



Welcome to the weekly digital newsletter. "Questions about newsletter items? Please call the church office, 734-475-8119." A PDF reader is required on your device to open articles that say Read More...

The church office and building will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, and January 1. On Friday, December 27, the church office will be closed.

Sunday Worship is at 9 and 11 am in the sanctuary

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Sanctuary Services on the church's YouTube Channel.

Click [HERE](#) for the 9 am bulletin and [HERE](#) for the 11 am bulletin.

Hope Is Worth The Risk

December 22, 2023

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 | Luke 1:46-55

Hope is vulnerable and can feel like a tremendous risk, especially if you've experienced loss or trauma. But Mary shows us a resilient hope that takes risks – she risks her body to bear a son who will become the hope of her people. Similarly, Joseph makes a risky choice to stay with Mary; dismissing her quietly would have kept him safe. But instead, he chooses hope. He chooses to trust the angel, and it makes all the difference. It can feel safer and easier to be a cynic, but the world doesn't need more cynics. It needs people who say, "It can be better" and make it so.



Music Notes

This Sunday, December 22, 2024 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Gathering Music at 9 am will be presented by Brian Brill along with the worship band. It will include O Christmas Tree arranged by Vince Guaraldi. At 11 am accompanist, Hengyi Ye, will play *Sussex Carol* followed by *What Child is This* arranged by Mark Hayes. [Read More...](#)



Parables Worship 11 am in the social hall.

Adventure and Joy are December's theme words at **Parables**.

Contributions for 2024

The last day to make contributions for 2024 will be Tuesday, December 31. Anything that comes in after that will be considered a 2025 contribution.

We have not received offering envelopes yet for 2025. When they have arrived you will find them in the main lobby.



You can [Read More](#) to find out when the Christmas Eve Worship Services are. Here is information on where the Christmas Eve Offering will go. [Read More...](#)



Early Response Team Training

January 4, 2025
8:30 am



Join Chelsea First for a Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Georgia

[Read More...](#)

Faith In Action Sunday

The First Sunday
of the Month

See the list of needed products
on the big blue bin.

For more information
www.chelseaumc.org/events



Soup-er Sunday Potlucks

January 5
5:00 pm

Roger and Jane Boyce

Roger & Jane will share their global mission opportunities that have allowed them to see the world.



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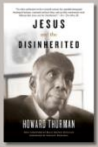
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Roger and Jane Boyce will share how they transformed their retirement into global mission opportunities that have allowed them to see the world. [Read More...](#)

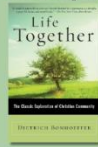
Racial Justice Book Studies

Two 3-week book studies will be offered starting January 9.

Jan. 9 - 23
7:00 pm



Jan. 30 - Feb. 13
7:00 pm



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Explore Racial Justice Through Faith: Upcoming Book Study Series

We invite you to join us for two transformative, 3-week book studies. Each book is a timeless classic that centers Jesus while offering profound insights on how courageous love inspires justice in our lives and the world. [Read more...](#)

Chili Cookoff

Save the Date!
January 10, 2025

For more information
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Get Ready for the 2nd Annual Chelsea First Chili Cookoff!

Mark your calendars! The 2nd Annual Chelsea First Chili Cookoff, there will only be 15 spots to enter your chili. [Read More...](#)

Matthew 7:24-27

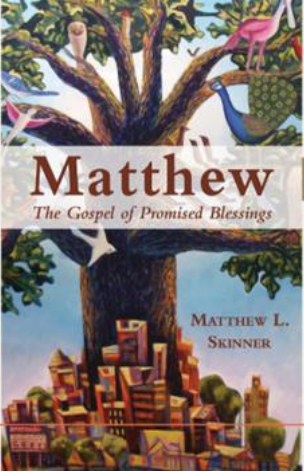
BUILD ON SOLID GROUND

January 12, 2025
4:00 - 6:00 pm

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Messy Church





Monday Night Bible Study

January 13 - February 24

Together we will explore this enigmatic Gospel, learning more about the themes, topics, and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about the life and work of Jesus.

For more information: www.chelseaumc.org/events

A new Bible Study begins January 13
 The Gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus and his message as full of tender compassion and urgent warning. We will be using the Bible book of Matthew along with the book Matthew: [Read More...](#)




PARENT & CAREGIVERS GROUP

January 2025

Connect with other parents and caregivers, share experiences and discuss a wide range of topics related to raising children.

More information... www.chelseaumc.org/events

We are excited to announce the launch of a new **Parent & Caregiver Group** starting in **January 13 2025!** This group will meet every **Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, both **in-person** and **online** to accommodate everyone. [Read More...](#)



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HEALING WOUNDS

6WEEK DISCUSSION GROUP

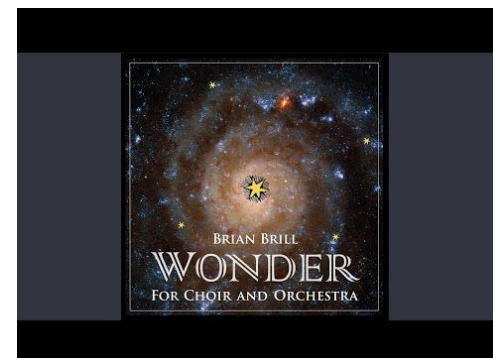
This small group gathering will explore how we are wounded and ways we can heal.

"Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen along with scripture will help guide the discussions.

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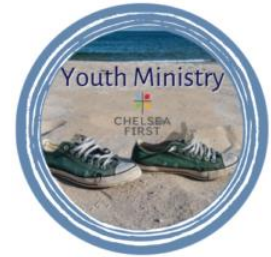
This small group is a six-week gathering of people who would like to explore together how we are wounded and ways we can heal. Through the use of story and shared experiences, we will discuss physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual wounds as well as the healing process. [Read More...](#)

Experience the Magic of Wonder – Brian Brill's Latest Music Album *Wonder* is available for streaming on all major platforms, including **Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon, and YouTube**. Whether you're at home, on the go, or enjoying a moment of reflection, you can easily dive into the music of *Wonder* and let it transport you. If you prefer a physical copy you can purchase one in the church office. For more information about the album and to learn more about Brian Brill's music, visit his website at www.brianbrillmusic.com.





This Sunday, we will wonder together about the Scripture reading of Matthew 1:18-25. Before Jesus was born, an angel came to Joseph, Jesus' father on earth. **Children's Newsletter** [Read More...](#)



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

Prayer List [Read More...](#)

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Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday 8 - 4 pm

Thursday - Friday 8 - 3 pm

The Deadline for submitting articles is Wednesday noon, if it is after that, it will go in the following week. Please turn in articles 3 weeks before the event start date. Click [HERE](#) to submit your article



Do you need help getting started with the new directory? Or someone to take your picture? Maybe you don't have a computer or internet connection? Then call the church office.

The directory can be viewed on your computer. Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> to view the directory. For more information about the website and how to navigate through it click here: <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>.

You can also download the App to your phone or tablet:

Instant Church Directory on your phone.



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