



Chelsea First
 United Methodist Church
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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

January 7, 2018

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers for Comfort for:

* Family and friends of Becky Morse *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Amy Whitesall * Denise Whitesall * Mary Loring *
 * Tom Lewis' daughter, Margaret * Joanne Weber * Marnie Addie *

Prayers for Strength for:

* Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber * Dave Pastor * Judy McArthur *

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.

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

Community Breakfast Sign Up

Volunteers are needed for the next community breakfast on January 13th, see the link below to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-community> or the sign up board in Grams Hall.

Thank you to those who have donated food for a church event. Please check the cart in the lobby and take your container home. What is left will be donated next week.

Grace to you and peace, dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

I am excited and hopeful as we begin a new year together. Your love for Christ is evident; you continue to offer yourselves and all that you have (prayers, presence, financial and other gifts, service, witness) in the ministry of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

I am reminded afresh of the importance of daily spiritual practices, such as prayer, Bible reading, and care for others.

The Upper Room daily devotional guide is a resource that I continue to find helpful for my own spiritual nurture and guidance.

Each day there is a scripture passage to read, a personal reflection written by laity and clergy from around the globe from their own life experiences, along with a thought for the day, a prayer focus for the day, and a prayer. This daily practice is one way I draw close to God.

Additionally, I find comfort, inspiration, and/or challenge to live faithfully each day.

I recommend The Upper Room to you.

You may access it in several ways: pick up a print copy from the lobby table at church; online at:

<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>;

download The Upper Room app; find The Upper Room daily devotional on Facebook....

Happy New Year! May all that we do, say and think be done for the glory of God! *Pastor Joy*

VCI Small Group Book Study Information for starting classes

Thank you for signing up to participate in the VCI small group book study that begins the week of January 14th.

Additional details specific to your group will be emailed early next week, but we wanted to let you know that the first reading you should complete from *Who Stole My Church* includes:

Preface, Introduction, Chapters 1-3

Thank you for reading pages vii-30 before your first session so you are able to fully participate in the conversation.

We are excited to see how God will use this study in each of our lives and in the life of our church!

Allison Vanderspool, Joy Barrett, Andrea Alford, Barbara Brown



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 2:20 p.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](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.

Donna Lasinski Housing Diversity Town Hall - January 13, 2018 - Chelsea

Local leaders and community members are coming together to
discuss the question - What could community-focused,
multi-generational housing diversity look like in
western Washtenaw County?

Hear a variety of perspectives on the housing needs of our
communities, options that are in progress and potential future
alternatives, followed by a question & answer period.

Panelists:

Teresa Gillotti, Housing and Community Infrastructure Manager
- Washtenaw County Office of Community
and Economic Development

Nancy Paul, Director - Faith in Action (Dexter & Chelsea)

Trinh Pifer, Executive Director - Chelsea Senior Center

Reverend Joe Jeffreys - First Congregational Church of Chelsea

Jane Pacheco - City of Chelsea Councilmember and Interfaith
Council for Peace & Justice

Western Washtenaw Community Members representing
students, families, retirees, employees & employers,
commuters, and more

Details:

Saturday, January 13, 2018

10:00 a.m. – noon

Washington Street Education Center – Room 100
500 Washington St, Chelsea, MI 48118



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 NlrV

Do justice...love kindness...and learn about white privilege in order to teach our children how to be agents of change in loving God's world.

Be the Change: Stories and Crafts for First Steps in Social Justice, Saturday, January 13th, 10 a.m.

Mindfulness instructor Grace Helms Kotre will read the picture book *Skin Again* by Bell Hooks and lead a brief discussion about how and why skin color varies. Parent resources on discussing race with young children will be provided. Grades K-5. Free event at A2 West Branch Library.

LeAnn is organizing a carpool! Let her know if you'd like to attend and grab a bagel at Barry's afterward.

[Lseto@chelseaumc.org](mailto:lseto@chelseaumc.org)

Interested in taking a trip to the Henry Ford Museum on MLK Day, (free admission) leaving Chelsea at 8:30 a.m. and returning after lunch? Whether or not you have children - or have to work and want to send your kids with chaperones, if you're interested send LeAnn a note: lseto@chelseaumc.org

**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.

Stripping Wallpaper for a Good Cause?

Okay, no one likes stripping wallpaper. But would you be willing to join me for a morning or afternoon of stripping in Alaina's Room next to the nursery? We are planning on repainting and creating a "safe zone" with calming colors and activities available in Alaina's Room for any child, youth or adult who may need to retreat from worship or classrooms or group event for some calm and centering, as people with sensory challenges and other forms of disability understand and know well.

There's only two small sections that still need to be removed, but they are up high and stuck WELL. Thanks for considering!

LeAnn at lseto@chelseaumc.org

A look at the month ahead!

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 resume
10:30 a.m. Glory Ringers and Random Ringers

VCI small groups begin

January 14th cont...

11 a.m. Disciple Discovery

5 p.m. PARABLES all abilities inclusion worship at First Congregational with dinner following. Worship theme: "Jedis and Superheroes of the Faith"

Jan 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Use part of this day to learn about people whose needs are often ignored in our society or treated with contempt. Just opening up this conversation with your family members might be eye-opening in itself!



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/>

If you are the parent of a youth grades 6-12 and would like to receive the Youth Newsletter, please contact lgray@chelseaumc.org.

Thank you!

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

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

Meal Helpers, Stews, Soups, Ravioli



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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](#).

Interested in Early Response Training? Michigan Disaster Coordinators announce Early Response training

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.

- January 20, 2018: Waterford: Central UMC, [3882 Highland Rd, Waterford Twp, MI 48328](#)

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Sunday, January 7th

- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. VCI Orientation for Small Group Leaders
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery

Monday, January 8th

- 12:00 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Tuesday, January 9th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, January 10th

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

Thursday, January 11th

- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, January 12th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set-Up

Saturday, January 13th

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast & Paper Product Distribution

Sunday, January 14th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 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, High School XP3, Glory Ringers Rehearsal, VCI Small Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry K-5th Grade Missions "Food is Love"
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 16th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. VCI Small Group
- 1:30 p.m. Friends 65+
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet

Wednesday, January 17th

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

Thursday, January 18th

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, January 19th

- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Saturday, January 20th

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

Volunteers Serving January 7th

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. - Katie Kleitsch, Reiley Curran
- 10:45 a.m. - Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

- Barbara Brown, Liza Gray, Dayle Wright

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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

Volunteers Serving January 14th

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, Dick & Lois Willis
- 10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac, Anne Zuehlke, David & Tammee Fensch

Nursery Workers:

- 8:45 a.m. - Karen Owen, Valisa Bristle
- 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

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