

sources, effective techniques and a wider network of people to share and connect with! ... Plus it will just be a lot of fun! For more information, contact Rachelle Smalldon at [rachelle@steerempowerment.com](mailto:rachelle@steerempowerment.com) or Noelle Gaffka at [ngaffka@cofchrist.org](mailto:ngaffka@cofchrist.org)

This event is sponsored by the Community of Christ Innovative Ministries Team (formerly the Young Adult Ministries Team)

Find more information here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/888513177839524/>



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of February 19, 2015

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 USA/CANADA MISSION CENTER NEWS

***Spending Time with God to Discern God's direction***  
***As World Church Ministers gathered in worship to pray for God's direction for the future of the mission center and campgrounds, they contemplated the words to a new hymn. In response, they wrote prayers which some have agreed to share with you. Please spend time contemplating the words and what your prayer might be in response to the challenge the hymn presents. Prayers will be shared over the next few weeks.:***

***"Holy Spirit, Teacher, Friend" 161***  
***Holy Spirit, Teacher, Friend, moving constantly beside us, far from blind, unthinking faith with your wisdom nurture, guide us. Teach our eyes new ways of seeing, minds from time-worn habits freeing.***  
***Spirit, Love that changes not, though our world with change is reeling, shape our vision, stretch our hearts, God's way for this time revealing. Grant us deepened understanding, strength to follow God's commanding.***  
***Prayer:***

***Holy Spirit,***  
***You are our constant companion and as such you are our friend and guide. If we listen, we can learn from you. Open our eyes and minds to the fresh vision you have for us and our mission center.***  
***We live in a time when change happens quickly. Help us Spirit, to envision God's future for this mission center and***



#### MISSION CENTER ACTIVITIES

To schedule a mission center activity, contact Bobbie Ann Robinson at [brobinson@cofchrist.org](mailto:brobinson@cofchrist.org).

#### MISSION CENTER INFORMATION

For more detailed information regarding Mission Center news and activities, please go to the website: [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org). Due to space restrictions, we cannot include all necessary information in this bulletin.

### Michigan USA/Canada Mission center information

Website: [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) \* Toll-Free Phone: 888-853-2339  
Local Phone: 517-541-2575 \* Address: 223 S. Washington, Charlotte, MI 48813  
Hours: Monday and Wednesday: 9-4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-4 p.m. via phone and email

***the plans God has for us.  
Holy Spirit, guide our thinking and open our eyes to your vision as we move into an unknown future.***

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#### **Social Media Policy**

***In an effort to keep our children and youth safe, when using social media to advertise or share about a church activity or event, including but not limited to congregation sponsored and mission center retreats, camps, reunions, Venture huddles and congregational activities, please refer to the church and mission center policy on use of photos of children and youth on social media.***

***Please go to [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) to find the policy.***

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#### **SPEC**

I know... I know it's still cold and wintery out but before we know it, summer, the season of SPEC, will be here!

Alicia Clore Pearson has returned to Michigan and will be the Michigan SPEC delegation leader!

July 18-25, 2015 approximately 1,100 9th-12th grade youth gather at Graceland University for sports, fellowship and worship among other things. A quote from the SPEC website says this, "All campers will have opportunities to participate in leadership and discipleship development, diverse worship, and expression of arts, music, and sports."

Memories that last a lifetime are made there!

More info: [www.graceland.edu/news-events/spectacular.cfm](http://www.graceland.edu/news-events/spectacular.cfm)

Watch for more info including forms and fees!

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#### **Temple School TE 120 Introduction to World Religions**

This course provides a beginning for understanding facts and details about the major religions in the world. It also encourages the exploration of common beliefs shared by many religions.

The facilitator is Esther Volz and the cost is \$22.

The class begins April 7 at 7 pm.

Register at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org)

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#### **Ministry of the Deacon - Pilot Course**

The Ministry of the Deacon Pilot will be offered at the Waterford Church beginning March 11 T 6 pm and continuing each week through April 8. All experienced Deacons are encouraged to come and share their experiences with new Deacon ordinands. Cost of the class is \$10, with an additional \$5 if you use a MC printed textbook. (You may print your own).

Make payment at the first class.

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Dean Robinson, facilitator.

Register at [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org)

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#### **Temple School SS-101 Introduction to Understanding Scripture**

Temple School SS101 Introduction to Understanding Scripture will be offered at Bristolwood beginning February 23 from 6:30 to 9. There will be 4 sessions. Cost is \$22. Facilitators Bobbie Ann and Dean Robinson, This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning about studying and using Scripture in Community of Christ.

#### **Spring Conference April 11, 2015**

The Spring Conference for the Mission Center is April 11, 2015 at The Comfort Inn at 2424 South Mission Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

We have hotel rooms reserved for Friday evening at Comfort Inn. They are reserved under the name of Community of Christ. You will need to call 1-989-772-4000 and reserve your room, the cost is 119.00 per room.

\*\*\*Just want to remind you that your cutoff will be in just under a month on March 10th, for reserving a room for the spring conference. \*\*\*

Go to [www.cofchristmi.org](http://www.cofchristmi.org) for further information

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#### **Leading Congregations in Mission Experience**

Have you heard about LCM and the exciting events coming from participating congregations. In expectation that the Mission Center will soon be ready to pilot Leading Congregations in Mission here, the High Priest Quorum will host an all day experience explaining the LCM process. All are invited to share the day, on March 14, of spiritual practices, information on building leadership teams, and engaging people in the mission of Jesus Christ. Adam Bouverette, Congregational Support Minister, will be the presenter. Come and join us and learn about this process that works at revitalizing congregations where LCM is embraced and practiced. Mt. Pleasant Congregation.

Date: March 14. 9:00 to 3:30.

Location: 1102 E Gaylord St, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858

Please register on the website or below to assist planning for food and materials.

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#### **GROW. LEAD. SERVE. CONNECT. - YA Leaders Retreat**

This is a weekend training and networking retreat opportunity for all Community of Christ Young Adult Ministers, Leaders, and interested parties!! (Anyone (over 18) is welcome, but we hope you have an interest in learning and a passion for YA Ministry!)

We will be exploring some innovative ideas for YA ministry, leadership skill training, and you'll come home with lots of new re-