



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

December 24, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Randy & Kim Francisco * Ed Greenleaf * Jeff Hanna *
- * Sam Alguire * JoAnn Davis * Amy Whitesall *
- * Denise Whitesall * Judy Radant * David Dinsmore *
- * Marnie Addie * Ruth Ammon's aunt's Linda & Julie *
- * Darlene Schaffer' daughter, Linda * Els Vollmer *
- * Chris Gilbert * Mary Loring

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber * Dave Pastor * Judy McArthur *
- * 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) 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.

For contributions to be accounted for in 2017, the contribution must be received by the church no later than Sunday, December 31, 2017. Thank you for your continued support.

2018 Contribution Envelopes are now available for pick up in Grams Hall.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Dec. 24th - 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. 31st - 10 a.m. Morning Worship
 Jan. 7th - 9 a.m. BLAST Worship, 11 a.m. Worship

The Church office and building will be closed on December 25th and January 1st

December 26th - 29th

The staff will sporadically be in the office during this week. You may want to call the office first to see if staff will be there.

MLK Celebration - Monday, January 15th at 7p.m.

Held at Westminster Church
 17567 Hubbell Street-Downtown Detroit
 "Jubilate Deo" by Dan Forrest
 (repeat of Hometown Holiday Concerts)

Featuring:
 CFUMC Choir, CHS Choirs, Detroit Renaissance Choir,
 Chelsea Chamber Players and Orchestra

The CFUMC Choir will be taking a bus to this event and will be leaving at 2:20p.m. from the church.

13 seats available if you want to join us (\$20 per person)! Please contact Mark Loring, Director of Music Ministries



CFUMC's Children's Mission Ministry Team

Is excited about a new service event we are calling "Food is Love" scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 from 12-2:30 p.m.. The idea is for members of the congregation to nominate a person or family in the community to receive a surprise, anonymous meal of lasagna, salad, rolls, and cookies that the children will make and hand-deliver over MLK weekend.

(Email giardello.2@gmail.com to nominate a meal recipient by January 12, 2018.) To help us pull this event off, we are asking for the congregation's support of food item donations. Please click link below to pledge your food donation for this event: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AA8AD2CA3FB6-food>.

Refrigerated items must be dropped off in the storeroom refrigerator (off of Grams Hall) by 12 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018. Non-perishables may be left in LeAnn Seto's office anytime between now and then. Thanks for considering a donation and we especially hope that families with children will save the date and plan to roll up your sleeves and join us in this fun service project!

Stephen Ministry Opportunities Caring Relationship for the Love of Christ



Contact: Pam Mansfield 475-7548,
Norm Colbry 475-7321

Friends 65+

The next meeting of the Friends 65+ will be Tuesday, January 16th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Grams Hall.

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.

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 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 to be added to the list.

Our virtue and verse for January:

Commitment: Making a plan and putting it into practice.

Bible Verse

"Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." Timothy 4:8 NIV

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

DO YOUR FAMILY A FAVOR AND SIGN UP!

There is a wonderful opportunity close by for us to participate in a Marriage Encounter experience! It is a way for weary couples to reconnect and rediscover their relationship anew. But more than that, it can transform the way you communicate and build your family's health together.

If there's one gift to give yourselves this year, this is it.

Takes place at Plymouth United Methodist Church. Begins Saturday, Jan. 13th, 9-3:30 p.m. and then 5 consecutive Sundays from 2-5 p.m., ending on Feb. 18th.

<http://www.encounter.org/weekend-dates/me-weekend-dates/3-re-experience-milford-mi/>

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

Contact LeAnn Seto lseto@chelseaumc.org for a list of youth helpers for babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, or yard work.

VITAL CHURCH INITIATIVE . small groups to begin January 14th

We have over 176 people signed up to read our congregation-wide selection "Who Stole My Church?" and we also have a large number of small group discussions available for youth and adults to join (see in Grams Hall). If you would like to use the child care available here at church on Sunday mornings, please let LeAnn Seto know (lseto@chelseaumc.org). We so want your critical input as younger families in the church---especially if you are new to the whole "church thing," your perspective is even more significant. Please consider signing up.
Thanks!

10:30-noon VCI small groups for adults beginning for 6 weeks; child care provided through nursery and Disciple Discovery. Let LeAnn Seto know if you will be using childcare during your VCI class.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY 7TH and FEBRUARY 4TH

This is a special opportunity for you and your 3rd grade child or older to share in this sacrament of the Christian tradition. Even if you don't usually like to get up in front of other people, this is something you may want to consider sharing with your child. Saying the words, "This is the bread of life given for you," to each person who comes forward seeking Christ's presence in their life is such a moving experience for many. Alternatively, let LeAnn know if your child has interest and would like another adult to partner with.

A look at the month ahead!

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.

December 31st

10 a.m. Morning Worship
No BLAST classes or music rehearsals, but nursery is open

January 7th

9 a.m. BLAST worship with communion. NO music rehearsals for kids

11 a.m. Disciple Discovery

January 13th

Marriage Encounter begins at Plymouth United Methodist Church

January 14th

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9 a.m. BLAST classes
10:30 a.m. Glory Ringers and Random Ringers



December 22nd

4:30 p.m. Caroling at CRC,
meet your Secret Santa and eat pizza together.

January 7, 2018

9:30 a.m. We have been asked to paint three rooms in the Lower Level of a home whose drywall had to be completely replaced due to weather damage. The more hands, the sooner we finish.
Thank You.

Sundays

Confirmation, Middle School and High School XP3 classes will resume on Jan. 14, 2018

January 2018

We begin the quilts for one Chelsea middle school and one high school student experiencing homelessness.
Location and date - TBD

January 28

Church in the kitchen - Middle School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.,
High School 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

6th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays with Tom.



7th/8th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays

Last week, we reviewed the purpose of the activity; and what it looks like to be a living masterpiece in the world. Some of you shared how you would apply this by giving someone a gift.
This week, we'll talk about Gifts.

***Reminder: NO Outlet on snow days, school district half days or vacation days. TWT and Outlet return on Tuesday January 9, 2018.



Middle School & High School

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The very best antidote to greed is generosity. The more I give, the deeper I cut into the greed...

<http://theparentcue.org/christmas-and-the-g-word/>

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.



**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>

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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

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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

Peanut Butter and Jelly



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“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](#).



Around Thanksgiving,
150 gift tags were hung from
the tree in the back of the
sanctuary. On Sunday,
we delivered 176 pairs of
winter boots to Cass. While
there, we had the
opportunity to speak with
Rev. Faith Fowler who was
on her lap top, entering data
from the applications of 500
children whose parents
would be shopping at the
Christmas store on
Monday 12/18.
God with us, God within us,
God’s love flowing through
us. Thanks be to God.

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- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Chelsea First United Methodist Church whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.
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- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Sunday, December 24th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Worship
- 7:15 p.m. The Accidentals Warm Up
- 8:00 p.m. "Challenged by Comfort"
- 9:30 p.m. Rezound Handbells Warm Up
- 9:45 p.m. CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship

Monday, December 25th

Church office and building is closed

Tuesday, December 26th

- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Community Kitchen - HumusFalafil

Wednesday, December 27th

- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday, December 28th

- 9:00 a.m. Recovery Group

Friday, December 29th

- 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Community Kitchen - HumusFalafil
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, December 30th

- 9:00 a.m. Chelsea Today

Sunday, December 31st

- 10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 1st

Church and building is closed

Tuesday, January 2nd

- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Community Kitchen - HumusFalafil

Wednesday, January 3rd

- 12:00 p.m. Thy Not My Will
- 6:00 p.m. Share and Study

Thursday, January 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Recovery Group
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, January 5th

- 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Community Kitchen - HumusFalafil
- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 6th

- 9:00 a.m. Chelsea Today

Volunteers Serving December 24th

Greeters:

- 9:30 a.m. The Deppner family

Ushers:

- 9:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Larry Martin, Cathy Riedel

Nursery Workers:

- 9:45 Lori and Shawn Campbell

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Gemini

**Friday, March 2, 2018
7 p.m.**

This family friendly concert will feature the talents of twin brothers San and Laz Slomovits.

Gemini writes and plays acoustic music for children and families, celebrating the fun, warmth, and humor of family life. Based in Ann Arbor, this duo has performed concerts to enthusiastic audiences around the country.

CFUMC Collage Concert

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – 7 p.m.

This program will feature the many talented members of Chelsea First United Methodist Church! A fund-raiser for the 2018 Youth Mission Trip.

Capital City Brass Band, Jim Otto-Director

Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3 p.m.

The award-winning Capital City Brass Band has been exciting audiences since 2001 with spectacular concerts featuring everything from traditional British brass band hymns and marches to virtuoso transcriptions of orchestral standards, jazz, and show tunes.

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and find us on the church facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc>

Concert Series page <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc.concerts>