



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

April 2, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers of Comfort for:

* Jody & Rob Croskey following the death of Rob's cousin *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Lois Gibson * Ginnie Hartman * Linda Kimball *

* Sandy Schmunk * Carol Brock * Maryann Myers * Tom Davis *

* Joanne Weber * Jennifer Kelley * Henri van der Waard's girlfriend, Sue * Dave & Meg Gilbert's grand nephew *

* Terry & Linda Kimball's daughter, Erika * Suzie Bone *

* Elaine Pastor * Grace Pantolin *

* 3 daughters of Tom Lewis w/health issues *

* Mike Steklac's father * Regan Plank * Valise Bristle *

* Dan Roehm's father * Rev. Mark Johnston * Lucas Coy *

Prayers for Strength for:

* Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber * Todd Hubbard's mom and dad *

* Ruth Ammon's son and daughter-in-law *

* Ruth Ammon as she travels *

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.

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.



New Members Class

If you are interested in becoming a member, we will have new members class on April 23rd and April 30th, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

April 5th - Taize Worship - 7pm in Grams Hall

April 9th - Palm Sunday - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

April 13th - Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.

April 14th - Community Good Friday - 12:15 p.m.

at the First Congregational Church
 CFUMC Prayer Retreat - 1 p.m. Friday - 10 a.m. Saturday

April 16th Easter Worship - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Opportunities

**Caring Relationship
 for the Love of Christ**



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



Friends 65+

The next meeting of Friends 65+ will be Tuesday, April 18th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Grams Hall.

Chelsea Spring Exp 2017

**Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Washington Street Education Center**

Free admission, something for all ages, 140+ vendors, local businesses, crafters, free tote bags, door prizes and samples, Free wildlife and safari show at 1 p.m., best ever bake sale, enjoy lunch with friends. SRSly Kid Zone, crafts & games, MakerSpace by Chelsea District Library. Chelsea Student Art Show. Volunteer Match - meet local non-profits. If you have questions contact the Senior Center 734-475-9242 or chelseaseniors.org.

2017 Good Friday Prayer Retreat

**1:00 p.m. Friday, April 14th
to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 15th**

Good Friday is a time to reflect on what Jesus Christ's life and teachings, death-and-resurrection nearly 2,000 years ago mean to our lives today. Come and simply be present with God in the silence, beauty, and peace of this time and place.

All are welcome; no experience necessary.

PRAYER STATIONS in the church sanctuary and in the Lower Level Conference Room (1 p.m. Fri. to 10 a.m. Sat.) offer a variety of ways to experience prayer. Encounter scripture, move, meditate, listen, or sketch. Use all your senses or withdraw from them. Use words or silence. Gaze upon candle light or spiritual images.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS start in the Upper Lobby & continue throughout the second floor of the Christian education wing (1 p.m. Fri. to 8 a.m. Sat.) Come walk through the events of Good Friday and prayerfully reflect on the meaning of our Lord's sacrifice in the ways we live our daily lives.

A **LABYRINTH** in Grams Hall (1:00 p.m. Fri. to 8:00 a.m. Sat.) For centuries its twisting and turning path was understood as a metaphor for our Christian faith journey.

One path in, one path out, labyrinths offer rich opportunities for experiencing a deeper connection with God.

Sign-ups are appreciated <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-24hour> or look for the paper version in Grams Hall) so we can be sure those interested in participating have access during the times the front doors are locked.

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 April:

Humility - Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

Bible Verse

"Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. Philippians 2:3, 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!

May 7th BLAST Mission -- Surprise others with Kindness! Save the date!

On May 7th we will meet at 12 p.m. in the 4th/5th grade classroom to create fresh flower baskets. We will then travel to the Pines to deliver the flowers to the residents there! Come along for a fun afternoon of giving to others.

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!

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!

Parent Education Series

Chelsea teachers Jeanne Caselli and Tracy Heydlauff present:
How to Keep Learning Alive During Summer Break
Sunday, April 23rd, 3 - 4 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library.



Sunday, April 9th

XP3 Middle School

9:15 a.m. in room 216

XP3 High School

10:30 a.m. in room 216

Confirmation

Heads to Detroit at 8:30 a.m. to work on Tiny Home project.

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

See you back on April 11th and 12th

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 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

30 Hour Famine

Who: MS and HS Youth When: Fri. May 5th – Sat. May 6th

Where: CFUMC - Some changes this year:

The fast starts right after lunch at school on Friday.

Arrive at CFUMC no later than 4 p.m.

MS youth will have the option of spending the night.

The fast ends at 4 p.m. Saturday followed by a meal.

When the forms listed below are on file, you will be issued your Student Pack and fund collecting begins.

You must have a registration form on file.

A permission form for this activity is also necessary.

Questions: Contact Tom Lewis: tom@outdrs.net

C-734-883-5439

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.

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

'Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'
~Matthew 25:40

You who offered meals, laughter, conversation, and overnight stays at Alpha House 3/20- 3/24. For the sacrifice of your time and the love expressed in the name of Jesus,

Thanks be to God for you: The Hanselman family,
The Kause family, Margaret Callahan, Bev Dronen, Liza Gray,
Jody Croskey, David, Tammee, and Angie Fensch, Erin Dronen, Elizabeth Hammer, Amanda and Arianna Reginaldo, Barbara Brown, Natalie Morr, Cathy Riedel, Joey Argiero, The Hurst family, and Pat Engel.

Pantry Needs:

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



Students Loving God and Fighting Hunger

On May 5th our middle school and high school youth will begin a fast to fight hunger for almost 30 hours. For many years now our youth has been involved with this program, 30 Hour Famine. Over the 30 hours they will have Trek challenges, compelling videos, inspirational discussion ideas and more. This event can be life changing for our youth. Help support them by asking about the event, what they learn or donating toward 30 Hour Famine.

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, April 2nd

- 8:30 a.m. Renew Band Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery

Monday, April 3rd

- 6:30 p.m. Disciple V

Tuesday, April 4th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. MOPS Steering Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th

- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:45 p.m. Taize Worship
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6th

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, April 7th

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

Saturday, April 8th

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 8:15 a.m. Unity Brass 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, Unity Brass Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:15 p.m. Rebound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, April 10th

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

Tuesday, April 11th

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

Wednesday, April 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Material Girls Leadership Team Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Outlet
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Leadership Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 13th

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, Finance Committee

Friday, April 14th

- 10:00 a.m. Uprooting Racism
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Retreat runs through April 15th @ 10 a.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Saturday, April 15th

- 8:00 a.m. Leave for Tiny House Project in Detroit
- 12:00 p.m. BLAST Cookie Baking

Volunteers Serving April 2nd

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Jeff & Sue Comstock
- 10:30 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Liza Gray
- 10:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Phil Radant

Nursery Workers:

- Lori Campbell, Shannon Sailus

Coffee Hour Hosts:

- Barbara Brown, Molly Avery, Valisa Bristle

Coffee Hour Bakers:

- Charma Dick, Linda Detterman, Heidi Doyle, Dawn Putnam, Jody Croskey

Volunteers Serving April 9th

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

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, Jody Croskey

Community Breakfast Sign Up

Please check out the sign up to volunteer for the community breakfast on April 8th.

We have lots of open spots.

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