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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."

Fear Doesn't Stop Us

January 4, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 2:1–12, 16–18

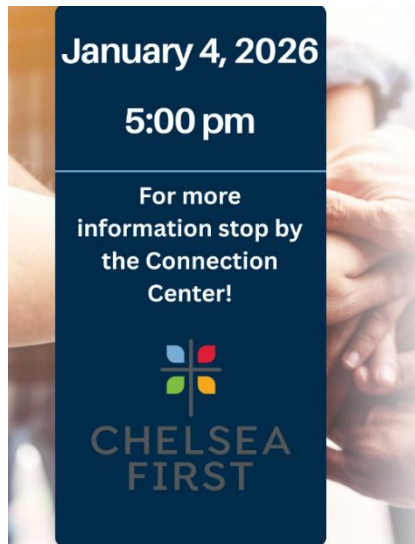
As we end our Advent series, Herod is still on the throne. Violence still echoes. Fear still lingers. [Read More...](#)

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.



Parables Worship at 11 am in the Social Hall.





“SOUP-ER” SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

TOPIC:

**The Journey to Wild Goose Lake (WGL):
A Local Black Community**

**The presentation concludes with a
soup and salad dinner and time for
conversation. ALL are welcome!**

JACKSON *interfaith* SHELTER




Thank you to those who baked Christmas cookies for the dinner at Jackson Interfaith Shelter on December 12th. We were able to take **23 dozen cookies!** After serving dinner and dessert to approximately 120 people, we created gift bags that contained a variety of cookies as special treats. We heard so many kind words of appreciation! Thank you also to those who served dinner at the shelter. *Submitted by Lynette Lynch on behalf of the Missions Team.*

“Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love.” – Mother Teresa



You are invited! *How God commissioned unexpected people in the Bible and what He wants to do with you.* Date: Thursdays, Jan 8 - Mar 26; Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Room 207
References: The Bible and John MacArthur's Study Guide, "Twelve Unlikely Heroes Study Guide." (The book is about \$12 but is **not** required)

[Twelve Unlikely Heroes Study Guide](#)



Women's
Bible Study

**Unlikely Heroes
of Faith**

Thursdays
January 8 - March 26
1:00 - 2:30 pm
Room 207

Symbols of Baptism



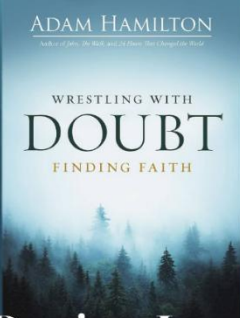
Messy Church

January 11, 2026
4:00 – 5:30 pm

CHELSEA FIRST
128 Park Street
Chelsea Michigan

"Where people of all ages come together to share in music, storytelling, creative crafts, and a delicious dinner."

Monday Night Bible Study



ADAM HAMILTON
WRESTLING WITH
DOUBT
FINDING FAITH

New Study Begins January 12, 2026

You are warmly invited to join a new study on Monday evenings in the new year. Using Rev. Adam Hamilton's book *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, we will explore a variety of matters of faith. [Read More...](#)

Let's Get Those Taste Buds Poppin'! The Christmas leftovers will be long gone, and nothing warms you up like a big, hearty bowl of chili! [Read More...](#)



SAVE THE DATE!
JANUARY 23, 2026 @ 6 PM

Think your chili has what it takes?

Sign up to compete at the Connection Center!

www.chelseaumc.org/events



Mission Trip 2026 – Save the Date

This is a save your date reminder. We will once again be heading to Augusta Georgia to fulfill the second year of the Michigan Conference commitment to assist in disaster relief efforts after Hurricane Helene. No special training is required to attend. We will depart on Sunday, March 1, 2026 and return on Thursday, March 5. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact the church office to speak with Rev. Rodney Gasaway.



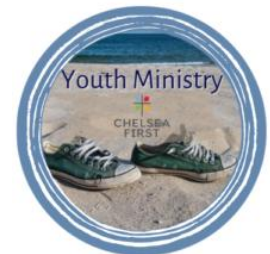
Sunday in CONNECT

This Sunday, we come together in the Sanctuary for worship and Communion. Our Scripture reading from Matthew 2:1–12, 16–18 invites us into the story of the Magi and reminds us that following God sometimes means choosing courage over fear. Our focus this week is simple yet powerful: fear doesn't stop us from doing what is right. **Children's Newsletter** [Read More...](#)

Sunday in Youth Gathering

This Sunday, we come together in the Sanctuary for worship and Communion. Our Scripture reading from Matthew 2:1–12, 16–18 invites us into the story of the Magi and reminds us that following God sometimes means choosing courage over fear. Our focus this week is simple yet powerful: fear doesn't stop us from doing what is right.

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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.



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.

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Thursday - Fri 8 - 3 pm

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