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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...

"We're building a community where everyone feels welcome, valued, encouraged, and invited to a lifelong spiritual journey."

Connection Across Barriers - September 28

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Barriers—whether visible or invisible—can keep us apart. *Ephesians 2:11-22* shares the good news that in Christ, those walls don't have to stand. Through faith, hostilities can give way to understanding, and division can be replaced with connection. This week, we'll explore how God invites us into a new kind of community where everyone belongs.



Click [HERE](#) to watch the 9 or 11 am Sanctuary Service on the church's YouTube Channel. Click [HERE](#) for the 9 am bulletin, click [HERE](#) for the 11 am bulletin.



Join in some Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation following the 9 am service in the social hall.



Parables Worship at 11 am in the social hall



The Chelsea First Leadership Board held its monthly meeting on September 9th during this initial year of using the simplified accountable structure of church governance that was adopted in January. [Read More...](#)

JACKSON *interfaith* SHELTER

Thank you to those who served at Jackson Interfaith on September 6th. We heard many words of gratitude from those who received a delicious lunch. And thank you to the dessert makers. We provided a wonderful selection of cookies, brownies, and muffins. Pastor Rick sends a message of appreciation to our church family for our love and plentiful giving: "We appreciate your service. We can't do this without sacrificial giving from people like you." ***The next meal we are scheduled to provide is dinner on December 12th.*** Submitted by Lynette Lynch on behalf of the Missions Team.

Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Sponsored by: Jewish Family Services

September 28, 2025

By walking together, we send a powerful message: we see you, we welcome you, and we will not stop providing support to those who need us.

For more information:
www.chelseaumc.org/events

An illustration of a person in athletic wear walking. A large, red, cartoonish shoe is being placed on the ground in front of them, symbolizing the 'Walk a Mile in My Shoes' theme.

Logos for Chelsea First and Jewish Family Services (JFS). Chelsea First has a colorful geometric logo. JFS has a circular logo with a hand icon and the text 'Jewish Family Services of Southern Ontario'.

October 5
5:00 pm

TOPIC:

Today's Urgent
Call to Stand With
Our Immigrant
Neighbors

"SOUP-ER" SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES



Our speaker will be Mary Anne Perrone, of Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary

The first Sunday of each month our Social Justice group sponsors a presentation on Social Justice.

The presentation concludes with a soup supper and time to have conversation on the presentation.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We are living in a time of deep crisis for immigrants in our community and across the United States. What does that have to do with us? Mary Anne Perrone, of Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary (WCS), will give a presentation and facilitate discussion about justice for

immigrants among us from a human rights and faith perspective. [Read More...](#)



Join Us for the CROP Hunger Walk: Walking to Fill the Gap. October 5 at St. Paul Episcopal Church, Dexter at 1:30 pm. This year's CROP Hunger Walk comes at a critical time. With sweeping cuts to programs like USAID, SNAP, and Medicaid, families both here at home and around the world are facing increased food insecurity and loss of essential care. [Read More...](#)

A poster for an event at Messy Church. On the left is a stylized drawing of a crowd of people and fish, rendered in a sketchy, hand-drawn style. On the right, the text reads: "Messy Church" in a red, splatter-like font; "Jesus Feeds a Crowd" in large white letters; "October 12, 2025" and "4:00 - 6:00 pm" in white; and a quote: "Where people of all ages come together to share in music, storytelling, creative crafts, and a delicious dinner." At the bottom right is the Chelsea First logo and the address "128 Park Street Chelsea Michigan".

Messy Church

Jesus Feeds a Crowd

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

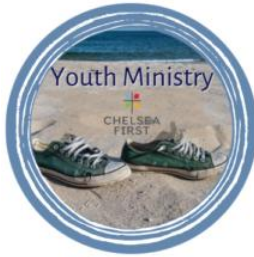
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CHELSEA FIRST 128 Park Street
Chelsea Michigan



This Sunday in CONNECT - Our focus will be on *1 Corinthians 12:4–31*, where Paul reminds us that God gives each person unique and important gifts. Communities are made up of people of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences—and that diversity is part of their beauty!

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This Sunday in Youth Gathering - Our focus will be on *1 Corinthians 12:4–26*, where Paul reminds the early church that although they were one body in Christ, each person had unique gifts and experiences to bring.

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This Week's Prayer List

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

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



Congregational Care

Join in building the Beloved Community at Chelsea First by serving on one (or more) of our Congregational Care Teams: **Prayer, Cards, Meals, and Rides/Errands.**

Building the Beloved Community

We all experience seasons of difficulty, loss, or distress. In Christ—and with the support of one another—no one needs to walk through these times alone.

Chelsea First is committed to being a caring community that offers help and support while honoring your privacy and confidentiality. If you are in need of care, please reach out to our Office Manager and Care Team Dispatcher, **Liza Gray-**

Jarvis (734-475-8119). She will talk with you about the types of support our Care Team can offer and ensure your wishes for confidentiality are respected



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