



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

**October 1, 2017**

**Prayer Requests**

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

**Prayers of Comfort for:**

\* Pam Mansfield following the passing of her father, Elmer Greenwald \*

**Prayers for Healing for:**

\* Kim Francisco \* Ed Greenleaf \* Dianne Kelley \*  
 \* Jeff Hanna \* Sam Alguire \* Jeannine Fletcher \* Ken Larson \*  
 \* Warren McArthur \* Mark Loring's mother \*

**Prayers for Strength for:**

\* Suzie Weber \* Joanne Weber \* Dave Pastor \*  
 \* all those in storm damaged areas \* Harley Harding \*

**Prayers for all service personnel overseas,  
 and especially for: \* 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.



**On October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Middle School Youth will sell Terri Lynn nut products by way of individual order forms this year.

Please seize the opportunity to meet the youth as well as order nuts and chocolates that support their next mission project.

Orders will be delivered in time for the Thanksgiving holiday and will definitely stay fresh enough for stocking stuffers or your holiday pecan pies! Thank you for your support.

**“Thinking About the Bible  
 and Homosexuality”**

October 3, 2017 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Grams Hall.

Christians around the world have been deeply divided in their views of the relationship between the Bible and homosexuality. Many people approach the question as if they have only one decision to make--whether the Bible does, or does not, condemn it. In this session, Len Niehoff will suggest that this issue actually requires us to make a series of decisions--each of which goes to the very heart of our beliefs and has its own complexity and nuance.

The goal of this session is to foster deeper thinking and better informed dialogue about this issue within our community of faith. We hope that you will join us.

Len Niehoff is a professor at the University of Michigan Law School. He has done coursework in theology and biblical studies at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and the University of Michigan. He has served as preacher-in-residence at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church and as a visiting preacher at a number of other churches in Michigan. He publishes his sermons and meditations on his blog, which can be found here:

<http://fallingoffthehorse.blogspot.com>.



**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

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.



## Adult Education Opportunities

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God...” (Acts 20:28).

Being a follower of Christ is a life-long journey. Whatever our age, we long for opportunities to grow in faith and understand more deeply “how to” be a disciple of Jesus. I invite you to try out one of these groups, as one way of nurturing faith:

### John: Gospel of Light and Life

The Gospel of John is one of the most beloved books of the Bible. In this 7-week study/discussion group, we will look at the major themes of John’s Gospel and how we find abundant life in Christ. The group meets Sunday mornings, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> - November 12<sup>th</sup>. Child care provided.

### The Call

The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul – Paul was profoundly influential as a teacher and missionary in the early Christian church. Through his travels and writings, we explore and nurture core competencies as disciples of Jesus. This group meets Monday evenings, 6:30 - 8 p.m. September 25<sup>th</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>

### Prayer Group

This newly forming group meets Wednesday afternoons from 1 - 2 p.m. We use The Upper Room daily devotional book as a tool for daily readings and inspiration and gather weekly for conversation and prayer.

## 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>

## Safe Sanctuary Training – October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. and 12 p.m.

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!

Please RSVP your attendance to Courtney, [caldrich@chelseaumc.org](mailto:caldrich@chelseaumc.org)

## Marriage Retreat

Information presented in this class is based on over 4 decades of research by Drs. John and Julie Gottman who are considered relationship experts. In this shortened version of *The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work* conference, you will learn what elements are necessary for a healthy relationship and skills to cultivate some of those characteristics. The class will be a little bit of lecture and a lot of “couple time” as together you practice skills and dialogue about how to strengthen your relationship.

### Benefits of Participation in this Class

- It is encouraging to be with other couples who are also working on improving their relationships.
- It is lighthearted and less threatening than therapy, but may also be a bridge to therapy if needed.
- It helps couples articulate goals, expectations, and time frames for working on their relationship in a positive way.
- It encourages both partners to work on the relationship rather than on their partner.

The retreat is being offered by Marla Field, a licensed therapist on staff at Thriving Minds Family Services in Chelsea. She is trained in the Gottman Method for Couples and also draws from her personal experience of over 27 years of marriage.

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at CFUMC, Time 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Please arrive by 8:30 a.m.,*

*as class will start promptly at 9 a.m.*

Cost \$45 per couple Registration includes a copy of *The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work* by Dr. John Gottman and

2 workbooks that correlate with both the book and the class. Paid registration must be received no later than Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Child care, snacks and lunch will be provided.

Registration Contact Dianna or Jeff Kause call or text

734-475-8444, [dianna@keylifecoach.com](mailto:dianna@keylifecoach.com) •

[jeff@keylifecoach.com](mailto:jeff@keylifecoach.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](mailto:caldrich@chelseaumc.org) to be added to the list.***

**Our virtue and verse for October:  
Stewardship: Taking care of what you  
have because it all belongs to God**

### **Bible Verse**

*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." Luke 16:10a, NIV*

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### **Glory Ringers**

Glory Ringers will be held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the CE lobby. All children Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are welcome to try it out.

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### **Grace Space**

Grace Space is an area set up for young children and their caregivers to sit and enjoy worship in a space that allows them to move around and play with soft toys and quiet activities. Grace Space may be used by families as an alternative to the nursery. Our hope is to accommodate and welcome all families by offering choices for their child's care that best suits their needs. This new initiative is also being taken by other congregations and was highlighted at the United Methodist Annual Conference!

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### **Family Ministries**

#### **Marriage Retreat here at CFUMC!**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

We are having a marriage retreat here at Chelsea First United Methodist Church on October 28th! Marla Fields, from Thriving Minds located here in Chelsea will be leading the retreat on "The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work" by relationship expert John Gottman. See page 2 of the Path Finder for full details.

Registration is \$45/couple.

Forms are in Grams Hall. We are excited to offer this opportunity to couples at CFUMC!

## **Recap of Grandparents' Day at Towsley Village**

*This was written by an attendee at the Children's Mission Event held on September 10<sup>th</sup>:*

Grandparents Day at Towsley was a great success today!

It was the biggest turnout of residents I've ever seen. Towsley really did a great job of advertising it to the resident's families as well, so lots of kids, grandkids, and great grandkids were in attendance. We ended up making shakers for a musical instrument craft, and decorating the shakers was definitely the favorite part for the residents. Some of them really did beautiful designs with the stickers and didn't want to stop decorating to have ice cream!

Of course, other residents needed help putting their shakers together. It was so sweet to see the kids slowly and patiently ask the residents which stickers they wanted, peel them off and place them in their hands so they could put them on the cup, and help turn the cup to find the spot they would like to place a sticker. Another precious moment I saw was when one of the children spoon fed the ice cream to her resident buddy. They both seemed perfectly content with the situation, as though that was naturally what would happen.

It was enough to bring tears to your eyes!

***BLAST - Boldly Learn and Serve Together!***





## Sundays in Room 216

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

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> in #216, we talked about how old one must be in order to be a leader. We shared with each other what we knew about the Flint Water Crisis, who it most affects, and the treatable but irreversible damage caused by lead.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received for the good of others, as faithful stewards of God's grace.*

~1 Peter 4:10

### 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.

### Hangin

We'll talk about ways to handle our free time what we learn from it, and what we'd like to change in the future.

*For everything that happens in life—there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven:*

<sup>2</sup> *A time to be born, a time to die;*

*a time to plant, a time to collect the harvest;*

<sup>3</sup> *A time to kill, a time to heal;*

*a time to tear down, a time to build up;*

<sup>4</sup> *A time to cry, a time to laugh a time to mourn, a time to dance;*

<sup>5</sup> *A time to scatter stones, a time to pile them up;*

*a time for a warm embrace, a time for keeping your distance;*

<sup>6</sup> *A time to search, a time to give up as lost;*

*a time to keep, a time to throw out;*

<sup>7</sup> *A time to tear apart, a time to bind together;*

*a time to be quiet, a time to speak up;*

<sup>8</sup> *A time to love, a time to hate;*

*a time to go to war, a time to make peace.*

~Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

### Up coming dates to remember!

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation High Ropes

**has been rescheduled**

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation 11:45 a.m.

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Hands4Detroit



### Middle School & High School

God's story is a story in which everyday faith becomes reality.

<http://theparentcue.org/shattered-family-pictures/>

<http://theparentcue.org/pcl-41-the-grown-ups-guide-to-parenting-teenage-humans/>

## Babysitter/House Sitter/Pet Sitter/Yard Work Helper list being put together now!

If you are a middle school or high school youth and would like to be put on the CFUMC list for youth helpers, please provide the following information to Courtney Aldrich, [caldrich@chelseaumc.org](mailto:caldrich@chelseaumc.org)

Name, Age/grade, Driver (y/n), What kind of jobs you would be interested in (babysitting, house sitting, pet sitting, yard work), BEST way to contact information (phone, text, email) Any other notes: (preferred ages, etc.)



**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>

### Fall Retreat 2017

**All 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders come join us**

**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Cost: \$90 by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, after that it's \$99.

Must have a registration form on file at the church and fill out a permission slip. Both can be done online or in grams hall.

**If you feel drawn to the youth ministry to share your time and gifts, contact me. [youth@chelseaumc.org](mailto:youth@chelseaumc.org)**

**Welcome to the Mission Field**

Chalk Ministry - Julia Kause & Julia Hanselman

Youth Mission Team - Barbara Brown, Allison Vanderspoo, Tracy Dickinson, Jane Pacheco

Youth Praise Band - Nicholas Detterman, Sarah Loring, Kayla Sweeny, Alaina Seaberg, Angelina Sitzler-Coussement, Eric Loring

Fearless - Julia Kause, Julia Hanselman, Fiona Stoker, Lilianne Trinkle, Riley Maciejewski, Lia Spink (come join the dance)



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

**Date:** Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Dearborn UMC 22124 Garrison

**Book:** The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During WWII

Contact Suzanne Stichler at (734) 340-1117 or [suestich1@wowway.com](mailto: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 so very much!

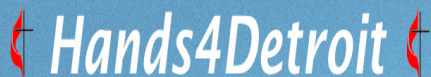
### Current Pantry Needs

- Broth/Gravy
- Canned Fruit
- Baked Beans
- Sloppy Joe Sauce
- Soup – Chunky
- Toothpaste



'Rivers of living water will brim and spill out of the depths of anyone who believes in me this way.' ~John 7:38

### 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/>



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.'



Meet 12 year old Wintana Zeferu, a resident of Lola Children's Home since 2011. She has no parents, but looks forward to her time with an aunt during school breaks and holidays. Wintana is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and is a smart tender hearted young woman with big dreams. She loves telling stories from the

Bible, singing gospel songs, and dreams of one day becoming a pilot. In that Wintana has begun to ask why she must take ART, Lola's social worker prepares her for disclosure. Thank you for 'bringing change' to the children of Ethiopia, especially our new friend in Christ, Wintana Zeferu.



UMCOR will continue to monitor Irma's impact on the Caribbean. Please consider making a generous donation to

UMCOR's International disaster recovery work.

#### 5 Things You Can Do

1. Please continue to pray for those whose lives will be impacted by hurricane Irma.
2. Make relief kits, send complete kits to our relief-supply depots or an affiliate warehouse.  
Download the packing list and shipping label.
3. Partner with UMCOR in responding to the needs of communities and individuals impacted by Hurricane Irma by giving to Advance #901670:  
To give by mail:  
Advance GCFA  
P.O. Box 9068  
New York, NY 10087-9068  
Please note in the memo line: Advance 901670
4. Donate only those items requested.
5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 am.. Random Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3  
Glory Ringers Rehearsal, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 10:45 a.m. John: Gospel of Light and Life
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. CROP Walk at St. Joseph Village Parish, Dexter, MI
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Praise Band
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. The Call: Life and Message of Paul

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Creative Play
- 3:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:30 p.m. Thinking About the bible and Homosexuality-Len Niehoff

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 3:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Hands4Detroit - Off Site
- 7:00 p.m. 2017 - 2018 Concert Series "Mark Loring & Friends"

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST Classes Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3,  
Glory Ringers Rehearsal
- 10:45 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Training, John: Gospel of Light and Life
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:00 pm. Safe Sanctuary Training
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Praise Band
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. the Call: Life and Message of Paul

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 am. Material Girls Leadership Team
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 3:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Tears We Cannot Stop Book Study
- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Confirmation - Muslim Unity Center - Off Site  
Free Community Breakfast
- 10:00 am.. CFUMC Choir Retreat

**Volunteers Serving October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Todd Hubbard, Diane Brown, Joe Krugh
- 10:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Phil Radant

Nursery Workers:

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

Coffee Hour Hosts:

- Barbara Brown, Dayle Wright

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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

**Volunteers Serving October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, LuAnn & Loren Heller
- 10:30 a.m. Lois & Dick Willis, Dennis & Julie 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