

The Path Finder

Finding your way to acts of purpose and faith

Chelsea First United Methodist Church

128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI 48118

www.chelseaumc.org

August 31, 2014

Our Mission:

*Ordinary people living differently
because of the love of Christ.*

Connecting with God

Learning in Community

Making a Difference in the World

Prayer Requests

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

Prayers of Comfort for:

- * Patti Sweeny & family following the death of her father *
- * Nikki Little & family following the death of her grandmother *

Prayers for healing for:

- * Alex Wickman * Denise Cugliari * Diana Palmer * Ruth Nelson *
- Kenseley Carlisle * Jocelyn Webber's father * Barbara Krick *
- * Dean & Colleen Thompson * Kathleen Steven' mother *
- * Two sisters of Virginia McIntosh * Conor Davis * Kathy Nilsen *
- * Natalie, Art Stoll' granddaughter * Liza Gray's niece, Sonya
Robbins and her boyfriend Gabe *

Prayers for support for:

- * Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic * Bonnie & Phil
Wilcox * Health workers caring for people infected with Ebola and
the regions wracked with the outbreak * Religious minorities
experiencing persecution * Milliken family, grandson to be
evaluated by neurologist * Craig Zuehlke awaiting decisions: is
he a candidate for a heart transplant * people of the greater Metro
Detroit area in aftermath of flooding * Fred & Neta Mills * Students
starting school * People of Palestine, Israel, Syria, Egypt *
- * Maddi Coy and family *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

- * Cody Ray who is serving in Iraq *

Spirit In The Hills

Christian Music Festival at Judson

Collins Center, Sept. 14th, 2 p.m. - Dusk

Kid's activities, instrument Petting Zoo, Silent Auction,
Free Admission (Love offering accepted)

LIVE Music Featuring:

Voice In The Wilderness, Newsong, Ben Decido, Trinity (Cross
Pointe), Sarah Dalton, Kevin Bordline, A Band of Refugees

Bring a chair or blanket, Karaoke Memories,
Make your own Christian video.

Gabriel Training is September 14th

All adults and youth working with children must be trained on
our "safe child" policies. Two training sessions will be
offered on Sept. 14th from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.
and 12-1 p.m. in the 4th/5th Grade BLAST Classroom.
Parents are welcome to take the class too.
Please RSVP to caldrich@chelseaumc.org

2014 - 2015

CONCERT SERIES



Detour de Force, Vocal Duo

**Sat., Sept. 20, 2014
7:30 p.m. - FREE and
Open to the Public**

Laura Hynes and Audrey Luna have warbled and chirped
opera, oratorio, new music, jazz, cabaret,
and art song on 5 continents so far, in and around the most
famous concert halls and opera houses
(and a few bars and street corners to boot).

They have musicified with conductors and artists like
Jesús López-Cobos, Anthony Pappano,
William Christie, Helmut Rilling, Stephen Cleobury,
Niklaus Harnoncourt, John Corigliano, Chen Yi,
The Hagen Quartet, James Tocco, Walter Levin,
Frederica von Stade, Dawn Upshaw, Barry Manilow,
Kenny Loggins, Bozo the Clown,
and oodles of other very famous people.

Laura and Audrey team up to perform music that is both
familiar and foreign, humorous and humble, with profundity
and panache. Detour de Force invites you to share the beauty
and power of song in a soulfully entertaining atmosphere.

Announcements

Coffee Hour

Our much beloved coffee hour will begin again on September 7th. Things will be a little different this year to accommodate future construction in the sanctuary when services will be held in Grams Hall. Look and listen for updates about what the new routine will be.

Together we can make this work!

If you are interested in hosting or baking/buying for coffee hour, please contact Melanie Hopp (734-433-1404).

Give the gift of life and give blood

The Red Cross Blood Drive
is September 11th from 7 a.m. until
6:45 p.m. here at CFUMC. You can call Carol Brock at
475-9898. Walk in' are welcome.

Kitchen Work Bee

It's time to clean the kitchen again to keep it in good condition and to maintain our commercial license! We have many community members who use the kitchen and want to invite anyone who would like to support us to please come out on Monday, September 15th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Last time, we finished by 1 p.m. so sign up for an early slot first and hopefully we'll finish early! Please sign up by using the sign-up genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessCreate7&requesttimeout=360>

or email Mackenzie at mackenziepfeiffer@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Divorced? Separated?

DivorceCare Support Group - We Can Help

DivorceCare is an ongoing, 13 week class/support group for men and women who are experiencing separation, going through divorce or have been divorced. The class features DVD presentations, and focused small group discussion where individuals can share with others who are experiencing similar struggles in transition through the divorce process. Learn more about DivorceCare at

www.divorcecare.org.

Find help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing.

When: Tuesdays 6:30 - 8 p.m.; Sept. 17th - Dec. 17th

Where: Dexter UMC - 7643 Huron River Drive (in the Atrium)

Registration Night: September 10th at 6:30 p.m.

For more information contact: Linda Vander Haagen,

lindavh2@gmail.com, 734-741-8583.

DivorceCar4Kids (K-8) Nursery available.

Training for Kitchen Workers!

Do you work at one of the many church food events? Wondering if you're doing things the best way to keep food safe or use the equipment properly? Then reserve your space at the ServSafe Food Handler Class on Thursday, September 18, 2014, 5 - 9 p.m. in Grams Hall.

This Chelsea Community Kitchen class, taught by our own Judy Radant, gives you all you need to handle food properly and use our kitchen equipment safely. Contact the Food Ministry Council through Kathy Carter (bluehoo@comcast.net, 475-5865) to register or ask questions.

NOTE: Those who attended previous training, but missed the equipment specific piece can sign up for the last hour.

News for Women

Sept. 17th, Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m.,
Ruth Circle meets in the first floor craft area at CRC.

Sept 18th, Thursday, at 2:00 p.m.,
Susanna Wesley Circle
meets in the first floor craft area at CRC.

Sept. 25th, Thursday, at 2:00 p.m.
the Unit meeting will be held in the theater at CRC.
Vicky Englebert, President of the Ann Arbor District United Methodist Women will report on her attendance at the UMW Assembly in Louisville, KY last April.

All women who are interested in the ministries of the Church, especially for women, children and youth, are invited.
Refreshments and fellowship are enjoyed at all events.

Chelsea Mothers of Preschooler's

The Chelsea MOPS group is having their annual Fall Mom 2 Mom Sale on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The sale will be held here at the church from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There will be a \$1 donation for admission. Gently used children's clothes, toys, baby and maternity gear will be for sale. Come early to shop for the best deals. If you are doing some spring cleaning and would like to rent a table to sell your own children's, baby or maternity items, please contact Erin Zempel at m2msale@chelseamops.org.

The cost for an 8' table is \$20, a 6' table is \$15, and a 5' table is \$10. Rack space is \$3. Large items can be sold for a small commission fee.

All fees and door admission will go towards the MOPS scholarship fund.

Announcements

Dear Detroit Conference Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Monday August 11th, 2014 the City of Detroit and Metro Detroit experienced what is being called an “epic” storm with as much as eight inches of rain falling in some parts of the Detroit Renaissance District all in a matter of hours. All the freeways in the Detroit Metro Area were flooded to the point that dive teams from the State Police were called in to search the submerged vehicles. All the freeways were closed in major sections resulting in massive traffic jams as the flood waters rose, leaving motorists, including many of our United Methodist brothers and sisters stranded on freeways or driving around for hours trying to get to their homes. Wayne, Oakland and MaComb counties have been declared disaster areas and the cities of Warren, Ferndale, Highland Park, Berkley, Royal Oak and Dearborn have all declared states of emergency.

UMCOR has been mobilized and is providing support but their focus is community needs, not church recovery.

Currently 16 of the 75 local churches in the Detroit Renaissance District have had significant damage from flooding and six parsonages have also have extensive flooding, many with raw sewage.

The Warren First United Methodist Church had 8 feet of water in their church basement, and the Warren Community has been devastated by the flooding in homes and businesses and city government offices. An outside wall in the People’s United Methodist Church in Detroit was so heavily damaged that it is buckling and several other churches have had raw sewage pour in to their facilities.

As the waters are receding and the massive clean-up is underway, many churches are discovering that their insurance will simply not cover all the costs that are involved in the clean-up and rebuilding. In some cases this gap is quite significant.

For this reason, we are asking for your assistance to help us to bridge this insurance gap for churches with significant damage. Please consider taking a special offering this Sunday, the following Sunday or a Sunday in the very near future to assist under-insured churches experiencing flooding in and around Detroit. Your help will go directly to local churches in need in the affected areas.

Make checks out to The Detroit Conference Treasurer and put *Detroit Flooding* on the memo line. The Conference Treasurer’s office will administer the funds and any unspent funds from this special appeal will be used to help churches with significant insurance gaps.

One of the many blessings of being United Methodist is our connection and how, when we work together, we can have an enormous impact on changing the world. This is one of those times when we can truly be God’s connection in action.

Thank you for your generous support!

Deborah Lieder Kiesey, Bishop Michigan Area
Melanie Lee Carey, Superintendent, Renaissance District

2 free programs provided by Dawn Farm

When addiction to alcohol or other drugs hits home, people often feel isolated, frightened, confused, hopeless, and unsure of where to turn for help and information. The *good news* is that recovery is possible – whatever the “drug of choice,” however long alcohol/other drugs have been used, and however difficult a situation may seem.

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do”

Is a FREE, ongoing, two-part series designed to help people learn to understand and identify teen substance abuse problems and take appropriate, timely and effective action to help. Most substance-involved teens have loving, caring families who would like to help, but often families don’t understand what’s wrong or how to address the problem.
See the community board in Grams Hall for more information on when classes start.

Announcements

Greetings from your Building Committee!

At the special-called church conference June 18th,
the three motions presented by the building committee were approved. Church members granted permission to:

- 1) proceed with the sanctuary renovation project as outlined in the *Restore, Renew, Reach Out Capital Campaign* detail brochure;
- 2) designate 10% of the funds received through the capital campaign for a major mission initiative (minus the gifts where the donors requested that 100% of their donation go to the sanctuary renovation);
- and 3) begin work immediately on two portions of the renovation: stained glass windows and the organ.

Since the church conference, the building committee has been working with the architect and construction manager, as well as other professionals, to make decisions about specific elements of the project. This will make it possible to create construction drawings, receive bids, and develop a complete budget for the project. This also includes the preparatory work for a construction loan through the Chelsea State Bank. Final recommendations are being developed regarding cooling system, pew layout and renovation, chancel and ramp design, lighting and electrical, audio/visual systems, wall and carpet colors, etc.

We continue to await clarity about the mission initiative to which God is directing our congregation.
The Mission Team will be offering the recommendation of the project (s),
which will be voted on by a church conference, when the time is right.

The authorization to begin work on the stained glass windows gives opportunity to maximize working on the windows in decent weather. A contract has been signed with Thompson Glass and work began August 11th; some windows have already been removed for repair. The existing exterior coverings will soon be removed and repairs will begin on the exterior frames of the windows. The new organ console has been ordered. It will take 9-12 months to build and install, which is why the order was placed at this time. Initial deposits have been made and sufficient funds are available for these items.

Several recommendations still must be developed in preparation for the final church conference regarding this project. **Our church conference will be scheduled for October 6th at 6:30 p.m.**

We will continue using the sanctuary until all is ready to begin the renovation.

An update on the capital campaign: The pledge total is \$1,175,003.00.
Contributions toward pledges as of July 31st are \$407,135.83.

The Building committee thanks Mark Wellman and Rob Long for their continued commitment to this project.
Their time, interest and expertise is truly appreciated and valued.

Updated drawings are available in Grams Hall. We invite you to come by and take a look.
Members of the Building Committee are always glad to talk with you about the project. God is good – all the time!

Casey Wooster (chairperson), Dennis Deppner, Mark Drow, Fred Mills (emeritus),
Mike Vanderspool, and Dianne Kelley (secretary)

Methodist Bridge

Do you like to play bridge, or would you like to learn? Our Methodist bridge group has been meeting for cards and fellowship the second Sunday of the month for 25 years, and we are looking for new members.

All levels are welcome. If you have any interest in joining us, please call Tina Luick at 734-475-3209 or Arlene Howe at 734-475-8724. Arlene has been teaching the game for many years and would be willing to show you how to play the game.

Dinner for Eight (or 7 or 9)

Dinner for Eight is a delightful way for the adult members of our congregation to spend time in Christian fellowship with those we haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting and those we already know, but would like to spend more time getting to know better. It has been an excellent way for newer members of our congregation to get to know people in the church.

Here's how it works: All who are interested sign up in Grams Hall - couples and singles. Groups of eight are formed - sometimes 4 couples, sometimes 3 couples and 2 or 3 singles - you get the picture. Each group meets for dinner once a month for four months, in the homes of the members of the group.

The host couple provides the entrée and beverages, while the others provide an appetizer, salad or dessert.

What we end up with is a delicious dinner and interesting, lively conversation.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Logan at 433-9157 or e-mail at dllogan@charter.net. This round of Dinner for Eight will include the months of October, November, December and January. Sign up in Grams Hall by September 21, 2014

Communion Servers

We share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. It is a special joy and privilege to serve communion, extending the grace of God to all who receive. We invite you to sign up to be a server; children (Grade 3 and older), youth and adults are welcome. We ask that children sign up with a parent, grandparent or BLAST leader. If you have questions you may contact Ruth Ammon at ruth.ammon@yahoo.com. Check out the link to the sign up genius to sign up for a Sunday. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-communion>

Youth Ministries

If you have questions about youth ministries, contact Jeanne Franks at jfranks@chelseaumc.org



**Begins Wednesday Sept. 3rd
in the Youth Room from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Open to all Middle School Youth and friends - Students will meet as usual in the youth room as we await final plans to work with the residents of CRC on technology. Mr. Tom will be there to welcome you back.



**Beginning Sunday September 7th
in the Youth Room**

**Food Fest is from
10 to 10:30 a.m.**

BLAST Leaders, please join us at 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Everyone will meet your small group leaders, head to your respective room and gear up for a year filled with laughter, learning, and love. Open to all Middle School and High School youth.

Children's Ministries

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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 caldrich@chelseaumc.org to be added to the distribution list.

Look What's New.....

Tuesday, September 2nd First Day of School Breakfast Potluck for Parents!

Come anytime between 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Transitions, tales, triumphs and maybe some tears?!
Calling all parents! Come gather for some fellowship after the kids have been sent off for their first day of school. Take a little time to connect with others before transitioning into your day and your new Fall schedule. Coffee and Tea will be provided. Bring yourself, your younger children, and a breakfast item to share (and if you cannot pull off the breakfast item, no worries -- come anyways!)

Save the Dates! Parent Education Series

CFUMC, in partnership with the Chelsea School District, is presenting a Parent Education Series for all members of the Chelsea community. Our hope is to support, energize and inspire parents. The series will bring national, state, and local parenting speakers to speak on relevant parenting issues. The speakers for 2014/15 are as follows:

October 19, 2014, 3 p.m.

Wendy Shepherd, "Parenting Your Own Personal Sitcom"

November 16, 2014, 3 p.m.

Lisa Nickel, Vicki Kellogg, Diana Salazar, and Kristin Krarup-Joyce,
"My Child Has Been Diagnosed With a Disability – Now What?"

February 8, 2015, 3 p.m.

Reiley Curran, "Minutes Matter: Preventing Drug and Alcohol Abuse With Your Kids"

March 15, 2015, 3 p.m.

Chick Moorman, - "Parent Talk: Words That Empower, Words That Wound"

ParentConnect and KidConnect, 2nd Wednesday of the month, October - May, 5:30 p.m.

ParentConnect is a large and small group parent workshop which will help support parents as they negotiate the challenges of parenting in faith. ParentConnect will provide opportunities for parents to learn about parenting topics, discuss parenting issues, and enjoy each other's company within a faith community. On the second Wednesday of each month, families will come and enjoy a light meal together, following which the parents and children will split into ParentConnect for the parents, and KidConnect (a service-based program) for the children (Pre-K - 5). Nursery Care will also be available. The Wednesday ParentConnect is a once-a-month large group experience. Participants will be divided into small groups for follow-up activities and discussion during the month.

BLAST Kickoff is September 7th! Here is the schedule!

9 a.m.: attend worship with your child

9:15 a.m.: Children are dismissed for BLAST

10:30 a.m. (New time!!): Children are dismissed from BLAST; Parents must pick up Pre-K - 2nd graders.

*Parents, Please visit Grams Hall to register your child, pick up any needed materials and see what is available for you and your child this year!

A Note About Children's Music

All children will learn and perform music as part of BLAST, so there is no separate Glory Choir or BLAST Choir.

Praise Bells will still rehearse at 8:30 a.m. beginning September 14th.

Disciple Discovery at 11:00 a.m.

Children Pre-K – 5th grade attending 11:00 a.m. service will be dismissed at approximately 11:15 a.m. to attend *Disciple Discovery* in the Pre-School Room.

Mission Ministry Updates - The Living Difference You Make!



September 13, 2014
Because you serve,
all are fed.
Guests – 226
Guests who received
Paper Products – 31

Thank you to all who volunteered and to those who stepped up to help when the need arose:

Pat, Jeannie A., Bev, Chris, Deb, Paul, Sue, Dan, Mack, Norm, Pat Janet, Rob, Virginia, Arlene, Jason E., Boyd, Jeff, Deb K., Lisa, Dennis, Judy, Teresa, Linda, Alberta, Bob D., Sandy, Dayle, Tom Dr., Tom D., Ann, Eileen, Max, Astrale and all those whose names are not listed who extended hospitality & whose generosity moves love forward. Your service and your donations are deeply appreciated.

CRAFT ROOM- Welcome back Virginia! Your presence was a gift to those whose children gathered in your craft room while adults gathered to console one another. God is good.

Items needed in the pantry:

Spaghetti sauce	Syrup
Pork & beans	Mixed fruit
Baked beans	Pineapple
Mayo	Tea/Coffee
Salad dressing	Cooking Oil
Jam/Jelly	Flour/Sugar



Sat., Sept.27th @ 1 p.m.

**Main floor and balcony seats (\$25),
box seats (\$50) Everyone will receive
a copy of the book**

This Far By Faith:
Twenty Years at Cass
Community
For ticket information
go to

casscommunity.org



Reaching Out to Liberia in the Wake of the Ebola Outbreak

Bishop John Innis, Liberia Area, is asking in response to the Ebola and its extreme impact on the Liberian people physically, emotionally, economically, socially, and spiritually that our efforts include:

1. Pray for the people of Liberia and West Africa that the Ebola is controlled and the human suffering ends.
2. Contribute monetarily through UMCOR using the international disaster response advance number **982450**.

The Liberia Annual Conference can then make requests for Ebola relief through UMCOR.

Thank you for your prayers and commitment in support of our Liberian brothers and sisters.



SAVE THE DATE! October 4, 2014

Opportunities will become available early to mid September. Stay tuned!



On the 2nd and 4th Thur. of each month, trained volunteers travel to the Detention Center in Monroe to fellowship and pray with the men who reside there from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. There is no obligation to visit twice a month, simply the invitation to afford dignity and respect to Your neighbor.



Detroit Treads Sandals \$ 25.00

Due to high demand, Detroit Treads may take up to a month to create and ship. Thank you for your patience! Detroit Treads are sandals made from recycled tires that were illegally discarded in the streets of Detroit. Sandals also feature a custom designed "D" on the bottom. Chose from red, blue, or black straps.

Sizing runs as follows:

Small (women's size 4-6.5)

Medium (women's size 7-9.5 or men's size 6-8.5)

Large (women's size 10-12 or men's size 9-11)

X-Large (men's size 11.5-13.5)

To order, see link below.

<http://cass-community-store.myshopify.com/>

Sunday, August 31st

10:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Sermons Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living:
Trouble with Perfection

Monday, September 1st

Church Office is closed

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:00 a.m. First Day of School Breakfast Potluck for Parents
4:30 p.m. Congregational Care Team - Offsite
7:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, September 3rd

3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
3:45 p.m. Accidentals Too Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Share & Study
7:00 p.m. MOPS Steering Team Meeting, Youth Council Meeting

Thursday, September 4th

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
7:30 p.m. Renew Band Rehearsal

Sunday, September 7th

9:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. BLAST Music & Classes Pre-K - 5th Grades
10:00 a.m. XP3 Food Fest, Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. XP3 6th - 12th Grade Small Groups
11:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5th Grades
12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal

Monday, September 8th

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV

Tuesday, September 9th

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Material Girls
7:00 p.m. Program Council

Wednesday, September 10th

3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
3:45 p.m. Accidentals Too Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Share & Study, Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11th

7:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, September 12th

9:00 a.m. Mother of Preschoolers Meeting
7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set - Up & Prep

Saturday, September 13th

8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast & Household
Product Distribution

Volunteers Serving August 31st

One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Greeters:

9:30 a.m. Aaron & Dorothy Craft

Ushers:

9:30 a.m. Karen, John, Katie & Ryan Easley

Nursery Workers

9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Lori Campbell

Volunteers Serving September 7th

Greeters:

8:30 a.m. Tom Davis, Debbie Kennedy,
Jeff & Sue Comstock,

10:30 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

8:30 a.m. Liza & Alyssa Gray, Harry Gibson

9:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Bill Hintalla,
Laurie Schiller, Phil Radant

Acolyte:

8:45 a.m. Sean Little

Nursery Workers:

8:45 a.m. Katie Seto 10:45 a.m. Lori Campbell

Sunday, August 17th

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10 a.m.</u>
61	164

Sunday, August 24th

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10 a.m.</u>
60	166

Prayer Support

You can contact Anne Zuehlke
(475-2535, alzuehlke@yahoo.com) or Debbie Noye
(475-1096, debnoye@aol.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.

Check out our website: www.chelseaumc.org

and find us on the church facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc>

Concert Series page <https://www.facebook.com/chelseaumc.concerts>