

Sandy Dobias, Director * Guest Ministry: High Priest Sue Leyder

Registration information can be found here:

<http://cofchristmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/POTPWomen2016.pdf>

Superannuation Services at Bristolwood and Tawas City:

- Jimmy Prentice will be superannuated on September 18th in 10:45 A.M. service at the Bristolwood congregation.
- October 9th 2016, we will be honoring the special ministry that Ray and Arlene have shared for over 35 years in the Community of Christ. A special service of celebration will be held at 11:00am at the Tawas City Congregation with a potluck to follow. Guest ministry will be given by Mark and Andrea Johnson (Son in Law and Daughter).

Please mark your calendars to attend and support them on this new journey ahead!

Michigan Mission Center

MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Dianna Vanderkarr at dianna@cofchristmi.org

MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding Mission Center news and activities, please go to the website:

www.cofchristmi.org

Due to space restrictions, we cannot include all necessary information in this bulletin.

Michigan Mission Center information

Website: www.cofchristmi.org * **Toll-Free Phone:** 888-853-2339

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of September 9, 2016

*Newly added items are listed in **bold italics**. This information is emailed weekly to all pastors, congregation communication liaisons and anyone who chooses to subscribe. If you have questions, call the Mission Center office at 888-853-2339.*

MICHIGAN MISSION CENTER NEWS

Mission Center Fall Conference Preparation & Dialogue:

Ask questions and engage in dialogue about the proposed mission center budget, officer appointments, and resolutions from congregations.

Join us from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 8 at Sanford Campground.

Journey House Senior High Weekend

Interested in living in East Lansing while attending school? Looking for a fun weekend away? If so, we welcome you at Journey House Campus Ministries to see what it's like to be a college student, to live in East Lansing, and get involved in a campus ministry program.

Come join us as we explore MSU and Journey House, play games, and share experiences October 21-23. Please email johousecmc@gmail.com for the event release form and to secure your spot during Senior High Weekend. Feel free to call us at (517) 337-1845 with any questions, comments, or concerns.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, donating supplies, or providing a meal during the Senior High Weekend please contact resident manager and campus minister, Nicole Keverne at the phone or email listed above.

August 31, 2016 Campground Sales Update

Q: What is the latest sales update on Camp Manitou?

A: First, the company listing Camp Manitou has added an additional brokerage firm from Chicago to try to generate interest from a broader pool of potential buyers. The summer has brought some renewed interest in Camp Manitou as several parties have expressed some interest in the property. As of this writing, a local church contacted us to get contact information for our realtor. So far, we have not had any offers presented.

Mission Center leadership made inquiry about reducing the listing price. Our Realtor advised that price does not seem to be a barrier at this point; however, it would be prudent to consider the market impact of a relatively small reduction that would take the listing price just below the \$800,000 threshold. Hence, in late August, the price for Camp Manitou was revised to

\$795,000. Hopefully, this action will be an incentive to those considering Camp Manitou.

Q: What is the latest sales update on The Woodlands?

A: Two of the parties that have expressed interest in the Woodlands remain interested; however, they are not ready to make an offer. For anyone to come up with nearly \$1.5-million is a daunting task. If approvals need to be received from a large group, they would encounter some of the delays that we would have to address. It is positive that interest remains from those parties. Our realtor reported one additional contact and another broker has shown the property to a party who had made an offer on another parcel in the area, but was outbid; so, he now wanted to look at The Woodlands.

When Mission Center leadership made inquiry about reducing the listing price, our Realtor advised that price does not seem to be a barrier at this point. Since The Woodlands appears to be operating without any significant deficits, interest remains from potential buyers, and price is not seen as a barrier, the decision was made to leave the listing price for The Woodlands at \$1,495,000. As we continually monitor interest and activity of potential buyers, the sales team will continue to monitor pricing as it may impact our listing.

Introduction to Scripture Class - Boyne City

The Temple School course "Introduction to Scripture" (TS-SS400), will be held at the Boyne City congregation at the following dates/times.

Tuesdays, Sept. 27 & Tuesdays Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 6:30-8:30 pm

Please contact Eleanor West at: ellielu57@gmail.com to register and with any questions.

2017 Preliminary MC Budget Proposal & Narrative

Mission Center Council members received packets with 2017 Preliminary Budget Information on Saturday, July 23. Pastors and CFOs received this information by e-mail on Monday, July 25. The preliminary budget proposal, budget narrative, and additional financial reports and information can be found on the Financial Reports page online.

Congregation commitments for support of 2017 budgets (mission center operating budget, campground operating budgets, Journey House Campus Ministry Center, and other funds) should be sent to Jack Tigner by September 15, 2016.

Budget Information: <http://cofchristmi.org/our-mission/mission-funding/financial-reports/>

Introduction to Priesthood Ministry - Kalamazoo

The Temple School course "Introduction to Priesthood Ministry", will be held at the Kalamazoo congregation at the following dates/times.

Tuesdays in October: 18 and 25 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays in November: 1, 8, and 15 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Please notify Ellie Heacock at (elehea@gmail.com) ASAP to enroll in the class.

Material costs are: \$29.95 plus shipping for the spiral bound book – or – \$12.95 for the .PDF version of the book, that individuals can order and download from Herald House at the following URL: www.heraldhouse.org/cart/edit.asp

It is not only one of the preparation courses for new priesthood, but is also a course for all disciples to take.

Ministry of the Elder - Kalamazoo

The Temple School course "Ministry of the Elder", will be held at the Kalamazoo congregation at the following dates/times.
Tuesdays in September: 13, 20, and 27 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays in October: 4 and 11 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Please notify Ellie Heacock at (elehea@gmail.com) ASAP to enroll in the class.

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Introduction to Scripture Class - Saginaw

The Temple School course "Introduction to Scripture" (TS-SS400), will be held at the Saginaw (Center Road) congregation at the following dates/times.

9-07-2016 Wed 6:00-8:30 p.m * 9-08-2016 Thur 6:00-8:30 p.m.

9-14-2016 Wed 6:00-8:30 p.m * 9-15-2016 Thur 6:00-8:30 p.m.

9-19-2016 Mon 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Please notify Gary Gordier at (glgordier@gmail.com) ASAP to enroll in the class.

Material costs are: \$29.95 plus shipping for the spiral bound book – or – \$12.95 for the .PDF version of the book, that individuals can order and download from Herald House at the following URL:

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The course will prepare disciples with the knowledge and practices to: use scripture to enrich their relationships with God, use scripture more responsibly; and let the witness of the scripture be a blessing. Some of the classes will use video segments with Tony and Charmaine Chvala-Smith as presenters. It is not only one of the preparation courses for new priesthood, but is also a course for all disciples to take.

Ministry of the Disciple - Galien

Ministry of the Disciple will be held at the Galien congregation on the following dates and times:

Friday, October 14, 7-9 pm * Saturday, October 15, 9am-5pm

Friday, October 21, 7-9 pm * Saturday, October 22, 9am-5pm

Please contact Sherry Jagger at sjagger@hotmail.com or 219-326-7894 to let her know if you're planning to attend she will pick up the books at World conference to save on shipping. Otherwise you'll be responsible for getting your own.

Sanford Women's Retreat ZIONTOPIA - Enduring Principles in Action

Sanford Women's Retreat - Sept 16-18: ZIONTOPIA: Enduring Principles in Action with Guest Ministry Bobbie Ann Robinson. Cost is \$45 for the weekend or \$25 for Saturday only.

Registration form and event schedule are available on the Sanford Campground Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/172710589450658/) and on the Mission Center website: http://cofchristmi.org/?event=sanford-womens-retreat-ziontopia&event_date=2016-09-16.

Park of the Pines Women's Retreat - Do You Love Me?

September 23-25, 2016

SHARING PROJECT – Personal Items: Women Shelter, Inc. Traverse City, Michigan: Tampons, Sanitary Pads; Old pillowcase to send to a 3rd World Country. Please bring these items to retreat.