

Welcome to the weekly digital newsletter. Deadline for articles are Tuesdays 4 pm, email media@chelseaumc.org. If you have questions about what is listed you can call the church office, 734-475-8119. Media@chelseaumc.org. For more information on Youth Newsletter, Children's Newsletter, and Adult Education

Today

 Come to the Social Hall to sign Valentine's Day cards for our students who are away at college.

Upcoming events - Save the dates

All-Church Potluck and Town Hall Meeting - Sunday, February 9, 5 - 7 pm. Discussion Focus: The Material Girls Ministry

Chelsea First's Administrative Council invites you to the 2020:Q1 Potluck and Town Hall Meeting. This Town Hall features the one and only Material Girls ministry! Material Girls work all year to make items that will be offered for sale in its Children's Christmas Bazaar, allowing kids to shop for Christmas gifts for their family members. Not only do they pull this off this major event, but somehow a \$10,000+ donation to Faith in Action and a whole bunch of meaningful fellowship is in the mix as well. And all self-directed and self-led. HOW DO THEY DO IT? SHOULD THEY BE RENAMED "MIRACLE GIRLS?" Come find out! If you need child care for the discussion portion, please call the church office, 734-475-8119, no later than February 5.

About Town Hall Potlucks -- Roughly once every quarter, Ad Council hosts a potluck meal, followed by a Town Hall discussion. All are invited! A potluck meal is one where every household brings a prepared food contribution (appetizer, salad, main dish, vegetable, dessert, etc.) to share for the meal... whatever you choose, typically enough to serve 10 - 12 people. Store-bought is absolutely fine! Also bring plates, flatware and beverage cups. The church will provide hot and cold beverages. It is a wonderful church tradition that allows us to share in the blessing of good food and conversation.

After the meal, we have a discussion time about activities or topics in the church. Typically news from one or two ministries or operations areas is highlighted. Child care is provided for this portion. Submitted by Edie Wiarda, Ad Council Chair

Cherry Bowl basketball game - Chelsea Special Olympics - Do you remember the fair parade float that we join in on with them? We invite you to another opportunity to support them. An evening of basketball fun with an amazing crowd and some cool giveaways! The game, supporting Special Olympics, will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm in the Chelsea High school gym. This game is in loving memory of a Chelsea Special Olympic member "Curt Cherry".

Chelsea's Special Olympics Team will take on Saline's Special Olympic team in an effort to defend last year's championship title. These athletes work very hard and deserve our support. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Let's help to fill the gymnasium. There is a pot luck dinner following the game. If you would like to attend the dinner, please bring a dish to pass.

Invitation from Rev. Rodney Gasaway - Multicultural Music Concert - Sunday, February 23 beginning at 4:30 pm. Free, all are welcome!

Each year the Conference Division on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships holds a multicultural concert and dinner. There are different acts performing in a no-cost concert, representing and variety of cultures and faiths. We ask those attending to bring a dish to pass representing their family heritage for a meal after the concert as a time of fellowship and fun. The concert and dinner is being hosted and sponsored by Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI. 48150.

Chelsea First United Methodist church camping trip, Jun 19 - 21, \$40 per night. This year we are changing locations to Greenwood Acres Campground in Jackson, Michigan - http://www.greenwoodacrescampground.com/

Greenwood Acres is Jackson County's largest Campground on 300 acres nestled in a wooded setting featuring a mile of frontage on Goose Lake. Relax at our sandy beach or enjoy fishing on the lake. Our lots all have water and electric. We also have pull thru sites to welcome RV travelers. We have a dump station, modern bathrooms, WIFI, laundry facility, propane, wood, a store, a café, a recreation center, and pavilions and are pet friendly.

You can enjoy an Olympic size swimming pool, free 9-hole golf course, mini-golf, vintage carousel, playgrounds, jumping pillow, shuffleboard, tennis, basketball courts, horseshoes; even a retired military tank to explore. Enjoy themed weekends, dances, bands, planned activities including arts and crafts for children. This campground offers something for everybody regardless of age or ability. We have booked multiple site together in a group. Please email Rev. Rodney at rgasaway@chelseaumc.org or contact the church office to reserve your spot.

Continuing Adult Opportunities

You can find more information and the sign ups in the social hall or information on our website.

- Disciple "Fast Track" New Testament Bible Study Monday, January 13 February 17, 6:45- 8:00 pm, Room 207 - Facilitators Max Plank, Joy Barrett.
- The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life Sunday, 9:45 11 am, in Room 217 - Facilitator - Dawn Goellner Kaufman. Monday, 6:30 pm, in Room 217 -Facilitator - Tammy and Jeff Melvin. Thursday, 1 - 2:30 pm, in Room 207 - Facilitator -Rodney Gasaway.
- "On Being" with Jane Pacheco 7:30 8:30 am, in Room 207.
- The Adult Form 10:20 11:45 am, in Room 207. Second Sunday of the month "Conversations on Science and Religion" with Brian Bieber. Fourth Sunday of the month "The Stories of our Lives Exploring Social Courage" with Jane Pacheco.
- May My Heart Be Your Shelter Wednesday 6:15 7:30 pm, Lower Level Conference Room - Facilitator Rev. Willobee.

Divorce Support Group for adults and children, new start date January 23.

January 23 - April 23 on Thursdays from 6:30 - 8 pm. The group will hold their classes here at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, nursery care is available. Registration fee: \$20 (scholarships available). Families can join any time during the 13 - week program.

DivorceCare for Kids, a biblical-based program for children (ages 5–12) struggling with the hurt and pain of divorce and separation. For more information or to register, contact Rev. LeAnn Seto at 734-475-1844 for First Congregational Church.

Register/more information for the adult program: Pastor Todd Jones, 734-475-7569 for North Lake United Methodist Church.