



Chelsea First
 United Methodist Church
 128 Park Street
 Chelsea, Michigan 48118
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

September 3, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Sandy Schmunk * Henri van der Waard's girlfriend, Sue *
- * Elaine Pastor * Charlotte Schauer * Kim Francisco *
- * Donna Fuller * Harry Gibson's brother, Larry * Dianne Kelley *
- * Todd Howard * Jane Johnston's friend's grandson *
- * Jeff Hanna * John Green * Sam Alguire * Ed Greenleaf *
- * Amela having her 3rd surgery * Amanda Johnson *

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber * People in Texas *
- * For all who are returning to school *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas,
 and especially for: * 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 September 9th, see the link below to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-community>

Friends 65+

The next meeting of the Friends 65+ will be Tuesday, September 19th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Grams Hall.

Church Office

The church office is looking for a few volunteers that are available during office hours to come in and help with mailings, filing, and small projects. If you are interested please contact Liza Gray - Office Manager at the office 475-8119 ext. 10.

September 3rd - we will have ONE worship service at 10 a.m. No Summer fellowship snacks will follow.

September 4th

The church office and building will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

September 10th Worship - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Children/Youth Ministry Kick-Off see pg. 3 for the morning details. Fellowship hour will follow the 9 a.m. service.

September 17th

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship
 BLAST Classes, Middle School/High School XP3, and all Sunday music ensembles rehearsals begin.

Snack/Breakfast for our youth

These links are to the sign up genius which provides snacks for the youth of this church while they are attending church programs.

Thank you so very much for your support.

Tuesdays with Tom <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-sixth>

Wednesdays Outlet <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-middle>

Sunday XP3 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-xp3feeding>

Church Groups & Committees

If your group meets on a regular basis at the church please make sure you have confirmed with the church office that you again will be using a space for your meetings. Please don't assume that you can use the space you did before, it needs to be scheduled through the church office and put on the calendar.



**Parables - All abilities inclusion worship
at First Congregational**

<http://www.chelseafcc.com/ministry-within-the-margins.html>

Safe Sanctuary Training

A reminder that all adults must go through training on our youth and child protection policies if they want to attend our children's mission events or volunteer with children or youth. Those who have already trained will need to do a shorter renewal training as well!

Sept. 10th at 10 a.m. and Sept. 17th at either 10:45 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP your attendance to Courtney!

**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. starting the week of September 11, 2017. Enjoy free play, craft activities, a Bible story, snack, songs and circle time. Bring your children or grand children!

To sign up: go to <http://www.chelseaumc.org/children/classes/creative-play.html> or call Darlene Schaffer 475-9468 or email schaffer@2020comm.net There is no charge for the program.

Anyone in the community is welcome. The parent or grandparent must attend with the child. We meet in the Pre-school room at Chelsea First United Methodist Church.

CHELSEA FIRST UMC HISTORY CORNER

We will soon be undertaking a project to transfer many items of our church's history from unsafe storage to archive safe storage. Some supplies will be needed to accomplish this, including 12 x 12 scrapbook pages, 12 x 12 page protectors, archive safe pens, and archive safe glue or tape. If you have any of these items needing a new home or if you find some cheap at a yard sale, we can use them. Also needed are people who can help place the pictures, documents, newspaper articles, etc into new archive safe scrapbooks. Contact Debbie Noye if you can help in any way - 475-1096 (home), 734-255-9858 (cell), or debnoye10@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW? The original parsonage was built next to the church in 1866. Two additions were added and it sat about in the location where Grams Hall currently is. Our current parsonage, located at 10 Sycamore Drive, was purchased in 1971 for \$45,000. Rev. Clive Dickens and his family were the first to live in it.

Next time: What happened to the old parsonage?

Music

Music Corner

CFUMC Choir - The first fall rehearsal for the CFUMC Choir will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 7:30 p.m. This choir provides music for worship and will participate in the annual Hometown Holiday Concerts on Dec. 3rd.

We sing a wide variety of music - contemporary, classical, gospel, and have a flexible schedule.

No audition necessary and youth are invited to join us!

A great way to share your gifts with the congregation.

BELLS!BELLS!BELLS!

If you don't consider yourself a singer, why not join a handbell choir? We have multiple groups for you and a family member to become involved in:

Children/Youth-Rehearsals

start Sunday, Sept 17th

Glory Ringers (Grades K-2) - 10:30 a.m.

Praise Bells (Grades 3-5) - 8:30 a.m.

Random Ringers (Grades 6-8) - 10:30 a.m.

The Accidentals (Grades 9-12) - 4:30 p.m.

Beginning Adult Handbells

Jubilee Ringers

Rehearsals start Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Childcare provided!

Advanced Handbells

Rebound Handbell Ensemble

(Youth invited!) 12:15 p.m. on Sundays, starting Sept. 17th



Youth Praise Band

New this year! A new contemporary youth band will provide music for our once a month kids BLAST service and Youth Services. All instrumentalists and vocalists needed! First jam will take place on Sunday, Sept. 17th, from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Mark Loring (mloring@chelseaumc.org)

or Jeanne Franks (youth@chelseaumc.org)

if you are interested in joining.

October 7th

Mark Loring and Friends

Opening Concert!

Members of Ballet Chelsea,

Bows Up! String Ensemble, Kyle

Webber. Marches, fight songs,

and other surprises, starts at 7 p.m.

2017 - 2018

CONCERT
SERIES



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 September:
Friendship - Using your words and actions
to show others you care.**

Bible Verse

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17, NIV

A note about September 10th . . . Children and Youth Ministry Sunday!

On September 10th we are having a special service for Children and Youth Ministry Sunday. Since we want all adults to remain in the service, including BLAST leaders, we will be having a "welcome week" instead of the regular BLAST class format. We will be having stations for the children to rotate between: music, mission craft, food, storytelling, and games. We will have "guest" adult leaders present at each station, and youth to supervise the children and help them rotate among stations.

We would like all youth and adults to be able to attend the service at either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. Middle school youth will be asked to attend the service at 9 a.m. instead of leaving for programming. High school youth will be asked to attend the 11 a.m. service in lieu of youth programming.

We have arranged it so adult BLAST leaders do not have to leave with the children at 9 a.m., but of course they are welcome to assist the children at 9 a.m. and attend the service at 11 a.m. if that is what they choose.

Preschool children may either go to the preschool room for childcare (we will have the nursery workers in the preschool room that day), attend the welcome activities with the big kids, or remain in service. Now here is the easy part: BLAST officially begins on September 17th!

New Children's Mission Event at Towsley Village on September 10th!

We have been invited to celebrate Grandparents' Day with our buddies at Towsley Village (the Alzheimer's unit at the Chelsea Retirement Community)! We will be meeting at Towsley at 1:30 p.m. for a craft, songs, and snacks! Please RSVP to Courtney or Molly (whippet99@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend!

Preschool BLAST Leader Needed!

We need an adult to partner with Zuzana Wiseley, our current preschool BLAST leader, to lead preschool BLAST this upcoming year. If you would like to spend some time with some of our youngest members and enjoy the flexibility of partnering with another adult, let Courtney know!

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!

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Chelsea First UMC has a group for you! We meet 4 times during the school year to prepare care packages for all the college students of our church as well as for some EMU students who have aged out of the foster care system. In addition to preparing care packages, we spend some time discussing the challenges (and joys!) of being parents to college students and sharing experiences.

Of course, there is typically some refreshments involved! If you are a parent/guardian of a college student and have not recently received an e-mail, please let Debbie Noye know at debnoye10@gmail.com or 475-1096.

Even if you can not be part of the parent group, please send school year addresses of college students to Debbie as soon as you can. We would like every college student to receive a care package. If you don't have a college student, but would like to help supply items for the care packages, let Debbie know and she will add you to the Sign Up Genius list.

Thank you!



Sundays in Room 216

September 10th

Everyone gathers in the sanctuary for either service

September 17th

MS XP3 - 9:20 a.m., HS XP3 - 10:30 a.m.,
Confirmation 11:45 a.m.

Starts Sept. 5th

6th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays with Tom.



Starts Sept. 6th

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.

We begin the year with a lesson entitled
Feeling Small

We'll talk about feelings of rejection, hurt, and inferiority. Using Psalm 139:13-14, Matthew 18:12-14, and Colossians 1:21-23; we'll also discuss God's love and forgiveness, even when we don't feel loved. God is always there for us, no matter how we feel about ourselves.

Up coming dates to remember!

- Sept. 30th - Confirmation High Ropes
- October 7th - Hands4Detroit
- Oct. 20 - 22nd - 7th - 12th, Fall Retreat

Thank you for feeding their bodies that we might feast upon the good things of God.

Tuesdays with Tom

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

Wednesday Outlet

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

Sunday XP3

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-xp3feeding>

Middle School & High School

Reconciliation in a racially divided country begins with conversations at home.

<http://theparentcue.org/pcl-40-why-you-need-to-talk-about-race-with-your-kids/>

Ninth grade is a year of awakening. It's like the moment when...

<http://theparentcue.org/your-ninth-grader-is-a-super-hero/>



Youth Praise Band

Now's the time to share your gift of music! The Youth Praise Band will play once a month during the BLAST service and practice weekly on Sunday afternoon. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mark Loring at mloring@chelseaumc.org

Mentor2Youth™

FOSTERING CHANGE IN TODAY'S YOUTH

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

~1 John 3:18

Thank you





For those of you interested in learning more about immigration, JFON has started a book discussion group.

Contact Suzanne Stichler at (734) 340-1117 or

suestich1@wowway.com with questions or to confirm your attendance. Feel free to bring a friend!

Wanted: Magazines (Natl. Geographic, Life, Auto Magazines, Sports Illustrated, Readers Digest) to share with the detainees at the Monroe County Detention Center. Please remove staples and mailing address prior to placing on the library table outside the church library. Thank you

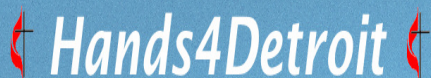
Over 100 Backpacks

were recently distributed to school age children from both Chelsea and Dexter school districts, your generous donations among them. I had the opportunity to speak with a young man exiting the building, his brand new backpack in tow. His smile was as wide as his face and never once faded. Thank you for your witness of Christ's transformative love. 'Rivers of living water will brim and spill out of the depths of anyone who believes in me this way.' ~John 7:38



The middle school effort to reach our goal of \$440.00 has at last been met. Thank you to every single person who sold or purchased pizza as well as those members who simply filled a bottle with change that we might sponsor the children of Lola. 'The purpose of Lola is to provide our children with the human rights that all children deserve, while still sustaining a close relationship with their families and their community.'

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday October 7, 2017



Registration is now open. Hands4Detroit is the annual community outreach event where the 60+ churches of the Detroit Renaissance District join forces with other community partner organizations for a day of food collection and hands on work and fellowship. Find your project at the link below and join us! <http://hands4detroit.org/>



Thank you to each and every one of you who volunteered this summer to make a difference in the lives of the children at Parkridge Community Center.

You set aside your agenda, 'your life', that the children of Ypsilanti might know of Christ's Love through you... through your presence, through your encouragement, through all that demonstrates the One who calls us friend. And you made it look so kingdom beautiful.

UMCOR Responds to Harvey

By Mary Andreolli*

UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many people whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. We will continue to update this page and UMCOR social media as we receive new information.

5 Things You Can Do

1. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in [The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church](#), [Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church](#), [Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) and [Central Texas Conference](#) who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.
2. [Make relief kits](#), send complete kits to [our relief-supply depots or an affiliate warehouse](#).
[Download the packing list and shipping label](#).
3. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts:
[U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670](#)
4. Donate only those items requested.
5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

To keep relief supplies in stock, [give to Material Resources Advance #901440](#).

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support.

Sunday, September 3rd

10:00 a.m. One Worship Service

Monday, September 4th

Church office and building is closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Outlet

Wednesday, September 6th

3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Outlet

6:00 p.m. Share & Study

7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 7th

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, September 8th

9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

6:30 p.m. Mosaic Moms

7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up

Saturday, September 9th

8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast/Paper Product Distribution

Sunday, September 10th

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Safe Sanctuary Training

11:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery

1:30 p.m. Grandparents' Day celebration

Children's Mission Event w/Towsley Buddies - Offsite

Monday, September 11th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play

4:00 p.m. Material Girls Set Up

Tuesday, September 12th

9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Material Girls

3:15 a.m. 6th Grade Outlet

Wednesday, September 13th

9:00 a.m. Material Girls Leadership Team Meeting

3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Outlet

6:00 p.m. Share & Study

6:30 p.m. Childcare for Jubilee Ringers, Jubilee Ringers

7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14th

6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

Friday, September 15th

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 September 3rd

Greeter:

9:30 a.m. Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

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

Nursery Workers 9:45 a.m.:

Lori Campbell, Amy Whitesall

Volunteers Serving September 10th

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

Nursery Workers:

8:45 a.m. - Amy Whitesall, 10:45 a.m. - Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Sandy Schmunk, Phyllis & Ken Tillman

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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

Methodist Bridge

If you are a bridge player interested in playing with the Methodist bridge group the second Sunday of each month, please call Tina Luick, chairperson, at 475-3209. We usually play at the Crippen building across from the CRC, starting at 6:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. Rubber bridge is played. Players are of all skill levels, and camaraderie and snacks are enjoyed by all. Since bridge is a partner game, Tina may be able to arrange for partners if needed. Substitutes are always needed, so start there if you wish. Call Tina to add your name to the sub list, and for any questions.

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>