



Welcome to the weekly digital newsletter.
Deadline for articles is Wednesday 12 pm. Click [HERE](#) to submit your article.
"Questions about newsletter items? Please call the church office, 734-475-8119."

Sunday Worship

10 am in the sanctuary

Face masks are no longer mandated, yet still encouraged, inside the church building. You can also watch the service live-streamed on the church's YouTube Channel, click [HERE](#).
Subscribe to the church channel and you will get a notification when something new is available.



A series based on Galatians 5

Sunday, June 19 Patience, Kindness and Gentleness
Sunday, June 26 Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control

Count down to start of worship...3...2...1 and we are live!

Since the pandemic, we have found creative ways to worship, including recorded worship, Zoom worship, outdoor worship, and live streaming. We no longer pre-record our services. While outdoor worship is still an option, it is not a viable choice when it is hot or rainy, and we do not have the capacity to live stream outdoor worship. Live streaming from the sanctuary has become a wonderful way to reach those who still are uncertain about meeting in person, those who are unable to get out due to health/mobility issues, those who are traveling, etc.



We are in constant learning mode with new technologies and capacities. A recent webinar raised for our worship design team the need to consider privacy issues while live streaming. The internet is far-reaching; estimates suggest that we have the potential to reach more than 3 billion internet users worldwide. With that being said, we now understand there are those attending worship who may not wish to appear in a broadcast to the world through a live stream of the service.

We have now created seating areas designated "no video zones." If you are interested in sitting in a "no video zone," please see an usher.



Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation will follow the 10 am service in the social hall

On Friday, June 24 the church office will be closed.



Special Church Conference

When: Sunday, June 26, 11 am

Where: Chelsea First UMC sanctuary

Purpose: To vote on a motion from the Administrative Council to launch and partner in a new ministry involving a weekly all-inclusion worship service for people with all abilities. The proposed start date is late September 2022. The new worship service will be a second 11 am service, taking place in Grams Hall, concurrent with the 11 am service in the sanctuary.

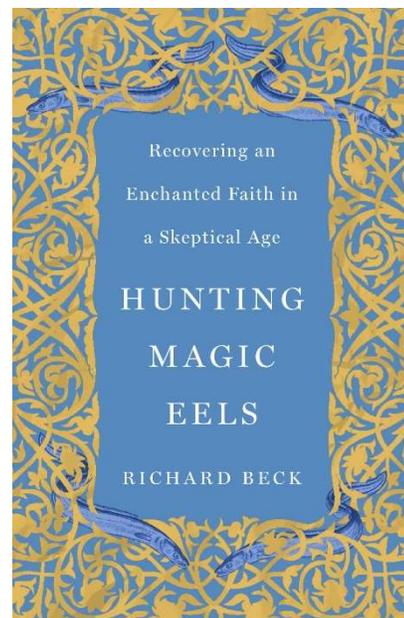
Here is the link to the presentation about Parables that was shared in worship on June 12 by Heidi Doyle: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f8VbYxixIsJOEsvraZpdyJKnFEEH9fpM/view?usp=sharing>.

All are welcome to attend and speak at the special church conference. The denomination's rules limit voting to those who are church members and present at the time of the vote. Proxy or absentee votes are not allowed. If you have questions, please contact Mike Vanderspool, chairperson of the Administrative Council, or Pastor Joy

Faith Conversations

What/whom do you implicitly trust? Where do you instinctively turn for guidance? How do you gauge your success (or failure) in life? Many of us rely on reason, education, hard work, and self-reliance (with a bit of luck). However, the reality of the last few years has really tested those assumptions.

Unsurprisingly, many have been deeply questioning our faith, the meaning and purpose of life, and what's ultimately important. Amidst all this, it's easy to lose hope, and wander in a quagmire of uneasy despair.



If this intrigues you, grab a cup of coffee or tea and join Faith Conversations, a new adult group. We'll use the book, 'Hunting Magic Eels*': Recovering an Enchanted Faith in a Skeptical Age' by Robert Beck, as a springboard to explore these questions (and more). You don't have to read the book to participate, just bring yourself and your experiences, as we explore how we got here and how we can move on.

Faith Conversations will meet from 8:30 am to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings in room 207, starting June 26 through August 14.

* In the Middle Ages a church in Wales was a 'destination' wedding site, as tossing bread in a well was an honored tradition. If the eels in the well stirred the water, the couple would have a long happy marriage.

Building the Beloved Community **Join one of the Teams**

We invite you to help build the Beloved Community at Chelsea First joining one or more of the Congregational Care teams. The Chelsea First's Congregational Care teams support our congregation in many ways

- **Care Team Vision:** that each of us experiences Chelsea First as a community of help and support, no matter what we are facing, with respect for privacy and confidentiality.
- **Prayer Team** members commit to praying privately and confidentially, on their own time, over a set of concerns that are distributed via a weekly email.
- **Cards Team** members sign up (via the on-line Signup Genius tool) to send cards and notes to people on the Care list according to a defined schedule.
- **Meals Team** members volunteer (via Signup Genius) to prepare and deliver meals to those who need a break from shopping and meal prep.
- The **Rides and Errands Team** provides light shopping and transportation assistance.
- **Calling and Visiting Teams** are in personal contact with people who are isolated or experiencing particularly difficult times. Special training and selection are required.

If you are interested in joining one or more of these teams call the church office and talk with Liza Gray, at 734-475-8119. We also would like to invite you to our event on June 29 at 7 pm for our summertime all-team-get-together.

Michigan Area Disaster Response - Gaylord Tornado

Following the Gaylord tornado, you can make a financial donation: To donate by check, please mail it to Michigan Conference at 1161 East Clark Road, Suite 212, DeWitt MI 48820. It is essential to include this exact language in the memo: #4407 Michigan Area Disaster Response. Click [HERE](#) to read the entire article about how to help and what the United Methodist Church is doing.



PRAYERS - If you have prayer concerns to share, please call the church office or click [HERE](#) to submit.

Prayers for Healing for:

* Eunice Peters * Carla Elliott * Lisa Gray-Lion * Becky Welter * Lynda Van Dusen * Beverly Stumph * Chris Craig * Norm Colbry * Patti * Linda Fields * Sharon * Olivia (Meridith) * Kathy Quinn * Kathy S. * George Kattula * Jane Johnston * Ruth Rawson Mayday *
* Don Noye * Aunt Linda *

Prayers for Strength for:

* John and Carla Elliot * Dan and Lillian Long * Sherry & Brian Laskowski * Sharon and Peter * Family and friends of Roberta Anderson *

Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:

* Matthew Daoust * Ethan McPherson * Jack Coon * Clinton Olberg *



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Thursday - Friday 8 - 3 pm