

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 20, 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. 20th** 4th Sunday of Advent - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship
Youth deliver 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, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st**
Church office and building is closed
- Jan. 3rd** Epiphany Sunday 9 a.m. BLAST & 11 a.m. Worship
All music ensembles, youth classes resume
- 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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0FmlUXR9A&feature=youtu.be>



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayers for Comfort:

* a friend whose mother died *

Prayers for Healing for:

* Biff Weber * Paul Weber *

* Hertha Laupmanis * a granddaughter *

* a co-workers grandson * Pat Martin *

Prayers for Support for:

* Johnson Francois in the Dominican Republic *

* Ruth Westcott * Those touched by violence in our world *

* Joanne Weber *

Altar Flower sign up for 2016

You can find the sign up sheet in Grams Hall on the bulletin board. Please fill out a form and write your name on the sign up if you wish to furnish flowers for a certain Sunday in 2016.

Forms can be left at the sign up or put in Liza Gray's mail box.

You order the flowers from a local flower shop and they deliver them by noon on Friday to the office. Or you can bring in your own arrangement. If you have any questions contact Liza Gray.

**2016 Offering Envelopes will be available
for pick up in Grams Hall this
Sunday, December 20th.**

Announcements

Christmas Eve Musician Schedule: Thursday, December 24th

Please be ready to warm-up at the times listed below:

- 3:00 p.m. Random Ringers warm-up in Sanctuary
- 3:15 p.m. Praise Bells warm-up in Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Advent Choir warm-up in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Begins

- 7:15 p.m. Accidentals warm-up in Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Begins

- 9:45 p.m. Rezound warm-up in Sanctuary
- 10:00 p.m. Choir warm-up in Choir Room
- 10:30 p.m. Worship begins

Sunday, December 27th:

All Music ensembles are off, no rehearsals.

Sunday, January 3rd

All Music Rehearsals Resume

Please contact April Murphy (amurphy@chelseaumc.org) if you are not receiving the bi-weekly music ministries update newsletter and would like to be!

Join Faith In Action for dinner on Christmas Day

Faith in Action and Our Savior Lutheran Church are once again sponsoring a Christmas Day Dinner, free of charge to anyone who'd like to enjoy a festive holiday meal. Recognizing that there are many who celebrate with family on alternate days, or may not have family at all in the area, this meal is a wonderful way to enjoy the best foods of the season and have a fun sharing Christmas experience.

Dinner starts at 1 p.m. at

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St.
in Chelsea, next door to McDonalds.

The turkey and fixings are all prepared by volunteers, and guests may bring a salad or dessert to round out the table. Reservations for the purposes of a head count can be made by calling FIA at 475-3305, or by email to nancypaul@faithinaction1.org.

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.

Dinner for Eight (or 7 or 9)

Dinner for Eight is a delightful way for the adult members of our congregation to spend time in Christian fellowship with those we haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting and those we already know, but would like to spend more time getting to know better. It has been an excellent way for newer members of our congregation to get to know people in the church.

Here's how it works: All who are interested sign up in Grams Hall - couples and singles. Groups of eight are formed - sometimes 4 couples, sometimes 3 couples and 2 or 3 singles - you get the picture. Each group meets for dinner once a month for four months, in the homes of the members of the group.

The host couple provides the entrée and beverages, while the others provide an appetizer, salad or dessert. What we end up with is a delicious dinner and interesting, lively conversation.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Logan at 433-9157 or e-mail at dllogan@charter.net.

This round of Dinner for Eight will include the months of February, March, April and May
Sign up in Grams Hall by January 20, 2016



Mark your calendars!!!

Organ Dedication Concert:

Dr. Melissa Plamann & CFUMC Friends
Sunday, January 24th: 4 - 5 p.m.

Lance Luce, Theater Organist

Sunday, February 21st: 4 - 5 p.m.

Southpaw Isle: Steel Drum Band

Friday, March 4th: 7p.m.

Announcements Continued

The board of Trustees met December 9th

We had the entire membership in attendance.

First and foremost we are happy to report that we had received enough funding from the church community to fully match the roof replacement funding challenge. All the Trustees are thankful and grateful for your support and the roof will keep us dry for years to come. THANK YOU!

The fire extinguishers are nearing 12 years old. Since the cost of testing at this age and addressing issues is of equal cost to replacing them, we are going to replace them.

Our renovated sanctuary officially opened with our service on December 6 and we're so glad to be "home." We are proud of our sanctuary in it "new yet familiar" look. The Trustees are charged with keeping it clean and in good condition and we request that you drop off any food or liquids on one of the waiting stations outside of the sanctuary (also known as trays). Your containers will be well kept and perhaps dusted a time or two before you return to pick it up after the service.

Our meeting also marked the end of Tom Lewis' service with the Trustees. He has served as long as any of us could remember. Tom brought all of his talents to us including his electrical expertise, construction skills working on the garage and youth room modifications, and served for a time as secretary and always a mentor. His most memorable skill is "Chief Critter Control Officer." You'd be surprised at how many unwanted visitors of the furry kind show up at church. Tom would carefully trap them and transport them to better places. Thanks Tom for your many years of service!

Training for Kitchen Workers!

Do you work at one of the many church food events? Wondering if you're doing things the best way to keep food safe or use the equipment properly? Then reserve your space at the Serv Safe Food Handler Class on Saturday, Feb 6th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Grams Hall. This Chelsea Community Kitchen class, taught by our own Judy Radant, gives you all you need to handle food properly and use our kitchen equipment safely. Contact the Food Ministry Council through Dayle Wright (dwright192900mi@comcast.net, 475-1563) to register or ask questions. Signup sheet also available in church office. NOTE: Those who attended previous training, but missed the equipment specific piece can sign up for the last hour.

Hometown Holidays Re-visited

My heart is filled with gratitude for you, the good people of Chelsea First UMC, and your amazing generosity, giftedness and outpouring of love to our community throughout the Chelsea Hometown Holidays Weekend. Friday evening we provided space for the Live Nativity. Thank you to Trustee representative Tom Lewis for being present to offer shelter and support for the cast, planners, and attendees.

Saturday the building was buzzing with activity from the wee morning hours to late in the day, as the amazing Material Girls and their "cast of hundreds" provided the Children's Shopping Bazaar (over 300 children!), along with added shopping opportunities for adults. The building was filled with happy faces, sounds of glee, helpful and understanding shopping buddies, event hosts, gift wrappers and cashiers. To Barbara Brown, the entire Leadership Team and membership of Material Girls: thank you for the labor of love you invest all year long. You provided such a positive experience for all who came that day. And to all your volunteers – setting up, cleaning up, and all things in-between – well done.

Sunday afternoon and evening, the Hometown Holiday Concerts were the crown jewel for the "sanctuary inauguration day" and festival weekend. Our choir and instrumentalists, the Chelsea Chamber Players, and the Chelsea High School Choir and Orchestra brought exquisite, inspiring music to our community. The partnership and collaboration is wonderful. There were upwards of 130 musicians involved and both concerts were standing room only, with people even sitting outside the sanctuary on the stairs to listen. Thank you to Kyle Webber, April Murphy, all our choir members and musicians, and our community partners for this extravagant gift.

Dear Ones, you embody the hospitality and compassion of Jesus Christ. From the heart of downtown Chelsea, you open wide your hearts to care for, serve and celebrate our community, for the glory of God. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Pastor Joy

Children and Youth 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

Compassion: 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



BLAST 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!

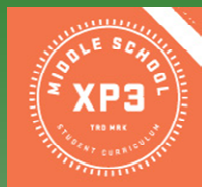
This year we will be collecting socks and underwear for children close to home in Chelsea who are served by Faith in Action and farther away in Detroit who are served by Brightmoor Aldersgate and the Read, Seed, Feed program. We will present these gifts at the Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m.. Our goal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



The remaining speakers for 2016 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"



Sunday Mornings

Middle School XP3

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Room 222

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.
REMEMBER TO BRING ONE PAIR OF WARM SOCKS FOR THE BIRTHDAY BOXES!

No XP3 on December 27th, see you back January 3, 2016!

High School XP3

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

Write your last Secret Santa letter and choose from among the gifts in the youth room. Your identity will be revealed in January.



In the meantime, It's a WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE!

No XP3 on December 27th, see you back January 3, 2016!

Confirmation December 20th

Confirmands - Head to Cass with the gifts! 11:30 a.m.



Wednesday's

We will see you back on
January 6, 2016!!!!

Mission Ministries



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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.

Thank you: Rob L, Dayle W, Norm C, Mike S, Ruth N, Max P, Tim N, Lois G, Harry G, Evan S, John C, Mack R, Mark S, Teresa S, Mackenzie B, Bev D, Chris V, Tom D, Tom Dr, Pat E, Jane N, Patrick S, Marjorie S, Art S, Jeanne A, Mary Ann M, Lisa GL, Ms. Virginia, Elaine A, Jan D, Ellen A, Steve F, Kerry, Theresa, Regan & Caley P, Arlene W, Ed A, Amanda R, Mary Beth L, Stephanie D, Kathryn H, Katelyn H, Valisa B, & all of the MOPS and volunteers who are not listed but also offered your hearts in service.

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:

Mandarin Oranges
Chunky Style Soup

Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, ham)
Canned Peaches Canned Stews



TERRI LYNN NUTS

Do you need PECANS?
We still have a case to sell.
Thank you for all of your support.
Jeanne Franks

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)



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Sunday, December 20th

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Mission Team Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. CFUMC Choir Warm Up, 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
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation heads to CASS
- 12:00 p.m. Rezound Handbells Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Advent Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Random Ringers Rehearsal, The Accidentals Rehearsal

Monday, December 21st

- 7:30 p.m. Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 23rd

- 7:00 p.m. CFUMC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 24th

- 3:00 p.m. Random Ringers Warm Up
- 3:15 p.m. Praise Bells Warm Up
- 3:30 p.m. Advent Choir Warm Up
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
- 7:15 p.m. The Accidentals Warm Up
- 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
- 9:45 p.m. Rezound Handbells Warm Up
- 10:00 p.m. CFUMC Choir Warm Up
- 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 25th

Church office and building will be closed

Sunday, December 27th

- 11:00 a.m. One Worship Service

Monday, December 28th

Church office and building will be closed

- 7:00 p.m. Renew Band Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 31st and Wed., January 1st

Church office and building will be closed

Sunday, January 3rd

- 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
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Volunteers Serving December 20th

Greeters:

- 8:30 a.m. Linda Meloche, Arlene Wiltse
- 10:30 a.m. John & Ellen Aldighieri & Mackenzie Benning

Ushers:

- 8:30 a.m. Harry & Lois Gibson, Boyd & Arlene Wiltse
- 10:30 a.m. Debbie Kennedy

Acolyte: Natalie Morr, Fiona Stoker

Nursery Workers:

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

Coffee Hour Host: Eileen Blough, Barbara Brown, Jane Newbound, Susan Wellman

Coffee Hour Bakers: Casey Wooster, Lillian Long, Eileen Blough, Janet Alford, Tara Basso

**Volunteers Serving December 27th
One Worship Service at 11 a.m.**

Greeters:

- 10:30 a.m. John Seto, Liza Gray

Ushers:

- 10:30 a.m. Mark Peterson, Debbie Kennedy, Larry Martin

Nursery Workers:

- 10:45 a.m. Lori Campbell

Volunteers Serving January 3rd

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

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

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