



**Chelsea First**  
 United Methodist Church  
 128 Park Street  
 Chelsea, Michigan 48118  
 www.chelseaumc.org

# The Path Finder

*Finding your way to  
 acts of purpose and faith*

**OUR MISSION** - to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

**OUR VISION** - Ordinary people living differently because of the love of Christ

Connecting with God • Learning in Community • Making a Difference in the World

**December 9, 2018**

### Prayer Requests

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

#### Prayers for Comfort for:

\* Teresa Steklac and family following the death of her mother \*

#### Prayers for Healing for:

\* Linda Kimball \* Amie Mongeau \* Joel Colbry \* Rob Logan \*  
 \* Chris Gilbert \* Tom Macaulay's brother, Bob \* Alice Stuchey \*  
 \* Janet Nightingale \* Suzanne Garrett \* Roberta Anderson \*  
 \* Scott Croskey \* Becky Williams \* Rod Craig \* JR Jarvis \*

#### Prayers for Strength for:

\* Brown & Vanderspool family \* Joan Hoffmeyer \*  
 \* Charlotte Simmons \* Diane Brown \* Andrea Alford and family \*  
 \* Beth Tobin & Duane Branch \* Susie and her family \*  
 \* Tom Lewis and Family \* Russ Standefer and family \*  
 \* those involved in the CA fires and the aftermath \*  
 \* Families in Anchorage \*

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

\* Matt Daoust \* Clinton Olberg \* Laura Heaney \* John Robbins \*

### 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.

### Friends 65+

The next meeting of "Friends 65+" is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00 in Grams Hall. This will be the last one for the year... and the last one I will lead. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Tom Macaulay

### Longest Night Service

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**Chelsea First United Methodist Church**  
**128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI**

Christmas is traditionally a time of joy and celebration, families happily gathering, and merry parties. For those of a more introspective nature, the season can be exhausting. And for those struggling with the reality and grief of broken relationships, uncertain employment, shaky finances, a difficult diagnosis, or the death of a loved one, our sense of loneliness, sadness, and isolation may become painfully accentuated. The Longest Night Service offers a quieter, more meditative time and place for those who may feel a bit 'out of joint' with the season to gather and find welcome. Scripture readings, music, gentle silence, lighting candles of remembrance, and being with others who understand offer a measure of comfort, peace, and hope.

All are welcome.

### General Conference

In February 2019, hundreds of delegates will converge on St. Louis, MO, for a Special Called Session of the General Conference. They will seek a way forward on the issues surrounding LGBTQ persons.

Bishop David Bard has traveled the state conducting listening sessions related to this Special Called Session of the General Conference. Follow this link <https://michiganumc.org/resources/-way-forward/> to a video (Finding Our Way Forward) from Bishop David, as well as a toolbox of resources to help us better understand the questions United Methodists face and the possible solutions.

As Bishop David stated recently, "While most of us like to think of the opinions we hold as well-supported, well-considered and well-argued, we would also do well to acknowledge that in many of the most important things we think about, there is always room for growth and new learning. Often well-considered, well-supported and well-argued opinions become so through shared conversation and dialogue. We should, then, be people who are open to new ideas, to new ways of looking at our lives and our faith, open to conversation and dialogue." In that spirit, Bishop David invites you into a continuing dialog.



## Finance News

### CALIFORNIA FIRES

The fires in California have destroyed many homes. If you are interested in donating to help those in need as a result of the fire, please make checks payable to CFUMC and in the memo line indicate "California Fires". Your donation will go to UM-COR which will provide supplies and support to those in need. 100% of your donation goes to help.

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can now make your contributions by transferring stock to CFUMC. For further information on how to do this, contact Kristy Fetyko at 734-475-8119 x15 or [kfetyko@chelseaumc.org](mailto:kfetyko@chelseaumc.org)



You don't have to face it alone.  
Stephen Ministry

*"Melancolie" by Albert György.*  
Located along the shore of  
Lake Geneva Switzerland.

### You can make a difference

When you shop through  
[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) a portion comes  
back to CFUMC  
You Shop. Amazon Donates.



## Financial Peace University

Interested in getting out of debt? Interested in planning for the future whether it is for buying a house, planning for college, or retirement? Need help setting up a budget? Financial Peace University is a 9 week course that will help you do that. Whether you are financially secure or financially distressed or somewhere in between, this class can provide financial help.

Classes will be on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Class dates are as follows:

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>; February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>;  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up in Grams Hall by December 16<sup>th</sup> so course materials can be ordered for you. The cost of the materials is \$109 and is due by December 16<sup>th</sup>. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Kristy Fetyko at 734-475-8119 x15 or [kfetyko@chelseaumc.org](mailto:kfetyko@chelseaumc.org) for further information.

Childcare will be available.

For more information, [FPU.com/1077777](http://FPU.com/1077777).

## Advent Small Groups:

### Advent 'Prayer Sampler'

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

See you at 4 - 5:30 p.m. Each week we will try out different prayer practices. Come as you are able; all are welcome. Contact Lisa Gray-Lion for details.

### Why This Jubilee?

### Advent Reflections on Songs of the Season

Wednesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 p.m.

Contact Max Plank for details.



Are you interested in learning more about the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church? Want to see what other churches are involved in. Check out the link and sign up for the MIconnect newsletter.

<https://michiganumc.org>



## ***Children's Ministry***

***If you have any questions or want to know more about children's programming please contact Michelle King at [mking@chelseaumc.org](mailto:mking@chelseaumc.org)***

### **BLAST VIRTUE FOR DECEMBER**

#### **COMPASSION:**

Caring enough to do something about someone else's need.

#### **BIBLE VERSE:**

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16, NIV

**NO BLAST classes on 9<sup>th</sup>**

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### **Christmas is Not "Your" Birthday collection Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**

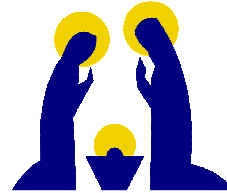
We all love getting presents on Christmas but sometimes we forget that Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus, not about celebrating ourselves! Every year the BLAST children collect items to donate to remind them that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. This year we are collecting items for Faith in Action.

The requested items are:

- \$5 gift cards to fast food restaurants and coffee shops local to Chelsea and/or Dexter, such as McDonalds, Jimmy Johns, Zou Zou's, Bigby, etc.
- Brownie/cake/cookie mixes

Faith in Action will give these items to the families they serve so the families can have a fun treat together! Children will bring the donated items to the altar during the 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve service as a birthday present to Jesus.



### **Christmas Pageant**

The Christmas pageant is coming up! On December 9<sup>th</sup>, during the 9 a.m. worship service our children

will perform the pageant

"The Friendly Beasts,"

telling the story of all of the animals that were present at Jesus' birth.

K-5<sup>th</sup> graders should arrive at church by 8:30 a.m. on December 9<sup>th</sup> to get ready for their big performance!

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### **Christmas Caroling and Pizza at CRC December 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:45 p.m.**

Please note this change in date: Christmas Caroling and Pizza at CRC will now be on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m..

Come spread Christmas cheer by caroling at Chelsea Retirement Community and sharing a pizza dinner.

This event is for children and youth.

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### **Children's Christmas Eve service Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.**

Join us for our Children's Christmas Eve service! We will celebrate the birth of Christ with the ABC's of Christmas!

Don't forget your donation for Faith in Action!





Is designed to give students the lasting understanding of three things: I am created to pursue an authentic relations with my Creator. I belong to Jesus Christ and define who I am by what He says. I exist every day to demonstrate God's love to a broken world.

### Middle School

XP3 - 9 a.m. room 216

### High School

XP3 - 10:30 room 216

### Confirmation at 11:45 a.m.

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - Mentors and Confirmands load angel tree donations and head to Detroit

Following Your Disciple's Path Study



Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

No Outlet - Snow Days and 1/2 days



Going the second mile isn't something you do for others to see, it's something you do to set others free.

<https://theparentcue.org/compelling-your-kids-to-serve/>

### Up Coming Events

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Caroling at CRC at 4:30 p.m.

### Deadline to sign up is December 16<sup>th</sup>

Beginning January 13<sup>th</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup>

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY FOR TEENS

Both Middle School and High School curriculums will be available. Cost - \$10.00 per child

Imagine if you used Financial Peace University to teach teens how to manage money before they rack up student loans and credit card debt? That's where Financial Peace for Teens comes in. You can minister to teens—and their families—while setting them up for a debt-free future

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Michigan vs. OSU Hockey

## You feed their bodies that we might feast contented on the good things of God.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade -

Tuesday 3:30-5:30 p.m.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-sixth>

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade -

Wednesday 3:30-5:30 p.m.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-middle>

High School and Middle School -  
Sunday morning XP3 9:00, 10:30,  
& 11:45 a.m.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-xp3feeding>

Thank you.



### Confirmation

They had a lot of homework to do. They didn't complain. They showed up for class at 11:45 a.m. and stayed for the next 6 hours. They never complained. Not. Once. On Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, confirmands and mentors brought to life the body of Christ in Grams Hall. Each person found their space in the kitchen and the dining room and Spirit found its dwelling place.

They created a space of beauty, belonging; and phones in hands were eventually lowered or pocketed that those around the piano might put their arms around each other, around new friends, and sing as one voice mingled with laughter and love.

Spending time with your children, these beloved servants who reflect the light of Jesus Christ so purely... yes, it is one of the greatest privileges of my life.

Thank you.





## LAST CHANCE - For Nut Sales

Thank you for supporting Middle School Missions. Visit Grams Hall to purchase a variety of extras- Praline Pecans, Cocoa Almonds, Wasabi Almonds, Chocolate Covered Raisins.



cass community social services  
*fighting poverty, creating opportunity*

### Cass Wish List:

Home Depot Gift Cards  
Meijer or Spartan Grocery Cards  
Twin Sheets and Blankets  
Towels

## United Methodist Michigan Conference LOVE KNOWS NO BORDERS

**KAY DEMOSS**  
Senior Content Editor

Since mid-October, 2018 caravans of migrants have been travelling north from Central America through Mexico. The group is made up of people of all ages, including families and children. Many are escaping violence and poverty and are seeking asylum in Mexico and the U.S.

The General Board of Church and Society is joining in a national week of action — December 10-18, 2018 — organized by the American Friends Service Committee. The aim is to stand in solidarity with the migrant caravan and all who seek refuge in the U.S.

Why December 10-18? December 10 is International Human Rights Day. December 18 is observed as International Migrants Day.

The effort calls on the United States to end the detention and deportation of immigrants, respect the human right to migrate, and stop the militarization at the U.S.-Mexico border. On December 10, 2018 faith leaders from across the country will kick off the “Love Knows No Borders” witness with a non-violent direct action at the border in San Diego, California.

## Current Pantry Needs

Jelly                      Canned Pasta  
Oatmeal                 Hot Chocolate  
Cereal                    Chicken Noodle Soup (small cans)  
Canned Tuna and Tuna Helper



**Cass Community Christmas Store 2018  
Angel Tree Gifts (boots) are due to the  
church office no later than Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.**

### General Guidelines:

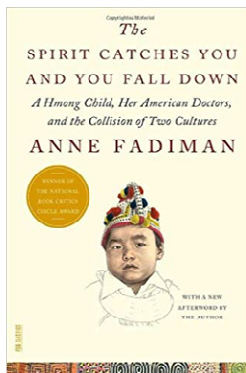
- ◆ Do not wrap; parents select
- ◆ New items only for “store-like” feel
- ◆ Consider purchasing for teenagers
- ◆ Additional needs: wrapping paper, tape, shopping bags with handles, and extra large sturdy garbage bags for transporting gifts

**THANK YOU!**

## 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](mailto:lgray@chelseaumc.org)) or  
Jeanne Franks ([youth@chelseaumc.org](mailto:youth@chelseaumc.org))



**Rescheduled to Jan. 28, 2019  
at 7 p.m.**

*The Spirit Catches You  
and You Fall Down*  
Where: Chelsea First  
United Methodist Church

Questions: Contact Suzanne Stichler  
734-340-1117 or Elizabeth Hammer  
[ejhammer@fastem.com](mailto:ejhammer@fastem.com)

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal, CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 9:00 a.m. Worship, Christmas Pageant, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal, High School XP3  
Advent 'Prayer Sampler'
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. VCM First Impressions Team, Advent 'Prayer Sampler'
- 4:30 p.m. Accidentals Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Design Team

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

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Luncheon
- 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays with Tom - Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. VCM Spiritual Formation Team
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees
- 7:00 p.m. Advent of the Savior Book Study

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

- 9:00 a.m. Material Girls Leaders Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 3:15 p.m. 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Why This Jubilee Book Study
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Church Conference
- 7:45 p.m. Administrative Council

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

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

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

- 8:00 a.m. Brotherhood in Christ
- 4:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling at CRC

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

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship, Middle School XP3
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST Classes Preschool - 5th Grades
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Tom Macaulay Farewell Celebration
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3, Random Ringers Rehearsal,  
Choir Warm Up, Rezound Handbells Warm Up,  
Advent 'Prayer Sampler'
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Deliver Angel Tree Gifts
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Advent 'Prayer Sampler'
- 4:30 p.m. Accidentals Rehearsal

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

- 5:30 p.m. VCM Communications Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Advent of the Savior, Brass Quintet Rehearsal

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

- 1:30 p.m. Friends 65+
- 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays with Tom 6<sup>th</sup> Grade MS Outlet

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

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

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

- 7:00 p.m. Longest Night Worship Service

**Volunteers Serving December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, Owen & Amy Busch
- 10:30 a.m. Julie & Dennis Deppner

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Bill Doyle, Todd Hubbard
- 10:30 a.m. Teresa Steklac, Anne Zuehlke, David & Tammee Fensch

Nursery Workers:

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

Fellowship Hosts:

Sandy & Charles Schmunk, Phyllis & Ken Tillman

Fellowship Bakers:

Linda Logan, Janet Carson, Susan Wellman, Kasie Cousino, Sandy Schmunk, Glenna Bittle

**Volunteers Serving December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Arlene Wiltse, Jack & Glenna Bittle
- 10:30 a.m. John & Ellen Aldighieri

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Boyd 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

Fellowship Hosts:

Jane Newbound, Susan Wellman

Fellowship Bakers:

Casey Wooster, Lillian Long, Janet Alford, Bernice Packard, Heidi Doyle, Diana Kause

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