



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

March 4 2018

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers of Comfort for:

- * Amy Busch & family following the death of her father, Russell *
- * Nancy Cooper & friends following the death of her husband, Doug *

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Mary Loring * Tom Lewis' daughter, Margaret *
- * Marnie Addie * Bernice Packard * Kay & Gene Miller *
- * Sandy Gasiewski * Joe Zybulski * Carol Brock *

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Joanne Weber * Dave Pastor * Judy McArthur * Jean Storey *
- * Carolyn Luciani * Taylor McMullen doing mission work abroad *
- * Diana Palmer and Felicia Hurst and family *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

- * Matt Daoust * Clinton Olberg *

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.

Community Breakfast Sign Up

Volunteers are needed for the next community breakfast on March 10th, see the link below to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-community> or the sign up board in Grams Hall.

SPRING AHEAD FUNDAY!

March 11, 2018

It is once again time to move your clocks ahead one hour on March 10th and then participate in Spring Ahead Funday on March 11th.

Mornings can be difficult when you lose an hour of sleep but you can stay in your pajamas all morning and make a donation to Alpha House. Have an extra cup of milk, juice, or coffee in your PJs and then come to church. We will be collecting donations of any size to help fund Alpha House when you arrive at church on Funday, March 11th.

Friends 65+

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

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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.



VITAL CHURCH INITIATIVE

Save the date

Pre-Consultation Learning Session

Tuesday March 20th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. is our congregation's opportunity to meet our VCI coach Naomi Garcia.

Naomi is a dynamic, thought-provoking United Methodist leader who is helping our church understand itself more fully and become even more vibrant and vital to our Chelsea community. This learning session serves several purposes:

- to widen the common base of knowledge regarding fruitfulness and congregational life cycles;
- to inform us about the particulars of the Consultation weekend (May 4th - 6th);
- and to "fire us up" for that experience.

Child care provided. Please RSVP for this event – indicating you will attend and letting us know your child care needs. There will be a sign-up sheet in Grams Hall for the next few weeks or you may call the church office. We look forward to your participation!

READINESS 360 Survey

Please remember, you have until midnight Tuesday, March 13th, to complete the Readiness 360 online survey. The Readiness 360 will help us identify opportunities to strengthen our ministries, through assessing our spiritual intensity, relationships, mission alignment, and cultural openness.

Please set aside 20 minutes to complete the survey prior to midnight March 13th. The letter you received in the mail provides the needed details. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Liza Gray at the church office.

Small Groups Follow Up

Thank you to the 200+ persons who participated in the Vital Church Initiative small groups and for the feedback you are providing from those experiences!

We are already experiencing fruitfulness: vibrant energy; important conversations and exploration about who we are and what we do; relationship building/deepening, openness to God's movement in our midst.

VCI Leadership Team: Andrea Alford, Steve Beck, Barbara Brown, Steve Fetyko, Ron Mourad, Darlene Schaffer, andy Schmunk, Allison Vanderspool, Pastor Joy

Email List

Would you like to be on the All Congregation email list for announcements during the week or Path Finder? Send your email to lgray@chelseaumc.org, or call the church office 475 8119 to sign up.

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.

Stephen Ministry at CFUMC

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

Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn."



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 March:

PEACE: Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

Bible Verse

"So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another." Romans 14:19

Mystery dates are back!

The mystery date includes conversation starters, restaurant destination with gift card and free childcare from 5-8:00 p.m., all for a small donation.

Only 10 spots are available per Saturday, and you may sign up for more than one Saturday.

Please sign up no later than
Sunday, March 4th for the March 10th date
Sunday, March 11th for the March 17th date
Sunday, March 18th for the March 24th date

There is a sign-up in Grams Hall or contact Dianna Kause at Dianna.kause@comcast.net 734-475-8444 for any questions.

A look at the month ahead!

March 4th

8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9 a.m. BLAST worship with communion, including some 3rd-5th graders from sleepover
Last Sunday to sign up for Mystery Date on 10th
10:30 a.m. Glory and Random Ringers
11:00 Disciple Discovery
5 p.m. PARABLES at First Congregational "King David: Learning how to throw a rock like a Superhero" All Abilities Inclusion Worship

March 11th

Funday (Pajama Day)
Clocks "spring" forward one hour Saturday night
8:30 a.m. Praise Bells
9:00 a.m. worship and BLAST classes, last Sunday to sign up for Mystery Date on March 17th
10:30 a.m. Glory & Random Ringers
11:00 a.m. Disciple Discovery
5 p.m. PARABLES at First Congregational "Man, I need some Manna!" All Abilities Inclusion Worship

Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice Connect and Act 2018

Sometimes being a parent is one of the most worrisome vocations because we want to help make the world a better place for our kids but feel helpless in knowing how. Here's a wonderful opportunity for parents to educate ourselves in order to learn how to critically engage our faith in the world today...

LeAnn Seto went last year and is hoping to attend again. Feel free to ask her what it was like!

Nadim Azzam - <https://www.facebook.com/azzammusic/> is one of three featured local musicians that will be speaking truth at the upcoming ICPJ's Connect & Act conference on Sat, March 10th in Ypsilanti. Do yourself a favor and take a few minutes now to listen to *this original* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GubSLIWeY7E>

by the Ann Arbor rapper and acoustic songwriter who recently toured/opened for *Matisyahu* - https://www.facebook.com/pg/matisyahu/about/?ref=page_internal

Then get yourself registered to see him live asap. Music, Food, Interactive Art.... wait isn't Connect & Act a Social Justice Conference? You bet it is!

There will be 5 breakout sessions offered twice. All of which will include connecting themes and participants:

- Criminal Justice
- Immigration Crisis
- Strengthening our Democracy
- Environment
- Poor People's Campaign

And real-time calls to action focused on what you can do to move the issues you care about most!

Register Today - Connect & Act - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/connect-act-2018-tickets-42183085745>

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:30 a.m. registration, 9:30 - 4 p.m. program, 4-5 network, 5-7 social@Cultivate
Where: Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.
Cost: All Ages, Public Welcome: \$0-\$55

SPECIAL NOTE: Students in 8th - 12th grade are FREE - but do need to register (please spread the word!)

For more information about sponsoring this Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice event, go to: [ConnectandAct.org](http://www.connectandact.org) - <http://www.connectandact.org/>



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!

March 4th

The current series, Great Expectations, is on hold in light of the most recent school shooting and the classmate at CHS who died by suicide. For the next three weeks, the H.S. & M.S. series is entitled Through the Darkness. The daily devotional readings will be on the CFUMC Facebook wall as well as Instagram.

Middle School stay in BLAST worship

High School XP3 - 10:30 a.m. room 216

Confirmation 11:45 a.m. room 216

March 9th/10th

30 Hour Famine

Begins at noon on Friday and ends at 6 p.m. Saturday

Video link below - Meet Sara

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdKWU6yU0_k

Questions? - Call Tom Lewis at 734-883 5439

March 11th

XP3 Middle School 9:30 a.m. - room 216

XP3 High School - 10:30 a.m. Breathe Yoga

6th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays with Tom.



7th/8th Grade

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

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.

Collage Concert

Showcase your talent that you might participate in the upcoming Collage Concert/Fundraiser on April 21st. Auditions are March 18th starting at 12 p.m. - click link below <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4caeac2ba13-collage>

CFUMC Mission and Music Trip 2018 Chicago, IL/Grand Rapids, MI/Grand Haven, MI

Accidentals Handbell Ensemble and the Youth of CFUMC.

Thursday, June 14-Sunday, June 17, 2018

WHO CAN GO? - Youth currently in 6th – 12th grades, who are members of CFUMC or regular participants in the ministries or worship life of the church. You do not have to be in the Accidentals Handbell Ensemble to go on the trip. Non-ringing youth will be given an option of participating on the concerts if desired. Everyone will participate in the mission work.

HOW DO I SIGN-UP? - Visit the church website to fill out the electronic permission form or see Jeanne or Mark. <http://www.chelseaumc.org/youth/missions.html>

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST AND HOW DO I SIGN UP? - The cost of the trip is \$75. Scholarships are also available. Fill out a permission form and return it to Mark Loring or Jeanne Franks in the church office. A deposit check in the amount of \$25 must accompany your registration. Checks may be made out to "CFUMC" with "Mission Trip" in the memo. Deadline for registering is March 15, 2018. Trip balances of \$50 are due on or before June 1, 2018.



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

Rules or Relationships A simple maxim for parents

<http://theparentcue.org/rules-or-relationship-a-simple-maxim-for-parents/>



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Jeanne Franks youth@chelseaumc.org
for events with no contact name listed

- March 9-10th 30 Hr. Famine
Chelsea
Contact Tom Lewis
tom@outdrs.net
- March 10th Community Breakfast &
Household Paper Products
Chelsea
Sandy Schmunk
schmunks@gmail.com
Sign up to volunteer below
[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20f094ba8a87-community](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-community)
- March 19-23rd Alpha House
Ann Arbor
Contact Bev Dronen
bdronen@msn.net
Sign up to volunteer below
[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-
volunteer](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-volunteer)
- March 26th Immigration Book Read
Dearborn
- April 13th Liberian Nobel Peace Prize
Winner, Leymah Gbowee
Kalamazoo
- April 28th Faith in Action Dinner/Fundraiser
Chelsea
- May 12th Landscape 3 Tiny Homes
Detroit

Current Pantry Needs

Pasta Sides	Tomato Sauce
Tomato Paste	Mac & Cheese
Baked Beans	Chef Boyardee
Mayonnaise	Canned Tomatoes
Shampoo	



Service Opportunity March 19th - 23rd



Prepare Meals, Play with children for a few hours following the evening meal, or Stay Overnight Ordinary People Living Differently Because of the Love of Christ

Contact Bev Dronen at bdronen@msn.net
This year's Pajama Day mission offering will support the needs of those at Alpha House.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-volunteer>

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTION



Do you have a day(s) of the week available should a member of our congregation need groceries or an occasional ride to their doctor appointment or the airport?

Contact Liza Gray
(lgray@chelseaumc.org) or
Jeanne Franks
(youth@chelseaumc.org)



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Sunday, March 4th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, Youth Praise Band Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:15 a.m. Rezound Handbells Warm Up
- 10:30 a.m. Glory & Random Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3, VCI Small Group Leaders Meeting, CFUMC Choir Warm Up, Bible Study Basics
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Concert at Silver Maples
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

Monday, March 5th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 6th

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

Wednesday, March 7th

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

Thursday, March 8th

- 11:30 a.m. Music Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, March 9th

- 4:00 p.m. 30 Hour Famine
- 6:45 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set Up

Saturday, March 10th

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast
- 5:00 p.m. Mystery Date Night

Sunday, March 11th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, CFUMC Choir Warm Up, The Accidentals 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 & Glory Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3, Bible Study Basics, Jubilee Ringers Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery
- 12:15 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsals
- 3:45 p.m. Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

Monday, March 12th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 12:00 p.m. Mosaic Moms
- 4:00 p.m. Material Girls Set Up

Tuesday, March 13th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Creative Play
- 12:00 p.m. Material Girls Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Middle School Outlet

Wednesday, March 14th

- 9:00 a.m. Material Girls Leaders Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 3:15 p.m. 7/8th Grade Middle School Outlet
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 15th

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, March 16th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

Saturday, March 17th

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ
- 5:00 p.m. Mystery Date Night

Volunteers Serving March 4th

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: Liza Gray, Dayle Wright

Coffee Hour Bakers: Charma Dick, Linda Detterman, Jody Croskey, Dawn Putnam

Volunteers Serving March 11th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, Allison Vanderspool
- 10:30 a.m. Lois & Dick Willis, Julie & Dennis Deppner

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Bill & Brendan Doyle, Todd Hubbard
- 10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac, Anne Zuehlke, David & Tamme Finsch

Nursery Workers:

- 8:45 a.m. - Amy Whitesall
- 10:45 a.m. - Lori Campbell

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Sandy & Charles Schmunk, Phyllis & Ken Tillman

Coffee Hour Bakers:

Linda Logan, Amanda Reginaldo, Susan Wellman, Kasie Cousino, Dorothy Craft, Sandy Schmunk



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT WITH ADULTS

Bible Study Basics - New Sunday Morning Bible Study

Do you wish you knew more about the Bible?

Do you have trouble understanding some of the passages read aloud in worship?

Would you like a place to talk about how the Bible applies to daily life?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, “Bible Study Basics” may be for you.

This new class will meet on Sunday mornings in March and April from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 207. It will be led by Sondra Willobee, a retired United Methodist pastor. We'll study the scripture passage for the morning services using discussion questions in three different areas:

What does this passage say?

What does this passage mean?

How does this passage impact my life?

We'll also talk about the book of the Bible from which the passage comes.

This class will increase your understanding of the Bible and enhance your experience of worship.

Sondra will send out a discussion guide via email on Thursday of each week. You'll be able to participate better if you think about the questions beforehand. Feel free to drop in – you don't have to attend every week.

If you're interested, email Sondra at sondrawillobee@gmail.com.

Made for a Miracle: From Your Ordinary to God's Extraordinary New Weeknight Small Group Study

There are two components to every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. Rev. Mike Slaughter is the author of this six week small group study. Together we will explore how we can use our God-given gifts for God's glory.

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. beginning March 14.

The United Methodist Church and Conversations about Human Sexuality

At the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, delegates approved a proposal from the Council of Bishops to form a commission to explore how the church might live with grace with one another in light of significant differences in LGBTQ inclusion.

Bishop David Bard, invited Michigan United Methodists to gather for listening and discussion - with hearts and minds open to each other and to God's Spirit – about our commonalities, our differences, along with our hopes and dreams for The United Methodist Church. He has encouraged each local church to be engaged in such conversation as well.

In June 2017, we shared in a morning of Holy Conversation, led by Rev. Melanie Carey. Together we sought to deepen our capacity to listen to each other and engage in respectful conversation. In October 2017, Mr. Len Niehoff presented “The Bible and Homosexuality.” Len gave us tools to foster deeper thinking and better informed dialogue.

Another opportunity for conversation and reflection comes as we learn about The Commission on a Way Forward, which was approved by the 2016 General Conference of our denomination. The Commission is engaged in a complete examination of and possible revisions to every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality, and exploring options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. Two 90-minute sessions will be offered (same information, available two separate days/times): Monday, March 12, 6:30-8 p.m.; Sunday, March 18, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Additional classes and small group opportunities are being developed in response to your feedback through the VCI small groups; thank you!

Please contact Pastor Joy with questions about any of these items