



**Chelsea First**  
 United Methodist Church  
 128 Park Street  
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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

**February 19, 2017**

### Prayer Requests

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

#### ***Prayers for Healing for:***

- \* Lois Gibson \* Ginnie Hartman \* Linda Kimball \*
- \* Sandy Schmunk \* Bruce Szcodronski \* Carol Brock \*
- \* Mark Peterson's father \* Nettie Severn \* Valisa Bristle \*
- \* John Green \* Jennifer Kelley \* Henri van der Waard's girlfriend \* Dave & Meg Gilbert's grand nephew \*

#### ***Prayers for Strength for:***

- \* Suzie Weber \* Joanne Weber \* Kim Mc Quarrie and family \*

### 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.

### Friends 65+

The next meeting of the Friends 65+ will be *this Tuesday, February 21st, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.* in Grams Hall.

Our focus will be on an article, "Rules for a Good Old Age". Light refreshments will be available. *You are welcomed!*

### Thank You

Thanks to all of you who phoned or prayed for us, stopped by and visited and brought food since my surgery in December. The shoulder is healing, however slowly. Again, many thanks.  
 Linda & Terry Kimball

### From the Ann Arbor District UMC

Leadership Training Day on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at Northville UMC. Building Relationships that Build Churches --- Breaking the ice, welcome and hospitality, connecting with the unchurched, connecting with the poor, building ties with 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.



**104  
 Love Bags  
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### Up Coming Dates

- March 1<sup>st</sup> - Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 p.m.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings - spring forward. PJ Day in worship



## Vital Church Initiative (VCI)

The Vital Church Initiative (VCI) study team hosted a town hall meeting on Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> to facilitate a discussion motivated by the book "Renovate or Die: Ten Ways to Focus Your Church on Mission" by Reverend Bob Farr.

We felt blessed to have so many reflective and honest small group discussions. We believe these discussions are vital to this "season of information gathering," that defines this part of the VCI journey.

For the month of January, the VCI Study Team read the book "Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What" by Peter Steinke. The learning day in Howell invited personal reflections on each of our personal stress management habits and how they might affect the people around us, even as we are reaching out into our mission field. If you are interested in reading any of the books that we have been reading and discussing contact any of us or the church office.

Debbie Noye has kindly agreed to coordinate the prayer team for VCI. If you are interested in joining, please contact her ([debnoye10@gmail.com](mailto:debnoye10@gmail.com)).

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

## NEW PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Want to make a difference? Silver Solution Network is a new program to bring together organizations and individuals who are interested in volunteering or wish to work part-time. February 20<sup>th</sup> will be the first Roundtable Discussion from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Representatives from three organizations – Senior Center, Faith In Action, and St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital will talk about their needs for volunteers. Call the Senior Center for questions or to register at 475-9242.

## 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.

## Music and the Arts

### More opportunities to Make A Joyful Sound!

#### From Mark Loring, Dir Music Ministries

This month we began a new musical opportunity and ministry at Chelsea FUMC – gathering music before the 11 a.m. service.

We are inviting our church family of all ages to volunteer to play 10-12 minutes of solo or duet music on the instrument of your choice, such as piano, a string instrument, flute, saxophone, etc. This music offering will enhance the worship space as worshippers enter the sanctuary.

Gathering music also allows another opportunity to offer your gifts and talents to God and our church family.

For less experienced musicians, feel free to repeat a song a few times (this isn't a concert!).

If you have any questions, please connect with Diane Brown at [dianebr@umich.edu](mailto:dianebr@umich.edu) or 734-320-3668. To volunteer, call Diane or visit SignUp Genius at [goo.gl/37jcr1](http://goo.gl/37jcr1)



Biakuye - Mark Stone  
World Percussion: Family Concert  
Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

Wooden keys suspended over gourds and spider webs...  
Rosewood bars connected to electric pick-ups...  
Seed pods spun like a yo-yo...  
Metal bars, flattened tire spokes, a contoured red box...  
Goat-skin drums and electric bass...

These are the sources of Biakuye's captivating sound—a sound that is both deeply grounded and cutting-edge. The resulting music reflects the unique journeys of its four members, which have taken the group's West African born artists to the United States and taken its American born artists to Ghana, Uganda, Trinidad, and Cuba. Together, Biakuye's performances celebrate the common musical spirit of African and America.

### Upcoming Concerts!

Brian Brill and Friends  
May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Westminster Concert Bell Choir  
May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

All concerts are free and open to the public.  
Free childcare is available.



## ***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 February:**

**Love**-Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

#### **Bible Verse**

*"Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins."  
1 John 4:10, NIV*



**3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade sleepover  
food donations  
and help needed!**



As we prepare for the 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> sleepover, we are asking everyone to help make this event a success by donating towards the meal the 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing for the homeless at Cass Community Services.

We need you! See the sign up genius link below:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-help2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-help2)



## **PARENT TIME**

As parents, we all feel the burden to raise our children to be kind and loving. Sometimes we wonder if we're doing enough—if our kids are getting the message. The best way to teach your child is by modeling. That's right, you've got to practice what you preach. Is there someone in your family, friend-group, or community who is lonely, hurting, or struggling? Make a list of 4 ways you can show love to this person this month. You could bake them cupcakes, leave them a note, or simply send them an encouraging text message. This month, once a week, demonstrate the love of Christ to your family by loving others.



## **Family Ministry**

### **Family Camp 2017!**

Time to plan for summer! Family Camp will be August 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!



### **Mystery Date sign up begins Sunday!**



Mystery dates are back and will be offered each Saturday in March.

You must sign up no later than the Sunday before your date. For a small donation, dates include activities, a restaurant destination with gift card and free childcare. Only 10 spots are available per Saturday, and you may sign up for more than one Saturday. See the sign up in Grams Hall!

### **PJ Day coming on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>!**

Yep -- it's true! You can donate to the community breakfast and paper product fund on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for the privilege of wearing your jammies to church!

March 12<sup>th</sup> is also the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, so it is a great day to stay in bed as long as possible! Thank you to BLAST student Lauren Thompson for starting this wacky tradition!

**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, February 19<sup>th</sup>

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

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



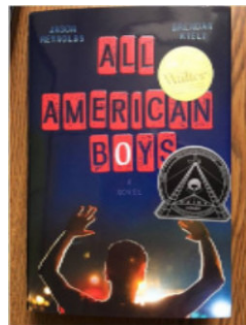
**BLACK AND BLUE:**  
Prior to watching the movie, we discussed how both life events and mores shape our perception of others and influence our behavior. It lends understanding, not acceptance, to the choices made by Fielding H. Yost with regard to Willis Ward.

## **February 19<sup>th</sup> - Part II**

**BLACK AND BLUE:** the story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward and the 1934 Michigan - Georgia Tech Football Game

**Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Racial injustice book discussion with facilitators from ICPJ (Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice) Would like to extend the invitation to those in 8th Grade. If you would like a copy of the book, please ask Mrs. Franks.



## **Confirmation - Saint Interviews**

Prayer with Rev. Lisa Gray-Lion  
Luke - Chapters 21 - 24  
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Room 216

## **Middle School Girls Bible Study**

Seekers of truth in the 'every days' of our lives.  
Daring to live it in the real time. Girls' Bible Study  
Sundays 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Did you know that there are 9 homeless teenagers attending Chelsea High School?  
We have a plan. Come join us.

## Dates to remember

MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> - Senior Celebration RSVP deadline for Graduation Sunday

MAY 5 - 6<sup>th</sup> 30 HR FAMINE - starts Friday after school

## **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.

**\*\*\*Please remember to avoid nut products or foods packaged in plants that create nut products. Thank you!**

**Sunday morning** (Middle school/High School)  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-xp3feeding>

## **Outlet on Tuesdays**

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

### **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

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we discuss the issues, temptations, and 'everydays' of middle school life.  
February 14-15 SO, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Adolescence is an important time for teenagers to develop their own ideals and set of morals.  
This week, we'll discuss how your kids form and live out their Christian belief and values.

*'Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don't make a performance out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won't be applauding.'* Matthew 6:1 *The Message*

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



## **Middle School**

“Kids whose parents’ relationship has cooled are more likely to have behavioral or academic problems than kids of happy couples. Even if you can’t see yourself going out on a date for yourselves, do it for your kids.”

<http://theparentcue.org/the-best-thing-you-can-do-for-your-kids-is-leave/>

## **High School**

Though our humanity protests, though our emotions resist, what we must know is that though our children are forever bound to us, they are never really ours.

Though the early years find them tethered to us in ways not entirely endearing, the rest of their lives is spent in motion moving away from us. The challenge—and necessity—is to allow them to leave gracefully. To allow God the control that was His all along. To begin acknowledging that truly, we couldn't ask for anything better for our children than for God to have His way, and to hope we may have the chance to not simply accept it, but to *celebrate* it when we start to watch it all unfold in a breath-taking masterpiece.

<http://theparentcue.org/a-list-prayers/>



**EMPTY  
BOWLS  
DETROIT**



**Friday, March 3rd  
5:30–10:30 p.m.  
Shed 5  
Eastern Market  
Detroit**

**Soups, Bread, Cheese, Wine, Beer  
from Metro Detroit Businesses**

**Donation \$30 in Advance–  
\$40 Starting Week of Feb. 24**

[emptybowlsdetroit.com](http://emptybowlsdetroit.com)

Check out the *On Line Celebrity Bowl Auction*  
[32auctions.com/EmptyBowlsDetroit2017](http://32auctions.com/EmptyBowlsDetroit2017)



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Sugar Hill Clay Studio  
Huron Capital  
Foley Mansfield  
DIA

**Cass Community Social Services  
- Tiny home #5,6,7  
FYI – We've been given the  
opportunity to landscape two of  
the tiny homes this spring.  
Interested? Contact  
[youth@chelseaumc.org](mailto:youth@chelseaumc.org)**



More than just a shelter for  
children and their families

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>-24<sup>th</sup>

See the sign up genius to sign up to volunteer.

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

**Pantry Needs:**

- Sugar - small bags
- Snacks: Crackers, Nuts, Bars
- Refried Beans, Canned Fruit (no peaches)
- Salmon, Mayonnaise, Broth



You can't put a price on  
**LAUGHTER.**

**FUNNY-FOR-A-CHANGE  
FUN RAISER**

Take a bite out of RBI's budget with a little lol.  
See y'all on Sunday, Mar. 19, 2017  
at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle!

310 S Troy St, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Doors Open at 5:00 P.M. FREE Parking!  
Silent Auction at 5:15 P.M. Tickets: \$20  
Show at 7:00 P.M. Cash Bar/Snacks/Burgers

[www.redfordbrightmoorinitiative.org](http://www.redfordbrightmoorinitiative.org)  
For add'l info. contact Karen Plants at 248.895.9825



Redford Brightmoor Initiative  
Making Connections • Building Communities • Transforming Lives

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5<sup>th</sup> BLAST Classes, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 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
- 1:00 p.m. Chelsea Farmers Market CSA Fair
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Remember Who You Are

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Friends 65+
- 3:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:30 p.m. Ad Council

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 3:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study, Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:00 p.m. Renew Band Vocals Rehearsal

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, The Accidentals Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5<sup>th</sup> BLAST Classes, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3, 3-5<sup>th</sup> Adult Sleepover Orientation, Glory Ringers, Random Ringers
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 11:30 a.m. 3-5<sup>th</sup> youth Sleepover Orientation
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Remember Who You Are

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</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 Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 12:00 p.m. 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Prep work
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Renew Band Vocals and Instrumentalist Rehearsal

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Uprooting Racism
- 4:15 p.m. 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Event
- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. 2016 - 2017 Concert Series - Biakuye - Mark Stone

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 p.m. Mystery Date Child Care

**Volunteers Serving February 19<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Barbara Brown
- 10:30 a.m. John & Ellen Aldighieri

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Harry Gibson, Boyd Wiltse
- 10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac

Nursery Workers:

- Lori Campbell, Shannon Sailus

Coffee Hour Hosts:

- Eileen Blough, Jane Newbound, Susan Wellman

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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

**Volunteers Serving February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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, Shannon Sailus

Coffee Hour Hosts:

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

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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