

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 22, 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:

- * Family of Billie Zenz *
- * Family of Jane Autumn Lewis Dunbar
(mother of Amy Busch) *

Prayers for healing for:

- * Denise Cugliari * Ruth Nelson * Craig Zuehlke *
- * Joanne Weber * Janice Ortbring * Marshall Dunlap *
- * Ginni O'Quinn * Betsy Olberg * Leslie Lewis *
- * Hertha Laupmanis * Norm Colbry * Churck Schauer *

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 * Harry Gibson's sister, Alice *
- * Rod Craig's nephew * Ruth Ammon's son * Heather Hay's
sister - foster parents for an infant *

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.

Help Feed the Homeless at Cass Community Services!

**ALL FAMILIES are asked to donate towards
the meal the 3rd -5th graders will be
preparing on Feb. 27th-28th!**

The 3rd - 5th grade children and BLAST leaders will be making a meal to serve the homeless at Cass Community Services. While only the 3rd - 5th graders will be preparing the meal and spending the night, everyone can help serve by donating something from the list! Go to the sign up genius link below to donate items or to volunteer your time to help. We are especially in need of donations of perishable food items -- meat and fruit. Also, if you have any 8 ounce jelly jars gathering dust in your house, we need those, too!

THANKS!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CA4A92DA5FD0-help1/90755>

**Our own BLAST student Lauren Thompson
has come up with a most fantastic idea!!
Sunday, March 8th is Five Buck Funday!!**

You just moved your clock ahead one hour for daylight savings time, so you don't have as much time to get ready . . . The bed is nice and warm so stay in it a little longer before going to church . . .

Some days you just can't decide what to wear,
so don't worry about it . . .

**Donate \$5 to the Sanctuary Renovation
Fund and wear your pajamas to church on
"fund-day"**

Family rates are available (give what you can!)
Look for the donation box when you arrive.

Dates to Remember/Announcements

"Mystery Date" coming in March!

For each of the four Saturdays in March, you have an opportunity to go on a mystery date (created by the church!) with your spouse or significant other.

Here are the details:

You must sign up no later than the Sunday prior to the Saturday you wish to date.

The sign up sheet is in Grams Hall on the bulletin board.

Arrive at 5 p.m. at church on the Saturday of your date.

Pay the church a minimum of \$20 towards your date.

You will receive your date instructions at that time.

Childcare will be available.

You may choose to participate as many or as few Saturdays as you would like!

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

Parent Education Series

March 15, 2015 3 - 5 p.m.

Parent Talk: Words that Empower, Words that Wound - Chick Moorman

Anyone who spends time with children should plan to come and listen to Chick speak about words to use with your children. Chick is the author of one of the books we have used in ParentConnect, and I have heard him speak at several conferences. He gives practical advice that you can use immediately for parents of children of all ages.

Chick's content is also useful for teachers, caregivers, and anyone who works with kids.

This Parent Education Series will be hosted at Washington Street Education Center.

Childcare will still be available.

Please register for childcare on the Chelsea First United Methodist Church Website - adults/special events

Free and Open to the Public

CHICK MOORMAN is the director of the Institute for Personal Power, a consulting firm that provides high-quality professional development activities for educators and parents. Chick gives seminars for school districts, parent groups and delivers keynote addresses for national conferences. More than 400,000 have attended his lectures. A former classroom teacher with over fifty years of experience in the field of education, his mission is to help people experience a greater sense of personal power in their lives so they can in turn empower others.

When Chick Moorman speaks, people do more than listen.

They put his ideas to use in their lives.

Chick Moorman builds a bond with his audience through motivational stories and humor. His unique way of personalizing the concepts being presented helps participants connect with the content and adapt it for their own use. The ideas he presents are functional and can be put to use immediately. His ideas produce results.

Participants simply state,

"This stuff works. How can we get him back?"

Chick Moorman is the author of *Spirit Whisperers: Teachers Who Nourish A Child's Spirit*, and *Parent Talk: How to Talk to Your Children in Words That Build Self-Esteem and Encourage Responsibility*.

His newest book, *The Teacher Talk Advantage: Five Voices of Effective Teaching*, co-authored with Thomas Haller, is currently being spread throughout the world by the best advertising available, word of mouth.

The Parent Education Series is brought to the Chelsea Community by the Chelsea School District in partnership with the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, and is partially sponsored by the Chelsea Education Foundation.

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

You are most enthusiastically Invited to a ROYAL BABY SHOWER for the newest members of the Cass Community

Sunday, March 29, 1 - 3 p.m.

Featured speaker, Faith Fowler

- Bring new unwrapped baby gifts.
- Bring packs of diapers to be entered in drawings throughout the afternoon.
- Wear your most elegant hat to complete your outfit - prizes given!
- Mingle with MI reigning royalty from the Miss MI and Miss MI Outstand Teen Pageants!

Held at the Historic
Metropolitan UMC
8000 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202
Ample, gated secured parking
All family members welcome!
Call 248-535-0936 for more information.

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, NlrV

March BLAST Virtue:

Patience:

Waiting until later for what you want now.

March Memory Verse:

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope.
Wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14, NlrV

Sanctuary Renovation Pledge Update

We are pleased to report the Sanctuary Pledge progress as of the end of January. The total amount pledged is \$1,165,603. Of that amount, \$541,534 has been received. One hundred and eighty-two people pledged and to date, 156 have contributed. Twenty-three people have paid in full. Nineteen people who did not pledge have given \$28,000. What a testimony to our congregation and their generosity. We know there is still much to be accomplished as the bids came in higher than the money pledged, but we have faith.

If you have any questions about giving or pledging, please see Liza Gray or Bill Kelley and they will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your generosity,
Connection Committee—Jim Alford
and Ron Mourad, co-chairs

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 not only resistance but alternative to contemporary culture*. The book is *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



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

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)
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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

February 22nd

Middle School presentation to BLAST
Books for Brightmoor

High School presentation to congregation
both 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. service

Blanket stitch mittens for Cass Community Social Services

This is where your help is most necessary.

Please bring a favorite children's or young adult book to the church service this Sunday February 22nd.

It can be new or very gently used.

This applies to both middle and high school youth.

Confirmation - Prayer

Alternative Spring Break meeting for parents and participants 5:30 p.m. Youth Room

(Middle School Outing in the works!)

***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



March 15th

Parent Series – Chick Moorman

‘Parent Talk: Words that Empower, Words that Wound’ at WSEC 3 - 5 p.m.

Learn how to build self esteem & encourage responsibility.
Discover the 10 best & worst things to say to children.
Improve communication skills.

Hear suggestions for speaking in ways that reduce family conflict while building trust and caring among family members. Explore how parents talk to their children & the underlying ‘silent messages’ that accompany their actual words.



April 6th -10th

Youth Spring Break trip
Toronto St. Felix Centre

April 18th - 19th

30 Hour Famine

For more information,
contact Tom Lewis at

tom@outdrs.net



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!

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.



IN NEED OF THESE PANTRY

ITEMS:

Canned Meat	Tomato Sauce	Manwich
Pasta Sauce	Pineapple	Flour
Rice	Mayonnaise	Ketchup
Syrup	Cooking Oil	Sugar
Tomato Paste	Peaches	Oranges
Spaghetti Sauce	Macaroni & Cheese	



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

March 14, 2015

**Because you serve,
all are fed.**

February Guests – 168

Guests who received Paper Products – 39

Thanks to those of you who donate toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue. Thanks to those of you who cooked, served, and welcomed those who ventured out on a most frigid Valentine's Day. Thank you to Mack, Mark, and Boy Scout troop #425 for their exceptional service in cleaning Grams Hall and resetting the sanctuary

Thank you all so very much
for your extravagant hospitality.

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.



Help feed the youth on Wednesdays or Sundays

We have a few more open spots to fill for feeding the youth. See the links below for more details or contact Liza Gray, Food Coordinator

Sundays XP3

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-xp3food>

Wednesday, OUTLET -

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ba8a87-outlet1>

Thank you for support the youth of the church in this way.



ALPHA HOUSE

March 30 - April 3, 2015

This is an exceptional opportunity to serve in a nearby shelter for those experiencing homelessness. Bring a friend and sign on to an experience that will fill your heart. Slots are still open to spend time with children in the play room following the evening meal as well as slots to spend the night in your own room. Sign Up sheet in Grams Hall.

Questions? See Bev Dronen or Jeanne Franks

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



Caring Relationship for the Love of Christ

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

Sunday, February 22nd

- 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. Marriage Class, Random Ringers, Accidentals Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Lenten Study Group
- 5:30 p.m. Spring Break Orientation Meeting

Monday, February 23rd

- 8:30 a.m. ServSafe Training
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV

Tuesday, February 24th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, February 25th

- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26th

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, February 27th

- 6:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Mission Sleepover

Sunday, March 1st

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 12:15 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. The Accidentals Rehearsal, Random Ringers, Marriage Class
- 5:00 p.m. Lenten Study Group

Monday, March 2nd

- 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV

Tuesday, March 3rd

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, March 4th

- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:00 p.m. MOPS Steering Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5th

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal

Friday, March 6th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

Volunteers Serving February 22nd

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Biff & Suzie Weber, Judy Park
- 10:30 a.m. John Seto

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Todd Hubbard, Tim Sweeny, Kerry Franks
- 10:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Debbie Kennedy, Larry Martin

Nursery Workers:

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

Volunteers Serving March 1st

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Tom Davis, Jeff & Sue Comstock
- 10:30 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Liza & Alyssa Gray, Harry Gibson
- 10:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Laurie Schiller, Phil Radant

Acolyte

- 8:45 a.m. Drew Basso

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>