

The Proclamation



Winter 2012

News from the Saginaw Bay District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries

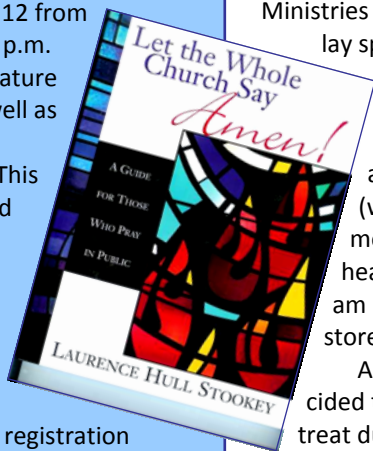
Winter, Spring LSM Courses Scheduled

The winter series of courses offered by the Saginaw Bay District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministry will be held at Vassar UMC beginning on January 8 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and continuing weekly through February 8.

In addition to the basic course, the advanced course "Leading in Lay Pastoral Care" will be offered. The purpose of this advanced course is to explore care-giving situations, study concepts and guidelines for service, develop skills for disciples who are called to be pastoral caregivers, and enable the establishment of pastoral care-giving ministries. A registration form (blue) is included with this mailing, and more detailed course descriptions are on the back of the form. The registration deadline is December 23, 2011.

These sessions are open to anyone, but are especially designed for Thumb-area agricultural workers who are too busy in the spring and fall to take courses offered in those seasons.

Spring classes will be offered at Pinconning UMC and Gaylord: First UMC beginning on April 14 and continuing weekly through May 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Both locations will feature the basic course as well as the advanced course "Leading in Prayer." This completely revitalized course uses the text *Let the Whole World Say Amen*. The registration form for the spring classes is also included with this mailing (yellow). The registration deadline is April 1, 2012.



Fall Classes Completed in Auburn, Gaylord

The advanced class at Auburn UMC was "Cultivating Christian Community." Nine people completed the class and were recognized as certified lay speakers, including facilitator Shelby Thompson. At the closing worship service everyone shared some ideas they were taking with them from this course.

William Sanders, pastor from Wisner UMC, led closing. He is a former lay speaker and a strong supporter of this ministry. He reviewed the importance and meaning of communion and then members of the class and the audience served communion to each other. It was a very meaningful closing worship fellowship. Class members included: Susan ArmstrongLincoln UMC Rose Davis.....Bentley UMC LaVern Dittenber AuGres UMC H. Gaynell GillBentley UMC Francine Kaminski-PynnonenMidland: First UMC Jacque Mattes Wagarville UMC

Sharon Poulos..... Mapleton UMC
Shelby Thompson Auburn UMC
Gene Turschak Bay City: First UMC

The advanced class at Grayling: Michelson Memorial UMC, "Lay Speakers Are Servant Leaders," was facilitated by Barbara Greene. Eight people completed the class using the book *Faithful Leadership: Learning to Lead with Power* by Thomas Hawkins. Although the material was challenging, everyone took away valuable information that could be used to strengthen their role as a lay speaker. Those recognized as certified lay speakers were:

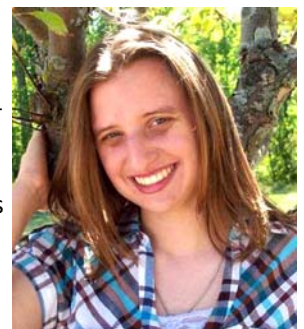
Duane Branch Gaylord: First UMC
Susan DuFord..... Houghton Lake UMC
Betty Dipzinski Gaylord: First UMC
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Barbara GreeneGrayling: MM UMC
Julia Hulka.....Grayling: MM UMC
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Reid Rosebrugh.....Churchill UMC

Young Adult Ministries On Track for 2012

Hello everyone! My name is Kimberlee Kennard, and I am thrilled to be your new young adult coordinator for the Saginaw Bay District Lay Speaking Ministries program. I am no stranger to lay speaking: I took the basic course back in 2004 (the first youth weekend in Fairgrove) as a youth. I went on to take an advanced class that fall (worship) and have taken numerous classes since! I put my heart and soul into this ministry. I am excited to see what God has in store for this coming year!

As of right now, we have decided to hold the young adult retreat during the second weekend in June 2012. We are looking for an am-

bitious church to step up to help with location this year. A basic and advanced class (to be determined) will be offered as well. Once an advanced class is chosen, I will be seeking facilitators for both basic and advanced. Please let me know if you have any questions, as we are still in the planning stages of the event. Email: kdkenнар@svsu.edu.



Thank you and praise God for this ministry!

Kimberlee D. Kennard

District Events

Christmas Card Swap

Freeland UMC is looking for 12 people to join a Christmas card swap. There is no cost to join, all you need to do is create 12 Christmas cards—they can be all the same or different—and commit to bring them on December 1st to the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. Then, everyone gets together to swap cards and do a free make-and-take Christmas project. Call Peggy Crawford at 989-695-5885 to get your name on the list.

Birth of the Unknown King

Witness God’s most amazing love story. A live nativity experience your church can experience together captured on video in the city and countryside of Bethlehem and then presented for your church’s Christmas program. This program is being held in Hale, MI. For more information contact Melene Wilsey at 989-839-4798

Challenging All Lay Speakers!

In recent years we have done well in providing advanced courses to those who wish to become or remain certified. However, many basic courses that have been offered have been cancelled due to low registration. There are several reasons, but I would like to challenge anyone who signs up for an advanced course this winter or spring.

Look around your church. Ask yourself who could really benefit from the leadership training offered through Lay Speaking Ministries. Pray for those indi-

viduals, tell each one about these opportunities, share what the courses mean to you, and ask someone to register. Be gently persistent. Provide a registration form. Form a ride group. Be an encourager. You know how much you have gotten out of these training opportunities, so you can be an effective ambassador for the program.

I hope you will accept this challenge. With your encouragement, there will be no more cancelled basic courses.

Jim Birch
Registrar

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You are invited to the next meeting of the Saginaw Bay District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries. The committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of even-numbered months, in the conference room at Vantage Plastics, 1415 W. Cedar, Standish. The next meeting will be on February 6, 2012.



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