



## *Lake Huron*

### *Bi-Weekly Brief*

#### **Rediscovering Our Partnership in Jesus Christ**

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May 27, 2009



**Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men  
throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger.**

**Give them through our hands this day their daily bread,  
and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.**

--- *Mother Teresa*

#### ***For Your Prayers:***



#### **Concerns:**

**Personnel Committee at Ithaca-First** as they begin working on the CIF with a goal of having it completed by early July.

**Elder Gloria Watson, CLP of Twining-Maple Ridge** who is having knee surgery June 2nd in Flint. She is expected to be home by Friday, June 5th.

**Freda Lawther** wife of the Rev. Rich Lawther (Fairgrove) who is battling cancer. Prayer for both Freda and Rich during this very challenging time.

**The congregation of Sandusky** in their search for a pastor.

**Congregation of Crosswell** the mother-in-law of the choir director is recovering from a stroke. Prayers for the family and for the congregation.

**The congregation of Linden** whose organist and music director unexpectedly passed away recently. They are also beginning their search for an Interim Pastor to begin after the retirement of their pastor, the Rev. Parker Smith.

### Joys:

**The congregation of Linden** as they celebrate the retirement of their pastor, the Rev. Parker Smith

**Congregation of Ithaca-First** for the joy and fun the congregation had raising \$2000 for One Great Hour of Sharing

**Congregation of Maple Ridge-Twining** who will celebrate 3 members of their congregation turning 93 this year and they attend church on a regular basis. The Lord has blessed our church with these people and the example they show in being true disciples.

**Flint-Trinity United** who will be celebrating their 2nd anniversary on June 28th.

**The Thumb Ministry Group** on the success of their recent elder training session.

### Weekly Congregational Prayers:

**May 24 - Sandusky** The Rev. Ken Hetzel, Moderator of Session

**May 31 - Swartz Creek-Mundy** Elder Kay Adair, CLP

**June 7 - Tawas Area** The Rev. Dr. Rick Voagey, Pastor and The Rev. Janice Chambers, Pastor Emerita

**June 14 - Twining-Maple Ridge** Elder Gloria Watson, CLP

*Prayer is such a powerful thing! Wouldn't it be awesome to have your presbytery praying for you? Please send requests for both prayers of concerns and of joys to Staci Percy ([spercy@presbylh.org](mailto:spercy@presbylh.org)) so that we can have many voices lifting you up!*

### Please Note:

**Weather permitting, the Presbytery Office will be closed on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**due to the electricity being turned off so that**  
**Consumers can raise up the transformer.**

### For Your Calendar:



*(All events are at the Presbytery Office unless otherwise noted)*

**May 31 - Grand Blanc-Kirkridge 45th Anniversary Celebration**

10:30am for Worship and Communion; Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall [Click Here](#) for a flier of the event.

**June 1 - Nominating Team** 10:00 am

**June 5 - Presbytery Office Closed** Weather permitting, the office will be closed due to the electricity being turned off so that Consumers can raise up the transformer.

**June 6 - CLP Class** 9:00am

**June 11-13 - Big Tent Event** Atlanta, GA; 10 PC(USA) Conferences

being held together

*Miscellaneous Information:*

**WANTED** The focus of the May Presbytery meeting was mission. Many congregations brought wonderful displays to show what they are doing in their communities and beyond. In that same spirit, we would like to highlight a congregation and their work in each Bi-Weekly Brief. Please send a brief (one page) summary of your congregation's mission work along with a picture or two to Staci Percy at [spercy@presbylh.org](mailto:spercy@presbylh.org). Things you could highlight include: mission trips, local mission projects, VBS, etc.

*Help us celebrate the many varied mission activities of all the churches of our presbytery!*

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The Presbytery of Lake Huron now has a group page on Facebook. It has been set up as a way for members to connect with one another. It is an informal group and will not be directed by the presbytery. You are encouraged to join and start connecting with others within Lake Huron Presbytery. For your privacy, it is a closed group so you will need to request to a member. That way we can ensure that there will not be spam or persons who should not be there. To join, please [click here](#).

**The 2009-2010 Presbyterian Planning Calendars** may now be ordered. Please [click here](#) for the order form.

**The 2010 Mission Yearbook** may also now be ordered. Please [click here](#) for the order form.

**2009 Vacation Bible School** dates and locations are listed on the [Upcoming Events](#) page of our website. If your VBS is not listed, please e-mail Staci Percy ([spercy@presbylh.org](mailto:spercy@presbylh.org)) with your information and it will be posted for you.



**News and Information from the PC(USA):**

[PC\(USA\) International mission advocates gather](#) Article features LHPs very own, Sue Waechter

[Into the woods](#) Read how more than 500 volunteers from 10 different denominations came together recently for a building blitz in New Orleans.




[Presbyterians Today Magazine is Going Green](#)

[A two-way street](#) Pursuing bi-vocational ministry, tentmaker fulfills lifelong dream



[The Thoughtful Christian](#) offers new deal for subscribers in response to challenging economy

[Celebrate Calvin on July 12th](#) by holding a special worship service. The Rev. John Bush of Decatur, Alabama, has prepared an excellent set of liturgical resources after the manner of Calvin's *Form of Church Prayers* (first published in Strasbourg in 1545 and Geneva in 1542). [Download a Service for the Lord's Day.](#) 

#### Other Items of Interest:



With the current economic situation and expected government stimulus packages, now more than ever your grant proposals must be absolutely outstanding. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and Grant Writing USA will present a GRANT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP in Detroit, **July 9-10**. This training is applicable to city, county and state agencies, nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, colleges and universities.

Beginning grant writers will learn what they need to be successful and more experienced writers will gain new insights, sharpen skills and leave with a sense of renewed confidence in their abilities and mission.

Grant Writing USA has helped thousands of government agencies, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions achieve grants success. Given the opportunity we are confident we can do the same for you. For more information including venue location, tuition, graduate testimonials and online enrollment, please visit us at: <http://GrantWritingUSA.com>



**Long-Term Care Insurance Open Enrollment Available until May 31: Attention Active Benefits Plan Members!** Active Benefits Plan members who are actively working at a church or other PC(USA) employing organization and are enrolled in the Benefits Plan on July 1, 2009, are eligible to enroll for [Long-Term Care insurance](#) administered by CNA without providing proof of good health. This special opportunity is the first in a decade and is **only available until May 31, 2009**. Guaranteed issue during this open enrollment period is only available to eligible active Plan

members; retired members and all other qualified family members are subject to the standard medical underwriting. If you have questions about long-term care insurance, you can view the replay of our [Long-Term Care Insurance Webinar](#). For more information about the Long-Term Care coverage available through CNA or the open enrollment, visit the special [Web site](#) (password: pcusa). For an enrollment kit, please call CNA at 800-528-4582



**From a recent e-mail from the Eco-Justice Programs:** I recently came across an interesting statistic. Nearly ½ of America's energy goes toward powering our

buildings, and much of that energy is wasted! This provides an excellent opportunity for the Church to act to preserve God's Creation and address climate change, one of the most important moral challenge of our time. By making our houses of worship and our homes more energy efficient, we can save energy, lower costs to congregations, and significantly reduce our contributions to global climate change.

The National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program can help you and your congregation get started. The [Carbon Reduction Campaign](#) is an online tool with the purpose of helping congregations, youth groups and individuals take quantifiable actions to reduce energy use. Find out where and how to get started and see step by step instructions for projects that will save your congregation money, enabling you to be better stewards of God's Creation and the financial resources you have been blessed with.

According to Rev. Karen Wheat of Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, a member of the [Carbon Reduction Campaign](#) who has reduced their congregation's carbon footprint by over 9,064lbs and is saving approximately \$360.00 per year, becoming a more energy efficient congregation is a "win/win situation" enabling the congregation to care for God's Creation and save money! Please share the **Carbon Reduction Campaign** with the congregations you work with. Encourage them to use this resource as they explore ways to practice stewardship of God's Creation and the congregation's financial resources.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. The Web address for the carbon reduction campaign is [www.nccecojustice.org/crc.php](http://www.nccecojustice.org/crc.php)

**FREE Sunday School** teaching samples from Group. For more information go to: <http://www.group.com/buzz/>

Upcoming Events:



*Events Sponsored/Hosted by  
the Presbytery of Lake Huron:*

**Health Fairs Will Be Happening Soon!**

**July 6-9: Lake Huron Presbytery** On our home page we have a link to a presentation that was made about last year's health fairs and how much the children enjoyed it. If you would like to have a copy of this e-mailed to you to use in your congregation, please contact me at the presbytery office or via e-mail at [spercy@presbylh.org](mailto:spercy@presbylh.org). ***Click Here for the brochure regarding the Health Fairs.***

**Health Kits may be dropped off at the following locations until June 5th ONLY:**

**Presbytery Office**

5560 McCarty Road  
Saginaw  
989-799-7481

**First Presbyterian Church**

1250 Watson Road  
Mt. Pleasant  
989-773-9609

**First Presbyterian Church**

746 South Saginaw Street  
Flint  
810-234-8673

**Sandusky Presbyterian Church**

104 Lexington Street  
Sandusky  
810-648-3335

**Summer Magic at Saginaw-Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church**

**July 20-25 and July 27-31st** This FREE program is for community children, first through sixth grade and the theme is Life in Hawaii; For more information or to register, contact Director Debbie Davis at (989) 752-6474

**Summer Day Camp Saginaw-Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church**

**Mondays through Fridays, June 15th through August 21st, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** FREE program for Cathedral District Youth Center; All Saginaw County Youth Kindergarten through eighth grade. Includes lunch and a snack. No children under 6 allowed without parental supervision. Activities include: Nutrition and fitness, cooking class, fishing, swimming, golf camp, arts and crafts, referee classes, money management, basketball league,

DJ performance, flag football, Project ALERT, Family Youth Initiative, and lots more! For more information or to register contact director Yvonne Thomas at (989) 753-0411 or (989) 755-6514



### **The PC(USA) Big Tent Event is Happening This Summer**

**June 11–13: Atlanta, Georgia** The presbytery office will be keeping a list of people that will be attending this event. Please contact [spercy@presbylh.org](mailto:spercy@presbylh.org) or 989-799-7481 or 800-621-6905 to be added to the list.

### **2009 POAMN Conference (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network)**

**September 29 - October 2** Marriott University Park Hotel, Tucson, AZ; Membership in the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network is open to anyone who is promoting, stimulating, developing and advocating for older adult ministry with congregations, presbyteries, synods or institutions and organizations related to older adult ministry. For more information, please visit their website at [www.POAMN.org](http://www.POAMN.org).



### **World Mission Challenge '09: Finding Our Place in Partnership**

**September 25 - October 18:** Speakers will tell the mission story in 140 presbyteries, including ours! Underscoring the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s commitment to mission in partnership, mission personnel from around the globe will again be calling on congregations across the United States. Similar to the highly successful 2007 event, World Mission Challenge

will send 40 PC(USA) mission personnel into 140 presbyteries to tell how God is at work around the world. Speakers will be on the road from September 25 through October 18, 2009. *Specifics, including the exact dates a mission worker will visit our presbytery, will be available in late July.* However, plan now to utilize this great opportunity to bring mission home to your church this fall.

***The deadline for the next Bi-Weekly Brief will be Monday, June 8th***

***Staci Percy***

***Communications Manager/Recording Clerk***

***Presbytery of Lake Huron***

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