

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

October 25, 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 Comfort:

* Meloche family following the death of Chris' father *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Biff Weber * Ruth Nelson * Mike Montange *

Prayers for Support for:

* Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *

* Charma Dick's niece and her husband who has ALS *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

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

Stephen Ministry Opportunities



Caring Relationship for the Love of Christ

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

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.

RE-ROOFING PROJECT UPDATE

The roofing project is progressing well; the crews have been working from daylight to dusk to complete the work. And those workers are attracting plenty of attention from folks on the ground! Their nimble, sure-footedness is a sight to behold, especially on the steep sanctuary portions of the roof.

To date, we have received \$10,764 in contributions toward the roof. The matching grant offer is a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$50,000. The projected cost of the re-roof project is \$106,000. We are on our way to fully funding this project! If we are able to meet this matching grant challenge 100% before the end of December, we will greatly reduce, if not eliminate altogether, additional finance charges. Thank you for your responses of faith and generosity thus far.

The donor and the Trustees invite you to prayerfully consider how you will respond to this opportunity. It is a tremendous affirmation of the ministry of this congregation, of the faithfulness of God, and the generous living to which Jesus calls us. Please identify your donations for "Church Roof." Checks or cash may be placed in the offering baskets or mailed/brought to the church office. If you wish to arrange a stock or other investment transfer, please contact Bill Kelley, finance manager, at 475-8119, X 19 or bkelly@chelseaumc.org.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of God's on-going work through this congregation.

Moving away!

This past Tuesday Bonnie Wilcox moved to Holland, MI, we will truly miss her. If you would like to send her a card, her address is below.
541 Spring Lane
Holland, MI 49423

Learning Opportunities

Pastor Joy is looking for a few people interested in creating some simple fabric visuals for the January-February worship series "The Tie that Binds." There are two items to create (multiples of each): processional poles with tied fabric strips on them; "garlands" made from tied fabrics of various colors, textures, etc., which will be worn each Sunday by all worship leaders: musicians, readers, ensemble members, ushers, greeters, etc.

If you are interested, please let me know:
ibarrett@chelseaumc.org; 475-8119, x18. Thank you!

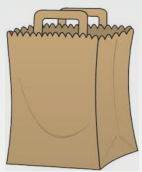
Pastor Joy is recruiting persons to assist in the ministry of leading in worship. I hope to develop a cadre of individuals willing to read in worship – a call to worship or other responsive reading, the scripture for the day, an offering dedication prayer, etc. Ideally, I would like individuals to sign up for a particular service and Sunday of the month, similar to greeters, ushers, offering counters, and coffee hour hosts. I believe that worship is the work of the people of God and our experience of worship is enhanced as we hear many voices. I hope children, youth and adults will share in this ministry. If you are interested, please let me know:

ibarrett@chelseaumc.org; 475-8119, x18. Thank you!

Music Ministries Newsletter:

If you or your child participates in a musical ensemble here at CFUMC you should be receiving the Music Ministries e-newsletter. This newsletter contains important information pertaining to the music ministry such as schedule changes. Please contact April Murphy if you are not receiving this email or would like to be added!

amurphy@chelseaumc.org



We need grocery bags!

Children's Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 5th
10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Material girls have been working since February to create over 3500 gifts for this year's bazaar.

All of the profits from the bazaar will go to Faith-in-Action. We need 300 grocery bags to hold the gifts the shoppers will take home.

Please bring both brown paper grocery bags and plastic grocery bags to the church and place them in the bins in grams Hall. Thank you!

Trustees Notes!

The Trustees met for our regular meeting on October 6th. Since our last meeting the rock wall in the courtyard has been completed and we just completed church-wide internet access that is available for church members. The internet access is password protected and the code will be provided.

We are looking for snow removal bids for the church this winter. If you know of any company that could provide snow removal on typical days along with special removal on Sundays please let a Trustee know.

We were excited to learn of donation matching for the church roof replacement. Roof work is beginning this week and any financial support you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Calling all youth singers!

All youth (K-5) are invited to come and sing in the 'Advent Choir'. Older youth (6-12) are also invited to come and assist/sing as youth leaders. This choir will sing a song as a small group during the Christmas Pageant on 12/13 and will also sing a song during the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship service.

This group will meet to rehearse with April Murphy on Sunday afternoons from 3-3:50 p.m. in the choir room.

Rehearsals will be Sunday 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/13, 12/20. This would be a great opportunity for your child to participate in worship,

while having only a short term rehearsal commitment!

Please email April or call the church office, if you would like to sign up or have any questions. -amurphy@chelseaumc.org

CHURCH KITCHEN PROJECT!!!

The auxiliary trustees are requesting help in a special kitchen cleaning project. They have proposed that, instead of hiring an outside firm to clean the kitchen ceiling,

that a group of volunteers do so, under their leadership.

Thursday, Nov. 5th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., they propose that volunteers come together to clean the ceiling. They request that a crew of 6 people work, 4 people to "work on ladders" who will actually clean the ceiling and 2 people to work "on the ground" refilling cleaning buckets and rinsing out cleaning rags. Volunteers will need to wear protective eye gear and rubber gloves. This equipment will be supplied.

People are welcome to work in short segments of time.

A SignUpGenius survey will be sent out to solicit volunteers. You are also welcome to contact Dayle Wright, 475-1563, to sign up. Thank you so much for considering helping to take care of this church asset!

Youth Ministries

Wednesday

3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE! Due to the roofing project, we ask that you walk through Grams Hall or take the elevator to the 2nd floor instead of passing through the courtyard.

This month in Outlet

October 21 st	Courage	Psalm 31:3
October 28	Trusting God	Psalm 26:3



- **Depart** CFUMC Sat. Nov. 7th @ 8:00a.m
- **Return** Sunday Nov. 8th noon
- **Bring:** Bible, Journal, Pen or Pencil
Sleeping bag or blanket/sheets/pillow— there are bunks with mattresses

What Not to Bring:

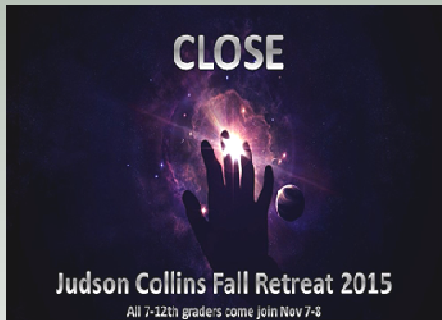
Electronics—iPods, I Touches, mp3players, video games.
Cell phones— Bring them but we don't want to see you thubbing. Just leave them in your room at the Fall Retreat.

Cost:

\$60.00 by October 25th
After that, it's 70.00.

Registration:

See Jeanne Franks or
Liza Gray for more
information. 475-8119



Halloween Helped Needed October 31st at CFUMC

No one is ever too old for Halloween. Come join the fun. Decorators (3), craft helpers (2), greeters (2), and clean-up helpers (4)

Contact Heidi Doyle at hdoyle@charter.net to volunteer or for more information.

Sunday Mornings

Middle School XP3 - HOOKED

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Room 222



This month in XP3: WIRED

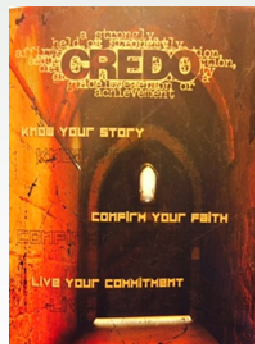
Session 1 Wireless - The image of God is everywhere we imagine
Session 2 Weird - God always loves you as you already are.
Session 3 Wires Crossed - If you want to connect with God, be in community with people.

High School XP3

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Room 216



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>



Confirmation 1st and 3rd Sunday Room 216

November 8th 11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m.
Youth Room #216
Topic: Redemption

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 October

Individuality: Discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live." 1 Timothy 4:12a, NlrV

Collection for the

Priceless Gift Store has begun!

It is time to start looking through toy bins with your child to determine if there are some gently used toys they could donate to the Priceless Gift Store in Jackson. It may help to discuss with your child that there are some families who do not have enough money to buy Christmas gifts.

Explain that the Priceless Gift Store collects toys, books, and games so parents can shop for free and take home gifts to give their children on Christmas morning.

Bring toys to the display in the Upper Lobby (just outside of the elevator doors) now through November 29th.

Families will be invited to help deliver the toys on November 29th from 12-2:30 p.m. What a tremendous way to show compassion and make a difference!!

Reverse Trick or Treating October 25th

Make a difference! All BLAST children (preschool, too!) are invited to come to CRC on October 25th at 4:45 p.m. for reverse trick or treating. Come in costume and we will be parading and handing out chocolate to the residents at CRC! Meet in the lobby of Dancey House at 4:45 p.m.! We will take pictures, explain the process, and begin parading at 5 p.m.!

Halloween Party at church 5 p.m. Oct. 31st!

Stop by the church anytime from 5-6 p.m. on Halloween and get something to eat, do a craft, and visit with friends before heading out to trick or treat!

Halloween Party helpers needed!

If you would like to be part of the Halloween festivities, we need 3 people to help decorate at 10 a.m. on Halloween morning. During the event from 5-6 p.m. we also need two craft helpers, 2 greeters, and 4 people on a cleanup crew so we can get everything ready for the church to be reset for Sunday morning service!! (a separate group will be coming in to do the reset). Please contact me or Heidi Doyle if you can help!

Leaf Raking November 1st!

We are committed to continue raising money to fund the sanctuary renovation! Pull out your rakes and tarps and join us at 1:30 p.m. for some leaf raking service and fun! If you are able to help rake leaves, please let me know and I will add you to the list. This is a great way to fulfill your 3 year capital campaign pledges you made in 2014! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-2ndannual/>

Would you like to volunteer to help at this Years Children's Christmas Bazaar?

See the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ca4a92da5fd0-2015>

Family Ministries:

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!

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., CFUMC
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"

Parents of College Students!

This group is for parents (moms AND dads!) of college students. The purpose of the group is threefold. First, we would like to find a way for parents of college students to connect with one another and share in common concerns, delights, and experiences of being a parent of a college student. Secondly, we would like to use this time together to let our college students know we are thinking about them by creating care packages for them on behalf of the church. Finally, we are adding a mission component to the group this year by providing care packages for students who are at Eastern Michigan University and came out of the foster care system, so they do not have a family to send them packages. Our next meeting is November 16th at 7 p.m., location TBA. Contact Courtney Aldrich with questions.

caldrich@chelseaumc.org

Children's Ministries Continued

Christmas Pageant Information came out this Sunday!

Yep, we are talking Christmas already! Your child was sent home with Christmas Pageant information and song lyrics on Sunday. This is a NEW Christmas Pageant this year with new opportunities for involvement, so please carefully review the parts to determine how your child would like to participate. A copy of what was sent home is included below in this newsletter as well.

I need to know your child's pageant part preferences by November 1st!!!

Important Dates:

Nov 1st: Deadline to RSVP to Courtney regarding your child's participation and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd part choices

Nov 8th: Pageant parts will be handed out after the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (Look for a table in Grams Hall)

Nov 22nd: Costume Sunday! Children needing a costume for their part should stop by the storage room in the K-5 BLAST hallway to try on a costume. Costume times: 8:30-8:55 a.m., 10:30-10:55 a.m.

Nov 29th: Make up date for children still needing a costume.

Stop by the storage room in the K-5 BLAST hallway between 8:30-8:55 a.m., 10:30-10:55 a.m.

Saturday, Dec 12th: 9:00-11:00 a.m. ALL CHILDREN PRACTICE in the Sanctuary. Because this is the ONLY rehearsal, it is really important that EVERY child that wants to be in the pageant attend. We will go through the pageant twice.

Dec 13th: Pageant during 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. K-5 children arrive at 8:30 a.m.

and go to their BLAST classrooms to get their costumes. When preschoolers arrive to worship, they may choose to wear sheep "hats, mittens, and/or bibs". Preschoolers will sit with their families in reserved pews up front.

Pageant Parts & Options

Preschoolers: Preschoolers will sit with their parents in reserved seats up front for the entire pageant. They are invited to come join us for specific songs/parts of the pageant. Parents will be given a "cue sheet" so they know when to send their children forward. When the preschoolers arrive for worship on Dec 13th, they are invited to pick up sheep hats, mittens, and/or bibs to wear. There will be one preschool speaking part with a memorized line: "small sheep"

Kindergarten-5th Graders: K-5th children have several part options for the pageant. Please discuss with your child and RSVP with your child's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of parts.

A - Non-Speaking Part (Costume):

Camel backs
Donkey back
Cow back
Curly Horn Sheep back
Angels (There is one shared line all angels say as a group, but it is not an individual speaking part)
Stable Animals
Shepherds

B - Non-speaking part Shadow Puppeteer (no costume, preferably 4th/5th grade)

Puppeteer 1
Puppeteer 2
Puppeteer 3

C - Speaking Parts (Reading Lines, No Costume):

Readers (1st grade or older;
1 line each unless we condense parts)

D- Speaking Parts (Memorized Lines and Costume)

Angel Gabriel - 4 lines
Mary - 1 line
Joseph - 1 line
Shepherds - 1 line each
Wise Men - 1 line each
Prophets - 1 line each
Caesar Augustus - 1 line
Innkeeper - 1 line
Dove - 1 line and operates dove prop
Curly Horn Sheep front - 1 line
Donkey front - 3 lines
Cow front - 3 lines
Camel fronts - 1 or 2 lines plus one with camel group

If your child would like to be in the Pageant, you must RSVP by November 1st to caldrich@chelseaumc.org

Please include your K-5th grade child's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for parts

“Financial Foundations: Teaching Kids about Money”

November 8, 3:00—4:00pm
Chelsea District Library

Come learn strategies you can use to raise “money smart” children and why investing isn't just for grown-ups anymore!

Learn how to teach children the basics of spending, saving, donating, and investing — skills that will help them develop good financial habits that last a lifetime.



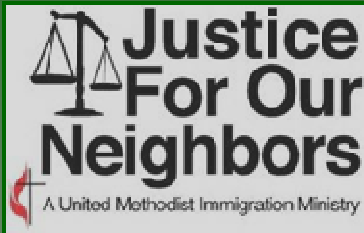
Featuring Michael O'Quinn, AAMS

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



A white rectangular box with a red border containing four logos. On the left is the 'Parent Education Series' logo, which features a stylized heart shape with three figures (one blue, one orange, one green) inside. To the right of the heart, the words 'Parent Education Series' are written in blue, orange, and purple. On the right side of the box, there are three smaller logos: 'Chelsea First United Methodist Church' with a stained glass window icon, 'CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT' with a shield icon containing a 'C', and 'CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY BEST SMALL LIBRARY IN AMERICA' with a building icon.

*To register for childcare, go to chelseauc.org and pick adults/special events;
The Parent Education Series is free and open to the public.*



Interested in learning a bit more about Justice For Our Neighbors?

The Detroit-based agency works across the City in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing and jobs. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Liberia Partner Summit & Mission Education Event

November 13th @ 10:00 am - November 14th @ 3:00 pm

Click here to register for the event!

<http://forms.michiganumc.org/liberia-summit-2015>.



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

Dear Kroger Community Rewards Groups, April is just around the corner which means it is time for re-enrollment for Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Here are a few things you will need to know.

The organization does not need to re-enroll. All organizations will keep their NPO number that was assigned to them. Your members do need to re-enroll between April 1st 2016 and May 1st 2016 for the May 1st start of the program.

- To re-enroll on-line they just simply go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- click "sign in"
- enter their email and password
- click "enroll now"
- put in the NPO number or part of the organizations name
- check the correct group click "enroll"

***Thank you to all who use this program. Your rewards support the Community Breakfast and Household Paper Product ministry here at CFUMC.



Community Breakfast!

Invite a friend to serve alongside you in the kitchen or dining room so that they may then pass on the blessing to another.

November 14, 2015

When you sacrifice your time for those you claim to love, you ultimately demonstrate that you do.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 1 John 3:16

They take the time to write 'thank you' in the comment box. They write 'God Bless', 'Thanks for the help', and 'first time - impressive'. Children left the building giggling in their newly made masks. Brownies cleaned tables, assisted Miss Virginia with crafts, and afforded guests kindness and respect. Laughter, conversation, and hugs were the order of the morning.

Thank you: Mack, Mike, Steve, Lu, Sue, Max, Rob, Arlene, Joy, Harry, Lois, Dayle, Lisa, Linda L, Linda M, Lindsey, Arianna, Sydney, Kennedy, Tess, Anna, Dan, Tim, Kerry, Virginia, Chris, Bev, Ruth, Gavin, Dennis, Kiera, Jan, Caleb, Logan, Eileen, Guillaume, Joel, Angelina, Ben Hannah, Leigh, Judy P., Charles, Jim, Brownie Troop 40516, Alex, Lauren, Ruth, Hayley, Diane, Robbin, Ed, Julia, Tallulah, Josie, and anyone who didn't have a chance to sign the volunteer sheet. Beyond the numbers of meals served, lives that know the love of Christ because of people living differently.

FAITH IN ACTION PANTRY NEEDS:

The Shelves are Empty:
Refried Beans Muffin Mix (no corn)
Crunchy Peanut Butter

Stock is Low:

Rice	Boxed Pasta	Coffee	Tea	Cocoa	Gravy
Broth	Mayonnaise	Syrup	Soup with Beef		



Sunday, October 25th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. BLAST Music and Classes, Middle School XP3
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 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. Reverse Trick or Treating at CRC, Marriage Class, Random Ringers, The Accidentals
- 5:00 p.m. Revival - Faith as Wesley Lived It

Monday, October 26th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 27th

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

Wednesday, October 28th

- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29th

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. Covenant Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Renew Band

Saturday, October 31st

- 9:00 a.m. CFUMC Choir Retreat
- 5:00 p.m. Church Halloween Party

Sunday, November 1st

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. High School XP3 Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Disciple Discovery Pre-K - 5th grades
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 1:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Leaf Raking
- 4:00 p.m. Marriage Class, Random Ringers, The Accidentals
- 5:00 p.m. Revival - Faith as Wesley Lived It

Monday, November 2nd

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study Group
- 7:30 p.m. December Concert Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 3rd

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Creative Play
- 7:00 p.m. MOPS Steering Team Meeting, Trustees

Wednesday, November 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Bazaar Baking
- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 5:30 p.m. ParentConnect/KidConnect
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5th

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Covenant Bible Study

Friday, November 6th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting

Saturday, November 7th

- 8:00 a.m. 7 - 12th grade leave for Judson Collins
- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Mom2Mom sale, Chelsea Bronze Auditions

Volunteers Serving October 25th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Judy Park, Lyla Park
- 10:30 a.m. John Seto, Liza Gray

Ushers:

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

Acolyte: Fiona Stoker

Nursery Workers:

- 8:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Katie Seto, Lori Campbell
- Coffee Hour Host: Dan & Chris Cobb, Dianne Kelley, Jessica Fahlgren

- Coffee Hour Bakers: Emily Kuo, Jane Newbound, Dianne Kelley, Patti & Kayla Sweeny, Betsy Coy

Volunteers Serving November 1st

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

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

Nursery Workers:

- 8:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Katie Seto, Lori Campbell
- Coffee Hour Host: Allison Vanderspoo, Jody Hay
- Coffee Hour Bakers: Charma Dick, Linda Detterman, Heidi Doyle, Dawn Putnam, Lois Gibson

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