



## *Lake Huron Bi-Weekly Brief*

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

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June 10, 2009



**God of our hearts and our homes,  
touch us with your graces that we may reach out  
and receive your gifts of college students. Amen.**

--- From the 2009 Mission Yearbook for June 5, 2009  
[Click Here](#) to read the story that accompanies this prayer.

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



##### **Concerns:**

**The congregation of Breckenridge** whose long-time supply pastor, the Rev. Jesse Perry, will be moving to Florida in late August.

**Elder Gloria Watson, CLP of Twining-Maple Ridge** who had knee surgery June 2nd in Flint.

**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.

##### **Joys:**

**The Rev. Bob Taylor and his wife Mary of Davison-St. Andrews** who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary

**The congregation of Linden** as they celebrate the retirement of their pastor, the Rev. Parker Smith on June 28th.

**Congregation of Ithaca-First** for the energy and high spirits they have while working on their CIF.

**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:**

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

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

**June 21 - Ubly** The Rev. Ron Grimes, Moderator

**June 28 - Vassar** The Rev. John Becker, Pastor

*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 ([spercylh.org](mailto:spercylh.org)) so that we can have many voices lifting you up!*

**For Your Calendar:**

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



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

**June 23 - Committee on Ministry** 12:00pm

**June 28 - Retirement of the Rev. Parker Smith** [Linden-First](#) Worship Service at 10:00am; Celebration Dinner at 5:00pm

**June 28 - 2nd Anniversary Celebration for Flint-Trinity United** 10:30am Flint-Trinity United

**July 3 - Presbytery Office Closed in observance of the July 4th holiday**

**The presbytery's Nominating Team is looking for nominations of people to serve on presbytery committees.** Please [click here](#) for a form to complete to suggest people to the team for consideration. This form may also be found on our Documents page near the bottom.

**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 [spercylh.org](mailto:spercylh.org). Things you could highlight include: mission trips, local mission projects, VBS, etc. The first congregation we are highlighting is Lapeer-First.



## Lapeer-First's Little Dresses Mission

It all started for Lapeer with an article in the Detroit News on November 1, 2008. The article stated that after a short mission trip to Malawi, three women started a non-profit organization to make and send dresses for girls orphaned by the Aids Epidemic. A suggestion to make the dresses out of pillowcases started the ball rolling and "Little Dresses for Africa" was born.

Presbyterian Women's organization at the First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer has taken on the project for one year, possibly more. Unfortunately, the need will continue to be there. Lapeer PW started the process by giving a visual presentation provided by the "Little Dresses" organization. The congregation was encouraged to donate pillowcases, bias tape, elastic, thread and decorations to enhance the dresses. Monetary contributions are also accepted to purchase supplies as well as paying to send the dresses to the Little Dresses headquarters in Brownstown, MI. From there.... [Click Here](#) to continue reading this wonderful article about the Lapeer mission.

*Help us celebrate the many varied mission activities of all the churches of our presbytery by sending information to [spercy@presbylh.org](mailto:spercy@presbylh.org).*



***Exciting news!***

***We now know who – and we know when.***

## World Mission Challenge '09: Headed Our Way

**Amy Robinson**, mission worker in the area along the Texas/Mexico border (El Paso and Ciudad Juarez), will be visiting Lake Huron Presbytery from **September 25 through October 2**. In addition to sharing her experiences in her current role, Amy can tell us what it's like to be a human rights "accompanier" in Colombia and to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer as the primary staff person at a church in Cincinnati. She will also share the story of how God is at work not only in Mexico, Colombia, and the U.S., but all around the world, through mission workers from the Presbyterian Church (USA). You can learn more about Amy at [www.pcusa.org/missionchallenge/speakers.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/missionchallenge/speakers.htm). Events will occur in each of the presbytery's five regions, so that you and others from your congregation, including your young people, will be able to meet and converse with Amy. Stay tuned for details, headed your way soon. As you may realize, the PC (USA) has a very real commitment to mission in partnership. It is for this reason the church is sending 40 PC(USA) mission personnel into 140 presbyteries for World Mission Challenge '09.

***"Happy are those who....give food to the hungry" ( Psalm 146:5-7)***

A new **Two Coins-A-Meal** brochure is now available in print and on-line to assist congregations to participate in the Presbytery of Lake Huron's hunger ministry. Since the beginning of "Two-Coins" in 1989, the Presbytery has dedicated a major portion (now 55%) of the offering to help

alleviate hunger especially among children through our IEPC partner churches in Costa Rica. 20% of the offering is designated to the Presbyterian Hunger Program to respond to the crisis of hunger in the U.S. and around the world, and 25% is designated by your congregation to meet hunger needs in your local community. Contact the Presbytery Office (800-621-6905) to order a limited quantity of the brochures or download the brochure by [Clicking Here](#) to print quantities locally. The form may also be found on the Documents page of this website. For further information about "Two-Coins" or the Presbytery's Costa Rica Partnership Network contact the Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler, Judy McDowell at [jsmcdowell@charter.net](mailto:jsmcdowell@charter.net) or 989-839-6926.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

**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.



**[Reclaiming Congregational Song \(Summer Scholars 2009\)](#)**

**7/27 - 7/29 Columbia Theological Seminary** This seminar will address practical, musical, and pastoral ways to help members and leaders of congregations to reclaim or cultivate their own musicianship. Themes: worship space considerations, instrumentation, leadership of choirs and cantors, hymnody, service music, and congregational repertoire from a wide range of traditions. Keynoter Patrick Evans is associate professor in Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music. Open to clergy, educators, musicians, and others who are simply interested – whether you have a deep knowledge of music or you are a novice. NOTE: A 10% discount will be given when two or more persons register from the same congregation. [Click Here](#) for a brochure.

**Alma College Chapel Furnishings Available** Pulpit, lectern and communion table Furniture is available at no cost to a religious organization; a donation to the College would be appreciated. Receiving organization will need to pick up the items. If interested or for more information, please contact Carol Gregg, Chaplain at [gregg@alma.edu](mailto:gregg@alma.edu) or 989-463-781. [Click Here](#) for pictures.

### **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 for a limited time:**

#### **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 t 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



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

**Is God Green?** Next time you take a break or stop to catch your breath, check out the [new issue of \*Hungryhearts\* now available online](#). "Is God Green?" takes a look at deepening our love for God through deepening our concern and appreciation for God's creation. We are accustomed to doing all our learning from a book or from another person, but the contributors to this issue of *Hungryhearts* point us to the lessons learned from the earth and all God's creatures. Creation has a lot to teach us about joy and grief, about dying and transformation, about a time for work and a time for play.

**Birthday bash Big Tent to end with celebration of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s 26 years**  
The first-ever Big Tent gathering in Atlanta next week will be new in several ways, but it will also take a look back. In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed in Atlanta. And on Saturday, June 13, conference participants will recognize the life and ministry of the church in its birthplace. Held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in [Centennial Olympic Park](#), the celebration will offer music, dancing, food, fellowship, reflections - and birthday cake. [Click Here](#) to read more about this fun event.

**Store of success** Churches in Winnebago Presbytery 'pay it forward' with donations for thrift stores

**Healing spirits** PDA: rebuilding communities, leadership is key part of disaster recovery

**Face to face** Virginia Beach church uses volunteer 'blitz' to meet more neighbors

### [Seminary News](#)

**New Orleans church rebuilds life as well as building** Further, deeper' into community is theme of post-Katrina ministry

**Ready to roll** Bike fix-up project energizes small church, touches community need

***The deadline for the next Bi-Weekly Brief will be Monday, June 22nd***

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