



**Chelsea First**  
 United Methodist Church  
 128 Park Street  
 Chelsea, Michigan 48118  
[www.chelseaumc.org](http://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

**March 5, 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 \* Carol Brock \* Dave Johnston \*
- \* Maryann Myers \* Joanne Weber \* John Green \*
- \* Jennifer Kelley \* Henri van der Waard's girlfriend, Sue \*
- Dave & Meg Gilbert's grand nephew \* Terri & Linda Kimball's daughter, Erika \* Suzie Bone \*

### Prayers for Strength for:

- \* Suzie Weber \* Joanne Weber \* Kim Mc Quarrie and family \*
  - \* Todd Hubbard's mom and dad \*
  - \* Family and friends of Herb Wesner \*

## 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.

## Up Coming Dates

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Taize Worship 6:45 - 7:15 p.m. in Grams Hall

March 12<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings - spring forward.  
 PJ Day in worship

**Sign up to help volunteer at the March 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Community Breakfast**

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

## Vital Church Initiative (VCI)

The VCI study team recently read *Unbinding the Gospel – Real Life Evangelism*, and then met in Howell with teams from five other United Methodist churches to discuss the book.

We spent time working through our thoughts and feelings about the word “evangelism” and how it can sometimes feel negative and judgmental as TV evangelists and people passing out pamphlets and pushing their version of faith come to mind. And then we considered the author’s definition, “Evangelism is anything you do to help another person move closer to a relationship with God, or into Christian community.”

We were challenged to consider why we find it easy to share stories about watching a great movie or trying a new restaurant, while often finding it much harder to share our faith story. We learned about motivations for evangelism and typical barriers, and how a growing relationship with God is the essential first step.

In addition to discussing *Unbinding the Gospel*, our team has been examining demographic reports of Chelsea to learn about the major life groups in our area. Life groups represent distinct behavior patterns, relationships, social values, attitudes and world views. Each life group yearns to experience God in ways that are relevant to their life situation, so understanding the demographics of an area is important in planning meaningful worship experiences.

You are invited to learn more about the demographics of Chelsea and join in the conversation of how this data can help inform our worship planning at our next Town Hall meeting on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in Grams Hall. Please join us!

If you are interested in reading any of the books with the VCI team, please contact the church office or a member of the team (Andrea Alford, Steve Beck, Steve Fetyko, Ron Mourad, Darlene Schaffer, Sandy Schmunk, Allison Vanderspool, Joy Barrett).



## Trustees News

The Board of Trustees met for our regular meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> where we approved the replacement of flooring at the Parsonage. Though well cared for, the carpeting was worn looking and is well over 12 years old.

We discussed the recent power outages that occurred when the city upgraded equipment. Unfortunately this damaged some of ours and it brought about the need to discuss planning for powering off sensitive equipment if we know a power outage will occur. Our next scheduled meeting is on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



**Taize Worship**  
March 8  
6:45 pm in  
Grams Hall

## Lenten Taize Service

During Lent this year, Wednesday evenings offer weary souls a time and place to rest and refresh.

Taize services weave

Scripture readings, gentle silence, candles, and singing into a healing balm for the soul.

No experience required. All are welcome.

Come join us Wednesdays, March 8<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-7:15 pm in Gram's Hall.

## 'Uprooting Racism' Bookread & Classes

The Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice is sponsoring a local Chelsea community bookread on Paul Kivel's "Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice."

Racial Justice is one of the tenets of our democratic society.

However, recent events in our country have alerted the thoughtful citizens of this country to re-examine an underlying threat to our free society by studying the sometimes hard-to-see-and-admit evidence of systemic racism.

Come and be part of the conversations.

### Dates/Sites for book discussion:

Fridays, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup> (10 - 11:30 a.m.):

First United Methodist Church, Youth Room 216

Sundays, March 5<sup>th</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup> (1 - 2:30 p.m.):

Chelsea District Library, McKune Room

Mondays, March 6<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup> (7-8:30 p.m.):

Chelsea Alehouse, corner table

Order your book copy from your favorite bookseller.

The first week's classes will discuss the introduction and pages 8-42. Reading each week is roughly 25-30 pages.

Readers may attend any combination of discussion groups during the 10 weeks, accommodating personal schedules, as all three classes per week will cover the same reading assignment. Email your RSVP or questions to LeAnn at

[chelsea.uprooting.racism@gmail.com](mailto:chelsea.uprooting.racism@gmail.com).

## 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)

### 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



## Chelsea MOPS Antiquities Unique Portrait Fundraiser March 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

Sepia Tone Children's Portraits with Vintage Attire and Props.

With the purchase of a coupon you will receive a beautiful 10x13 sepia portrait of your child or children.

An \$89.95 retail value. For questions email:

[m2msale@chelseamops.org](mailto:m2msale@chelseamops.org).



## **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 March:**

**Forgiveness** - Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

#### **Bible Verse**

*"Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV*



### **PARENT TIME**

We all know what it's like to repeat ourselves over and over when kids or people aren't listening. But one saying that never gets old to hear repeatedly is, "you're forgiven."

God asks us to offer never-ending forgiveness because that's what He's done for us. And offering forgiveness takes practice. It can be hard to offer forgiveness at the end of a long day or after a fight, but when we don't forgive we can miss out on what God has ready for us. Challenge yourself to be eager to forgive.

### **Camp Scholarships Available!**

If your child would like to attend United Methodist Camps this summer but needs a scholarship, please fill out the form located on the table in Grams Hall with the camping brochures and turn it in to the office or Courtney with your camp registration form.

### **Safe Sanctuary Training This Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>**

There will be another Safe Sanctuary Training on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. If you work with children in the church as a volunteer, you must be Safe Sanctuary trained! The training will take 1 hour. Please RSVP to Courtney.



## **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!



## MARCH 1- ASH WEDNESDAY service

Middle school youth participate in the leadership of this service through imposition of ashes, readings, and a skit.

### Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **XP3 Middle School**

Youth stay in BLAST worship

This month's skit features Natalie Morr and Caley Plank! Thank you for volunteering!

#### **XP3 High School**

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Room 216

### **Confirmation Picture at the football field, all Saint Interviews, Youth Planning 4/30**

11:40 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.



Fourteen squares to go...  
your art work/inspiration/creativity needed.

Last Sunday morning, Jen Morr visited the middle school crew to share her passion for the people of Ethiopia. We've been offered the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children a world away, simply by selling pizza kits. Please help us to meet our goal to sponsor those at Lola Children's Home for a year. Thank you so very much for your support!



*Our love should not be just words and talk. It must be true Love which shows itself in*

### Dates to remember

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> - The Talent Show has been postponed to a later date.

MAY 5 - 6<sup>th</sup> 30 HR FAMINE - use the link below to fill out a permission form. I will then pass the information on to Mr. Tom who will give you a registration form.

Thank you everyone!

<http://www.chelseaumc.org/youth/forms--resources.html>

### **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.

March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - GOD IN A BOD

This week, we focus on the attributes of Jesus and how to get to know him better.

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



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

In the spirit of Christ, I am called to love your child more than my relationship with your child. Thank you for spending time with your child to discuss the content of their phone apps, and how the choices they make with regard to internet searches affect a healthy sexual identity.

<http://theparentcue.org/my-child-was-caught-viewing-porn-what-do-i-do/>

"So don't just have one conversation. Make it an ongoing dialogue. Sure there will be awkward moments. That's okay, sexuality can be awkward." ~Jim Burns



**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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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

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For add'l info. contact Karen Plants at 248.895.9825



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**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, Renew Band Warm - Up
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3, Glory Ringers, Random Ringers
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Safe Sanctuary Training
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 11:40 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Remember Who You Are

**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 7:00 p.m. MOPS Steering Team Meeting

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 6:45 p.m. Taize Worship
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Uprooting Racism Class
- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set up

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast
- 5:00 p.m. Mystery Date & Child Care

**Sunday, March 12<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> BLAST Classes, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3, Glory Ringers, Random Ringers
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal  
VCI Town Hall Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 4:00 p.m. Material Girls Set-Up
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple V

**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Material Girls Meeting
- 3:15 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Material Girls Leadership Team Meeting
- 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
- 6:45 p.m. Taize Worship
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Uprooting Racism
- 3:00 p.m. MOPS Antiquities Fundraiser
- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ
- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Antiquities Fundraiser
- 5:00 p.m. Mystery Date & Child Care

**Volunteers Serving March 5<sup>th</sup>**

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, Todd Hubbard
- 10:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Phil Radant

Acolytes: Kiera Crawley, Marah Putnam

Nursery Workers:

Lori Campbell, Shannon Sailus

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Barbara Brown, Valisa Bristle, Molly Avery

Coffee Hour Bakers:

Charma Dick, Linda Detterman, Heidi Doyle, Dawn Putnam

**Volunteers Serving March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, LuAnn & Loren Heller
- 10:30 a.m. Lois & Dick Willis, Janet Alford, John Seto

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: Catie Van Hoek

Nursery Worker:

Lori Campbell, Shannon Sailus

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Sandy Schmunk, Phyllis & Ken Tillman

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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