



**Chelsea First**  
 United Methodist Church  
 128 Park Street  
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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

**December 10, 2017**

### **Prayer Requests**

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

#### ***Prayers of Comfort for:***

\* Marilyn Gileczek and family following the death of her mother, Aileen Dinsmore \* Mallari Johnson's cousin & family following the death of baby Ava \*

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

\* Randy & Kim Francisco \* Ed Greenleaf \* Jeff Hanna \*  
 \* Sam Alguire \* Lauren \* JoAnn Davis \* Nancy \* Amy Whitesall \*  
 \* Denise Whitesall \* Judy Radant \* JoAnn Davis \*  
 \* David Dinsmore \* Marnie Addie \*

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

\* Suzie Weber \* Joanne Weber \* Dave Pastor \* Judy McArthur \*  
 \* Mary Loring and family \* all the families affected by the CA fires and those fighting the fires \*

#### ***Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:***

\* Matt Daoust \*

### **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.

### **Christmas Celebration**

December 17<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services  
 Featuring the Random Ringers (at 9 a.m. only), CFUMC Choir, Chamber Choir, Christmas Orchestra, and Rezound Handbell Ensemble.

### **Upcoming Worship Schedule**

Dec. 10th - 9 a.m. Pageant Worship, 11 a.m. Worship

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - 7 p.m. Longest Night Worship

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. Morning Worship

4:00 p.m. Children's Worship

8:00 p.m. Challenged by "Comfort Worship"

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 10 a.m. Morning Worship

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. BLAST Worship, 11 a.m. Worship

### **Longest Night Service**

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.**

Christmas can be a painful time for some people. Maybe it's the first Christmas without a loved one or maybe it's just always been a difficult season.

The cheerful Christmas music and happy images of family and friends gathering only remind us of what has been lost, or what we've never known.

The painful reality of broken relationships, uncertain employment, financial concerns, a troubling diagnosis, or social isolation may leave us feeling very alone in the midst of the merry celebrations and prolific spending.

We need a space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concerns. We need to know we're not alone.

The quieter, more meditative Longest Night Service is such a time and place. Scripture readings, music, silence, and being with others who understand offer a measure of peace, comfort, and especially hope.

All are welcome.



## **VCI Small Group Signup Begins December 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a variety of ways you can signup to join a small group.

Please watch for posters in Grams Hall, signup 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.

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## **Community**

### **Christmas Dinner!!!**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1515 S. Main St., Chelsea  
(next to McDonald's)**

Enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner with friends on Christmas Day Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.  
Call to reserve or volunteer. Rides available.

Faith In Action, 475-3305

Sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran 475-1404  
and Faith In Action

Faith in Action and Our Savior Lutheran Church are once again sponsoring a Christmas Day Dinner, free of charge to anyone who'd like to enjoy a festive holiday meal. Recognizing that there are many who celebrate with family on alternate days, or may not have family at all in the area, this meal is a wonderful way to enjoy the best foods of the season and have a fun sharing Christmas experience.

The turkey and fixings are all prepared by volunteers, and guests may bring a salad or dessert to round out the table. Reservations for the purposes of a head count can be made by calling FIA at 475-3305, or by email to [nancypaul@faithinaction1.org](mailto:nancypaul@faithinaction1.org)

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**The Church office and building will be closed  
on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Friends 65+**

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

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## **Altar Flower Sign Up will be Different for 2018**

Altar flowers are a nice way to remember someone, honor or celebrate someone's birthday, wedding, or anniversary.

If you would like to sign up for one of the above ways, please fill out the purple form you will find on the bulletin board in the coat room hallway. You may leave it on the board or put it in Liza Gray's mailbox down in the office area.

If you would prefer to donate to the flower fund instead of listing something, call the church office and speak to Liza Gray 734-475-8119 and she will let you know what to do.

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## **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](mailto: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 Rd. Next time: A little about our stained glass windows.



## ***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 [lseto@chelseaumc.org](mailto:lseto@chelseaumc.org) to be added to the list.***

**Our virtue and verse for December:  
Generosity: Making someone's day by giving something away**

### **Bible Verse**

*"Command the rich to do what is good.  
Tell them to be rich in doing good things.  
They must give freely.  
They must be willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18, NIV*

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## **Christmas Caroling at CRC on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> RSVP by Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

so we can get a pizza count!!  
Molly Avery at [whippet99@yahoo.com](mailto:whippet99@yahoo.com)  
Come join us as we sing carols with the music of the Webber/Plank team, and enjoy the company of the residents at CRC. Meet at the main entrance of Dancey House at 4:30 p.m. and plan to stay for pizza afterwards!

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## **Nativity Helpers for Christmas Eve Service**

During worship at 4 p.m. 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](mailto:chnc3288@gmail.com)) or by text (312-209-2668). The 19 nativity pieces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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**No BLAST Classes or music rehearsals on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> but the nursery will be open.**

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> we will have BLAST Worship**

## **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. 26<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (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. 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **A look at the month ahead!**

### **December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - NO Praise Bells-- all children should be arriving in BLAST classrooms

9 a.m. - Christmas Pageant

10 a.m. Pick-up Children from their BLAST classrooms

5 p.m. Parables Worship for All Abilities at First Congregational Church with dinner

### **December 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - Praise Bells

9 a.m. - BLAST! classes till

10:30 a.m. - Glory Ringer, Random Ringers

11 a.m. - Disciple Discovery

### **December 24 Christmas Eve**

10 a.m. - MORNING WORSHIP (no BLAST classes-note this change)

4 p.m. - Children's Worship, see front page for the rest of worship schedule.

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

Contact LeAnn Seto [lseto@chelseaumc.org](mailto:lseto@chelseaumc.org) for a list of youth helpers for babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, or yard work.



### **Sundays**

XP3 Middle School 9:20 - 10:30 a.m. (no XP3 Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>)  
XP3 High School 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation delivers boots to CASS 12 - 4:30 p.m.

### **Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4:30 p.m. Caroling at CRC, Secret Santa reveals, and pizza

### **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Youth Christmas Eve Service - "Challenged by Comfort" 8 p.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

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. ~Ephesians 2:10*

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we discuss the issues, temptations, and 'everydays' of middle school life.

**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**

Low Expectations  
A key to Christmas Happiness

<http://theparentcue.org/low-expectations-a-key-to-christmas-happiness/>

### **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.

### **To the Confirmands and Mentors of CFUMC**

To friends beyond these walls (Skip Dewall), to the members within these walls (Deb and Don Noye), the many dessert and centerpiece bearers, to the local business who donated collard greens (Smokehouse 52).

The Hometown Holiday meal prep and service was hospitality toward Christ. You served with the utmost humility and kindness. They entered our doors wary. They eyed us carefully. They performed their piece and we fed them. In the dining room, everyone remained. Spontaneous melodies, some accompanied by piano and some a cappella that stilled the room... until they finished and applause erupted.

As the choirs gathered together before the second performance, Mr. Hinz asked for their thoughts on the earlier performance. A response.

Next, a young man from Detroit.

"I'd like to say something about our time of refreshment. I had the chance to sit with some citizens of Chelsea and I'd just like to say that they were very nice people."





## CFUMC Christmas Eve Offering

And you will be my witnesses,  
telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.  
~ Acts 1:8 ~

### Local - Chelsea

Their central services remain the emergency food  
pantry, free clothing room, financial help with  
utilities and lodging, counseling, and holiday and  
back to school support.



### Regional - Detroit

cass community social services  
*fighting poverty, creating opportunity*

Fighting Poverty, Creating Opportunity.

CCSS is dedicated to making a profound difference in the lives  
of the diverse populations it serves by providing for basic  
needs, including affordable housing, promoting self-reliance  
and encouraging community involvement and community  
improvement.

### International - Liberia



Through the John Dean Town initiative, CFUMC is among  
United Methodist churches in the AA District that have:

1. Equipped Traditional Birth Attendants  
in order to reduce infant mortality
2. Established 18 wells among the villages
3. We now work to financially support medical personnel at the  
John Dean Town Clinic – Yearly salary \$4200.00

### Current Pantry Needs

Canned Fruit, Jelly, Cocoa,  
Baked Beans, Cereal



## 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.

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



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**Boot Donations are due THIS  
SUNDAY December 10<sup>th</sup> and will be  
delivered to Cass by the  
Confirmands on 11/17.**



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.

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**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Quartet Rehearsal
- 10:30 am.. Random Ringers Rehearsal, CFUMC Choir Warm Up, High School XP3
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 12:00 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 6:30 p.m. The Journey

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, December 13<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
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 a.m. CFUMC Choir Warm Up, Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST 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, Rezound Handbells Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation leaves for CASS
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. The Journey

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, December 21<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 pm.. The Longest Night Service

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 4:30 p.m. Children/Youth Christmas Caroling at CRC

**Volunteers Serving December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, Allison Vanderspool
- 10:30 a.m. Bill Doyle, Brendan Doyle, Todd Hubbard, Tom Lewis

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Julie & Dennis Deppner
- 10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac, Anne Zuehlke, David & Tamme Fensch

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

**Volunteers Serving December 17<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. Edie Wiarda, Gerry Boettger, Bob Christie

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



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Opportunities  
Caring Relationship  
for the Love of Christ**  
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