



**50 Years of Growing a Faith
That Must Be Shared**

Chapel Chimes

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Pastor's Letter December 2013

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:8-11)

Dear Chapel Lane Family and Friends,

The calendar has reached its final page again! December has come; and with it, all the joys of the Advent and Christmas seasons. I hope you will take advantage of the wonderful programming that Chapel Lane offers you during the coming month. For we shall celebrate together our joy in receiving the good news of the coming Christ-child through opportunities for worship, music, fellowship, and the breaking of bread.

Some of the special events planned for the coming month include the Christmas Pageant on December 8th, Carols by Candlelight on December 15th, two services on Christmas Eve, and several mid-week events. On the first three Wednesdays of the month, we will share a meal together at 5:30 p.m. (prepared by chef David Myers) and then enjoy a time of fellowship. On December 4th, we will watch *"The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever."* On December 11th, Holly Roenicke will lead us in making a Christmas craft to bring home for our holiday enjoyment. And, on December 18th, we will go Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood of Chapel Lane. We look to be done each Wednesday by 7:15 p.m. so that you can have the kids and grandkids home by bedtime.

You might ask: Why should we make time for such special events as these in an already busy season? I would reply: Because Christmas is about reconnecting with God in Christ, and these events are intended to help us do that. Some see the "reason for the season" as the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, the stockings on the mantle, the Santa cookies on the plate, and the shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those we pass on the street corners and at the store. But that isn't really what Christmas is all about.

Christmas is about God's love, which is revealed to us in a unique and profound way. As the hymn declares, "Love came down at Christmas." And that love came down in the form of a baby. God sent Jesus, the Son, into the world to be born, a human among humans, for the sake of reclaiming us as God's own beloved children. And the news of this birth brought great joy to the world! Wise men, shepherds and angels all shared in the excitement of witnessing to this great event. They knew, of course, that this was no ordinary baby. This was the Messiah whose coming had been foretold by the prophets for hundreds of years. And this was why the star stopped over Bethlehem—to mark the way for those who came looking for the special child.

For some, of course, Christmas can be a time of deep sorrow. Perhaps they are faced with a financial crisis and cannot afford gifts for their loved ones. Or they have lost loved ones and are faced with a "blue" Christmas. Or they have relocated and have no loved ones nearby with whom to celebrate. Let us be on the search for such folk as these and make it a point to "incarnate" the love of God this Christmas by being unto others Christ's blessing of generosity, compassion, and friendship.

For the rest of us, Christmas is a time of great joy as it brings with it a plan for peace, the hope of a new day, and the announcement of a love that changes the world. The way to the Christ-child is marked for us by the Spirit's light. I invite you to follow as you are led and reconnect with Christ this Christmas. It's at least as important as another night's shopping.

The blessings of Christ be upon you,

Pastor Rhonda

SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING

The session met on October 22, 2013, at 6:57 p.m. in the Chapel Lane parlor. In addition to receiving the regular monthly reports from the pastor, clerk, finance and other boards, the session highlights are as follows:

Pastor Rhonda reported she was privileged and honored to be a part of the Installation of the Rev. Dave Myers at the First Presbyterian Church of Caro and she also attended the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Tom Schacher at Memorial Presbyterian Church of Midland. Both services were held on Sunday, October 13, 2013.

The Clerk reported that members Margaret Marshall and Ann Dietz have died. Margaret passed away September 27, 2013 and her funeral was on October 2, 2013. Ann Dietz passed away September 30, 2013 and her funeral was on October 4, 2013. We are grateful for both Margaret and Ann's lives and their active membership at Chapel Lane. Margaret and Ann have regrettably been removed from the current Chapel Lane rolls.

Received the Notice of Apportionment from Lake Huron Presbytery for 2014.

Chapel Lane reported membership as of December 31, 2012 - 274

Per Capita communicant apportionment is:

General Assembly	\$ 7.02	\$1,923.48
Synod of the Covenant	3.25	900.25
Presbytery	<u>13.76</u>	<u>3,811.52</u>
TOTAL TO PAY	\$ 24.03	\$6,584.22

Due on or before February 15, 2014

Elder Kathy Rightor reported the work toward the 2014 Budget is well underway.

Session approved a disclaimer for distribution of photos for events held at church functions.

Pastor Rhonda stated the Manual of Administrative Operations, as required by the Book of Order, is very close to being completed and would be ready soon for review.

Pastor Rhonda reported the remaining calendar of events for the Stewardship Campaign. Pledges will be dedicated on November 10, 2013.

Elder Ernie Caldwell reported the Nominating Committee is hard at work seeking members to serve on boards and committees.

Elder and Core Team Member Paul Schmidt reported the Core Planning Team will meet on Sunday, November 4, 2013 from noon until 4:00 p.m. at the church to follow up on the information collected and discussed with the meeting of the congregation in September.

Elder Ann Moe is working with a graphic designer for a new logo for the church.

Motion to approve the Share Fair November 23, 24, 2013. Carried.

Treasurer's Report for September 2013:	
Income	\$22,753.18
Expenses	\$27,186.84
Changes in Liabilities/Equity Funds	(\$4,120.26)

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Rhonda at 9:46 p.m.

The next Leader's Huddle and All Board night is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013, and the next regular meeting of session for Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

Submitted by Paul Schmidt, Clerk of Session

Presbytery of Lake Huron

The Presbytery of Lake Huron will meet at the Flushing Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, December 3rd. An agenda and directions will be posted on the Presbytery website in advance of the meeting. You may access the website at www.presbylh.org

Worship Leaders 8:30 a.m. 10:45 service

December 1: Carol Jacobs	Paul Schmidt
December 8: No Service	Harry White
December 15: No Service	Sally Ann Sutton
December 22: No Service	Ronald Hynds
December 29: No Service	Francis Martin

Join Us at
Advent Worship



Guest Ministers for December, 2013

Rev. Wally Mayton on December 1st
Rev. Harold Slater on December 29th

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p. m. - The "Family Service" will inspire your whole family with a Christmas story tailored for children. The music will be led by the Children's Choir.

7:00 p.m. - The "Service of Lessons and Carols" tells the Christmas story through favorite Bible texts and carols. The music will be led by the Youth and Adult Choirs. There will be a pre-service concert which will begin at 6:45 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Service Changes

Please note that there will only be one 8:30 service this month, on December 1st. This schedule was determined at our calendar planning meeting earlier this year as the attendance tends to be low at the early service on Sundays when there is something "special" going on at the 10:45 service (like the Christmas Pageant) or when the Sunday falls on a holiday weekend (like December 29th) when so many are out of town. Rather than bounce back and forth between "8:30 service on" and "8:30 service off," it was deemed wise to maintain one schedule for most of Advent. If you regularly attend the 8:30 service, we hope you will understand and support this decision.

Advent Wednesdays

Keep Christ in Christmas! Join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 as we share together in a time of food, fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited. We only ask that you sign-up in advance if at all possible so that our "chef" knows how many to cook for. The schedule is as follows:

December 4 th	5:30 p.m. Dinner
	6:00 p.m. Showing of "The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever"
December 11 th	5:30 p.m. Dinner
	6:00 p.m. Assembling a Christmas Craft for Enjoyment at home.
December 18 th	5:30 p.m. Dinner
	6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood around Chapel Lane

Worship Music Highlights!

First Sunday – The Youth Choir, Youth Handbells & Chancel Choir
Second Sunday – The Christmas Pageant featuring the Children's Choir & Chimes
Third Sunday – The Chancel Choir AND (Concert 7:00 p.m. !)



Carols by Candlelight! Sunday December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas as the vocal and handbell choirs of Chapel Lane celebrate the season with carols old and new! The concert is at Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church and is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the children's Summer Camp & Music programs.

December 1:	Kelly & Kerry Buell
	John & Carol Ostergren
December 8:	Mike & Cathy Starch
	Carol Rowe
	Vickie Irving
December 15:	John & Carol Ostergren
	Ed & Kathy Rightor
December 22:	Bob & Kate Mass
	Ed & Kathy Rightor
December 24:	Kelly & Kerry Buell
	5:00 p.m. Roger Hahn Family
December 24:	Starch Family
	7:00 p.m.
December 29:	Carol Rowe
	Roger Hahn
	Vickie & Travis Irving

Christian Education for All Ages

Sunday School Classes (9:30-10:30 Sunday Mornings)

Thanksgiving weekend, **Sunday, December 1**, the children, youth and confirmation Sunday School classes **will not** meet due to the long weekend and lots of people traveling. If anyone happens to be there, Nikelle will have a combined activity for them to join in.

Sunday, December 8 classes will meet as scheduled, except the kids who will be getting set up for the Christmas Pageant.

A special event on **Sunday, December 15!** Nikelle has invited some friends to present a puppet show of a song called "Born in a Barn." It is a fun and lively Christmas skit. There will not be regular classes for the kids, youth or confirmation classes—they will all join together for this fun time. Adults are invited to join us for the skit and then return to their classes.

There will be **NO children, youth or confirmation classes on Sunday, December 22nd or 29th** due to the school holiday break.

Adult Sunday School Classes to Meet in December

The adult Sunday School classes intend to meet at 9:30 in their respective locations throughout December, **except on December 29** when they **will not** meet.

Current Adult Sunday School Classes to Continue

The current adult Sunday School classes will continue in 2014. You are invited and encouraged to attend one of the following classes, which begin at 9:30 a.m.

A current issues class utilizes the *NOOMA*® DVD series, a study that promotes spiritual reflections on life. Class leaders are Paul Teed, Mike Starch and Tina Jacobs. The class meets in the Parlor.

A Lectionary-based class uses *Feasting on the Word*, a study that explores the lectionary readings for most Sundays' sermons. Class facilitator is Ann Moe. The class meets in the Library.

Please join us!

Children's Christmas Pageant

An invitation to all--our pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th during the 10:45 service.

Our kids are very excited about sharing the Christmas story with you, so please join us!

Kids and parents, we will be having a rehearsal for the pageant on Saturday, December 7th from 10 a.m. -12. If you are in the pageant, it's important for you to be part of this practice!



Kids Christmas Party!

ALL KIDS, preschool through 6th grade, are invited to join us for a CHRISTMAS PARTY on Saturday, December 7th at 12 noon until about 2 p.m. PIZZA will be provided, please bring something else to share (veggies, dessert, etc!). Also bring a small gift (about \$5) for a gift exchange game. (Let Nikelle know if this is a problem). We'll enjoy fun and fellowship together! (Note, this is right after Pageant practice—but EVERYONE is welcome to join us)

YOUTH Activities

We will **NOT** be meeting on Sundays, December 1st, 15th, 22nd or 29th.

Sunday, December 8th we will meet at our normal time (2-4) and decorate the foyer as well as shop for our adopt-a-family.

Friday, December 13th, all the youth are invited to fellowship together for a CHRISTMAS PARTY, 6-8 p.m. at the church. We will provide the pizza and pop. Each youth should bring a small (about \$5) gift for a gift exchange game. (If that is a problem, let Nikelle know). We'll have one last time of food and fun before Christmas Break!

See you in January!



Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be **no** Thursday Afternoon Bible Study on either December 26th or January 2, 2014.

Deacons' Doings:

Highlights of the Board of Deacons are posted in the Deacons' section of the kiosk. Disbursement reports are included.



What is the Christmas Joy Offering? This offering dates back to the 1930s and is one of the four special offerings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Christmas is a time to support causes designed to bring "good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10) to the poor in spirit or circumstances. Hopefully we can respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). These offerings will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. These offerings will be dedicated on Sunday, December 22, 2013. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Your gifts are appreciated.



Great news! The bottom line looks wonderful! Total profit was \$2,695.81.

Member in Mission, Kevin Henry housing fund and the Haiti fund will each receive nearly \$900 each to supplement mission programs budgeted funds. Thanks for purchasing our meals and supporting our efforts!

Supplies for Haiti:

As most of you are aware, Gail McGee makes four trips a year with her medical teams to Haiti. Gail's next trip will be in January, 2014. The Board of Deacons wants to offer you a way to help Gail care for the people of Haiti by providing a list of over the counter medications to take on her next trip. You may purchase any of the supplies and place them in a plastic box labeled "Haiti" in the church foyer near the donation table. The dollar stores are a great place to buy these supplies.

- * **GI Meds:** Tums, Pepto-Bismol chews, Pepcid, Zantac
 - * **Topical creams:** Hydrocortisone, triple antibiotic, anti fungal, anti-itch, A&D, Cetaphil, Vitamin E., muscle rub
 - * **Wound care:** gauzes, tape, bandages, band aids
 - * **Miscellaneous:** Vicks rub, infant gas relief, poly-sol vitamins, kid's vitamins, sandwich bags with zipper, Dixie cups, condiment cups with lids
- Note: empty medicine bottles are not longer needed.**

Thank you from Gail McGee and the Board of Deacons



Filling Midland's Cup/ The Salvation Army Food Giveaway: Saturday, December 7th

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with food distribution to start at 9:00 a.m. The Salvation Army is located at 330 Waldo Ave.

Volunteers are needed on Friday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. If you are available, please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Meijer's Simply Give program to assist EFPN...Again

The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) is the area's beneficiary of Meijer's *Simply Give program* for a second time this year. The first program, which ran from July 28 through September 28, resulted in \$1,980 for the EFPN; half of the money was from donors who purchased \$10 Meijer Food Pantry cards and the other half was from the Meijer match. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fund raising program! The \$1,980 is being used to purchase (from Meijer's) packages of meat that can be frozen in the freezers at the eight Network pantries and then distributed to families who receive free food from these pantries. Meijer's has selected EFPN again to be the recipient of its *Simply Give program* for November 2 through January 4! As in the first program, customers may purchase a \$10 Meijer Food Pantry Donation Card at any check-out register or at the customer service desk in Meijer in Midland. Thank you for your participation in this unique program! Questions may be directed to Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428 or any Meijer salesperson at the customer service desk or at the check-out registers.

Board of Deacons

Presbyterian Women:

The Monday Evening Circle will meet on Monday, December 2nd at the home of Carol Rowe, 2200 Oakfield Dr. at 7:30 p.m. The study will be lesson 3 of the study book “An Abiding Hope.” Please call Carol at 486-8329 to let her know if you will be attending. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions call Alice Wiltse at 631-7271.

Tuesday Afternoon Ladies’ Circle: The afternoon ladies’ circle will have its fourth study of Exodus on Tuesday, December 10th in the church library. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Please join us! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428. The group will be switching to the third Wednesday during the new year.

Book Group

Book group will not meet in December. On Monday, January 27th at 7 p.m. the group will meet to discuss Persepolis, The Story of Childhood by Marjane Satrapi. Ten copies of the book are available in Chapel Lane’s library. Please read this book as it was highly recommended. We will meet at Grand Traverse Pie Company just off Saginaw Road. Join us for pie, coffee or other food as we talk about this selection. Hope to see you and hear your opinion.



Yoga Stretches for Health

Indira Oskvarek is leading two sections of “Yoga Stretches for Health.” We currently meet in the Activity Room on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. and from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. This is a change from the previously scheduled class on Wednesdays during December. *Bring your yoga mats.* Chairs are provided. Come ready to relax, hear some scripture, pray over our needs, and stretch out those muscles using various yoga techniques. The classes are free. However, any free will donations will go to support the mission projects of Global Compassion.

Advent Devotionals

Once again, we have purchased beautiful Advent Devotionals from the Stillspeaking Writers’ Group for your use at home. The devotionals, entitled “*Behold!*”, are a collection of reflections (based on scripture) that strive to make the stories of Advent and Christmas “real.” The hope is that, as we journey with the shepherds to Bethlehem, we may find that the familiar gives way to the sacred and that the “reality” of Christ’s coming into the world brings with it a new hope and an awesome joy.

The devotionals are available on a *first come, first served* basis and can be found on the small table near the main door of the church. A small gift of \$3.00 to offset the purchase price of each devotional would be appreciated. Envelopes for this purpose are in the basket with the devotionals and can be handed in to the church office or put in the offering plate on Sunday.



Advent
Devotions

Stewardship Campaign Update

Stewardship Dedication Sunday was held on November 10th. And as we go to press, we have received a total of 90 pledges for our work in 2014, representing a pledged amount of \$236,382. There were 32 increased pledges for 2014, as well as 9 new pledge units. We continue to see a slight uptick in Electronic Funds Transfers, which is greatly appreciated by the Treasurers because it makes it easier for them to budget for expenses when revenue is consistent.

We still have some distance to cover in order to meet our goals, however. We are currently at 93% of last year’s pledge total and we would really like to increase opportunities for mission and ministry here at Chapel Lane but can only plan to do so with an expectation of additional funds. If you have not yet had a chance to return your pledge for 2014 but would like to be a part of this year’s stewardship goals, please know that we would love to hear from you! Pledge cards are available in the Membership and Growth section of the kiosk in the foyer. If you do not wish to complete a pledge card but would like to have envelopes for your use in 2014, please let our financial secretary, Erlene Carmody, know and she will make them available to you.

Your Charitable Contributions

Some of Chapel Lanes members have asked tax questions about your charitable contributions to the church. We will try to answer some of your questions:

Only contributions made by (or postmarked by) December 31st of 2013 can be claimed on your 2013 taxes. Any contributions made on or after January 1st of 2014 can only be claimed on your 2014 taxes.

There is a limit to the amount of contributions you can deduct from your taxes. And that limit is generally 50% of your adjusted gross income. (Special rules sometimes apply.)

You cannot deduct the value of volunteer hours worked for the church. However, some unreimbursed expenses you incur when doing church work may be deductible. For instance, for 2014 you can use a *standard mileage rate* of 14 cents to determine a deduction for miles driven in service to the church. But you must keep accurate records as you may be asked to produce this records by the IRS if audited.

You cannot deduct any monies paid to the church for which you received a “benefit.” For instance, if you paid summer camp tuition for your child or grandchild, you cannot deduct the cost of this tuition from your taxes as your family member received the “benefit” of lodging, food, etc. However, if you made a gift to the summer camp fund (an approved program at Chapel Lane Presbyterian) and left it to the discretion of the camp director to apply those funds as most needed, you can deduct your gift as the “benefit” was not to you.

It is wise to keep a written record of contributions to the church, in the form of quarterly giving statements and/or bank records. For large contributions of non-cash items, special rules may apply.

(Based upon information shared in the “Church Law & Tax Report” published by Christianity Today.)

Manual of Administrative Operation

You may recall that the denomination’s new *Book of Order* anticipated that we would approve a new set of congregational by-laws as well as compiling a manual of administrative operations that would include information on the policies and procedures of the church, as well as forms, applications, position descriptions, Session board descriptions and more. A task force was established to compile that manual, including Pastor Rhonda, Paul Schmidt and Dan Veresh, and the final updates are being made to the completed manual. Once done, one copy will be permanently housed in the Church Office and another in the Church Library so that it will be readily available to all members.



Core Planning Team

The Core Planning Team is hard at work using the information we gathered from the meeting with the Congregation in September. We met on Sunday, November 10, 2013 for a four hour meeting where we put together into six meaningful categories the Vision Priorities for the next 10 years of ministry; and Attainable Goals for fulfilling those Vision Priorities.

We will meet again on Sunday, December 8, 2013 to put our work in a fashion that we will share with the Session and Congregation. Our work to date has been a wonderful experience. Being able to work with the information you provided has been a great help in the process. The Core Planning Team thanks you once again for all the vital feedback to the questions we presented and we are working diligently to discern God’s calling for Chapel Lane.

Yours in Christ,

The Core Team: Carol Brown, Lance Cook, Susan Gaul, Travis Irving, Tina Jacobs, Bob McGee, Holly Roenicke, Paul Schmidt, Carl Vander Woude, Renee White, Alice Wiltse, & Rhonda Myers

Joint Session and Deacons Meeting: Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Please note that since the fourth Tuesday of December is Christmas Eve, the Session meeting this month will be held on the third Tuesday, December 17th, at 7p.m. The Board of Deacons is invited to join us for this annual Joint Board Meeting.

Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays on December 24th and 25th, as well as January 1st, 2014.

Prayer Concerns for December:

For All Our Military and Law Enforcement Personnel, especially:

All Chaplains; Eric Arrants, home safely, grandson of Vander Woudes; Parker Buell, Seoul, S. Korea; Cory King, Fort Knox; Kipp Moe, police officer, son of Jim Moe; Ray Nelson, police officer and Chris Gagne, Secret Service agent, Vicki Eden's brother and nephew; Stephen Papesh, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Dustin Risk, Afghanistan, Susan Hillman's nephew; Stefani Skiendziel, Basic Training, granddaughter of Dave and Susan Skiendziel; Arik Skiendziel, 1460th Michigan National Guard, Fort Hood for training, grandson of David and Susan Skiendziel; Gregory Sturtevant, FBI Special Agent, Carol Rowe's nephew; Chief Martin Thompson, USN, Vickie Irving's son; Ben Weymouth, Vander Woude's grandson in Coast Guard and all members of the 1460th Michigan National Guard.

Those underlined are in a new location or new duty.

For All Missionaries, especially:

Martin family in Alaska; Rev. Sigita and family in Lithuania; Medical mission in Haiti and the Migrant ministry.

For all those in need of food or shelter in our community and across the world.

For all those suffering from conflicts in Syria, Egypt, Pakistan and Kenya, especially those Christians being targeted by violence.

For all those traveling during the Christmas holidays.



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Fun in Faith

Fun in Faith Adult Fellowship will meet on Sunday, December 8 to attend the "Men of Music Christmas Concert" at First United Methodist Church at 315 W. Larkin. The concert begins at 2:00 p.m. and we will have dinner at a local restaurant after the concert.

More details will be in the bulletin and on a poster in the foyer.

December Birthdays

2	Sally Ginter-Coats
10	Christine Down
12	Jennifer Hynds Boulis
15	Ingrid Schwartz
17	Jacob Kristal
19	Karen White
22	Nancy Ott
22	Ann Dull
25	Jesus
26	Julian Longlet
31	Joshua Cull
31	Brad Martin



Thanks!

Sincere "Thanks" to everyone for the many months of prayers, cards and kind words that each of you have done and said for Fran and me during the time of Fran's illness of a very sick heart. God blessed him on October 8th with a miracle surgery. May God bless each of you with His love and comfort every day.

Betty Martin

Save the Date: Exploring the Gospel of Peace, January 19th, 2014

"Exploring the Gospel of Peace" is an educational event planned by the Board of Christian Education for January 19 at 12:30 p.m. Presenters will include David Nichols, assistant professor of philosophy, SVSU; Paul Teed, professor of history, SVSU; and Dave Myers, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Caro.

The purpose of the event is twofold: to encourage personal discernment on current matters of peace and violence in light of the witness of Jesus Christ and Christian teaching; and to honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday will be celebrated the following day. The January edition of "Chapel Chimes" will provide additional details about this event.



Calendar

Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA)

PHEWA equips individuals and communities for lives of dignity and hope through the educational resources, peer support and public advocacy of its ten member networks.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, Coordinator for Social Witness Ministries in the Compassion, Peace & Justice Ministry of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Louisville, Kentucky says:

“PHEWA and its networks have made a vast difference in the life of the church, its congregations and members as well as in the greater society.”

Susan Stack, Associate for PHEWA & Networking, PHEWA, PC(USA) Office of Social Welfare Ministries Presbyterian Mission Agency; Compassion, Peace & Justice Ministry , also located in Louisville, says:

“It is a true and humbling privilege to serve the volunteer ministries of the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA). PHEWA volunteer leaders possess tremendous expertise that would be very expensive to purchase at an hourly rate. As busy as they stay, with time being a precious commodity, out of their love for their Church, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), they unselfishly devote countless hours, in the name of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry Area, to witness to and serve the gospel message of Jesus Christ. They are the hands and feet of the General Assembly in implementing actions of the Assembly, and, in my opinion, contributing to show people who often feel very left behind that their denomination cares very much about them and is there for them, to help. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this impressive array of servant leaders.”

To find out more, visit www.phewacomunity.org or www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa

Also, PHEWA brochures are in the narthex, providing more information about the ten networks.

Or feel free to contact me: Carol Brown, 631-5415, ckbrown@chartermi.net.

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