Thank You.**

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

**Lost dishes can be found in grams hall on a cart.  
 Please check it over and take yours home. We will  
 be donating what is not taken in 2 weeks.**

## Thank You

From the Committee on Nominations, and on behalf of the entire congregation, we say "thank you" to persons who have recently completed leadership roles as members of

Administrative Committees of the church:

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Lois Gibson,  
 Max Plank, Tim Sweeny

Finance – Michele McLaughlin, Edie Wiarda

Trustees – Bob Fahlgren, Suzie Weber

You have served with faithfulness and excellence.

Thank you!

## 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 Grams Hall - 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 [dlogan@charter.net](mailto:dlogan@charter.net).

This round of Dinner for Eight will include the months of February, March, April and May  
 Sign up in Grams Hall by January 23, 2017



### Hymn Festival

January 29, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Hymn Festival led by Michael Burkhardt

This Concert is a FREE Community Concert!  
Everyone is Welcome!

To sign up for free childcare please copy and paste the link:  
[http://www.chelseaumc.org/\\_forms/view/32678](http://www.chelseaumc.org/_forms/view/32678)

### Remember Who You Are

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Every leadership branch of our denomination – Council of Bishops, Connectional Table, boards and agencies, budgets, annual conference leaders – is aligned to help advance this mission. As a denomination we are working together in the next four years to bear fruit in the following ways:

- 1) equip 3 million people to serve as principled Christian leaders in our world;
- 2) nurture 1 million new disciples of Christ;
- 3) launch 400 vibrant, flourishing and transforming communities addressing issues of poverty and ministry with the poor, particularly with children;
- 4) reach 1 million children with life-saving intervention, stamping out killer diseases like malaria.

As a way of remembering and growing deeper in who we are as United Methodist Christians, I invite you to join for a 6-week focus on *A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church* (study resource written by James A. Harnish and Justin LaRosa). Together we will explore a Wesleyan understanding of a life of faith and growth in God's love and grace. *A Disciple's Path* is a great tool for folks new in their faith journey, those further along the path of discipleship, and those who wish to learn more about The United Methodist Church.

We will meet Sunday evenings, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the church, beginning January 29<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to attend, please let us know: email ([jbarrett@chelseaumc.org](mailto:jbarrett@chelseaumc.org)), phone (475.8119, ext. 18) or sign up in Grams Hall. Please contact Pastor Joy with questions or for more information.

### Vital Church Initiative (VCI)

The VCI Study Team has been reading and discussing *Worship Ways: For the People within Your Reach*. Along with the study teams from five other churches, we met in Howell in December to think about the nature and purpose of worship.

The book explores several different types of worship.

Should we focus primarily on education, inspiration, coaching, caregiving, or something else? How does worship help us answer fundamental human questions about meaning, purpose, relationships, justice, and eternal life?

In addition to *Worship Ways*, our team has been looking at demographic information about the Chelsea area to understand the needs of our community more fully.

The VCI team has also continued to discuss last month's book, *Renovate or Die: Ten Ways to Focus Your Church on Mission*. We come to church to explore or walk the path of Christian discipleship. How can Chelsea FUMC support us on that journey? A vital church has a clear and intentional vision that connects its ministries with its mission.

Our vision has to fit who we are and where we serve.

We're holding a town hall meeting to discuss some of these issues on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

No advance preparation is required, but if you'd like to read *Renovate or Die*, copies are available in the church library.

Debbie Noye has kindly agreed to coordinate the prayer team for VCI. If you are interested in joining, please contact her ([debnoye@aol.com](mailto:debnoye@aol.com)).

VCI Study Team Members: Andrea Alford, Steve Beck, Steve Fetyko, Ron Mourad, Darlene Schaffer, Sandy Schmunk, Allison Vanderspoo, Joy Barrett

### Altar Flower sign up for 2017

You can find the flower sign up in coat room hallway on the bulletin board. Please fill out a form and write your name on the sign up if you wish to furnish flowers for a certain Sunday in 2017. Forms can be left at the sign up or put in Liza Gray's mail box by the LL Conf. Room.

You order the flowers from a local flower shop and they deliver them by noon on Friday to the office.

Or you can bring in your own arrangement. If you have any questions contact Liza Gray.

**If you haven't picked up your offering envelopes, please check the box in the lobby and take them home. 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](mailto:caldrich@chelseaumc.org) to be added to the list.***

### **Our virtue and verse for 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 NIV*

### **Valentine's Fun at Towsley, February 12<sup>th</sup>!**



On February 12<sup>th</sup> the BLAST children are all invited to come to Towsley Village as we share in making valentines and ice cream sundaes with our resident buddies! The event will begin at 3 p.m. and will be completed by 4:30 p.m. at the latest. What a wonderful way to share the love!

### **3-5<sup>th</sup> grade sleepover mark your calendars!**

The 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade sleepover will be  
March 3 - 4<sup>th</sup>.



Check your calendars, invite your friends, and get ready for a fabulously fun weekend of serving God and serving others! More details will be mailed to your homes soon. This is an RSVP only event!!  
RSVP deadline will be Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>!

### **Family Ministry**

#### **CoupleConnect begins on January 10<sup>th</sup>!**

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 - 7 p.m. The CoupleConnect program is called "Become your best US".

Please RSVP to Courtney to confirm your attendance!

### **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](mailto:sprc@chelseaumc.org) or Courtney Aldrich at the church office.

### **The 2016 - 2017 Youth Helper List**

Contact the church office to get a copy of contact information for youth from this church willing to babysit, pet sit, house sit, or do yard work!



**Christmas  
Caroling at  
Chelsea  
Retirement  
Community  
2016**



## Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

### **XP3 Middle School**

9:15 am. in room 216



*After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases:*

*Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. ~Luke 8:1-3*

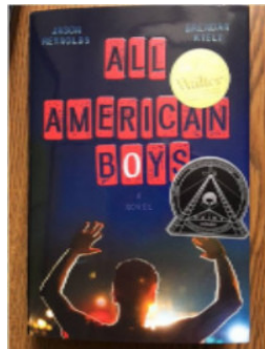
*Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ~Mark 15:40*

In this series, we'll take a look at four individuals who, when they were called to follow Jesus, said, "I'm in." Mary Magdalene said, "I'm in," because, in a time when life was difficult, Jesus rescued her from hurt and pain. He fulfilled her need for peace and healing, and in turn she followed Him even when things got bad again. Jesus met Mary in the middle of her brokenness—at a time she desperately needed help.

### **XP3 High School**

10:30 a.m. in room 216

Last fall, your teenagers were asked what current issue caused them the greatest unrest. Among the many issues listed, racial injustice received the most votes. In God's perfect timing, we've been offered the opportunity to take part in a teen book reading addressing racial injustice.



In February, facilitators will join us to discuss the book, All American Boys. A Coretta Scott King Award winner as well as the Walter Dean Myers award for the outstanding children's literature award, this book is a beautifully written narrative about two young men, one African American and one Caucasian. In the moment that their lives intersect, both are forever changed.

\*\*\*Contains profanity

## Continued - Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Confirmation - Redemption**

11:45 a.m. in room 216

### **Middle School Girls Bible Study**

This Sunday, following a discussion of Ephesians 1, we will head to Faith In Action to hear about social justice issues and opportunities in Chelsea/Western Washtenaw county.

Topics will include things like bystander intervention training workshops, a possible poverty simulation, racial justice teen book read, possible peace march on MLK day and more.

(603 South Main Street)

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. gather, socialize, eat

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. talk about ICPJ update, One Human Family, One World One Family, Western Washtenaw happenings

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**FRI. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** U of M vs. OSU Hockey Men's Hockey 8 p.m.

### **BLAST Sunday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

No XP3 Middle School - remain in the sanctuary

### **XP3 FEEDING THE MASSES Food Donations**

These links are to the sign up genius which provides snacks  
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>

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

3:15 - 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays with Tom.



#### **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

3:15 - 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays

### **January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - WISE UP**

Next week, we discuss what Proverbs has to say about wisdom with regard to controlling what we say, trusting in God, listening to parents, controlling tempers, speaking the truth, and choosing friends carefully.

Reminder: NO Outlet on snow days, school district half days or vacation days.



### **High School & Middle School**

Okay, I know that 'Christmas proper' has ended, but just as I loved the fresh vision of the Christmas story the Pacheco family shared with us at the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve service, this video too brings Christmas to life in its own unique way.

<http://theparentcue.org/14563-2/>



### Cass Community Social Services Angel Tree

“Look at all of the boots.... And GOOD ones! Chelsea First, you are the backbone of our Christmas store. Thank you” – Amy Boque, Angel Tree/Christmas Store coordinator CCSS. Thank you one and all for the clothing, 222 gift cards, 63 pair of boots, Good Ones. Thank you for the mercy you extend and the justice you work toward, and the humility of your walk. Thank you for affording the confirmands and mentors the opportunity to deliver the gifts and visit the first tiny home on the block!

Coming soon: An opportunity to shop for supplies, make and serve a meal, or play with children after dinner.... an opportunity to simply offer hope through your very presence - March 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>



More than just a shelter for children and their families

### ADVENT MISSION GRATITUDE

Thank you for the extravagant generosity offered on Christmas Eve. \$5600.62 has been disbursed to Faith in Action, Cass Community Social Services, and United Methodist Committee On Relief (Global Refugee/Migration).

### Thank You For Supporting The Middle School Youth

They earned \$375.00 for their spring planting project!



### Pantry Needs:

- Salad Dressing
- Snack Crackers
- Cereal - Rice Krispies
- Tomato Products - Diced, Stewed, Sauce
- Cream of Chicken Soup



### **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade BLAST Classes,  
XP3 Middle School Class  
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  
4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

### **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play  
6:30 p.m. Disciple V

### **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting  
3:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet  
5:30 p.m. CoupleConnect/KidConnect  
7:00 p.m. Trustees

### **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms  
7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up and Prep

### **Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast

### **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting  
8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade BLAST Classes,  
XP3 Middle School Class  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:30 a.m. High School XP3  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery  
12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. Random Ringers, The Accidentals Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

### **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play  
6:30 p.m. Disciple V

### **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting  
3:15 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet  
5:30 p.m. CoupleConnect/KidConnect

### **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

### **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

### **Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ

### **Volunteers Serving January 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### 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

Acolyte: Marah Putnam, Kate Krugh

#### Nursery Worker:

Lori Campbell

#### Coffee Hour Hosts:

Sandy Schmunk, Phyllis & Ken Tillman

#### Coffee Hour Bakers:

Linda Logan, Amanda Reginaldo, Susan Wellman,  
Kasie Cousino, Dorothy Craft

### **Volunteers Serving January 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. 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 Worker:

Lori Campbell

#### Coffee Hour Hosts:

Eileen Blough, Jane Newbound, Susan Wellman

#### Coffee Hour Bakers:

Casey Wooster, Lillian Long, Eileen Blough, Janet Alford,  
Bernice Packard

### **Stephen Ministry Opportunities Caring Relationship for the Love of Christ**

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