



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

November 26, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers of Comfort for:

* Ryan Nevin & family following the death of his grandfather *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Randy & Kim Francisco * Ed Greenleaf * Jeff Hanna *
* Sam Alguire * John McDermott * Aaron Adams *
* Charlie Britton * Judy Radant * JoAnn Davis *

Prayers for Strength for:

* Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber * Dave Pastor * Judy McArthur *
* Mary Loring and family *

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.

**The Church office and building will be closed
on November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving**

Advent Decorating

Please come to decorate the church for Advent on Sunday,
November 26th. We'll begin at noon and finish around 2 p.m.
that afternoon. There's no need to sign up, just show up,
lend a hand, and be jolly. Please meet in the church lobby after
11 a.m. service. Un-decorators are also needed on Saturday,
January 6th from 11 a.m. - Noon.

We have an interim for Children and Family Ministries!

Leann Seto will be the interim Director of Children and Family
Ministries! Leann's tremendous knowledge and skills, her
natural gifts with children and adults, and her tremendous
commitment to this church and this community perfectly places
her to take on this interim position. Thank you LeAnn!
LeAnn can be reached at lseto@chelseaumc.org.

Sunday, December 3rd

3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Annual Hometown Holiday Concert



Featuring the Chelsea High
School Choirs, CFUMC Choir,
and Detroit Renaissance,
High School Choirs,
Chelsea Chamber Players
and Full Orchestra.
Performing "Jubilate Deo"
by Dan Forrest
and a Christmas Carol
Sing-A-Long

The Confirmation class will be hosting a Dinner for Musicians & Leaders from the Hometown Holiday Concert

We are looking for donations of desserts &
table center pieces for Dec. 3rd.
Please check out the sign up genius
and sign up for something.

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



Thanksgiving Meal

Gather with others this Thanksgiving!

Members of our community who would be alone on Thanksgiving or who cannot afford a Thanksgiving meal are invited to gather for a free meal at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea.

Thursday, November 23rd from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Space is limited.

Please call the Chelsea Senior Center 475-9242 to register.

VCI Small Group Signup Begins December 3rd!

As we continue the Vital Church Initiative journey, we invite the entire congregation to participate in a six week small group book study in January and February. Beginning December 3rd, there will be a variety of ways you can sign up to join a small group. Please watch for posters in Grams Hall, sign up cards in the sanctuary pews, and a Signup Genius online. We hope everyone in the congregation will commit to this six week time of learning, prayer, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds for next steps in the VCI process.

Office/Admin Support Position

Chelsea First has an open position for a part time clerical person who will support our office manager Liza Gray.

The position will entail managing the phone, inputting data using Microsoft Excel/Word, prepare mailings, copying, filing, and supporting other staff members as needed. This is a paid position for 10 hours a week, on average. The hours are flexible between M-F. If interested or have questions, please contact the

SPRC Chair, Bill Doyle at sprc@chelseaumc.org

CHELSEA FIRST UMC HISTORY CORNER

Contact Debbie Noye if you are interested in the history of our church. Help is needed to maintain documents, such as newspaper articles and pictures. We can also use scrapbook supplies such as 12 x 12 scrapbook pages, 12 x 12 scrapbook page protectors, archive safe pens, glue and tape.

You can reach Debbie at debnoye10@gmail.com, 734-475-1096 (home) or 734-255-9858 (cell).

DID YOU KNOW? After the original church building was lost to fire in January 1899, it was quickly decided to rebuild on the same property. Stone was the material of choice for the new church. Local farmers generously donated stones from their fields. Many wagons and teams of horses were used to haul the stones in. The keystones over the windows were all cut from one massive rock taken from the farm of Tom Sears, which is located at what is now 14200 Chelsea-Dexter Road. Next time: A little about our stained glass windows.

Friends 65+

The next meeting of the Friends 65+ will be Tuesday, November 28th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Grams Hall.

2017 Women's Candlelit Advent Service

The Advent service is hosted by Chelsea Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). It is a chance to catch our breath and take some time to remember what the season is all about. We hope to reach out to all woman and make this a true Chelsea community event.

The event will be December 4th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church.

Please see the sign up genius to sign up if you plan to attend.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4ba5aa22a20-2017>

We are also looking table hostess, people to donate a dessert, setup/clean up, etc.

Michigan Area United Methodist Camping

Nearly 2,000 children, youth and adults experienced the love of God through your United Methodist summer camps in 2017. Add in thousands more who felt the hospitality of Jesus Christ at our campgrounds and retreat ministry sites.

Thank you for being part of that witness and trusting your Michigan Area United Methodist camps for that life-changing experience.

A generous donor will MATCH GIFTS during Giving Tuesday Week Nov. 28th - Dec. 5th up to \$30,000.

Will you donate \$10, \$20 or more to help us share the love of Jesus Christ through camp? Can you become a LEADERSHIP GIVER, with the gift of \$1,000 or more?

GIVE NOW:

- Text "UMCAMPING" to 41444
- Go online to www.umcamping.org
- Mail a check to:

Michigan Area United Methodist Camping,
PO BOX 120007, Grand Rapids, MI 49528

Camp Changes Lives™
Questions?

Call 517-212- 5442 or email
pstewart@umcamping.org.



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Children & Family Ministries

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 November:

Gratitude:

**Letting others know you see how
they've helped you.**

Bible Verse

***"Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to
thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18,, NIV***

Christmas Pageant Parts have been assigned! Please pick up your parts in Grams Hall.

Please email Cathie Timberlake, ctimber92@gmail.com ASAP
if you forgot to RSVP your child for the Christmas
Pageant! We can still squeeze you in! Costume fitting is on
November 19th with a make up day on November
26th. Rehearsal for all is on December 9th.

Priceless Gift Store Delivery Nov. 26th

Meet at church at 12 p.m. We need drivers with space to
haul the gifts.

Nativity Helpers for Christmas Eve Service

During worship at 4 pm on Christmas Eve, children are invited
to participate by bringing forward nativity pieces.
If your child is interested in helping, please contact Emily Kuo
by email (chnc3288@gmail.com) or by text
(312-209-2668). The 19 nativity pieces will be allocated on a
first come, first served basis.

Annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 2nd!

The Material Girls' Christmas Bazaar will be held on
Dec. 2nd. The Bazaar provides an opportunity for children to
shop independently (with a youth helper) for handmade,
AMAZING, gifts costing \$1 - \$5. An earlier shopping session
will be offered ("Quiet" Christmas Bazaar) on Nov. 30th!
Children and others who would benefit from a quieter
shopping experience [http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20f0a44aeaa229-thursday](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44aeaa229-thursday)

Annual Christmas Bazaar on December 2nd!

[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-
material2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-material2)

ADVENT DRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY BATHROOM TISSUE & SHAMPOO

Who/What: Peanut Butter and Jelly for
Faith in Action. Bathroom tissue and shampoo for
the Redford Brightmoor Initiative.

When: Nov. 26th through Dec. 24th (4 p.m. service).

Where: Donation table in Grams Hall.

Every year we celebrate Jesus' birthday by giving to
others. Advent donations may be dropped off in Grams Hall
starting Nov. 26th or brought directly to worship at 4 p.m.
on Christmas Eve. All children attending worship at 4 p.m.
on Christmas Eve will be asked to bring forward
these gifts for Jesus.

A look at the month ahead!

November 26th

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9:00 a.m. BLAST!
10:30 a.m. Glory Ringers
10:30 a.m. Random Ringers
11:00 a.m. Disciple Discovery
Priceless Gift Store Delivery,
12 - 2:30 p.m.

November 30th

"Quiet" Christmas Bazaar
[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20f0a44aeaa229-thursday](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44aeaa229-thursday)

December 2nd

Material Girls Christmas
Bazaar 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
[http://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-
material2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-material2)

December 3rd

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9:00 a.m. BLAST worship,
NO BLAST classes
10:30 a.m. Glory Ringers
10:30 a.m. Random Ringers
11:00 a.m. Disciple Discovery
3:00 p.m. Concert Series
7:00 p.m. Concert Series

Babysitter/Youth Helper list for 2017-18 now available!

Contact Courtney Aldrich for a list of youth helpers for
babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, or yard work.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 22nd

Wonder - Email sent to those attending.

November 26th XP3 Middle School 9:20 - 10:30 a.m.
XP3 High School 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

December 3rd

No Middle School XP3 - BLAST Worship

High School XP3 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation - Feed the Choirs 2 - 6:30p.m.

6th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays with Tom.



7th/8th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

See you back on Nov. 28th and 29th

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>



Middle School & High School

I have to give my kids space to fail, to make judgments, to practice doubt so that they will more deeply own their truth.

<http://theparentcue.org/giving-your-kids-permission-to-break-the-rules/>

WANTED:

AS through AXL T-shirts to make 2 quilts for homeless teens in the Chelsea School District.

Does your child have a t-shirt they no longer wear with some sort of Chelsea reference? Please wash it without using fabric softener and we'll do the rest.

Thank you so much for your help with this project.

Looking for volunteers for the Children's Christmas Bazaar

Are you interested in becoming a shopping buddy for the Material Girls Christmas Bazaar? Check out the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-2017>

Open your heart to the blessings
that you might be a blessing.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/
louie_schwartzberg_nature_beauty_gratitude](https://www.ted.com/talks/louie_schwartzberg_nature_beauty_gratitude)





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Missions Ministry



For those of you interested in learning more about immigration, Newburgh UMC has started a traveling book discussion group. Date: Wednesday November 29th, 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 with questions or to confirm your attendance. Feel free to bring a friend!



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](#).



Based on the quality of our love offering each Christmas, Chelsea First UMC has been asked to become the 'Boot Church' by those at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit. Our goal is to provide 200 pair of boots for children and teens that either reside at the shelter or are members of low income families in the surrounding area. FYI, Cyber Monday provides an incredible opportunity to purchase quality winter boots at a highly reduced cost. You can find a tag on the Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary.

Current Pantry Needs

Crackers - Ritz, Saltines, etc.
Coffee
Baked Beans



Interested in Early Response Training?

New Dates

Michigan Disaster Coordinators announce four Early Response training sessions

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 9a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 2, 2017: Lake Huron Retreat Center,
8794 Lake Shore Road, Burtchville Township 48059

December 9, 2017: Southfield: Hope UMC,
26275 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48076

January 20, 2018: Waterford: Central UMC,
3882 Highland Rd, Waterford Twp, MI 48328



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Sunday, November 26th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST Classes Preschool - 5th grade, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m.. Random Ringers Rehearsal, Glory Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:00 p.m. Priceless Gift Store Delivery - Off Site

Monday, November 27th

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Set Up
- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. The Journey
- 8:00 p.m. Hometown Holiday Concert Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 28th

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Set Up
- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 1:30 p.m. Friends 65+
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Outlet

Wednesday, November 29th

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Set Up
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 3:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study

Thursday, November 30th

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Set Up

Friday, December 1st

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Set Up
- 7:00 p.m. Hometown Holiday Concert Rehearsal

Saturday, December 2nd

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Bazaar
- 2:00 p.m. Peace Crane Folding Workshop

Sunday, December 3rd

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting,
- 8:15 a.m. Youth Praise Band Warm Up
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3, Glory Ringers Rehearsal, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3 & 7 p.m. Chelsea Hometown Holiday Concert

Monday, December 4th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. MOPS Woman's Advent Service

Tuesday, December 5th

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

Wednesday, December 6th

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

Thursday, December 7th

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, December 8th

- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up

Saturday, December 9th

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Volunteers Serving November 26th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Judy Park, Lyla, 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

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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

Volunteers Serving December 3rd

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Liza Gray, Joe Krugh, Diane Brown
- 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

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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