

questions about camps. Questions about registration can be directed to mmcoffice@cofchristmi.org or (517) 541-2575.

Job Posting - Blue Water Caretaker/Business Manager

Blue Water Campground in Lexington, Michigan is accepting applications for the position of Caretaker/Business Manager. This is a year round position with the responsibility of 24/7 supervision of the campground. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to general maintenance, equipment maintenance, scheduling of events, and contact with various vendors and general public.

Compensation includes an annual salary, two weeks vacation, and living quarters (water, electric and heat included). Employment is projected to begin September 2016.

Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2016. For application, contact:

Richard Herr, Board President
(248) 421-9616
Rdherr0904@aol.com

SPEC 2016

Spectacular is a world church sponsored event that is one of the best outreach avenues to the youth of the church. The mission of SPECTACULAR is to create a safe, Christ-centered community that encourages teenagers to discover God, their inherent worth, and cultivate and express their giftedness. It is a week filled with sports, service projects, concerts, corn dogs, tie-dyeing, disc golf, theatre, and adventures of all magnitudes. Last year there was a ferris wheel, fireworks, and professional snow boarder -- I can't even dream up what will happen this year!

Find more information at www.cofchristmi.org

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
Local Phone: 517-541-2575 * Address: 223 S. Washington, Charlotte, MI 48813



Community of Christ

Michigan Mission Center

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of May 12, 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

World Conference Preparation Sessions

Dialogue sessions are scheduled to prepare for the upcoming World Conference. Please register to attend one of these gatherings to review proposed conference actions and share your perspective. Primary focus will be given to the dialogue guide printed in the January 2016 Herald with the proposal from President Veazey on "Mission, Tithing, and Priesthood Response." Proposed legislation from mission centers and President Veazey's Words of Counsel in final form for inclusion in the Doctrine and Covenants will also be reviewed.

Register online so materials can be prepared. cofchristmi.org/

- ***Sunday, May 15 @ Park of the Pines from 3:00 to 5:00pm***
- ***Sunday, May 15 @ Ann Arbor Congregation from 3:00 to 5:00pm***
- ***Sunday, May 22 @ Blue Water Campground from 3:00 to 5:00pm***
- ***Sunday, May 22 @ Grand Valley Congregation from 3:00 to 5:00pm***
- ***Sunday, May 29 @ Sanford Campground from 1:30 to 3:30pm***

Youth Worker Registration Class at Sixth Street

- ***Sixth Street Community of Christ – 1360 Sixth St, Marysville, MI 48040***
Date: Saturday May 14th
Time: 2:00 pm.
Contact Rachel Romanack at rromanack608@hotmail.com if attending class so that we will have enough materials.

May 2016 Campground Sales Update

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

A: As Spring emerges, we anticipate renewed interest in our campgrounds that are for sale. One of the individuals who previously expressed interest in Camp Manitou has followed up with us

and asked some questions, which have been responded to. Additional follow-up with each of the interested parties is being taken by the sales team. So far, no party has contacted our Realtor.

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

A: One of the parties who had expressed interest has been in contact with the sales team with renewed interest in acquiring The Woodlands. Like most interested parties, acquiring financing is the challenge. Gary Gordier met at The Woodlands with the interested party, along with their potential investor. Both renewed their interest in acquiring the campground if they can align their finances. So, we hurry up and wait.

Additionally, our Realtor informed us there was a "sportsman club" from the Detroit area making inquiry. They had some questions and wanted some additional information, which has been supplied to them. Again, we are at the mercy and pace of any potential buyer.

Ministry of the Priest – Pilot (Alpena)

WHAT: Temple School Class "Ministry of the Priest – Pilot."

WHEN: June 21, 23, 28 & 30. Each class will meet 5:30 – 8:00 pm. (Tuesday's & Thursday's) a Priest; or anyone interested in understanding the Priest Ministry.

CONTACT: Gary or Barb Villeneuve – 989-354-3643, or 989-464-5700; or by e-mail: garybarb11@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: ASAP; but not later than May 29, 2016.

COST: \$15.00

Staff Needed for Camps

You are invited to make a difference in the lives of Michigan Mission Center Youth this summer by serving on staff at summer camp! Directors are in place for Junior, Junior High, and Senior High Camps at Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford and are recruiting staff now. Open positions are as follows:

- Blue Water Junior Camp: 1 male CIT, 1 male counselor, 1 female CIT, 1 female counselor, camp pastor
- Park of the Pines Junior camp: 2 female counselors, 1 male counselor
- Park of the Pines Jr. High camp: nurse or health officer
- Park of the Pines Sr. High camp: 2 or 3 female counselors and 1 male counselor
- Sanford Jr. High camp: nurse or health officer, 2 male counselors, 1 male CIT, 2 or 3 female counselors, 1 female CIT

Please contact me, Winnie Johnston, winnie@cofchristmi.org or 231-340-1849 if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions and I will help to connect you to the camp you are interested in.

Let's make a difference in the lives of our youth!

Seeking Delegates to World Conference (updated)

To check to see if you are listed as a delegate to the World Conference, please visit this link: cofchristmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-World-Conference-Delegate-List-Michigan.pdf

The Michigan Mission Center has been allocated 200 delegate seats for the 2016 World Conference. There are 55 spots available if you or someone you know would like to serve as a delegate. Please contact Dan Nowiski at dnowiski@cofchrist.org by April 3 if you are interested in being added to the list of delegates for Michigan.

Information about World Conference is available online:

www.cofchrist.org/2016-world-conference

Requests for rides to/from conference or housing while attending conference can be posted by individuals under the "serve" section of the Church Updates site. CofChristMI.churchupdates.org

Disciple Development Fund – 2016 Applications

The Michigan Mission Center Disciple Development Fund is available to support members with financial need who would like to participate in World Church, USA Field, and Michigan Mission Center educational experiences and trainings.

A total of \$600 will be available in 2016 for each of the following congregations: Alaska, Allegan, Alma, Alpena, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Bay City, Bay Port, Beaverton, Bentley, Benton Harbor, Big Rapids, Blue Water, Boyne City, Brighton, Bristolwood, Burt.

A total of \$1,000 for at-large requests from members of other congregations is also available. The funds are to support adults active in Community of Christ with financial needs to help pay for training or education events. Funding decisions will be based on the following priorities:

For Peace Colloquy, MEADS, Formational Retreats, and other World and USA experiences:

- 1) Priority shall be given to first-time attendees.
- 2) Priority shall be given to Registration fees up to 100%.
- 3) Travel expenses may be reimbursed up to \$100 with receipts after attending.

For Community of Christ Seminary:

- 1) Priority shall be given to first time attendees.
- 2) On a per class basis up to 10% of tuition fee balance after all other awards.

Temple School and other mission center programs shall be funded up to 50%:

- 1) Priority is given to registration and books.
- 2) Up to 50% of actual gas expense may be reimbursed with receipt after attending.

Please visit the Disciple Development Fund webpage for more information: cofchristmi.org/our-mission/develop-disciples-to-serve/disciple-development-fund/

Work days and weeks at Blue Water, Park of the Pines:

Park of the Pines:

4094 Springwater Beach Rd., Boyne City, MI 49712

May 14 – 21

Blue Water:

May 23-30

7291 County Farm Rd, Lexington MI 48450

Register for Youth Camps!

Senior High, Junior High, and Junior Camps will be offered at Blue Water, Park of the Pines, and Sanford this summer. Registration information is now available on the mission center website.

Parents may register children for camp online or using paper forms. Online registration does provide for electronic payment via PayPal or pay by mail options.

Register at least two weeks prior to the start of camp and receive a 10% discount. Scholarships are available for first time campers and returning campers who have need for financial assistance.

All camp information can be found here:

<http://cofchristmi.org/youth-camps>

Please contact Winnie Johnston at winnie@cofchristmi.org with any