



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 21, 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 George Luciani *
- * Marilyn Gileczek following the death of her brother *
- * Mary Macaulay following the death of her uncle, Norm *
- * The family of Ryan Nevin following the death of his grandmother * Liz Van Hoek and family following the death of her grandfather *

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Amy Whitesall * Denise Whitesall * Mary Loring *
- * Tom Lewis' daughter, Margaret * Joanne Weber * Marnie Addie *
- * Scott * David Schaffer * Bernice Packard *
- * Virginia McIntosh' sister, Ruth *
- * Ruth Ammon' aunts and uncles *

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Suzie Weber * Joanne Weber * Dave Pastor * Judy McArthur *
- * Tamme Fensch' niece & husband * Health and well-being of those who are struggling, homeless, need warmth, love or hope *
- * Mary * Neha * Taylor McMullen doing mission work abroad *
- * Gerry Boettger daughter, Kristin *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

- * Matt Daoust *

**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*

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

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.



Friends 65+

The next meeting of the Friends 65+ will be Tuesday, February 20th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Grams Hall.



Gemini

Friday, March 2nd at 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.



Saturday, April 21st

CFUMC Collage Concert at 7 p.m.

Featuring many talented members of CFUMC and is a Fundraiser for 2018 youth mission trip

Sunday, April 29th

3 p.m.

Capital City Brass Band – lead by Director Jim Otto, traditional British brass band hymns and marches to virtuoso transcriptions of orchestral standards, jazz and show tunes.



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.

Path Finder by Email

Would like to be on the Path Finder or All Congregation email list for announcements during the week.

Send your email to lgray@chelseaumc.org, or call the church office 475 8119 to sign up.

Stephen Ministry Opportunities

Caring Relationship

for the Love of Christ



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



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

Scouting Sunday on February 11th 9 a.m. worship service

Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts have a long history of connection with the United Methodist Church, and we are delighted to celebrate their work in our community and bless their adventures in learning and growing together. At least one of our local troops is actively working to complete their "My Duty to God" requirements, and so we are excited to welcome any scout families that Sunday who may not already have a church home and would like to explore what church is like here.

On this Sunday in February we invite *all girls and boys who are a part of the scouting program to wear their uniforms, along with their leaders*, and to attend the 9 a.m. worship to be recognized and blessed in their journey together.

The Lord's Prayer

This month in BLAST the children are focusing on their commitment to connecting to God through prayer and deepening their understanding of who God is in their lives. Learning The Lord's Prayer by heart so that they can participate more easily in Christian worship might be a fun thing to make a game of at home if your child is still unfamiliar with the verses of this ancient prayer.

LeAnn has an excellent picture book illustrated by Tim Ladwig you are welcome to borrow (normally is found in the church library), that allows you to talk about the meaning of some of the antiquated language. Having your child echo the words after you at bedtime can be effective, and so can talking about how you may use the prayer's words to help you in your own understanding of God.

Valentine Fun at Towsley Village Sunday, February 11th 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Sharing love with the residents of the memory care unit at Chelsea Retirement Community is a great way for our children to practice Boldly Learning and Serving Together, our BLAST initiative at its best. It's an opportunity for the children to learn something about how fragile older people can become, and the kind ways we can care for them, even as we are much, much younger. This is empowering for our children to see and learn, even more so than it is for their parents.

Our wonderful Children's Mission and Ministry Team is coordinating the event. It begins with a time for teaching the youngsters about what to expect in their work with their elders, along with prayer together. Then the K-5th graders will share in making a simple craft activity followed by ice cream sundaes with sprinkles. If you would like to join the fun, please contact CMMT coordinator, Molly Avery at whippet99@yahoo.com.

A BIG THANK YOU....to the many people in the congregation who brought food supplies for our "Food is Love" event on January 14th.

The children had a marvelous time together, and we were able to share out all the lasagnas to the people you thoughtfully identified for us. We couldn't be as effective in service without our whole congregation's support, so thank you!!!

A look at the month ahead!

Jan. 21st & Jan. 28th

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9:15 a.m. BLAST classes
10:30 a.m. Glory and
Random Ringers
10:30 a.m. VCI Small Groups
11:00 a.m. Disciple Discovery

Feb. 4th

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9 a.m. BLAST worship with
communion
10:30 a.m. Glory &
Random Ringers,
VCI Small Groups
11:00 a.m. Disciple Discovery

Feb. 11th

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9 a.m. Worship, Scouting
Recognition & Blessing
9:15 a.m. BLAST classes
10:30 a.m. Glory &
Random Ringers,
VCI Small Groups
11:00 a.m. Disciple Discovery
3 - 4:30 p.m. Valentine Fun at
Towsley Village



January 14th
Fantastic start to the 2
t-shirt quilt!



January 21st

XP3 Middle School 9:30 a.m. - room 216
Stressed Out Week 2

XP3 High School - 10:30 a.m. Meet in room 216.
We head to OLD SCHOOL SEWING 118 S. Main St. Suite A

Confirmation 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. room 216

January 28th

XP3 Middle School 9:30 a.m. room 216
XP3 High School 10:30 a.m. Church in the kitchen

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

STILL 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>

6th Grade
3:15 – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays with Tom.



7th/8th Grade
3:15 – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays

PEOPLE PLEASER

This week, we'll discuss the issues facing your children and
discuss the influences of peer pressure.

*...But don't be so naive—there's another saying you know
well—Bad company corrupts good habits.
~1 Corinthians 15:33*

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



Middle School & High School

7 Tips to help your teenager
develop faith skills

<http://theparentcue.org/7-tips-to-help-your-teenager-develop-faith-skills/>

**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.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- February 10th Community Breakfast
Chelsea
- February 10th Household Paper Products
Chelsea
- March 9-10th 30 Hr. Famine
Chelsea
Contact Tom Lewis
tom@outdrs.net
- March 10th Community Breakfast
Chelsea
- March 10th Household Paper Products
Chelsea
- March 19-23rd Alpha House
Ann Arbor
Contact Bev Dronen
bdronen@msn.net
- March 26th Immigration Book Read
Dearborn
Contact Jeanne Franks
youth@chelseaumc.org
- April 13th Liberian Nobel Peace Prize
Winner, Leymah Gbowee
Kalamazoo
Contact J Franks
youth@chelseaumc.org
- May 12th Landscape 3 Tiny Homes
Detroit
Contact J.Franks
youth@chelseaumc.org



JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBOR

Book Read

Our next book for discussion is
The Namesake

by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri.

It deals with "the immigrant experience,
the clash of cultures, the conflicts of assimilation and the
tangled ties between generations."

This book has been selected by the Dearborn Public Library
for its Big Read for 2017-18.

From mid-March until the end of April, the library will be
sponsoring events for the community
to learn more about the book and its themes.

At our meeting we can decide if we would like to participate in
any of the events, as a group or individually.

Our discussion will take place on Monday, March 26th,
6:30 p.m., at First UMC in Dearborn
22124 Garrison St, Dearborn, MI 48124

Current Pantry Needs

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| Meal Helpers | Cereal |
| Rice Sides | Coffee |
| Chef Boyardee | Chili Beans |



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Sunday, January 21st

- 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. Glory & Random Ringers Rehearsal, VCI Small Groups, High School XP3
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. ReZound Handbells Rehearsal

Monday, January 22nd

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Retreat
- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 12:00 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Tuesday, January 23rd

- 8:00 a.m. Material Girls Retreat
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Creative Play
- 10:00 a.m. VCI Small Group
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 7:00 p.m. VCI Small Group

Wednesday, January 24th

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

Thursday, January 25th

- 10:00 a.m. VCI Small Group

Friday, January 26th

- 8:00 a.m. VCI Small Group
- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. VCI Small Group

Sunday, January 28th

- 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 & Glory Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3, VCI Small Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:15 p.m. ReZound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

Monday, January 29th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 7:00 p.m. VCI Small Group

Tuesday, January 30th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Creative Play
- 10:00 a.m. VCI Small Group
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 7:00 p.m. VCI Small Group

Wednesday, January 31st

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

Thursday, February 1st

- 10:00 a.m. VCI Small Group
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, February 2nd

- 8:00 a.m. VCI Small Group
- 10:00 a.m. VCI Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms

Saturday, February 3rd

- 2:00 p.m. Schmunk Anniversary Party

Volunteers Serving January 21st

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. - Katie Kleitsch
- 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 January 28th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Judy Park, Linda Meloche
- 10:30 a.m. John Seto, 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. - Volunteers
- 10:45 a.m. - Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Dan & Chris Cobb, Dianne Kelley, Susan McCalla

Coffee Hour Bakers:

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