

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 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



Concert Series Funding Update

Thanks to the extravagant generosity of so many, we have already received \$4,500 for the 2015-2016 concert series. Our goal each season is to reach between

\$6,000-\$7,000. Donations are welcome at anytime, but donations received by August 31st greatly help in the planning for the season. This is going to be an exciting season of concerts featuring a variety of music, and our new Zimmer/Allen Organ. Thank you for your continued support in this area of the music ministry.

Dr. Melissa Williams,

Organ & CFUMC Friends (date TBD)

University Organist, Oklahoma City University

A formal dedication of our new Zimmer/Allen Organ Console

Annual Hometown Holidays Concert

(December 6, 2015 3 & 7 p.m.)

CFUMC Choir, Chelsea Chamber Players and CHS Students

Lance Luce, Theater Organist

(January 24, 2016 @ 4 p.m.)

Lance will demonstrate the MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) features of our Allen/Zimmer organ

Prepare to be amazed! Think Michigan Theater!

Mark Stone, Percussion

(March 4, 2016 @ 7 p.m.)

A concert featuring Steelband "Southpaw Isle" geared toward children & families

Bell-O-Rama 2.0

(March 10, 2016 @ 4 p.m.)

A concert featuring our youth handbell ensembles

Joel Raney, Piano; & Jane Holstein, Organ

(April 24, 2016 @ 4 p.m.)

Back by popular demand!

Joined by our Rezound Handbell Ensemble

90th Birthday celebration

All are welcome to come to CRC from 2 - 4 p.m. on August 15th to celebrate Bob Brown's 90th birthday. The celebration will be in the main living room.

Fall Work Bee

Wednesday, August 19th

from 9:00 a.m. - noon

in the kitchen and Gram's Hall

Sign up through the sign up genius or contact Mackenzie Pfeiffer at mackenziepfeiffer@gmail.com

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E44A9AC229-august

Music Ministry Potluck

Sunday, August 30th 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Timbertown Park

All participants of the CFUMC music ministry (Children, Youth & Adult) are invited to a fall kick-off potluck picnic on Sunday, August 30 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Timbertown Park. Please bring a dish to pass and table service for your family. See you there!

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.

Youth Ministries

CREATIVE PLAY 2015-2016 **"JOY-RIDING WITH JOHN"**



Come join in the adventure!

Creative Play is offered two mornings a week, M - T from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Each family comes one morning a week to enjoy free play and creative "craft" activities, a Bible story told during snack time, a time of songs and active learning through simple skits or games, and we close with a quiet song and prayer.

We sometimes are able to have a short adult discussion of the day's scripture just before snack. Weekly handouts include the words to the finger plays and songs and ideas for how the scripture passage can support Christian parenting.

Starting the week of September 13, 2015,
we will study the gospel of John.

Sign up now for
"Joy-riding With John"

If you would like to take part with your child or grandchild, call Darlene Schaffer at 475-9468 (h) or 734 730 4808 (c) to sign up. There is no charge for the program. Anyone in the community is welcome. The parent or grandparent must attend with the child. Come join the fun!

"To register online go to www.chelseaumc.org and click "children" to get to Creative Play where you will find the option to register."

*We meet in the Pre-school room at
Chelsea First United Methodist Church
128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI*

A Request from Material Girls

We are in need of the following items:

Small spools of wire, Decorating scissors – the kind that cuts fancy edges on paper,
Plastic grocery bags,
Altoid boxes – all sizes, Legos, Legos people,
Microwave popcorn,
Small decorative items: charms, game pieces, stars, hearts,
Tissue paper, 1/8" or 1/4" dowel rods, 24" long,
100 plain plastic Easter eggs.

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 library table, located in Grams Hall.

Thank you

Summer Stories with Bob Benedict at CRC, Thursdays at 10 a.m.

This summer Bob Benedict will be telling stories at CRC (Chelsea Retirement Community) on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

If you are interested please bring your children and listen to the legendary magic of Bob's stories. It will last about 40 minutes or so. You will need to use the Towsley entrance and then walk down to the room where he will be. If you have questions please feel free to email Bob's daughter, Sandy Lantis, at slantis@chelsea.k12.mi.us

The Parent Education Series!
Will bring in experts to speak on relevant parenting issues. All talks are free of charge and have childcare available.
Our hope is to educate, support, energize and inspire parents. If you would like more information or would like to register for childcare, please visit the Chelsea First United Methodist Church Website and pick adults/special events.

Save the Dates!

The speakers for 2015/16 are as follows:

October 18, 2015, 3:00 p.m.,
Washington Street Education Center
Author Thomas Haller, "Healthy Discipline Techniques for Parents and Grandparents"

November 8, 2015, 3:00 p.m.,
Chelsea District Library
Michael O'Quinn of Edward Jones,
"Financial Foundations; Teaching kids about money"

January 31, 2016, 3:00 p.m.,
Chelsea First United Methodist Church
CSD Athletic Director Brad Bush, "Youth and Sports . . . Striking a Balance"

February 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m.,
Chelsea District Library
CSD Band Director Rick Catherman and Music Together Specialist Tara Vesprini, "Music and your child's mind"

Music Ministries/Mission Ministries

Welcome April Murphy, Assistant Director of Music!

Many of you have already seen April around and hard at work as the director of our Jubilee Ringers, Praise Bells and Random Ringers. April is also a volunteer singer in the CFUMC Choir, Renew Band and a ringer in the Rezound Handbell Ensemble. April is now joining the staff in a more expanded role as Assistant Director of Music. She will be working closely with our Director of Music, Kyle Webber.

April will continue responsibility over the above handbell ensembles and assume responsibility over many of the administrative tasks related to music ministry. April holds a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's Degree from Oakland University. April lives in Chelsea with her husband, Pat and two children, Logan (5) and Leah (3). April can be reach via e-mail at amurphy@chelseaumc.org Please welcome her as you see her in the office and in worship. She is an exceptional addition to our staff!

Calling all Musicians!!

Fall is almost here and it is time to kick-off our music ensemble rehearsals. Our Praise Band, Jubilee Ringers, and Choir invite new musicians to join us! You do not need to have any music background to participate, only a desire to learn.

Our youth bell ensembles invite all youth 3rd - 12th to come and ring!
Please contact April Murphy (amurphy@chelseaumc.org) for more info.

Our Welcome Back rehearsals are:

Choir (Youth and Adult)

Wednesday, September 9th 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Jubilee Ringers (Beginning Adult Handbells)

Thursday, September 10th 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Praise Bells (Beginning Youth Handbells)

Sunday, September 13th 8:30- 8:55 a.m.

Rezound (Advanced Adult Handbells)

Sunday August 13th, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Random Ringers (Intermediate Youth Handbells)

Sunday, September 13th 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Accidentals (Advanced Youth Handbells)

Sunday, September 13th 4 - 5:30 p.m.

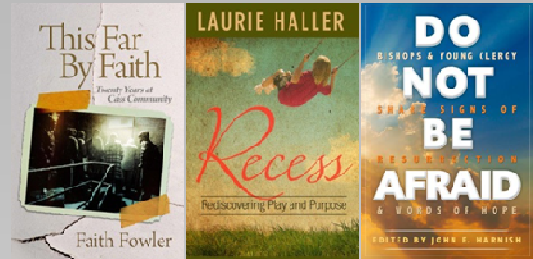
Praise Band (Youth and Adult)

Thursday, October 1st 7:30 - 9 p.m.

CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

Looking for some summer reading that inspires AND supports the ongoing growth of ministries at Cass Community Social Services? See the link below for more information.

<http://ccpublishinghouse.tictail.com/>



Your rewards support the Community Breakfast and Household Paper Product ministry here at Chelsea First! To re-enroll on-line they just simply go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com,

- Click 'Enroll Now'
- click 'Create an account or sign in'
- Create email and password, or use the one you have
- Enter number on back of your Kroger Plus Card if you have one.
- Select your preferred store
- Sign into account and in top right corner, select 'My account'
- Click edit, put in the NPO number (91568) or part of the organizations name
- check the correct group CFUMC, Save. Green screen tells you that you have successfully enrolled!

Thank you for the ways that you contribute through these rewards programs!

Have you traveled Out of the Park this year on a mission venture? If so, the new Mission Ministry t-shirt is available to you for \$12.00. The baseball themed t-shirt combines the address of 128 Park St. with heading into the world to bring our faith to life through loving service.



The number 128 on the back of the t-shirt not only represents our address but Luke 1:28 as well. 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.'

Contact jfranks@chelseaumc.org for purchase or more information.

Mission Ministries Continued

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.



Office DEPOT
Taking Care of Business

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

amazon.com.



Ordinary People Living Differently Because of the Love of Jesus Christ.

Spotlight Church 2014

**Imagine No Malaria
(Michigan Area Campaign)**

**1.6 million raised
100% Apportionments**

**Thank you
for your faithful witness to His love.**



Interested in learning a bit more about

Justice For Our Neighbors?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0FmIIUXR9A&feature=youtu.be>



September 12, 2015

Thanks to all who lovingly expressed their thoughts with regard to improving service on the Community Breakfast board. Thanks to our nutritionist who reviewed the menu and provided insight into what provides greater nutritional balance. Thanks to the members and those in the community who speak of a Jesus 'with' others. Thank you for a servant's heart; choosing kinship and a willingness to live in other's hearts.

*"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*

TAKE NOTE >The Community Breakfast is on hiatus for the months of July and August, however, the Household Paper Products will be available during that time between the hours of 8:30-10 a.m. The Breakfast will resume on September 12th.



**FAITH IN ACTION
CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you so much for your faith, in action.
THE FAITH IN ACTION BACKPACK

**DRIVE BEGINS AUG. 9TH AND CONTINUES
THROUGH AUG. 16TH**

Help a child fit in and not stand out.

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.

Our Virtue and Verse for August

Wisdom – Finding out what you should do and doing it

"Choose my teaching instead of silver. Choose knowledge rather than fine gold.

Wisdom is worth more than rubies. Nothing you want can compare with her." Proverbs 8:10-11, NIV

Adult BLAST leader and Classroom Prep helpers needed for the Fall!!

Have you ever wondered if there was a place for you to volunteer with Children's Ministries??

We have a fantastic opportunity for you . . . be an Adult BLAST leader!!

Adult BLAST leaders lead a small (grade level) group lesson on the 2nd – 4th (or 5th) Sundays of the Month, Mid September – Mid May.

The lessons are already written and the classroom materials are already prepared for you, so you just get to be part of building relationships and learning together with children! It doesn't get much better than that!

Please contact Courtney (caldrich@chelseaumc.org, 475-8119) if you have any questions or think being a BLAST leader might be a good fit for you! We would love to have you on the BLAST team!

Tuesday, September 8th First Day of School Breakfast Potluck for Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers! Come anytime between 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Transitions, tales, triumphs and maybe some tears?!

Calling all parents, grandparents and caregivers! Come gather for some fellowship after the kids have been sent off for their first day of school. The first day of school is a transition for all of us, and can be a source of anxiety or perhaps celebration!

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, your friends, and a breakfast item to share (and if you cannot pull off the breakfast item, no worries -- come anyways!) Kindergarten parents are welcome to come after your morning "half day" and bring your Kindergartener with you!

Start thinking about ParentConnect for 2015-16!

This year's focus will be on language we use with children. We will use the Parent Talk system to discuss discipline strategies, whining, teasing, praise, responsibility and much more! This class is perfect for parents of children of ALL AGES! I (Courtney) attended training in the Parent Talk system this summer and learned tons of strategies that I can use with my older teenagers as well as my elementary and preschool students (and everything in between)!!

ParentConnect large group will meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month beginning in October. A family dinner will be served, followed by programming for parents and children. Small groups will meet once a month at their own discretion.

BLAST news! 3 - 5 Mission Trip a huge success!

THANK YOU to all who donated food and paper products to Brightmoor Aldersgate United Methodist Church as part of the 3-5th Grade Mission trip. 23 of us were able to use your donations to prepare and serve lunch and stock their free store. We also boarded up and cleaned the lots for three houses in Detroit, in addition to painting the barn and fence at Brightmoor! In addition, we took BLAST music on the road, performing at Brightmoor church services on Saturday and Sunday. A wonderful weekend of serving God by serving our neighbors in Brightmoor was had by all!

BLAST Kickoff for 2015-16 on September 13th!!

Come to 9 a.m. worship with your child to start the new BLAST year! Disciple Discovery will also begin at 11 a.m. on September 13th!

BLAST Adult and Youth Leaders meeting on August 30th, at 11:15 a.m..

Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to Courtney by August 23rd!

BLAST Behind the Scenes Team meeting on August 18th, 6:30 p.m.!

Sunday, August 9th

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Summer BLAST Class

Tuesday, August 11th

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

Wednesday, August 12th

- 4:00 p.m. Margaret Ouendag Memorial Service
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study

Thursday, August 13th

- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Saturday, August 15th

- 10:00 a.m. MOPS Retreat

Sunday, August 16th

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Summer BLAST Class

Tuesday, August 18th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff meeting

Wednesday, August 19th

- 9:00 a.m. Kitchen Work Bee
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Thursday, August 20th

- 6:30 p.m. Food Ministry Meeting

Sunday, August 23rd

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Summer BLAST Class

Monday, August 24th

- 7:00 pm Pictorial Directory Meeting

Wednesday, August 26th & Sept. 2nd

- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study

Tuesday, September 1st

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

Sunday, August 30th

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Summer BLAST Class

Sunday, September 6th

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



**Caring Relationship
for the Love of Christ**

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

Sunday Nursery Workers

8:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Katie Seto, Lori Campbell

Sunday Greeters

First Sunday of the Month

- 8:00 a.m. Tom Davis, Jeff Comstock
- 9:30 a.m. Dan Aldrich, Jon Van Hoek

Second Sunday of the Month

- 8:00 a.m. Linda Logan, LuAnn & Loren Heller
- 9:30 a.m. Dick & Lois Willis, Dennis & Julie Deppner

Third Sunday of the Month

- 8:00 a.m. Linda Meloche, Arlene Wiltse, Ann Brill
- 9:30 a.m. John & Ellen Aldighieri and Mackenzie Benning

Fourth Sunday of the Month

- 8:00 a.m. Biff & Suzie Weber, Judy Park
- 9:30 a.m. John Seto, Liza & Alyssa Gray

Sunday Ushers

First Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Liza Gray - Captain, Alyssa Gray, Harry Gibson
- 9:30 a.m. Charles Schmunk - Captain, Sandy Schmunk, Laurie Schiller, Phil Radant

Second Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Bill Doyle - Captain, Brendan & Kyle Doyle, Tom Lewis, John Cugliari
- 9:30 a.m. Debbie Kennedy - Captain, Anne Zuehlke

Third Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Harry Gibson - Captain, Lois Gibson, Boyd & Arlene Wiltse
- 9:30 a.m. Debbie Kennedy - Captain

Fourth Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Todd Hubbard - Captain, Tim Sweeny, Kerry Franks
- 9:30 a.m. Mark Peterson - Captain, Debbie Kennedy, Larry Martin

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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>