



**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

**May 28, 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 Schmunk \*
- \* Jennifer Kelley \* Henri van der Waard's girlfriend, Sue \*
- \* Stanley Sprague \* Suzie Bone \* Elaine Pastor \* Roy Cox \*
- \* Roberta Anderson \* Barb Ashmore \* David Dunlap \*
- \* Arlene Howe \* Charma Dick \* Ruth Claggett \* Dorothy Beach \*
- \* Denise Whitesall \* Paul Hartman \* Susanne Cisko \*

***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](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.

**Monday evening Bible Study**

Max Plank and Pastor Joy will facilitate a six-week conversation/study on several parables of Jesus from the Gospels. We will meet Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have questions or to let us know you plan to participate.

**Please help welcome our  
 new faith community members:**

- Connor Boone
- Timothy Brock
- Winona and Rev. David Church
- Jody Croskey
- Kasie Cousino (children Avery and Jake)
- Megan Fletcher
- Katie Giardello (children Luca and Nico)
- Phyllis and John Green
- Megan and Ryle Kiser
- Kevin and Katie Kleitsch (son Camden)
- Alex Lewis
- Marlene and Rev. Brent McCumons
- Gabe Morr
- Sawyer Northrop
- Ethan Pfeiffer
- Kaylee Roehm
- Kayla Sweeny

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the church office  
 and building will be closed  
 in observance of Memorial Day.**

**High School Graduation  
 Recognition Celebration at 8:30 a.m.  
 and Pentecost Worship at 10 a.m.**

On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., we will celebrate the graduating seniors of the Class of 2017. We will share a morning meal and could use help with food donations as well as serving and clean-up. Youth and their families (with the exception of the seniors) are invited to the Sign Up Genius. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-graduation>. Questions can be directed to Debbie Noye at 475-1096 (home), 734-255-9858 (cell), or [debnoye10@gmail.com](mailto:debnoye10@gmail.com). Thank you!

Check out our website: [www.chelseaumc.org](http://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>



**Holy Conversation on Human Sexuality,  
Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>,  
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; **those who need childcare need to register by June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** 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.

**CFUMC - 2017 Weekly Garden Watering and Maintenance Schedule**

We are looking for one volunteer per week to water and tidy up the church garden beds. Please consider signing up today! Together, we make CFUMC a more beautiful and welcoming space!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944aaa87-cfumc>

**Music and the Arts**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Worship Service.

**Pentecost Choir,**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10 a.m. service.**

All are invited to join this "pick up" choir! We will rehearse an easy anthem at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room.

Please wear red for Pentecost!

**A Benefit Concert presented by  
The Chelsea Chamber Players**

All proceeds will go to the Refugee Resettlement Program of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County.

7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017  
at The First United Methodist Church,  
128 Park St, Chelsea  
and

7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2017  
at St Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N Division, Ann Arbor

Local musicians, Nathan Peters (violin), Graham Emberton (violin), Ian Cumming (violin and viola), Sara Cumming (cello) and Renée Robbins (piano), in two concerts of classical and contemporary chamber music, with works by Schubert, Mozart and Victor Davies.

Donations will be accepted at the door.



## Friends 65+

Our next meeting of the Friends 65+ is scheduled for *Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00 p.m.* in Grams Hall.  
Thanks much.

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## CREATIVE PLAY 2017-2018 "MUNCHING WITH MATTHEW"

Come join in the adventure! Creative Play is offered Monday or Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Each family comes one morning a week to enjoy free play and creative craft activities, a Bible story told during snack time, a time of songs and active learning through simple skits or games, and we close with a quiet song and prayer. Weekly handouts include the words to the finger plays and songs and ideas for how the scripture passage can support Christian parenting. Starting the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we will study the Gospel of Matthew.

Sign up now for "Munching With Matthew". If you would like to take part with your child or grand child, go to <http://www.chelseaumc.org/children/classes/creative-play.html> to register or call Darlene Schaffer 475-9468 or email [schaffer@2020comm.net](mailto:schaffer@2020comm.net) to sign up.

There is no charge for the program. Anyone in the community is welcome. The parent or grandparent must attend with the child. Come join the fun! Where? In the Pre-school room at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI

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## OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED

Give of your time and talents as an offering counter! Each week, a team of two counters prepare and tabulate the offering for bank deposit. This happens after the last service on Sundays (we also have a team that counts on Monday). Teams are rotated every week so this is a once-a-month commitment and counting generally takes an hour or less to complete.

If a monthly commitment doesn't work for you, then consider volunteering as an alternate or as a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday counter. Snowbirds are welcome to serve during the warm weather seasons.

Training is provided and you will be working with experienced counters. If this ministry is something you would like to explore, contact Mike Steklac at [MJSteklac@gmail.com](mailto:MJSteklac@gmail.com) or by phone at (734) 395-8539.

## PRAYER PARTNER OPPORTUNITY

The Accidentals (Youth) Handbell Ensemble and adult chaperones will be making a Buffalo - Boston concert tour and mission trip June 20<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. One of the ways we, as a church family, can be supportive of these youth and adults is to pray for them. Would you consider being a Prayer Partner? As a Prayer Partner you would be given the name of one of the youth or adults and would intentionally pray for that person while they are on the trip. You would also write a note of support and encouragement which would be given to them while they are on the trip.

Please contact Debbie Noye with questions or to sign up to be a Prayer Partner.  
475-1096 (home), 734-255-9858 (cell) or [debnoye10@gmail.com](mailto:debnoye10@gmail.com).

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## CHELSEA FIRST UMC HISTORY CORNER

There are a great many documents, newspaper articles, pictures, and other items of historical value for our church that are being stored in file cabinets. We will soon begin the process of preserving these treasures in an archival safe way. If you have knowledge of or expertise in this process or have an interest in helping, we can use you! Contact Debbie Noye, 475-1096 (home), 734-255-9858 (cell) or [debnoye10@gmail.com](mailto:debnoye10@gmail.com), for more information.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Chelsea First United Methodist Church building and congregation of today had it's beginning in 1853. Rev. B. A. Hedger, a pastor in Lima, rode his horse to the newly formed village of Chelsea and found a need for a Methodist Church. Services were first held in the brick school house, which was located just west of what is now 134 South Street.

So, how did our current church end up where it is? Stay tuned for future installments of "Did You Know?".

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## Summer Fellowship Snacks

We will have fellowship time after the 10 a.m. worship service starting June 4<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for people to sign up for just 1 Sunday during the summer to host it. Call the church office or see the link below to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-summer3>



## **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 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.

## **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>

## **Save the Date!**

### **3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trip July 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

The 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders will again be traveling to the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit to prepare and serve lunch, paint boards, board up houses, clean lots, and have some fellowship time together. More details coming soon!

## **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!

## **Youth Ministry**

### **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

June 4<sup>th</sup> Graduation Recognition Celebration  
Grams Hall 8:30 a.m.

If you know one or more of our seniors,  
please feel free to join the celebration. a.m.

### **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.

Last Day of Outlet will be June 14<sup>th</sup>!

## **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!



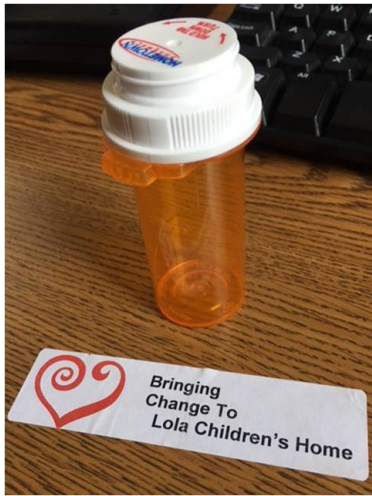
Emmanuel Jones, director of Mentor to Youth, was so impressed with our high school volunteers last year that he has extended the invitation to volunteer this year as well!

July 6<sup>th</sup> - August 17<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 1 - 3 p.m.

at Parkridge Community Center in Ypsilanti.

Please contact [youth@chelseaumc.org](mailto:youth@chelseaumc.org) if interested.

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 29<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:youth@chelseaumc.org)?

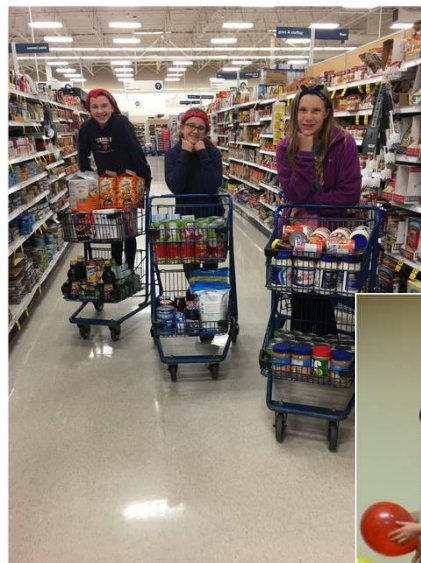
Thank you so very much!

"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 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. One Worship Service
- 2:00 p.m. Peterson Eagle Ceremony  
Piano Studio of Lester Castellana

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Church building is closed**

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 3:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 3:30 p.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 1:15 p.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio
- 3:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study

**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Recovery Group
- 3:30 p.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Renovation Campaign Meeting

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Ron Andrews Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 40516
- 6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Alex Toth's Senior Recital

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Chelsea Today
- 12:00 p.m. Graduation Prep

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. High School Recognition Celebration
- 10:00 a.m. Pentecost Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Summer Fellowship and Snacks

**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 40303

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 3:15 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 3:30 p.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio

**Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 1:15 p.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio
- 3:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study

**Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Recovery Group
- 3:30 p.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio

**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Lisa Hinz-Johnson Voice Studio
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 40516
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Peters Recital, Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 p.m. Benefit Concert for Syrian Refugees

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



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

**Volunteers Serving May 28<sup>th</sup>  
One Worship Service at 10 A.M.**

Greeters:

9:30 a.m. John Seto, Indy Hurst

Ushers:

9:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Larry Martin, Cathy Riedel

Nursery Worker:

Lori Campbell

**Volunteers Serving June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

8:00 a.m. Jeff & Sue Comstock

9:30 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

9:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Phil Radant

Nursery Worker:

Lori Campbell

Summer Fellowship & Snacks

Liza Gray