



**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

**October 15, 2017**

## Prayer Requests

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

### ***Prayers for Healing for:***

- \* Kim Francisco \* Ed Greenleaf \* Jeff Hanna \* Sam Alguire \*
- \* Jeannine Fletcher \* Ken Larson \* Warren McArthur \*
- \* Shelly's son \* Jerry Jackson \* Pete Severn \*

### ***Prayers for Strength for:***

- \* Suzie Weber \* Joanne Weber \* Dave Pastor \*
- \* For the thousands still struggling after many natural disasters \*
- \* Charlotte Schauer and family \*
- \* Those touched by the tragedy in Las Vegas \*

***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.

**Coming soon! Annual Halloween Church  
 Open House for the community during  
 Chelsea Trick-or-Treat hours.**

Come share an hour or two of your time, eat a few hot dogs, help with crafts, and greet the little witches, goblins, and super heroes. Helpers to prepare the hot dogs (cooking and wrapping) are needed, along with greeters, craft table assistants, and the always important clean-up crew.

To volunteer, please see the Link to sign up: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0848AEA6238-cfumc5](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0848AEA6238-cfumc5) or contact Heidi Doyle ([hdoyle@charter.net](mailto:hdoyle@charter.net)) or cell 734-395-5063.

## Friends 65+

The next meeting of the Friends 65+ will be Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Grams Hall.

## THANK YOU

For the prayers, cards, food, and service to our family, before, during and after Dad's service. Tim Sweeny

## ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m. is the "annual meeting of the congregation." In The United Methodist Church, all members of the church have voice and vote on the matters that will be presented. Action items include: a report of membership; approval of lay servant ministers and candidates for licensed/ordained ministry; pastor's compensation package; elected leaders for 2018. We will also reflect on the year past as well as focus of ministry and mission for the year ahead.

Thank you for participating!

## HURRICANE RELIEF

**Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we were able to send \$10,875 to UMCOR to help with both Harvey and Irma hurricane relief. We will continue to send any further donations to UMCOR that are submitted.**

**Thank you for your support.**

## Thinking about the Bible and Homosexuality

Len Niehoff was the presenter for an evening of reflection regarding the Bible and homosexuality on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. He invited us to think deeply, equipping us with a series of questions to assist us with deep reflection and prayerful consideration. Len graciously posted his presentation on his blog: <http://fallingoffthehorse.blogspot.com/>.

Thank you Len for your faithful and thoughtful witness.

*Pastor Joy*



**Would you like to learn more about Chelsea First UMC? Are you considering membership in the congregation?**

There are two opportunities for you to learn about the ministries of this congregation, the beliefs of The United Methodist Church, and build relationships with others:

a two-session class: Sundays, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6 p.m.,  
or a one-session class:

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. - Noon.

Child care is available with either option.

Registration is required so that we are prepared for you.

Please call the church office or email Pastor Joy

([jbarrett@chelseaumc.org](mailto:jbarrett@chelseaumc.org)) by the preceding Friday (October 20<sup>th</sup>/  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, respectively) to let us know you will be present.

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**JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBOR  
SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN  
2017 FALL BENEFIT**

Featuring Folk Singer Matt Watroba, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Tickets \$55, Genitti's Hole in the Wall, 108 S. Main  
Street, Northville, MI. Contact Victoria Booker, 734-629-6271

Online Tickets

<http://jfonsemi2017fallfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com/>

Hearty Hors D'oeuvres, Live Music, Silent Action

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**CHELSEA FIRST UMC HISTORY CORNER**

Plans continue to shape up to transfer items of our church's  
history (such as pictures and newspaper articles)  
out of a metal cabinet and into archive safe storage.

We are still in need of supplies, such as 12 x 12 scrapbook  
pages, 12 x 12 scrapbook page protectors, archive safe pens,  
archive safe glue and/or tape. Please contact Debbie Noye  
if you can help with this project or donate supplies.

She can be reached at 475-1096 (home), 734-255-9858 (cell),  
or [debnoye10@gmail.com](mailto:debnoye10@gmail.com).

**DID YOU KNOW?** After the current parsonage was purchased in  
1971 and Rev. Clive Dickens and his family were settled in,  
there was discussion as to what to do with the parsonage that  
sat on church property. For a time, it remained empty.

Then, it took on a life as a teen center, called "Equinox",  
which opened January 1973. The teen program was operated  
through the County Office of Economic Opportunity  
and open to all teens in the Chelsea School District.  
Next time: More about our current church building.

**YOGA CLASS**

**Must sign up by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Have you ever wanted to try yoga but were  
unable to find a studio? Try Yoga in Grams Hall!

As part of Breathe Yoga's community outreach program,  
Sue Whitmarsh, yoga instructor and co-owner of Breathe Yoga  
Studio in Chelsea, is offering

**TWO FREE classes at CFUMC in Grams Hall.**

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 6 p.m. - Slow-Flow Yoga, for the beginner or  
anyone who wants to get started, again. You will need a yoga  
mat, comfortable clothes for movement and a water bottle.

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 2 p.m. - Chair Yoga, for those with movement  
limitations. Learn gentle poses while sitting in a chair. Please  
wear comfortable clothes for movement and bring a water bottle.

We do have a limited supply of mats to borrow,  
available for the first few that sign up and need one.  
Please arrive 15 minutes early to set up and sign a waiver.

Please sign up by contacting Dianna Kause through phone,  
email or text. [Dianna@keylifecoach.com](mailto:Dianna@keylifecoach.com) or 734-475-8444.

Included in your introductory class in Grams Hall,  
you will receive a card for a free class at Breathe Yoga, located at  
104 E. Middle Street, Suite B, in Chelsea. For more information  
about Sue and the studio, check out [Breatheyogachelsea.com](http://Breatheyogachelsea.com)

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**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**

Sunday mornings, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., Room 207 (Upper Room)

**The Call**

Monday evenings, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Grams Hall

**Prayer Group**

Wednesdays afternoon, 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.

**Tears We Cannot Stop**

Fridays, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Room 207 (Upper Room)



## ***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*

## **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.

## **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!

## **Christmas Pageant Planning has begun!**

Please use the handout provided in BLAST on October 15<sup>th</sup> or found in the October 16<sup>th</sup> Weekly Update to RSVP your child for participation in the Christmas pageant!

## **Pumpkin Painting on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

Stay after BLAST on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to paint pumpkins in preparation for our "Reverse Trick or Treating" at CRC on October 29<sup>th</sup>! All are welcome to come decorate pumpkins, even if you will not be able to attend on the 29<sup>th</sup>!

## **BLAST and YOUTH MISSION EVENT! November 5<sup>th</sup> Leaf Raking!**

You are invited to serve others with some leaf raking fun! Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. to receive your assignment -- everyone bring work gloves, rakes, tarps! Donations collected will be used to purchase gifts for the Priceless Gift Store -- more info to come!

## **Priceless Gift Toy Store**

We will be collecting New and Gently Used toys for the Priceless Gift Toy Store in Jackson from October 8<sup>th</sup> - November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Toys must be in good to excellent condition, and worth re-giving as gifts. Please place your donations on the table in Grams Hall by November 26<sup>th</sup> at noon, so the children of CFUMC can deliver them.



Look at the quilt we made!  
Children, youth and adults help to make this quilt.  
From your hands into theirs... Maseru, Lesotho Africa  
*By this everyone will know you are my disciples,  
if you love one another. ~John 13:35*





### Sundays in Room 216

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

**FEARLESS** - It is important that you are present to practice your routine together. Thank you for inviting all of the new faces that bring even more life to the dance!

### Confirmation

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - 8 a.m. Muslim Unity Center  
Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. Adventure Park

### 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.

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

**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>

Thank you to each and every one of you who traveled to Bethel UMC in Flint on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Jesus walked into the spaces where people hurt and it was in those spaces that healing began. We were welcomed with such love, invited back; and on World Communion Sunday we had the opportunity to remember, to be grateful, to love, and live... truly Live.

*I thank my God every time I remember you. ~Philippians 1:3*



### Middle School & High School

Every Kid Is One Adult Away From Being A Success Story

<http://joshshipp.com/teen-survey/>

### 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.)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CHELSEA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

On Wednesdays we have a meal in the Café and we are serving 22 residents with only two staff. It would be starting in October (every Wednesday from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. ish).

Also October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m. we are having our Trick or Treating event for the community.

We need help with different stations. We will have a photo booth, snack table, and people in each wing of Towsley and Glazier greeting people and directing traffic.

(On a side note, I love the fact that they look to you for these opportunities. This is open to those of you in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Jeanne Franks at [youth@chelseaumc.org](mailto:youth@chelseaumc.org).)

In the course of 24 hours, we listen to so many voices... coaches, teachers, parents, friends... in our busy lives, how important it is to take the time to 'Be still' in order to listen to the most important voice of all. #FallRetreat  
Still \$90., financial assistance available if necessary.

### Fall Retreat 2017

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

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

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.



**Wanted** - Chipped, Cracked, or slightly Broken pottery to be used for a prayer station at the Fall Retreat. Any and all items accepted. Thank you!



A United Methodist Immigration Ministry

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!

## Current Pantry Needs

Canned Fruit (except peaches)  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Cereal  
Sugar  
Soup – Cream of Mushroom,  
Cream of Chicken, Cream of Celery, etc.



cass community social services  
*fighting poverty, creating opportunity*

*"Tiny Homes in a Big City" is the new book by Rev. Faith Fowler, Director of Cass Community Ministries.*

Many call them "Tiny Homes" but David Crumm, Editor of Read The Spirit, calls them "a Utopian community." Crumm says, "Faith used the basic idea of micro-homes to lay out a visionary, multi-year plan for creating an entire neighborhood in one of Detroit's most blighted areas." And the Rev. Faith Fowler has written a book that tells the entire story, *Tiny Homes in a Big City*. Order your copy now - [Cass Community Services website](#).

## November 5<sup>th</sup> - All Saints Sunday

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, you will find a basket of purple wooden beads on a table near the usher cabinet in the back of the sanctuary. In remembrance of a loved one(s), you may write their name on a bead with the white or gold marker provided. (one name per bead)

The beads will be displayed on All Saints Sunday with gratitude for the lives they lived to the glory of God.



**WANTED:** Cracked, broken and/or chipped dishes, cups, pottery of any and all types. It will be used as part of a prayer station at the upcoming Fall Retreat. Accepting items now through October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so very much for your donations! Any questions – Jeanne Franks [youth@chelseaumc.org](mailto:youth@chelseaumc.org)

## Interested in Early Response Training?

*Michigan Disaster Coordinators announce four Early Response training sessions this fall.* Early Responders are trained volunteers who are deployed in the early stages of a disaster. They are an important part of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) program.

The Early Response Team (ERT) training prepares individuals to go into the affected area for three days after a natural disaster has hit to help families begin the process of putting their lives back in order. The work of the ERT is to "be a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster".

Caring presence takes several forms. Early Responders work with families to make their home and yard safe by picking up debris, tarping roofs, removing and sorting items that were harmed, tearing out damaged carpet and dry wall. It may also include mucking out a basement or cleaning where mold has begun to grow. This is a significant ministry that begins the journey back to normal for those affected by a disaster.

The Disaster Response Team of the Michigan Area is setting up ERT sessions. Here's what's on the calendar so far. All trainings run 9am to 5pm.

- October 28, 2017: Stevensville UMC, [5506 Ridge Rd, Stevensville, MI 49127](#). Contact Bob McCormick to register. 810-357-5617; [mccor1958@gmail.com](mailto:mccor1958@gmail.com)
- November 4, 2017: Brighton First UMC, [400 E. Grand River Ave, Brighton, Michigan 48116](#). Contact Bob McCormick to register. 810-357-5617; [mccor1958@gmail.com](mailto:mccor1958@gmail.com)

November 11, 2017: Marble Memorial UMC, [8 Park Lane, Milan, MI 48160](#). Contact Lisa Jarema to register. 734-439-2421; [marblemumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marblemumc@sbcglobal.net)

November 18, 2017: Mosaic UMC, [1249 3 Mile Road S, Traverse City, MI 49696](#). Contact Jeremy Wicks to register. 517-851-1494; [jeremy@tcmosaic.org](mailto:jeremy@tcmosaic.org)

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, Rezound Handbells 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 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
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Praise Band
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. VCI Team Meeting

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, October 18<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 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Tears We Cannot Stop Book Study
- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ
- 8:30 a.m. Fall Lay Servant Ministry Classes

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3,  
Glory Ringers Rehearsal, Pumpkin Painting for Missions
- 10:45 a.m. John: Gospel of Light and Life
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. New Members Class
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Praise Band
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

**Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 3:15 a.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Parents of College Students

**Wednesday, October 25<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
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Tears We Cannot Stop Book Study
- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Confirmation - Goes to Adventure Park
- 9:00 am.. Marriage Retreat

**Volunteers Serving October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Boyd & Arlene Wiltse, Harry Gibson
- 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:

- Eileen Blough, Jane Newbound, Susan Wellman

Coffee Hour Bakers:

- Casey Wooster, Lillian Long, Eileen Blough, Janet Alford,  
Bernice Packard, Heidi Doyle

**Volunteers Serving October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Judy Park, Linda Meloche
- 10:30 a.m. John Seto, Indy Hurst, Liza Gray

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Todd Hubbard, Tim Sweeny, Kerry Franks
- 10:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Larry Martin, Cathy Riedel

Nursery Workers:

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

Coffee Hour Hosts:

- Dan & Chris Cobb, Dianne Kelley, Liza Gray

Coffee Hour Bakers:

- Emily Kuo, Jane Newbound, Dianne Kelley,  
Patti & Kayla Sweeny