

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

December 6, 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

Advent Season

- Dec. 6th** 2nd Sunday of Advent
9 a.m. BLAST & 11 a.m. worship
Concert Series 2015 - 2016 "Hometown Holidays"
(3 p.m. & 7 p.m.)
Last day of drop of Angle Tree Gifts
Collections start for BLAST
"Compassion Challenge" - collecting socks and
underwear for FIA and Brightmoor Aldersgate Read,
Seed, and Feed. This collection goes through
Christmas Eve.
- Dec. 7th** Women's Candlelight Advent Service (7 - 9 p.m.)
- Dec. 10th** Red Cross Blood Drive (7 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.)
- Dec. 12th** Free Community Breakfast & Free Household
Product Distribution (8 - 11 a.m.)
Children's Pageant Dress Rehearsal (9 - 11 a.m.)
- Dec. 13th** 3rd Sunday of Advent
9 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
11 a.m. Worship
No BLAST, Youth XP3 Groups or Music Rehearsals
- Dec. 18th** Children's Ministry Christmas Caroling at CRC
(4:30 - 5:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 20th** 4th Sunday of Advent - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship
Deliver Youth Wool Mittens and Gifts to CASS
- Dec. 21st** Longest Night Service (7 p.m.)
- Dec. 24th** Christmas Eve Services
4 p.m. Family Service designed for children
8 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service & Communion
- Dec. 25th** Church office and building is closed
- Dec. 27th** 1st Sunday after Christmas
One Worship Service (11 a.m.)
- Dec. 28th** Church office and building is closed
- Jan. 3rd** Epiphany Sunday 9 a.m. BLAST & 11 a.m. Worship
- Jan. 9th** Free Community Breakfast and Paper Product
Distribution (8 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

ADVENT MISSION OFFERING

Local

The central services of FIA remain the emergency food pantry, free clothing room, financial help with utilities and lodging, counseling; and holiday and back to school support.



Regional - Detroit



cass community social services
fighting poverty. creating opportunity

This Detroit based agency works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing, and jobs.

International – The World



JFON is a faith based ministry, welcoming immigrants into our churches and communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.



A photograph shared by Cass Community Social Services of a homeless woman with frostbitten fingers in Detroit birthed the felted wool mitten project for men, women, and

children. Two hundred mittens created from recycled wool sweaters were stitched by the Material Girls and the youth of this church. Filled with granola bars and chocolate bars, these mittens will be donated to Cass Community Social Services and the Brightmoor community this Christmas. Thank you all for such an outpouring of extravagant love.

Announcements

**The Church Office and building
will be closed on December 25th, 28th, 31st
and January 1st**

PRAYER REQUESTS

These prayer concerns were lifted during services
or were called into the church office.

Prayers for Comfort:

* Family of Rusty Smits - mother-in-law of Bob Benedict *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Biff Weber * Joanne Weber * Paul Weber *
* Siphwe - a child from the Rafiki Village in Malawi *
* Hertha Laupmanis * Charma Dick's friend and
her sister-in-law - each with cancer *

Prayers for Support for:

* Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *
* Ruth Westcott * Those touched by violence in our world *

Longest Night Service

Monday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

The Longest Night Service is a time to reflect on the rich
meanings of Christmas in a quieter, more meditative service
filled with music, readings, prayer, and gentle silence.

It is a time to 'simply be' amidst the swirl of activities,
demands, and emotions raised during the holiday season.

All are welcome. Questions? Talk to Lisa Gray-Lion
(lgraylion@gmail.com)

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.



Hometown Holidays:

Sunday, December 6th: 3 p.m. & 7p.m.

Did you Know!

If you would like to receive the Pathfinder electronically,
please call the office (475-8119) or send an email to our
office manager Liza Gray (lgray@chelseaumc.org).

We will happily add you to the email distribution list.
Did you know: the Pathfinder (every other week) and the
weekly worship bulletins are
posted to the church website on Fridays.



As we enter the season of giving, we pause to reflect on the true
meaning of the holiday season and how we can provide service
to others. Whether purchasing donation items or shopping for
loved ones, making purchases through UMCmarket creates a
contribution to your ministry. It's a great way to give twice, at no
additional cost to you. UMCmarket offers many savings
opportunities for you while generating donations for your
ministry. May we continue to give thanks for the indescribable
gift we have been given.

"just as the Son of Man did
not come to be served,
but to serve..."

Matthew 20:28a (NIV)



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 December

Service: Caring enough to do something about someone else's need

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life, John 3:16 NIV"



Pageant News...

December 12th from 9-11 a.m.

Pageant Rehearsal for all pageant participants!
It is super important that all pageant participants be at rehearsal on the 12th since this is an all new pageant and will be a learning experience for us all. Exciting!

December 13th

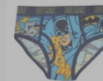
is Christmas Pageant Sunday!!!!

Please arrive at 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Caroling

at CRC on December 18th

Come join us as we sing carols and enjoy the company of the residents at CRC. Meet at Dancey House at 4:30 p.m. and plan to stay for pizza afterwards!



Starting this Sunday the Compassion Challenge!!

BLAST children will be asked to take on the Compassion Challenge during Advent this year as they remember that Christmas is not their birthday, but Jesus' birthday.

The Compassion Challenge asks us to recognize someone else's need and care enough to do something about it!!

This year we will be collecting socks and underwear for children close to home in Chelsea who are served by Faith in Action and farther away in Detroit who are served by Brightmoor Aldersgate and the Read, Seed, Feed program. We will present these gifts at the Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m.. Our goal is to collect enough socks and underwear so that every child who attends the 4pm service on Christmas Eve will have a gift to bring forward to the front of the church!

Mark your 2016 calendar for some more Parent Education Opportunities this year!



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 remaining speakers for 2015/16 are as follows:

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"

Wednesday

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

New series - 99 Thoughts for Jr. Highers
Biblical Truths in Bite Size Pieces



Sunday Mornings

Middle School XP3

UNEXPECTED

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Room 222

MIDDLE SCHOOL - In that there is no MS XP3 on Pageant Sunday (December 13th) WE WILL MEET UPSTAIRS DURING THE BLAST SERVICE (December 6th) WHY? Because we can't go that long without spending time with you; eating, laughing and talking about the good things of God!

December 20th – WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE!
A white elephant gift is something that is outdated or funny or no longer useful to you but is in working order.
DON'T FORGET TO BRING ONE PAIR OF WARM SOCKS FOR THE BIRTHDAY BOXES!

High School XP3

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

SECRET SANTA BEGINS DECEMBER 6th!

We will meet after the pageant as well.



THE TERRI LYNN NUT SALE

One more opportunity

We offer pecans, walnuts, chocolate covered raisins, granola, nut medleys, and much more. This product makes a great stocking stuffer, gift for teachers, or grandparents. The proceeds will support the Mission Ministry JFON.
Thank you !



SHOEBOXES NEEDED!

Thank you for your generous support of the youth at the Cupcake Fundraiser on November 1. The Middle School youth are filling shoeboxes with birthday items for children who live in the Brightmoor Community/Detroit. Please bring your empty shoeboxes to Grams Hall and place them beneath the table nearest the courtyard bulletin board.

We need 15 more shoeboxes to meet our goal of 30. Please consider dropping off a shoebox in Grams Hall in the next few weeks.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH – Please bring in ONE pair of good socks for your shoebox. We will hang them in the youth room until it's time to pack the boxes.

Thank you so much!

Confirmation

December 5th

4 - 6 p.m. Pretzel making in the kitchen

December 6th

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Youth Room #216

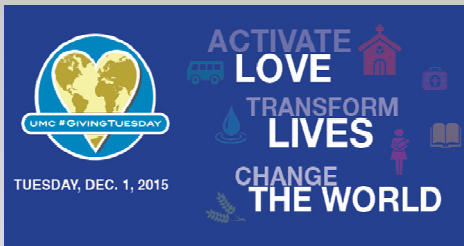
Topic: Holy Spirit

Mission Ministries



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?v=y0FmIIUXR9A&feature=youtu.be>



Please Support the Education of Children in Liberia

Advance #15125B - [Scholarships for Elementary, Secondary, College & Seminary Education - Projects](#)
Providing scholarships for active members of United Methodist Churches

Advance #3021129 - Helen Roberts-Evans is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serving as director of the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia. Helen's work includes meeting needs in such areas as teacher training, scholarships, resources, new school construction, and school building renovation and repair. "I want to share the love of Christ with each child because I know that his love brings peace and gives strength to overcome life's challenges."

For more information about UMC #GivingTuesday, visit www.umcmission.org/giving-tuesday

To watch the video about Giving Tuesday <https://vimeo.com/146021142>

To give on UMC #GivingTuesday, visit www.umcmission.org/give.



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.

December 12, 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'. Chelsea Chicks Care 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 to those who drive to Chicago to pick up low cost paper products for our guests. Thank you to all who make this meal possible from beginning to end. Beyond the numbers of meals served, lives that know the love of Christ because of people living differently.



FAITH IN ACTION PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, ham)

Juice	Mandarin Oranges	Canned Peaches
Chunky Style Soup	Spaghetti Sauce	Macaroni & Cheese
Peanut Butter	Cooking Oil	Sugar
Jelly	Laundry Soap	Dish Soap
Cleaning Products	Pads	Tampons
Kleenex	Shampoo	Conditioner
Toothpaste	Bath Soap for Children	
Flour		

Sunday, December 6th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. BLAST Worship
- 9:15 a.m. 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
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
- 3:00 & 7 p.m. Concert Series "Hometown Holidays Concert"

Monday, December 7th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Advent Service

Tuesday, December 8th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Material Girls

Wednesday, December 9th

- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Outlet
- 6:00 p.m. Share & Study
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees
- 7:30 p.m. CFUMC Choir

Thursday, December 10th

- 7:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers

Friday, December 11th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Bazaar Set - Up
- 9:00 a.m. MOPS Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Community Breakfast Set - Up

Saturday, December 12th

- 8:00 a.m. Free Community Breakfast and Paper Product Distribution
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 13th

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Bells Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
- 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 Handbell Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Advent Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Random ringers, The Accidentals

Monday, December 14th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play

Tuesday, December 15th

- 9:30 a.m. Creative Play, Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Ad Council, Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, December 16th

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

Thursday, December 17th

- 6:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, December 18th

- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling at CRC Off - Site

Saturday, December 19th

- 8:00 a.m. The Brotherhood of Christ

Volunteers Serving December 6th

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 & Lois Gibson
- 10:30 a.m. Charles & Sandy Schmunk, Laurie Schiller, Phil Radant

Acolyte: Kate Krugh, Kiera Crawley

Nursery Workers:

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

Volunteers Serving December 13th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Logan, LuAnn & Loren Heller
- 10:30 a.m. Lois & Dick Willis, Julie & Dennis Deppner

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Bill, Brendan & Kyle Doyle, John Cugliari
- 10:30 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
- Coffee Hour Host: Sandy Schmunk, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Janet Kuras, Phyllis Tillman
- Coffee Hour Bakers: Kathy Carter, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Linda Logan, Kassie Cousino, Dorothy Craft

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