



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...

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



Third Sunday in Lent – March 23

Rest & Grow

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:6-9

The gardener in the vineyard knows the fig tree needs rest, nutrients, and time – and it also needs to produce fruit. Both things are true, which is also true for us. If we are always striving for more growth without taking time to rest, we will burn out. But if we are only ever resting, we won't bear fruit or grow. The fig tree also teaches us that the in between time – of nurture before fruit – can be where transformation begins.



Parables Worship in the social hall at 11 am

Theme: The Prophetic Way (one step backward, two steps ahead)

Who are the prophets in your life? These are people about whom we seldom speak. These are the people who have helped you to take, through their words or actions, a hard look at what needs to be let go of, corrected, put in line---so that your life could begin to have the energy to move ahead in more life-giving ways. [Read More...](#)



The Chelsea First Leadership Board was scheduled to share goals for the coming year and get feedback from the congregation during a March 20 town hall meeting. [Read More...](#)



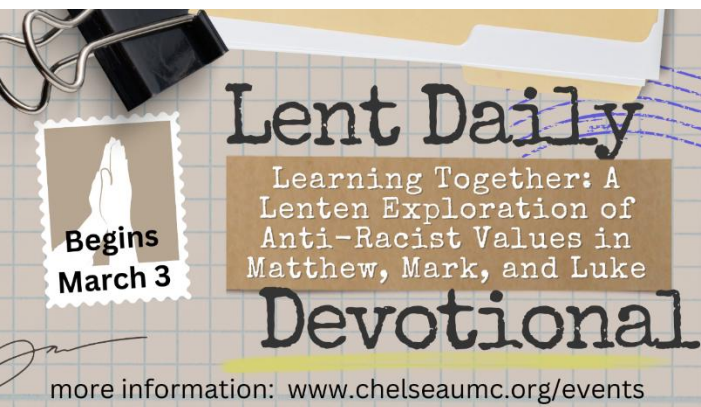
Empty Bowls

There is an upcoming fundraising event supporting both the Jackson Interfaith Shelter and My Place. My

Place is rental housing for youth ages 16 through 21 who are aging out of foster care. [Read More...](#)



Chelsea First UMC's ERT Team Assists in Disaster Response [Read More...](#)



<https://chelseaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-lenten-devotional-1-100-1-30-2025.pdf>

Sunday Between Services Lenten Devotional Gathering

Join us in room 207 every Sunday thru Palm Sunday to dig a little deeper into that week's devotions from the Lenten Devotion Learning Together: An Exploration of Anti-Racist Values in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Come once or every Sunday at 10:15 am in room 207 to discuss Day 7.



SIMPLY GIVE

Simply Give donations to support FIA Food Pantry!

March 1 - 29 = \$10

March 1 & 22 = \$10 turns into \$30

In the month of March we started a fresh series of Dinner for Eight gatherings to help our church family get to know each other better. We have three more dinners - in April, May and June. It is time to sign up for the April dinner. [Read More...](#)



March 30, 2025

SPECIAL SUNDAY

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

- MATTHEW 25:35



UMCOR SUNDAY

The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR’s administrative costs.

This offering allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need.

These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.



Spring Fair Trade Coffee Sale

March 30, 2025
10 - 11 am in the Social Hall

All proceeds will support Habitat for Humanity's Good News House!



more information: www.chelseaumc.org/events



Hosted by the Missions Committee! This is your chance to purchase delicious, ethically sourced coffee, tea, and chocolate while making a difference. [Read More...](#)
[Price List](#)



Get Acquainted Session

April 5
9:30 am - Noon

More information:
www.chelseaumc.org/events

We invite you to participate in the next "Get Acquainted with Chelsea First" session. Perhaps you would like to formalize your relationship with the church and become members. (Childcare provided) [Read More...](#)



Soup-er Sunday Speaker Series



The First Sunday of the month at 5 pm in the social hall

Daniel J. Mahaney was elected as Jackson's mayor in 2021 and 2023. He will talk about Jackson's history with redlining, tracing its effects into the present day. [Read More...](#)



This Sunday, we will hear about the Parable of the Fig Tree in Worship - Luke 13:6-9 and focus on the main idea that we all grow at our own pace. During CONNECT, we will wonder together about walking humbly with God which is also about walking humbly with one another. Or learn what the children/youth did last Sunday together. **Children's Newsletter** [Read More...](#)



Learn what the children/youth did together last Sunday and more. **Youth Newsletter** [Read More...](#)



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.



Want to know more about what is happening with The Michigan Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, check out their digital newsletter that provides news and information about the work of the larger church around the state and the world. [MIConnect](#), [Heritage District News](#), and [MIFaith](#).