

Chelsea First
 United Methodist Church
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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 22, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers for Comfort:

* George & Carol Kattula on the passing of George's sister, Agnes Kattula * Carrie & Mallari Johnson on the passing of their father-in-law and grandpa *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Pat Martin * Alberta Sabin * Lois Gibson * Ginnie Hartman *
 * Sherri Plank * Sandy Schmunk * Bruce Szcodronski *
 * Mary Alice Hafer * Mack Ruffin's father * Meg Gilbert *
 * Shar E., niece Anamie * Michael Park * Judy Park *
 * Andy Mohre's dad * Nettie Severn * Ed Brown *
 * Nan Schroeder - undergoing tests *

Prayers for Strength for:

* Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber * Lorraine Hawkes in hospice *
 * Friend of Debbie Noye * O'Neill family * Meg & Dave Gilbert *

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.

Trustee' News

The Trustees met for our monthly meeting on January 10th and welcomed our new Trustees; Mike Hay, Rachel Krugh and Mark Peterson. In a unanimous vote we elected Scott Wooster as the 2017 Trustee Chair.

We approved a new commercial coffee maker which replaces the one that broke after many years of service. This spring we will be looking closer at the courtyard drainage issues and will get that repaired.

ServSafe Class from Chelsea Community Kitchen

CCK is offering another ServSafe Manager training on Monday, Feb. 6 for church volunteers who will oversee kitchen activities as well as for restaurateurs and workers. The class lasts 8 hours and has a self study component. Students will receive their books at least one week in advance of the class so they can read it and do the written activities before class time. Class time will include review of the materials and testing. The test will be scored by the National Restaurant Association. Students who pass the test will receive official ServSafe certification that is good nationwide for five years. Fee for the class for church members will be paid for by the church. Contact Dayle Write for information - 734-475-1563.

Dinner for Eight (or 7 or 9) Last Sunday to Sign Up

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 February, March, April and May. Sign up in Grams Hall by January 23, 2017

From the Ann Arbor District UMC

Leadership Training Day on Feb. 25th at Northville UMC. Building Relationships that Build Churches --- Breaking the ice, welcome and hospitality, connecting with the unchurched, connecting with the poor, building ties withing small groups, and relationships across cultures --- Come and check it out! Our keynote speaker this year is none other than Bishop David Bard!

To register online: <http://aadistrict.org/index.html>

Child care will be available for the District Leadership Training Day. Please call the Northville UMC to register your child or children at 248-349-1144.



Hymn Festival

January 29, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Hymn Festival led by Michael Burkhardt

**This Concert will be rescheduled
for a later date**

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 29th. If you plan to attend, please let us know: email (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 22nd 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@gmail.com).

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

Altar Flower sign up for 2017

Altar flowers are a nice way to remember someone, honor someone or celebrate someone's birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. All you do is order the flowers or bring in your own arrangement by Friday noon. You will find the sign up calendar on the board in the coatroom. Put your name on the date you would like to sign up for. Fill out the form and leave it on the board or put it in Liza Gray's mailbox down in the office area. If you have questions contact Liza 475-8119.

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 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 12th!



On February 12th 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!

3-5th grade sleepover

mark your calendars!

The 3 - 5th grade sleepover will be
March 3 - 4th.

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 5th!

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.

Special BLAST Mission in class on Feb.12th

On or before February 12th, all BLAST children, preschool - 5th grade are asked to bring something in from the list below as a gift for our resident buddies at Towsley. We will be talking that week about helping others who may be lonely or having a difficult time.

Here is a list of ideas from Towsley for what we can put in the lunch sack sized "love bags" we will be making:

lotions, soaps, chap stick, hats, mittens, scarves,
chocolates, small stuffed animals,
packaged cookies, small juice bottles

I will have a container for collecting items in the BLAST hallway starting this Sunday. In class we will be decorating and stuffing bags with the items, along with a note or drawing.

All BLAST children are invited to come to Towsley later that afternoon (3 p.m.) deliver the bags as part of the Valentine's fun at Towsley event.

When we comfort others, we are being more like Jesus!"



Family Ministry

Family Camp 2017!

Time to plan for summer! Family Camp will be August 10th-13th this year and we will be back at Wesleyan Woods in Vassar, MI, just 2 hours from Chelsea. For those who are not familiar with Wesleyan Woods, you can check out their website at www.wesleyanwoods.org

I have held a combination of campsites, a limited number of cottages, and dorm rooms. Campsites are full hook up and run \$37/night. Cottage rooms are \$55-60/night.
RSVP to Courtney to reserve your preferred space!

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!



Sunday, January 22nd

XP3 Middle School
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Room 216

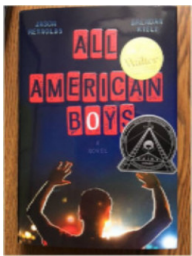


Weather permitting, chalk art outside for those who choose not to be part of the FEARLESS routine.

Wear WARM clothing, PLEASE. Hot chocolate afterward. Otherwise, the practice continues for the FEARLESS worship on Youth Sunday!

'Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be afraid; don't get discouraged, GOD, your God, is with you every step you take.' ~Joshua 1:9 MSG

XP3 High School
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Room 216



We've been offered the opportunity to take part in a teen book reading addressing racial injustice.

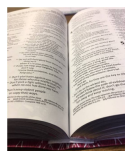
In February, facilitators will join us to discuss the book, All American Boys. A Coretta Scott King Award winner as well as the Walter Dean Myers award for the outstanding children's literature award, this book is a beautifully

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 Books have been distributed.

Confirmation - Holy Spirit Saint Interviews

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Room 216

**Middle School
Girls Bible Study**
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Room 216
Fun House Mirrors



DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 29th

Youth Sunday

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in worship

February 3rd U of M vs. OSU Hockey Men's Hockey 8 p.m.

February 5th

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>

6th Grade

3:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays with Tom.



7th/8th Grade

3:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we discuss the issues, temptations, and 'everydays' of middle school life.

January 17th/18th **SHOW ME LOVE -**

Our culture and media is saturated with different ideas of love, many of them untrue and unhealthy. We'll discuss what love is and share practical ways to put love into action.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ~1 John 4:7-12

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



**Cass Community Social Services
Tiny Home #2**

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 20th-26th



More than just a shelter for children and their families

Path Finder by Email

Would like to be on the Path Finder or all congregation email list for announcements during the week. Send your email to lgray@chelseaumc.org, or call the church office 475 8119 to sign up.

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 handle most expediently by contacting: Denise Cugliari media@chelseaumc.org OR (734)276-4206

Thank You For Supporting The Middle School Youth

They earned \$375.00 for their spring planting project!



Pantry Needs:

Sugar - small bags
Snacks: Crackers, Nuts, Bars



Sunday, January 22nd

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5th 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
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers, The Accidentals
Vital Church Initiative Town Hall Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, January 23rd

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

Tuesday, January 24th

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

Wednesday, January 25th

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

Friday, January 27th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Sunday, January 29th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Remember Who You Are

Monday, January 30th

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Retreat
- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple V

Tuesday, January 31st

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Retreat
- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 3:15 a.m. 6th Grade Outlet
- 5:30 p.m. CoupleConnect/KidConnect

Wednesday, February 1st

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

Thursday, February 2nd

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Renew Band Rehearsal

Friday, February 3rd

- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Saturday, February 4th

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

Volunteers Serving January 22nd

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Meloche
- 10:30 a.m. John Seto, Liza Gray

Ushers:

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

Acolytes: Peter Mourad, Luke Mourad

Nursery Worker:

Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Chris & Dan Cobb, Dianne Kelley, Bob & Jessica Fahlgren

Coffee Hour Bakers:

Emily Kuo, Jane Newbound, Dianne Kelley, Patti & Kayla Sweeny

Volunteers Serving January 29th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Youth
- 10:30 a.m. Youth

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Youth
- 10:30 a.m. Youth

Nursery Worker:

Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Cathy Riedel, Liza Gray, Jane Newbound

Coffee Hour Bakers:

Marjorie Switz, Sally Bouton, Lu Parsons

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



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