



Chelsea First
 United Methodist Church
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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

July 21, 2019

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers for Comfort for:

- * Norine Collins and family following the death of her daughter,
- Deann Rosentreter * Jeff Kause and family following the death of his step-mother *

Prayers for Healing for:

- * Amie Mongeau * Janet Nightingale * Suzanne Garrett *
- * Ruby Schreieck * Denise Frahm * Ginnie Hartman *
- * Janeil Martin-Conners * Shaun Weber * Suzanne Fraker *
- * Carol Kattula * Gary Packard * Eunice Peters * Evan Sweeny *
- * Duane Branch * Carol Brock * Mark VandeWege * Karen Bartman * Merlyn Street * Gabriel, in Rafiki Village in Malawi *

Prayers for Strength for:

- * Jana Dreyer * Anna Boote *
- * Phyllis Green * Marjorie Switz * Trinh Pifer *
- * Lois Willis * Muriel Boyd * Wally Hopp & family * Farmers *
- * VandeWege and Gatica family * Lexa O'Brien and family *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

- * Kevin J. Porath * Laura Heaney-Belair *

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.

Summer Worship Series: "What Matters Most?"

For five Sundays we will dig deep into what matters most to us as Christians. A book by Martin Thielen titled "*What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian? A Guide to What Matters Most*" is the inspiration for the series. Following worship, beginning around 11 a.m. (after some moments to enjoy fellowship time) you are invited to participate in a discussion group about that day's theme.

Here's the line-up:

July 21st *What Matters Most*
 Mark 12:28-34

July 28th *What Brings Fulfillment?*
 John 13:1-5, 13-17

August 11th *Am I Accepted?*
 Matthew 9:10-13
 John 8:1-11

August 18th *Is There Hope?*
 Matthew 28:1-7

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief)

UMCOR is serving many communities who have been affected by floods in 2019 as well as helping those from Tropical Storm Barry. If you are interested in donating to help those in need, please make checks payable to CFUMC (Chelsea First United Methodist Church) and in the memo line indicate "UMCOR Disaster Help". Your donation will go to UMCOR which will provide supplies and support to those in need. 100% of your donation goes to help.

Lower Level Refurbishing

The Board of Trustees has approved a refurbishing project for the lower level of the church building. It began with a wrinkle in the carpet that was a significant trip-and-fall hazard, then soon included discovery of asbestos in tiles and glue beneath the carpet...you know how this works in an old building!

Beginning the week of July 8th, the staff and church offices will be temporarily relocated and the lower level will be inaccessible to the public. The church office will be set up in Room 217; that is where you will find Liza and/or Jon. Other staff members will work in various rooms in the building or remotely. Directions and a general update will be posted in the lobby, to assist you during this time.

The Trustees ask for your assistance in any of several ways. A project list has been created, with the number of volunteers needed each day and the type of work to be done. "Big picture" view:

The week of July 22nd, painting volunteers are needed.
The week of August 5th, the need is for volunteers who can help move back all the supplies, equipment and furnishings.

To volunteer or for more information, you may contact Rob Long - 475-8449, sign up in Grams Hall, or reply to the electronic sign up which will be available after July 8th.

Communion Servers Needed!!

During our new summer worship schedule, we will be in need of four (4) pairs of servers for Aug, Sept.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Ruth Ammon at ruth.ammon@yahoo.com or (734) 358-7407.

Did you know?

The sermons from Sunday are posted to our website by Monday afternoon.

<http://www.chelseaumc.org/calendar--media/sermons.html>

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

Volunteers needed!

BLAST (Boldly Learn And Serve Together) Leaders are given the summer off, which means we need volunteers to help lead summer classes! If you sign-up to help you will be sent the lesson plan a few days before. You can sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4fa9aa2fabfb6-summer>, or by emailing Michelle King.

The Adventures of Flat Jesus!



In BLAST (Boldly Learn And Serve Together) the children colored and laminated their very own Flat Jesus! They will take him with them on their summer adventures and take pictures with him. We're excited to see what fun Flat Jesus has this summer!

You can email your pictures to Michelle King or post them on social media with the hashtags #flatJesus and #BLASTkids. These pictures will remind us that even as we travel away we are still connected to each other through the love of Jesus.

"Flat Jesus had fun floating among the bubbles!"



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>

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 21st

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Preschool - 5th Grade summer classes
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Tuesday, July 23rd

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 24th

- 9:00 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Sunday, July 28th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Preschool - 5th Grade summer classes
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, July 29th

- 5:30 p.m. Communications Team

Tuesday, July 30th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 31st

- 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Saturday, Aug 3rd

- 8:00 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers summer retreat

Volunteers Serving July 21st

- 9 a.m. Greeters: Jack & Glenna Bittle
- 9 a.m. Usher: Edie Wiarda, Bob Christie, Todd Hubbard
- Fellowship Host: Dayle Wright & Mieke Giles
- 9:15 a.m. Nursery Worker: Lori Campbell

Volunteers Serving July 28th

- 9 a.m. Greeters: Judy Park, Linda Meloche, John Seto
- 9 a.m. Ushers: Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Kerry Franks
- Fellowship Host: Rod & Sue Craig
- 9:15 a.m. Nursery Worker: Lori Campbell

Faith In Action

Donations for Faith in Action are welcome; the collection place for these items has been relocated. Please take items to Grams Hall, where you will find a multi-shelf cart on which to place your donations (near the door into the courtyard). Thank you for your generous donations to Faith in Action!

Altar Flower Sign Up 2019

Altar flowers are a nice way to celebrate someone's birthday, wedding, anniversary, remembering or honor someone.

You will find a flower calendar on the board in the coatroom. Pick a day and put your name on it, fill out a form with the needed information and return it to Liza Gray. You can leave it in Liza'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.

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



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“BE THAT HELPING HAND!” Chelsea Adult Mission Trip

When I was hired in January, I soon discovered that Chelsea United Methodist Church is a very giving congregation. We offer a community breakfast on the second Saturday each month Sept. - May; collect food for faith in Action; fill backpacks for children in August; donate scores of boots to CASS in Detroit in December. There are many other activities throughout the year.

One hole I've noticed is for adults to be involved in face-to-face service with others beyond the walls of the church. Such service is a part of discipleship. It is a way we live out our calling in baptism, follow Jesus, make disciples and change the world. Indeed, through our Vital Church implementation process, we are learning more about our Chelsea community and what we can do to address needs here.

We are taking some steps as we move forward in this area. In June we held a mission trip for adults in the City of Detroit. We stayed Friday and Saturday nights at the historic Calvary United Methodist Church and worked on a variety of jobs all day on Saturday. We took some time and drove downtown Saturday night enjoying some live music, food and fellowship. The t-shirts we had made say "Meeting people where they are." This is intentional as this is exactly what we need to be doing as individuals and as a congregation. Meet people where they are regardless of age, race, ability, social or economic status. It does not matter where they are on their faith journey, we want to be the people that invite them to know Christ on a personal level. God has given each of us unique gift through the Holy Spirit and we are to use these gifts in a way that glorifies God, by serving one another with compassion, forgiveness and love. Our recent mission trip to Detroit allowed all who went to serve in different ways that created hope.

Read this testimony from one of the participants:

"On June 21st - 23rd I did one of the best things I have ever done for myself in deepening my faith in God. While reading scripture and listening to sermons on how we shall use our gifts to serve others, I have always wanted to join a mission trip. Starting small and eventually working up to going to areas that are in great need. Myself and 12 others traveled to The Joy-Southfield Community Development Corporation. The weather was great, and the company was even better. I got to meet and chat with members from my own congregation that I would see around the church but never took the time to "Get to know". I worked side by side with Misty Noble. (aka "Edward" for this trip).

"Edward" and I were the lucky winners of edging the hedges in an alley adjacent to the parking lot where there would be a farmer's market soon. While I knew "Edward" by name since we shared mutual friends, our children went to school together and I would see her singing in the choir I never knew her. We worked together all day, sweating, chatting and laughing. We learned that you can find God's gifts everywhere. We came across unattended rhubarb and berries in an alley in Detroit. I met another friend, Sondra Willobe (aka "The Unknown Comic" for this trip). "The Unknown Comic" is a fantastic woman. I am so glad that we had some time to share together. I now have a new way to open the yard waste bags, thank you!! After a hard days work all 12 of us went to downtown Detroit to enjoy food truck food and live music. Again, conversations with members from my own congregation was great. I am so glad that I got to know these 11 others a bit more. I enjoyed the work we did at The Joy-Southfield Center. Knowing that I took some small part in making it a cleaner place to host a farmer's market in the city of Detroit is very heartwarming to me. The smiles and thankfulness felt from Pastor Eric and his wife left me knowing that I used my gifts that were given to me." Jody Croskey (aka "Tim")

Here's another mission opportunity: Judson Collins Camp is one of our Michigan United Methodist Camps. It is located within our district and is less than an hour away. Many of us have been there as campers, staff persons, attended retreats, special events, or met one of the camp directors on Camp Sunday. Judson Collins Camp is in need of volunteers to help with refurbishing and maintenance work around the property. This is an excellent "roll-up your-sleeves," hands-on mission project. Your labors and time will make a big difference for many. David and Darlene Schaffer are regular volunteers in this effort each Wednesday, you are welcome to join them, or contact the camp to volunteer another day.

Remember, God has given each of us a unique gift through the Holy Spirit and we are to use these gifts in ways that glorify God, by serving one another with compassion, forgiveness and love. Let the light of Christ shine brightly through you as you go forth and make disciples for Christ by working to transform one small part of this world.

Rev. Rodney Gasaway