

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

February 8, 2015

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:

- * Families and Friends of Dan Ewald & Bob Boley *
- * Emily Drinkwater, following the death of a dear friend *
- * Jerry Burand following the recent deaths of both his older brother, Tom, and his best friend, Kaye *

Prayers for healing for:

- * Denise Cugliari * Ruth Nelson * Craig Zuehlke *
- * Joanne Weber * Janice Ortbring * Marshall Dunlap *
- * Ginni O'Quinn * Betsy Olberg * Sherri Plank *
- * Hertha Laupmanis *

Prayers for support for:

- * Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *
- * Milliken family * Neta Mills * Bonnie Wilcox *
- * Frances Lorenz * Carrol Lewis * Gene & Pat Schmidt *
- * Jim & Charlotte Simmons *
- * May God help us each do our part to
end violence in our world *

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.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER!

Friday, January 30th was a busy day as many people supported our youth. The day began with prepping food and setting up Grams Hall followed by a lively dinner filled with good food, good conversation, and good help. We ended on a high note with many hands making clean up a breeze.

Every ticket purchased, every food item donated, every helping hand, every monetary donation, and every prayer is deeply appreciated. We were able to raise \$1880 towards the cost of the youth Accidentals and Company Alternative Spring Break Tour and Mission Trip to Toronto.

If you weren't able to support the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, but would still like to support the youth in this endeavor, you can make a donation through the church office or in the offering basket. Just put ASB on the memo line of your check or church envelope. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Worship February 18th, 6:30 p.m.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.
We invite youth, children and adults to this time of worship.
The service is interactive and includes: prayers,
scripture readings, music, story time for children,
imposition of ashes and holy communion.
Our Middle School Youth and several of our musicians
provide worship leadership.
Child care is available for younger children.
The service is about one hour in length.

Dates to Remember/Announcements

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS 65 +

On Tuesday, February 17th, Pastors Joy and Tom will host the next meeting of the Seniors' Group here at CFUMC. We will meet in Grams Hall from 1 - 3 p.m.

Being the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, the time of preparation for Easter, we will gather for fellowship and light refreshments and a chance to explore together some of our own Lenten experiences over the years that were especially meaningful for us. Come and be prepared to get to know others, share some snacks and learn more about each other in the context of this congregation's Christian community. RSVPs are helpful, but not required.

Annual Training for Kitchen Workers! Only time this year!

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 Serv Safe Food Handler Class on Saturday, Feb 21st, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Lower Level Conf. Room.

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 Dayle Wright (dwright192900mi@comcast.net or 475-1563) to register or ask questions. Signup sheet will also be posted at the church. Register by Feb 16th. NOTE: This is the only time THIS CALENDAR YEAR we are planning to offer the class.

Ann Arbor District Leadership Training Day

Saturday, February 28th, at First UMC of Saline
Six workshops to help you create an atmosphere of HOPE!
You can register by email wendy@fumc-a2.org, in the subject line list Leadership Training Registration, Name, Your Church and Email.

Women's Retreat Coming Soon!

Women of the church - mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28th for a relaxing day apart. We'll gather, worship, and explore 'how is it with my soul?' through creating collages, and laughing and talking together as we work. Time frame is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in a local site (specific place yet to be identified).
So - hold that date and watch for further details, or talk with Rev. Lisa Gray-Lion (475-9884).

A Request from Material Girls Right now we need the following items:

clear glass vases
small floral teacups and saucers
ribbon, ribbon, and more ribbon
(especially wide gold and silver)
Altoid boxes, both large and small felt,
colorful lightweight fabric
round, metal shower curtain rings,
women's medium t-shirts - new or almost new
dowel rods - variety of sizes
picture frames - wooden 8 x 10 or 10 x 12
map pins
chicken wire - about 6'

If you would like to donate any of these items, please put them in a bag labeled "Material Girls". Place the bag on or near the table outside the church library. Thank you

2014 Financial Statements

The 2014 financial contributions statements have been mailed. After the first mailing, we became aware of errors in several of the statements. To the best of our ability we have reviewed and corrected those statements and mailed corrected copies to donors. Please review your statement; if further errors exist, please contact Bill Kelley, 475-8119, x 19 or bkelly@chelseaumc.org. We regret the confusion and questions this error caused. We are committed to faithful stewardship of your gifts to God for the church and we strive for the highest standards of excellence.
Thank you for your patience and assistance.

ServSafe Manager Class

This is the food service managers certification class. Students will receive their books in advance and must read it and do the written exercises before the class begins.

In the class we will review and highlight important information.

The ServSafe Managers test will be given during the last hour of class. Successful completion of the test will give the student a nationally recognized certification as well as the knowledge needed to serve food safely.

The class will be held Feb. 23rd from 8:30 - 5 p.m.

The Chelsea Dale Carnegie Course

Once again, Linda Meloche will be leading the annual Chelsea Dale Carnegie Course, beginning with a free informational session on Monday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Conference Center.

Classes run one night a week for 13 weeks and missed sessions may be made up. Tuition is \$1,695 and includes books and all supplies and comes with a money-back guarantee. Linda is offering a \$100 discount to anyone from First United Methodist Church.

“The Dale Carnegie Course is the best investment that an individual can make for the deep joy of life. The relational wisdom and personal awakening of the process cannot be oversold. The class leader and coaches give encouragement and challenge where they will benefit the recipient. Dale Carnegie is not a course in phoney sales techniques; this is human compassion at its best” Rev. Louise Ott

Visit the website at

<http://www.dalecarnegie-mich.com>

or contact Linda Meloche at

linda.meloche@michigan.dalecarnegie.com

734.475.4334

Children's Ministries

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 list.

K-5th Grade BLAST

February BLAST Virtue: Kindness: Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

February Memory Verse: “Do to others as you want them to do to you.” Luke 6:31, NIV

BLAST events

Parent Education Series – Feb. 8th, 3:00 p.m.
Reiley Curran, "Minutes Matter: Preventing Drug and Alcohol Abuse With Your Kids"

All parents of elementary and middle school students should attend this presentation to learn strategies that start now! It is too late if you wait to think about these issues until your child is in high school . . . You will find Reiley's presentation engaging and relevant to your child in this community.

This topic may seem like something you don't want or need to think about yet, but better to think preventatively than have to come up with a plan once there is already an issue.

The Parent Education Series is free and open to the public. Free childcare is available for all ages. Please register for childcare on the website or talk to Courtney.

Brought to you in partnership by the Chelsea First United Methodist Church and the Chelsea School District.

3rd - 5th Grade Sleepover at the church on February 27th - 28th We need YOU!

As part of the sleepover, the children and BLAST leaders will make a meal to serve the homeless at Cass Community Services. We need lots of volunteers and food donations from the congregation for this fabulous weekend event!

Please use the sign up genius link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-help1> to sign up to help or see the sign up sheet on the Children's Ministries' bulletin board in Gram's Hall.

Babysitting list -- pets,

house sitting and yard work, too!

Our babysitting list has taken on a life of its own and morphed into a list for any kind of help you might need!

If you need help with any sort of childcare, pet care, house sitting, and now yard work. Contact Courtney at caldrich@chelseaumc.org or 475-8119 x12 for a copy.

Learning

Lenten Study – Sabbath as Resistance

A common criticism of contemporary Christianity is its uneven effort to educate followers on *how* to live faithfully; that is, living a life based on the values of God. Living faithfully derives from a governing orientation of our entire lives (24/7), not simply making ethical choices that would please God. Such an orientation is more fundamental, more core to our identity. This Lent we will be offering an exploration of Sabbath as one fundamental to faithful living.

This study is not some slick repackaging of ‘time out’ from a predacious culture upon our time (life). Nor is it a recital and avocation for Sabbath as disciplinary effort and moralistic prescription for quiet restraint and prohibitions. We will explore through a short book (98 pages) by preeminent Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the CULTURE OF NOW*. Copies will be available for \$10.50 or the book is available on Kindle for \$7.81.

Brueggemann is well aware that after all the anxiety, rant and lament about contemporary cultures, at the end of the day – that is where we live. Our challenge is a faithful orientation to this cultural reality. Such faithful perspectives will help us to recognize and craft responses to a culture of consumption in which the value of a person is largely defined in a life fixated upon achievement, accomplishment, performance and possessions.

Brueggemann helps us to see our identity as people of God is being challenged and diminished amid a larger public identity framed by our culture. Keeping Sabbath is and becomes for us, an affirmation of the divine value of human life and our identity a people of God.

The class will be six weeks in length, starting with the beginning of Lent. Class format will be directed open discussion led by Rob Long. Class sessions will be 1½ hours from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Location in the church to be determined by class size. Please sign up for this class at the church website. A sign-up sheet for those without internet will be in Grams Hall by the church activity bulletin boards.

Class Sessions

Feb. 22 nd	Introduction, Book Preface and Chapter 1 Sabbath and the First Commandment
March 1 st	Chapter 2 Resistance to Anxiety
March 8 th	Chapter 3 Resistance to Coercion
March 15 th	Chapter 4 Resistance to Exclusivism
March 22 nd	Chapter 5 Resistance to Multitasking
March 29 th	Chapter 6 Sabbath and the Tenth Commandment

Lecture Seminar on First Century Jesus Movements

A unique and golden opportunity is coming to our area in April of this year. Three lectures on the diversity of early Jesus Movements is being offered by the Westar Institute at Ann Arbor First United Methodist Church on April 17th and 18th (Fri. & Sat.).

The lectures will explore the various early followers of Jesus, their differing understanding of Jesus ministry and message, the different social classes who participated in these early groups of Jesus followers and how their participation in these groups changed their engagement with Greco-Roman society.

A detailed flyer is on our church activities bulletin board in Grams Hall, our website and Facebook page. Interested persons can also explore the seminar at the Westar Institute website – www.westarinstitute.org/events.

We encourage you to pre-register at the Westar Institute website. Also, you can pay and register on-site the days of the seminar. A book store featuring books with leading contemporary Christian scholars, historians and theologians will be available at the seminar location.

Additional information about this event, its costs and attendance options can be explored with Jan Bernath, Rob Long or Elizabeth Hammer.

Jesus Seminar



on the Road

All Events at

First United Methodist Church
of Ann Arbor
120 S. State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Registration

All Sessions

Pre-registration (by Apr 3, 2015)	\$60
Registration (after Apr 3, 2015)	\$75
Additional Family Member	\$50

Single Sessions

Friday Evening, 7:30–9 p.m.	\$20
Saturday Morning, 9:30 a.m. to noon	\$30
Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 to 4 p.m.	\$30

Sponsors

Bethlehem United Church of Christ (Ann Arbor)
First Baptist of Ann Arbor
First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor
First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor
First United Methodist Church of Chelsea

Contacts

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Ann Arbor, Michigan

April 17–18, 2015

First-Century Jesus Movements

Joanna Dewey & Bernard Brandon Scott

Emerging Christianity was rife with conflict and controversy. Why and how did it grow, succeed, and become unified? Scholars of the Jesus Seminar will examine the diversity in early Christian belief, explore the impact of class, ethnicity and gender on early communities, and ask what role Constantine and the Roman Empire played in shaping Christianity. What can we learn from the diversity of the past? What does it suggest about the possible configurations Christianity might take today?

From Jesus to Constantine: From Disunity to Unity

The Many Faces of Early Christianity

Living in the Empire: Then and Now



Joanna Dewey, Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, is the Harvey H. Guthrie, Jr., Professor Emerita of Biblical Studies at the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is the author of several books including *The Oral Ethos of the Early Church* (2013) and *Mark as Story* (3rd ed., 2012).



Bernard Brandon Scott, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, is the Darbeth Distinguished Professor Emeritus of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, Oklahoma. A charter member of the Jesus Seminar, he is the author of several books including *The Real Paul* (forthcoming March 2015), and *The Trouble with Resurrection* (2010).

Call (503) 375-5323 or visit westarinstitute.org/events

Youth Ministries

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

FOLLOW UP - Spring Break Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Thank you Debbie Noye and Debbie Hubbard for your leadership. Thank you to those of you who helped to create a most excellent meal and thank you to all of you who joined the feast. Whether you sold tickets, washed dishes, cleaned tables, greeted the guests, served drinks and food, mopped the floor, or put tables and chairs away; it was your hard work that contributed to a most successful fundraiser. Job well done!



Looking Ahead - 2015

February 8th

Love Letters Fundraiser for the

Alternative Spring Break Bells/Mission Trip

You can purchase a Valentine for \$6.95 sans postage at the local card shop. The profit from that purchase benefits a corporation.

You can purchase a Love Letter (postage included) for \$5.00 in Grams Hall following each service.

A printed letter and an origami star made of kite paper created by the youth are included in each envelope. The profit from your purchase benefits the youth who will travel on the ASB trip in April. Thank you so very much for your support!

February 1st & 22nd

Confirmation - Prayer

April 6th -10th

Youth Spring Break trip
Toronto St. Felix Centre



The registration deadline is this Sunday, February. 8th.

April 18th - 19th

30 Hour Famine

For more information contact Tom Lewis at tom@outdrs.net



*****SUNDAY MARCH 1 -**

<http://www.bubbledetroit.com/home.html>

Attention ALL HIGH SCHOOL Youth

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bubble Ball Soccer - Beach Middle School



WANTED:

YOUR EMPTY PILL BOTTLES

Please bring them to Grams Hall or my office.

THANK YOU!



Immediate Need for Infant and Toddler Clothing for Brightmoor

If you have any gently used infant or toddler clothing, please consider donating it to the Brightmoor Free Store in Detroit -- their infant and toddler shelves are bare! You can bring donations to either my office or Courtney Aldrich's office, and next week we will deliver what we have accumulated to Brightmoor. Thank you -- you are amazingly generous people!

Coming Soon - A New Youth Led Ministry

-Computer assistance for anyone challenged by the world of technology

This week in Outlet

What does it take to make the team?

Joshua 1:1-9

This week in XP3 -

Can one person make a difference?

Mission Ministry Updates/Youth Ministries

Give while you shop.

www.umcmarket.org

Choose Chelsea First United Methodist Church when you register and a percentage of your purchase supports the Mission Ministries of CFUMC. See website for full list of stores.



On the 2nd and 4th Thursday 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. – 12:00 p.m. There is no obligation to visit twice a month, simply the invitation to afford dignity and respect to your neighbor.



IN NEED OF THESE PANTRY ITEMS:

Coffee	Tea	Cocoa
Cooking Oil	Hash	Ketchup
Mustard	Manwich	Mayo
Milk	Oranges	Peaches
Rice	Saltines	Syrup
Tomato Sauce	Peanut Butter	Meat
Chunky Soups	Pasta (boxed)	Jelly/Jam
Pasta side dishes	Rice side dishes	
Pasta Sauce	Meal Helpers	



ALPHA HOUSE March 30 - April 3, 2015



Stephen Ministry Opportunities



Caring Relationship for the Love of Christ

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

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Please join us February 14th



Because you serve, all are fed.
January Guests – 314
Guests who received
Paper Products – 55

Thank you so very much to all who make this extravagant hospitality possible.

Sunday, February 8th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST Music and Classes - Preschool - 5th grade
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Parent Lecture Series: Reiley Curran, "Minutes Matter"
- 4:00 p.m. Marriage Class, Random Ringers, Accidentals Rehearsal,

Monday, February 9th

- 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV

Tuesday, February 10th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Material Girls

Wednesday, February 11th

- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 5:30 p.m. ParentConnet/KidConnect
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 12th

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal

Friday, February 13th

- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set - Up

Saturday, February 14th

- 8:00 a.m. Community Breakfast & Paper Product Distribution

Sunday, February 15th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST Music and Classes - Preschool - 5th grade
- 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, Random Ringers, Marriage Class

Monday, February 16th

- 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV

Tuesday, February 17th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Members and Friends 65 +
- 6:30 p.m. Ad Council

Wednesday, February 18th

- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 19th

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Food Ministry Council Meeting, Stephen Ministry

Friday, February 20th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

Saturday, February 21st

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ, SafeServ Food Training Class

Volunteers Serving February 8th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, LuAnn & Loren Heller
- 10:30 a.m. Dick & Lois Willis, Dennis & Julie Deppner

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Bill, Brendan, & Kyle Doyle, John Cugliari, Tom Lewis
- 10:30 a.m. Debbie Kennedy, Anne Zuehlke

Acolyte:

- 8:45 a.m. Kayla Sweeny

Nursery Workers:

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

Volunteers Serving February 15th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Meloche, Arlene Wiltse, Ann Brill
- 10:30 a.m. John & Ellen Aldighieri & Mackenzie Benning

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Harry & Lois Gibson, Boyd Wiltse
- 10:30 a.m. Debbie Kennedy

Acolyte

- 8:45 a.m. Isaac Stoker

Nursery Workers:

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

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

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