



Chelsea First
 United Methodist Church
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*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

May 14, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Ginnie Hartman * Linda Kimball * Sandy Schmunck *
- * Jennifer Kelley * Henri van der Waard's girlfriend, Sue *
- * Stanley Sprague * Suzie Bone * Elaine Pastor * Roy Cox *
- * Roberta Anderson * 3 daughters of Tom Lewis w/health issues *
- * Barb Ashmore * David Dunlap * Arlene Howe * Charma Dick *
- Ruth Claggett * Dorothy Beach * Denise Whitesall * Paul Hartman

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

- * Arnold Reginaldo * John Robbins *

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.

Community Breakfast Sign Up

Volunteers are needed for the next community breakfast on May 13th, see the link below to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-community>

Prayer and Meditation Room

Is now available for your use. It is located on the second floor, right by the elevator. The Prayer and Meditation Room has been designed as a welcoming, comfortable space where you may come and be honest with God; it is a place to bring your pain and your joy, your hopes and your confusion; it is a place to simply be still and know the very presence of God.

The room has several basic resources: Bibles; the current edition of The Upper Room Daily Devotions; prayer books; a CD player and selection of CD's with calming music; a kneeler; clinging crosses for holding during prayer; comfortable seating. Please feel free to use these resources while you are present and thank you for leaving them for those who will visit after you.

This Prayer and Meditation Room draws upon the strength, faith, example, and wisdom of saints through the ages, and saints from the life of this congregation, specifically Alice Schmunck, Kimberly Boyd, Phil Wilcox and many more. We are grateful for the work of Connor Peterson, who chose this as his Eagle Scout Project, to the Schmunck and Boyd Families, and to the Sanctuary Renovation Building Committee. All is not yet complete in that space; however, it is available and we encourage you to make use of it.

Pastor Joy



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

All concerts are free and open to the public. Free childcare is available. We are still in need of host families, please contact Mark Loring if you can help.

Friends 65+

The next meeting of the Friends 65+ will be this Tuesday, May 16th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Grams Hall.

Check out our website: www.chelseaumc.org

and find us on the church facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc>

Concert Series page <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc.concerts>



Give the Gift of Life and give Blood

The Red Cross Blood Drive is May 25th
from 7 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. here at CFUMC.
Walk in' are welcome.

Holy Conversation on Human Sexuality, Saturday, June 17th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Grams Hall

Please join in a time of "holy conversation" at CFUMC. This event has one purpose: to remind ourselves and to help us practice what Christ teaches us about how to live together in community. We are ONE in Jesus Christ. "Holy Conferencing" is a way for us to embrace our unity, in spite of the differences that push and pull and tug at us. It is a way of conversing with each other that allows us to speak honestly, listen well, and maintain our faithful understandings, while still honoring, respecting, and loving those who are in the Body of Christ with us but who hold widely different understandings of faithful Christian living than we do.

Rev. Melanie Lee Carey will be our facilitator. She will be using a format which was developed by United Methodist laity and clergy from across the state of Michigan and from various perspectives on the topic of human sexuality.

The purpose of this holy conferencing is not to present material or information from any particular perspective, but rather to provide space for conversations around a topic of great interest and attention in our society. We are aware that faithful United Methodists do not all agree on this subject, yet as the Body of Christ, we seek to understand and respect one another. This holy conferencing is a long-standing tradition of our denomination, particularly when we talk and listen with one another on matters in which we have differing viewpoints. Our bishops and the lay and clergy members of our annual conference sessions continue to encourage us to create opportunities for these conversations to take place in our faith communities.

We encourage high school youth and all the various ages of adults to join in this time of "holy conversation." Child care will be available; please call the church office or email Pastor Joy or Courtney Aldrich to tell us about your child care needs – number and ages of children. Please speak with Pastor Tom or Pastor Joy for additional information.

Music and the Arts



Sunday, May 14th

Festival of the Arts Exhibit in Grams Hall following both worship services

Summer Music Opportunities

You are invited to consider signing up for music in worship this summer. As many of you know, our summer worship schedule is 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-summer1>

The Accidentals (Youth) Handbell Ensemble

Will participate in the Mission Trip to Buffalo and Boston from June 20th—26th.

They will present concerts at the following venues:

- Kenmore UMC (Buffalo),
- Beechwood Continuing Care (Buffalo)
- Newbury Court Retirement Community (Concord, MA)
- Wilmington UMC (MA)

They will give a preview of their music during the Father's Day, June 18th 10 a.m. Worship Service.

A MESSAGE FROM SPRC

SPRC would like to recognize and thank April Murphy for the work she has done in the music ministry.

April has decided to step down in her staff role at the end of May as she pursues outside teaching opportunities. April has been an asset to the music area and was key in the search for and the smooth transition of our Music Director. April went "above and beyond" in her duties, especially during the interim period, for which we are truly grateful. We thank April for all she has done and wish all the best in her future teaching endeavors!

The SPRC would like to announce that Kristy Fetyko has accepted a part time staff support position in the church office.

Kristy will be working (10) hours per week supporting the administrative needs of all the staff. We welcome Kristy and thank her for her willingness to serve the church!

The SPRC recognizes the incredible job that all our staff does on a daily basis. We are truly blessed with the dedicated and talented staff of CF. A staff that we never want to take for granted and do not acknowledge nearly enough! Go out today and tell a staff member "Thank You" for all that they do!

Bill Doyle - SPRC Chair



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 May:
Determination - Deciding it's worth it to
finish what you've started**

Bible Verse

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up" Galatians 6:9, NIV

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.

May 21st Leader Appreciation Day in BLAST!

On May 21st the BLAST children will be showing their appreciation to their leaders by making a pancake breakfast. We encourage all children to draw a picture or write a note of thanks to their BLAST leaders! We also need parent help with donating food, cooking, and serving. See the sign up genius below for how you can help! www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-endofyear1

Summer help needed with BLAST!

We need volunteers to help lead summer BLAST! No preparation required. Just come to class with us at the 10 a.m. service and the lesson and supplies will be provided for you. This is a great opportunity to participate in children's ministry if other commitments make that hard for you to do during the school year. This is also a great opportunity to "try out" what being a BLAST leader might feel like if you have ever considered volunteering for children's ministry but was unsure of making a year long commitment. Please look at your calendars and consider supporting our children's programming this summer!

Click on the link to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-summer1>

Family Ministry

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!



**Delivering May Day spring flowers to
the residents of the Pines!**

The 2016-17 Youth Helper List is Available Now!

Contact Courtney to get a copy of contact information for youth from this church willing to babysit, pet sit, house sit, or do yard work!



Sunday, May 14th

No MS/HS XP3

Last session will be May 21st

June 4th - Graduation Celebration 8:30 a.m.

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>

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.

May 9/10

So Who You Lookin At?

This week, we discuss self image, self esteem, and have the opportunity to affirm one another.

God, you created all the complex parts of my body, while I was still inside my mother. Thank you, Lord, for creating me, _____ (insert your name here). I know you cared when you made me. while my bones were still forming, before anyone else knew who I was, you knew, I _____ was alive. You could see who I was even before I was born, and you had already planned my days on earth before I lived anyone of them. You think about me all the time. You love me so much. Every minute, even when I get up in the morning, you are thinking about me.

~Psalm 139:13-18



Middle School & High School

<http://theparentcue.org/episode31/>

The 5 Adults Kids Need

30 Hour Famine

Twenty youth registered for the 30 Hour Famine led by Mr. Tom.

Throughout our fast, they juggled sports, dance, scouts, and other activities as well. We played games, discussed the corresponding scripture and lesson, spent the night; and left for Meijer in the morning to shop for Faith In Action using a shopping list along with Meijer gift cards, perhaps donated by some of you. After delivering the food, we returned to the church. At the 5 o'clock hour, Pastor Joy served communion at the break of our fast.

Two moments to share:

As we neared the 30th hour, Mr. Tom asked them what they had gleaned from their experience.

One child spoke quietly. "I learned that when I say 'I'm starving!', I'm not really starving. I'm just hungry."

Saturday night, I received a group text that began with this - "I'm glad that I could spend 30 hours with you guys. I had a good time. It was really a fun experience. Thank you for being the people that I got to spend the day with. I really had a fun time at Meijer picking up all those brownies."

(Among the items on their list- 20 boxes of brownies. They were concerned about which type to select and I suggested they chose what they would like to eat. The shopping frenzy began in full)

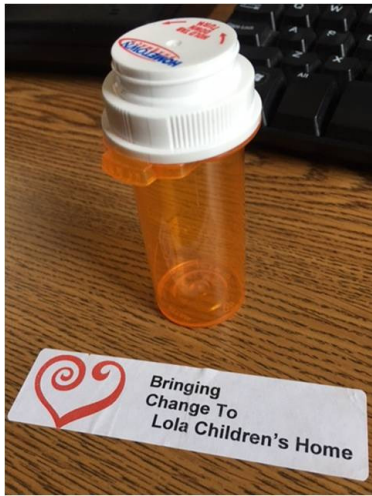
My response- "Think of the people who fill their bellies with yummy goodness and know that your fingerprints rest not only on the boxes, but on their hearts."

On behalf of the boss (Mr. Tom) and I, thank you. Thank you to Mike Vanderspool who spent the entire time with us, Patti Sweeny who shopped along side us, Mark Drow and Heidi Doyle who prepared a feast for ordinary and most precious lives living differently because of the love of Jesus Christ. How grateful we are.

"Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don't let anyone put you down because you're young.

Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching. And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed - keep that dusted off and in use.

~1 Timothy 4:12 Msg
Thank you.



The youth are halfway to our goal of supporting a child at Lola Children's Home in Ethiopia for a year. Take the opportunity to fill a medicine bottle and Bring the Change to a child's life at Lola. Bottles available in the Youth Room. #216

Pantry Needs:

- Canned Chili
- Spaghetti Sauce



Thank you to those who attended the Faith in Action Banquet and Auction Fundraiser on Saturday April 29th.

Early results place the total amount raised at an all time record - ~ \$61,000. As warmer weather settles in, the City of Chelsea now asks for the late payments owed by clients who were unable to pay their bills over the winter. Shut off of utilities occurs only during warmer weather and Faith in Action aids those who are unable to cover the amount owed. It has also been reported that the number of children in the Dexter/Chelsea area are among the top ten in the state to receive reduced or free school lunches.

Did you take a seedling home on Youth Sunday?

The middle school youth raised money through the sale of nuts to address a concern of theirs, care for the earth. ON Youth Sunday, April 30, they offered white pine seedlings for members to take home and plant. If you did so, would you please take a photograph beside your planted seedling and send it to youth@chelseaumc.org?

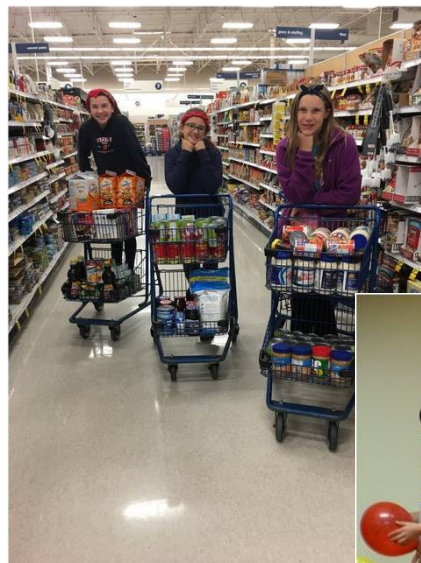
Thank you so very much!

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to serve it and to guard and protect it."

~Genesis 2:15

The Youth are headed on another Mission in June, this time to Boston, Massachusetts. We'll stop in Buffalo for a concert and mission work and continue to our destination. If you are able to support our work, you'll find a kiosk filled with envelopes in Grams Hall. Thank you so much for affirming the children of this church and donating that we might grow beyond these walls.

30 HOUR FAMINE Thank You for supporting our YOUTH!



Sunday, May 14th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting, Unity Brass Warm Up
- 8:15 a.m. Rezound Warm Up
- 8:30 a.m. Rezound, Praise Bells, The Accidentals Warm Up
CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:15 a.m. The Accidentals Warm Up
- 10:30 a.m. Glory Ringers, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 Disciple Discovery
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, May 15th

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

Tuesday, May 16th

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

Wednesday, May 17th

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

Thursday, May 18th

- 7:00 p.m. 2016 - 2017 Concert Series
"Westminster Concert Bell Choir"

Friday, May 19th

- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Saturday, May 20th

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ

Sunday, May 21st

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Glory Ringers, HS XP3
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study

Monday, May 22nd

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

Tuesday, May 23rd

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

Wednesday, May 24th

- 3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting

Thursday, May 25th

- 7:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 26th

- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

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



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

Volunteers Serving May 14th

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, Maryann Myers, Art Stoll

Nursery Workers:

Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Sandy Schmunk, Phyllis & Ken Tillman, Liza Gray

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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

Volunteers Serving May 21st

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Dan Skiendziel, Boyd & Arlene Wiltse
- 10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac, Todd Hubbard

Acolytes: Peter Mourad, Luke Mourad

Nursery Workers:

Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Eileen Blough, Jane Newbound, Susan Wellman

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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