



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

March 19, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers of Comfort for:

* Family of Rev. Philip Voss *

* Marcus & Valisa Bristle following the death of Marcus's aunt *

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 * Elaine Pastor * April Murphy *

* 3 daughters of Tom Lewis w/health issues *

* Mike Steklac's father * Grace Pantolin *

Prayers for Strength for:

* Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber *

* Todd Hubbard's mom and dad *

* Family and friends of Herb Wesner *

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.

Follow Up on PJ Funday

Thank you to everyone who participated in PJ Funday and donated to the Community Breakfast and the Paper Product funds. It was great to see so many of you in PJs. This hopefully made your spring ahead in time a little easier.

Although some of you chose to donate to the breakfast or to the paper products, the majority of you donated to whichever cause needs the funds the most. The subtotals have been given to the treasurer. Overall, the congregation donated \$1,795.05 with additional donations of 81 rolls of toilet paper, 2 rolls of paper towels, one bag of napkins, and a box of tissues.

Ant Patrol

While it's not picnic or BBQ weather yet, ants begin to move indoors in search of food as the weather warms. Preventative measures play a major role in avoiding infestations. Please wipe up crumbs and spills immediately.



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.

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).



Friends 65+

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



Taize Worship
6:45 p.m.
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 8th through April 5th 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 3rd - May 5th (10 - 11:30 a.m.) :
First United Methodist Church, Youth Room 216
- Sundays, March 5th - May 7th (1 - 2:30 p.m.):
Chelsea District Library, McKune Room
- Mondays, March 6th - May 8th (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.

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 or 734-320-3668. To volunteer, call Diane or visit SignUp Genius at goo.gl/37jcr1



Upcoming Concerts!

Brian Brill and Friends
May 5th at 7 p.m.

Westminster Concert Bell Choir
May 18th at 7p.m.

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



First Annual Festival of the Arts - Sunday, May 14th Call for Artists

Coinciding with Music Sunday, May 14th, we're beginning the first annual Festival of the Arts. Artists of all ages are invited to bring one or two pieces of two or three dimensional art, any medium, to the church office starting Wednesday, May 10th. Non FUMC members are also invited to display artwork. Please include title, medium, name and contact information. Please bring an easel to display your work. Artwork may be picked up after 1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 14th. If you have questions, please contact Mark Loring at church, Janet Alford at janetralford@hotmail.com or Sue Craig at Sueandrodrcraig@gmail.com.



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 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.

Pre-K - 2nd Grade Cookie Baking for CRC sleepover!

April 15th, 2-3 p.m., Grams Hall

Come bake cookies for us to share with the residents of CRC at the sleepover on April 21st! Please RSVP to Courtney.

Pre-K - 2nd Grade Sleepover at CRC April 21st - 22nd

It is the preschool-2nd graders turn for a sleepover! We will be playing games, taking silly pictures, watching a movie, and listening to a story as we share the cookies we baked (on April 15th) with our friends at CRC. Every child must have a parent attend as well. Please RSVP to Courtney if you would like to attend this heartwarming and fun event!

Childcare subs needed

We are looking to beef up the substitute list for childcare. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with childcare but cannot make a regular commitment, please send Courtney the name and contact information. Childcare makes family ministries possible and family ministries are vital to the church!

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, March 19th

XP3 Middle School

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Room 216

XP3 High School

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

All Saint Interviews, Youth Planning 4/30

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

Middle School Girls Bible Study

Sundays 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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.

MARCH 14th & 15th WHAT, ME WORRY?

Adolescents have way too much to worry about- their looks, relationships, grades, their future, and more.

This week, we'll share our worries and insecurities; and how our faith can help us through.

6-7 Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. ~Philippians 4:6-7

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

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>

Dates to remember

April 9th & 15th - landscaping Tiny Homes for CASS

April 16th - Easter Sunday - No MS or HS XP3

April 29th - Confirmation - Adventure Park

April 30th - Youth Sunday both services

May 5th - 6th 30 HR FAMINE

May 7th - Confirmation Sunday

May 9th - UMM Senior Scholarship forms are due

CFUMC Summer Mission Trip 2017

Buffalo/Niagara Falls- Boston, MA

Accidentals Handbell Ensemble

and the Youth of CFUMC.

Tuesday, June 20th - Monday, June 26th

WHO CAN GO?

Youth currently in 6th – 12th grades, who are members of CFUMC or regular participants in the ministries or worship life of the church. You do not have to be in the Accidentals Handbell Ensemble to go on the trip. Non-ringing youth will be given an option of participating on the concerts if desired. Everyone will participate in the mission work.

HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

Visit the church website to fill out the electronic permission form. <http://www.chelseaumc.org/youth/missions.html>

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost of the trip is \$125. Scholarships are also available.

WILL WE GET TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING?

Yes. Niagara Falls and the Boston Freedom Trail!

TRANSPORTATION

We will be renting two 15 passenger vans.

I'M IN...WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE?

Fill out a permission form and return it to Mark Loring in the church office. A deposit check in the amount of \$50 must accompany your registration. Checks may be made out to "CFUMC" with "Mission Trip" in the memo.

Deadline for registering is March 15, 2017.

Trip balances of \$75 are due on or before June 1, 2017.

DO I NEED TO BRING ADDITIONAL MONEY ON THE TRIP?

Yes. You will need money for a couple dinners on the road (fast food) and any souvenirs desired.

Suggested amount is \$50.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Speak to Mark Loring or Jeanne Franks if you would like to receive a partial or a full scholarship.

Please do not let the cost of the trip prohibit participation.

QUESTIONS? Contact Mark Loring: 734-475-8119
or mloring@chelseaumc.org

Contact Jeanne Franks: 734-475-8119 or

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 20th-24th

See the sign up genius to sign up to volunteer.

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

**We still need volunteers to come play with
the children and someone to stay the night.**

Pantry Needs:

- Sugar - small bags
- Salmon, Spaghetti Sauce, Apple Sauce
- Refried Beans



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



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

Cass Community Social Services



Please join us on Saturday April 15th as we travel to
Detroit . We plan to landscape two of the Cass Community
Social Services Tiny Homes on Monterey Street.
If you wish to carpool, we'll leave from the church at 8 a.m.
Questions? Contact Jeanne Franks at
youth@chelseaumc.org

Sunday, March 19th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, The Accidentals Warm - Up
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5th 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
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Unity Brass/Palm Sunday Orchestra Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Parent Education Series at WSEC
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, March 20th

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

Tuesday, March 21st

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Friends 65+
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 22nd

- 3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 6:45 p.m. Taize Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23rd

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

Friday, March 24th

- 10:00 a.m. Uprooting Racism Class
- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Saturday, March 25th

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

Sunday, March 26th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Pre School - 5th BLAST Classes, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3, Glory Ringers, Random Ringers, Jubilee Ringers Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
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- 1:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, March 27th

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

Tuesday, March 28th

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

Wednesday, March 29th

- 3:15 p.m. 7th/8th 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 30th

- 7:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Renew Band Rehearsal

Friday, March 31st

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

Volunteers Serving March 19th

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Boyd & Arlene Wiltse
- 10:30 a.m. Ruth Ammon, Gerry Boettger, Teresa Steklac

Acolytes: Peter & Luke Mourad

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 March 26th

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

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