

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

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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 for Comfort for:

* Ron Mourad and family
following the death of a beloved uncle *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Brenda Beck's mother * Tim Sweeny's father *
* Jerry Milliken * Roberta Anderson * Biff Weber *
* Carol Brock * Sue Comstock * Kerry Kargel *
* Marilyn Gileczek's mother * John Mohler * Ruby Schrieck *

Prayers for Support for:

* Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *
* Jim & Charlotte Simmons * John & Anna Boote *
* Colleen Thompson * Carol & Bob Benedict and their entire
family * Pat Engel and family, his father is now in Hospice *
* Frances Lorenz *
* New military recruits and those in basic training *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

Bob Brown's grandson
in the Navy – serving in the Middle East

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.

**Welcome the newest members of
Chelsea First United Methodist Church!**

The Confirmation Class of 2015

Jenna Gileczek, Connor Gilbreath,
Jeremy Northrop, Nathan Mills,
Brendan Doyle, & Kirby Hubbard

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers
for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your
partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,
being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:3-6

Graduation Sunday All Church Brunch Sunday, May 31st 2015

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Preceding Worship Service

On Sunday, May 31st we will be holding an All-church
Brunch before the 8:30 a.m. worship service to celebrate the
2015 graduating seniors. The congregation is invited to join
graduates and their families to a brunch buffet before the
service in Grams Hall. Please join us in Gram's Hall for
brunch and worship at God's Table.

Helpers are needed for food donations, preparation and
cleanup. To sign up, please see the sign-up in Gram's Hall or
this online signup:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0848AEA6238-2015

May 24th

**We will have ONE worship service
at 10:00 a.m.**

May 31st

**Starts our summer worship schedule
8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.**

Dates to Remember/Announcements

Congratulations

Member John Seto has announced he will retire as Ann Arbor Police Chief in July.

John has served in this capacity for 3 years and has been with the Ann Arbor Police Department for 25 years. As Ann Arbor's safety services administrator, he has overseen not only the police department, but also the fire department. Anyone who knows John, knows that Ann Arbor has been extremely lucky to have a man of such quality, integrity, and high esteem to serve in these capacities.

John is such a low key individual around the city of Chelsea where he and his family live. He is at our church every Sunday and teaches a BLAST class. The children of our church are so fortunate to have John giving of his time and talents for them.

God has truly blessed us to have a man of such stature among us and we give thanks to God for John Seto.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS 65 +

The Senior Citizens Group will meet this Tuesday, May 19th in Grams hall from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Please come and meet your long-time friends, make some new friends and be part of a conversation in which all will both learn...and teach.

Summer BLAST!

We need volunteers to help lead summer BLAST! No preparation required. Just come to class with us at the 10 a.m. service and the lesson and supplies will be provided for you.

This is a great opportunity to participate in children's ministry if other commitments make that hard for you to do during the school year. This is also a great opportunity to "try out" what being a BLAST leader might feel like if you have ever considered volunteering for children's ministry but was unsure of making a year long commitment.

Please look at your calendars and consider supporting our children's programming this summer!

Below is the link to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-summer>

WOMEN'S ANNUAL KAYAK RETREAT ON PERE MARQUETTE RIVER

July 11th, 12th and 13th

We will leave the church on Saturday at 11 a.m., and return on Monday evening around 6 p.m.

Please join us for the 14th year of great fellowship, music, bonfires, 2 days of paddling the beautiful Pere Marquette river near the town of Baldwin, MI. (some experience with kayaking on rivers is a recommended but not required.) Sense of adventure is mandatory. If you are interested (or just have questions) please let Lynn Harshbarger know before June 15th, so I can reserve a place for you.

734-260-9912 or drlynn71@yahoo.com.

The cost will be approximately \$100 for 3 days and 2 nights of camping and 2 days kayak rental and food.

Plus donations for gas if you are not driving.

I sure hope you can join us.

MATERIAL GIRLS WISH LIST

If you have any of the following items and would like to donate them, please leave them on "the library table" located in Grams Hall, near the courtyard windows.

Please label the items: Material Girls.

Thank you!

small floral teacups and saucers
ribbon; especially wide gold and silver and 3/4" ribbon
Altoid boxes, both large and small,
dowel rods in a variety of sizes,
wooden picture frames: 5 x 7, 8 x 10, 10 x 12
old CDs, Legos, tennis balls, more tennis balls, Scrabble tiles,
shop rags, popcorn in microwavable bags,
silverware, especially knives,
team stickers for MSU, UM, Tigers, Redwings, Lions,
needle-nosed pliers, wire cutters,
Exacto knives,
bubble wrap bags.

IN NEED OF THESE PANTRY ITEMS

OUT OF:

Juice	Coffee/Tea	Hash
Sugar	Oranges	Mayo
Syrup	Cooking Oil	
Tomato Sauce	Ketchup	Tomato Paste
Beans in Chili Sauce		Kidney Beans for soup

DONATIONS ACCEPTED:

Peaches	Beef Soup	Canned Pasta
Gravy/Broth	Soup beans - pinto, etc	



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.

Summer BLAST!

We need helpers to run Summer BLAST! We give our regular BLAST leaders a break in the summer, which means we need YOUR help! This is a great opportunity to try out being a BLAST leader for a day or to help out if your schedule does not normally allow it during the school year. All materials will be provided for you -- no prep required! You may sign up for as many or as few time slots as you would like. Please sign up using the link below.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-summer>

3-5th Grade Summer Mission trip to Brightmoor

DATE CHANGE!!! NEW DATE

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st - 2nd

BLAST students exiting 3 - 5th grade are invited to come to the summer mission trip to the Brightmoor neighborhood in Detroit. The trip will run from approximately 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1st - 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 2nd. We are preparing and serving lunch on Saturday. Other activities may include boarding up houses, cleaning lots, working in the free store, working in the garden, etc. One parent must attend with each child. Older siblings are welcome.

Please RSVP to Courtney by May 31st!!

Summer Crafts and Stories at CRC,

June 11th, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Kick off summer by spending some time serving up smiles and friendship at CRC as we join the residents at CRC to make crafts and tell stories.

RSVP to Courtney by June 7th.

Summer Camp Opportunities!

There are summer camp brochures located in Grams hall with some amazing summer camp opportunities. If you would like to attend camp and finances are an issue, the church does have partial scholarships available. Contact Courtney with any questions.

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, get the list from Courtney of youth you can call. Contact Courtney at caldrich@chelseaumc.org or 475-8119 x12 for a copy.

Youth Ministries

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



XP3

This Sunday is the last of the regular XP3 gatherings in the youth room. Actually, though the forecast calls for 82 ° and rain, we're going to spend the morning outside. There will be ice cream, toga twister with an

extra twist, and water balloons.

DO NOT WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST.

Togas will be provided.

As I sit here and recall portions of last Sunday's conversation with those in high school, the picture above comes to mind along with John 15 (The Vine and the Branches). It is with a depth of gratitude that I thank each and every one of you for the contributions that you have made throughout the year.

Whether it was sharing your child made in the image of God, volunteering time, traveling on mission trips, donating food, praying, playing, or contributing to the fund that kept the lights on; you have brought the Word to life, the kingdom into real time, and borne fruit in ways that only the recipient of that love can fully understand.

Graduation Sunday is May 31st at 8:30 a.m.

I hope that you will join the celebration as well as find a spot on the sign up genius below to bring this into its fullest expression of love. Thank you.

You did not choose me, but i chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. John 15: 16-17

Graduation Sunday All Church Brunch Sunday, May 31, 2015

8:30 a.m. service in Grams Hall

On May 31st we will be holding the annual All-church Brunch during the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

Many hands are needed - this is a large class!

Help is requested in the following areas.

Saturday cooking preparation

Saturday decorating & setup

Sunday morning cooking assistance

Sunday morning servers

Sunday morning clean-up crew

Dishwashers

Please sign-up in Gram's Hall or on the sign up genius web site:

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0848AEA6238-2015/>

For questions, please contact:

Heidi Doyle hdoyle@charter.net

Mackenzie Pfeiffer mackenziepfeiffer@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 20th

Middle School Outlet at 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays in May

Jay Packard	5/1
Kyle Doyle	5/16
Brianna Hay	5/26
Gabe Morr	5/29

SAVE THE DATES:

Middle School Summer Mission Trip

June 21st - 26th

High School Summer Mission Trip

July 19th - 24th



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

June 13, 2015
**Because you serve,
all are fed.**

May Guests – 210

Guests who received Paper Products – 43

It is with a depth of gratitude that I thank those of you who filled the empty spaces in the kitchen and brought the meal to life this past Saturday.

Thanks to those of you who donate toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue. Thanks to those of you who wrapped silverware, cooked, served, and welcomed all who walked through the door. Thank you: Dorothy, Norm, Ron, Don, Joy, Rob, Tim, Dayle, Pat, Mack, Dan, Dennis, Harry, Boyd, Arlene, Joanne, Paul, Mary Beth, Kyli, Elaine, Scott, the 3rd & 4th grade BLAST classes, Tom Dr., Linda M, Ruth, Ed, Jan, Virginia, Chris, Misty, Judy, Maxine, Debbie, Judy B, Ann, Logan, Caleb, Diane, Sandy, Steve, Jeff, Vaughn, Joanne, Bev, Mark, and anyone whose heart was present but name not on the volunteer sign in sheet.

Thank you all.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:35,40



Capital Campaign Youth Fundraiser

THANK YOU for your support!

The crosses available last Sunday have all been sold. We do, however, have a wait list and more crosses will be available in June.

If you would like to purchase a cross, please email jfranks@chelseaumc.org.

The height of the cross is 18.5". Prayer Chapel wood (pictured)- \$45.00 Sanctuary wood (oak) - \$35.00

As part of the Capital Campaign, the middle school & high school youth program committed to raise funds for the sanctuary renovation. Last week began the process of constructing crosses from wainscoting that had been damaged in the removal from both the prayer chapel and the sanctuary. At the intersection of the cross is a metal piece that has been permanently removed from the pews. In it you may choose to place a prayer of gratitude or of longing. It can hold the picture of a loved one or a flower fresh from your garden.

**The World Health Organization
has declared Liberia 'ebola free'
after 42 days without a new case.**

Gratitude from Liberia

My soul is so lifted this morning. I am so glad for this declaration and also for your sharing. Thanks to all of you, our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord and dear partners in mission, for standing by us through your prayer and other means of support during those dark days in the history of our country.

I recall the months of August and September last year, that every phone call from home was the disclosure of the death news of someone I knew. They included churches brothers and sisters that I grew up with in the UM Youth Fellowship in my home city Buchanan, friends, pastors that I had served with as their district superintendent, lay leaders and council chairpersons, as well as other leaders whom I knew personally.

Some were folks who traveled the long walking distance (4 to 5 hours) with me to charge conferences and other church gatherings. I have slept in the homes of many of those people; they provided meals for me during those days for ministry with them. Yes, these were dedicated servants of the Lord.

May their souls rest in peace.

It came to a point when each time I recognized it was a call from home, I hesitated for a while to respond. I would fearfully wonder, whose death news is it this time? Is it my wife, any of my kids, my mom, or any of my brothers or sisters? Yes, it was a fearful and agonizing experience for me and I am certain, my country men and women everywhere.. But you stood by us, and most especially God did not abandon us as promised in his word.

We celebrate this joyful news this morning.

Although I am busy writing final term papers right now, but I just could not hold back these words of joy and gratitude to you all, and to thank God Almighty.

As we celebrate this good news, we continue to pray for our neighbors: Sierra Leone and Guinea. We hope and pray that soon and very soon, they too will be declared Ebola free. To God be the glory, great thing he has done again. Surely, as we usually sing at home "The Lord has Done It Again."

Grace and Peace, J. Albert Barchue

Sunday, May 17th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:15 a.m. Praise Bells & Random Ringers Warm - Up
- 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, Jubilee Ringer Warm - Up
- 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. 2014 - 2015 Concert Series "Dave Bennett Quartet" The Accidentals Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Marriage Class

Monday, May 18th

- 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV

Tuesday, May 19th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th

- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

Thursday, May 21st

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting, Food Ministry Council Meeting

Sunday, May 24th

- 10:00 a.m. One Worship Service

Monday, May 25th

Building is closed in observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 27th

- 3:30 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting

Sunday, May 31st

- 8:00 a.m. Graduation Sunday Brunch
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Marriage Class
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Summer BLAST Classes

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



Caring Relationship for the Love of Christ

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

Volunteers Serving May 17th

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

Acolytes:

- 8:45 a.m. Isaac Stoker, Fiona Stoker

Nursery Workers:

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

Volunteers Serving May 24th ONE Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Greeters:

- 9:30 a.m. John Seto, Liza & Alyssa Gray

Ushers:

- 9:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Debbie Kennedy, Larry Martin

Nursery Workers:

- 9:45 a.m. Katie Seto & 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>