

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

September 13, 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 for Healing for:

Biff Weber

Prayers for Support for:

- * Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *
- * First day of school - students, teachers, parents,
all school workers * People of Syria & N. Africa *
- * European nations * Victims of gun violence *

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.

Ushers Needed

Would you enjoy a fun task at one Sunday service a month?
Join an usher team! We have a few Sunday that we need help
with: 5th Sunday of the month at 9 a.m.,
2nd & 3rd Sunday at 11 a.m. However, we always welcome folks
who would be willing just to lend a hand during the Offertory.

Contact Deb Kennedy at kennedy_debra@sbcglobal.net
or 734-433-0412

A Special All

church conference has been scheduled for Wednesday,
Sept. 16th, 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the church conference is
to authorize a total roof replacement for the church building
and to approve the funding plan for this work.

The Trustees have been carefully monitoring roof conditions.
In addition to the areas previously known to need replacement,
the sanctuary renovation work has made clear the need for the
sanctuary roof to be replaced as well, as that roof is much
older than thought. The Trustees have secured bids
and identified a contractor for the project.

While the details are yet to be finalized,
we anticipate four sources of funding for the roof replacement:
* the Trustees Improvement Fund
* unspent contingency dollars
from the sanctuary renovation project
* additional contributions from our members and friends, and
* additional indebtedness, if needed.

Further information will be available Sunday, September 13th
to help you prepare for the discussion and
decision-making September 16th.

Your participation is very important. All members of the church
have both voice and vote at a church conference.
Child care will be provided.

Thank you for your
on-going commitment to our shared ministry!

Learning Opportunities

Adult Education Classes

Sundays

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It

Vitality – Strength – Health – Energy: these words convey the meaning of “revival.” There are times when our faith is all these things and more...and times when our faith ebbs.

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It, draws on scripture and the early years of the Methodist movement in England to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed.

We join Adam Hamilton for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian.

Wesley’s story is our story: it defines our faith and challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. Come and learn more about our United Methodist Church; come to share with others and be inspired.

Six Sundays – September 27th, October 4th, 11th, 25th, November 1st, 8th; 5 - 6:30 p.m. Study books are \$10; please speak with Pastor Joy with questions or to sign up.

Mondays

Covenant Bible Study

A new, comprehensive, multi-media Bible Study of 24 weeks divided into three 8 - week studies. Class starts Oct. 5th.

Contact: Linda Logan at dllogan@charter.net.

Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Room 207 (Upper Room)

Additional possibility for different day for this class will be

Tuesday from 1 - 2:30 p.m. or

Thursday evenings 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Facilitators: Pastor Joy and Max Plank, to express your interest email Joy

jbarrett@chelseaumc.org or max.plank@emich.edu

Learn more about Covenant Bible Study at www.CovenantBibleStudy.com

What is God Asking to Do Through me (us)?

When this congregation began conversations about sanctuary renovations, each of us was asked to prayerfully consider, “What is God asking to do through me?” As the dust settles and we prepare to move back into our beautiful new space, it seems fitting and appropriate to once again ask ourselves a slightly expanded question, “What is God asking to do through me, through us as a congregation?”

During the last two weeks of September you will be receiving a phone call from a member of the (newly reconstituted) Prayer Team inviting you to once again reflect on this question. By God's grace our responses will guide our ministries and life as a congregation in the months and years to come.

In Christ's Peace....



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”

Youth Ministries

OUTLET is an after school program each Wednesday from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. for Middle School students.



Snacks are generously provided by volunteers. On the first Wednesday of each month, Mr. Tom also brings a cake to celebrate the birthdays that month. The youth then have free time to do homework, socialize, or simply relax quietly until 4:45 p.m. when everyone settles in for a lesson.

This year, we will use a curriculum called Submerge. Among the topics we will discuss this fall are: *Caring for Creation, Avoiding Jealousy, Resolving Conflicts, Confronting Rivalries, and Using Our Talents.*

Come and Ring Handbells!

All three of our FUMC youth handbell ensembles are inviting youth to come and ring. Accidentals and Random Ringers both rehearse on Sundays at 4 p.m. Please contact April Murphy (amurphy@chelseaumc.org) or Kyle Webber (kwebber@chelseaumc.org) for more information.

Sunday Mornings

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

OUR FIRST DAY BEGINS ON THE EAST LAWN WITH KIDDIE POOL KICKBALL. BRING A TOWEL AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. SEE YOU THERE!

XP3 – Wonder, Discovery, Passion

- < Incite Wonder as teenagers grow in the knowledge of their heavenly Father and his love for them.
- < Provoke Discovery so that their identity is determined by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and guided by His Spirit and truth.
- < Fuel Passion so that identity with Christ extends itself in service.

Middle School XP3 - 10 - 11 a.m. Room 222

One of the most exciting changes to XP3 this year is the development of the XP3 MIDDLE SCHOOL curriculum. We keep it short, simple, do something interactive, tell a story, and make it funny. In other words, the lessons are developmentally appropriate! We begin the season (September 20th) with a 2 week series called HOOKED. Our scripture reference is James 1:13-15 and we'll be dealing with the subject of temptation. Gummy worms included.



High School XP3 - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Room 216

There are 3 different elements to the curriculum that allow teenagers to:
Examine Biblically,
Grow Spiritually, &
Connect Relationally.



I have to admit that I am so humbled by the honesty your children afford me. Whether it is the demonstration of courage through their vulnerability or their disagreement with a particular speaker that feels 'canned'; it is such a privilege to sit with them & listen to their thoughts.

We begin the season (September 20th) with REAL TALK - Talking to some people is easy. You can hang out with your friends for hours and never run out of anything to say. But you probably also know people who just seem to make you a little nervous when you have to talk to them. Maybe it's a teacher, coach or your boss at work, but you always feel you say something wrong or they are never impressed.

And if we're honest, prayer can feel a lot like that. We wonder if we sound silly. We try to use just the right words but we aren't sure we're doing it right. And often, we are tempted to back away from prayer because it just feels awkward. But what if talking to God was never meant to be that way? What if talking to God was supposed to feel more like chatting with a good Friend than making an impressive speech? During this series, we're going to take a look at what Jesus said prayer is and isn't. And as we do, you may just find yourself wanting to lay down the formalities, relax and have some real talk.

Parent Cue Live is a podcast produced by Orange and designed to help parents do family better. Our team strives to help parents and church leaders understand how, by combining their influences, they can accomplish more for the spiritual well-being of a child than either could individually. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/parent-cue-live/id1013652909?mt=2>



Among the servant's hearts that will spend the year with your children are Tom Lewis, Mike & Allison Vanderspool, Deb Hubbard, Julie Hermann, Suzie & Biff Weber (late winter return), and Cathy Reidel.

How grateful I am for their presence in this place. Throughout the year I will send weekly emails with information about upcoming events or share a story of a special moment in the week.

Confirmation - 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

1st and 3rd Sunday - Room 216

September 20th, Adventure Park

Children's Ministries/Family 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 September

Initiative – Seeing what needs to be done and doing it

“Work at everything you do with all your heart.

Work as if you were working for the Lord.” Colossians 3:23a, NlrV

If you would like to work with children or youth at CFUMC, you must be Gabriel trained. Our next training is September 20th at 10:45 a.m. and 12 p.m. Contact Courtney to sign up for training!

Join us for ParentConnect 2015-16!

This year's focus will be on language we use with children. We will use the Parent Talk system to solve your discipline and communication issues -- learn strategies for reducing whining and teasing, giving effective praise, teaching responsibility and much more! This class is perfect for parents and caregivers 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. You may start signing up online or by contacting Courtney now!!



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Volunteer Opportunity for patient, precise, people!

If you or anyone you know likes to do some quiet, detailed work, I need someone (or a couple someone's) to cut out silhouettes for the shadow puppet show that is going to be part of the pageant this year. I am thinking an exacto knife and poster board will do the job! Let me know if you are interested or know someone who might be, and I can give you more information.

Or if you would rather sew . . .

We are looking for some volunteers to help sew some animal costumes for this year's pageant.

(We will take anyone who can cut, iron, sew by machine, or sew by hand!) With many hands we can complete this task with just a few work bees. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Courtney!

Save the date -- Hayride and Bonfire October 11, 5:30 p.m.!

Come to the Aldrich house, 11664 Boyce Rd., for some fall fun on Sunday, October 11th at 5:30 p.m.!

We will have a hayride and bonfire for all ages. All are invited -- Bring your family! Bring a friend!

Mission 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.



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.



FAITH IN ACTION PANTRY NEEDS:

Juice, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa
Crunchy Peanut Butter
Muffin Mix (not corn)
Boxed Pasta
Soup with Beef
Gravy

Rice
Oranges
Refried Beans
Syrup
Mayo
Broth



Interested in learning a bit more about

Justice For Our Neighbors?

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

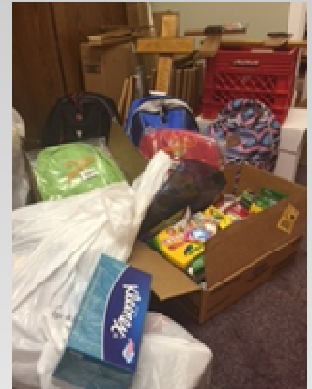


THE FAITH IN ACTION BACKPACK DRIVE

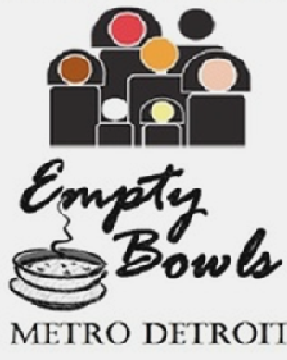
Without fanfare, you picked up an empty backpack with a sheet listing the school supplies needed for a child

unknown but for a number. You donated extra supplies & money to supplement needs and a new school outfit from Target. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fill 12 backpacks, afford \$25. gift cards to each of those 12 children as well as \$40. in order to purchase shoes/outfit.

Thank you for your great compassion that shines the light of Jesus Christ into the world. You are indeed 'Ordinary people living differently because of the love of Christ'.



Cass Community Social Services



Empty Bowls Celebrity Bowls Auction 2015

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Organization: Cass Community Social Services
The Detroit-based agency works across the City in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing and jobs.

Sunday, September 13th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST Music and Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
Coffee Hour, Middle School XP3 Classes
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3 Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5th grades
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Marriage Class, Random Ringers, The Accidentals

Monday, September 14th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Meeting

Tuesday, September 15th

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. Program Council

Wednesday, September 16th

- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:30 p.m. Special Church Conference
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17th

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Pageant Work Bee
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Saturday, September 19th

- 8:00 a.m. Brotherhood of Christ

Sunday, September 20th

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
Coffee Hour, Middle School XP3 Classes
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3 Classes
- 10:45 p.m. Gabriel Training
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation (Off Site)
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5th grades
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal, Gabriel Training
- 4:00 p.m. Marriage Class, Random Ringers, The Accidentals

Monday, September 21st

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play

Tuesday, September 22nd

- 9:30 a.m. Staff meeting, Creative Play
- 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Picture Taking
- 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, September 23rd

- 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Picture Taking
- 3:15 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, September 24th

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Pageant Work Bee
- 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Picture Taking
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers

Friday, September 25th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Picture Taking

Saturday, September 26th

- 10:30 a.m. Pictorial Directory Picture Taking

Volunteers Serving September 13th

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

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

Nursery Workers:

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

Volunteers Serving September 20st

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

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

Nursery Workers:

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

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



**Caring Relationship
for the Love of Christ**

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

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