



MICHIGAN REGION

News and Notes

Fall 2020

Upcoming Events

September 21 - 22
Missionary Church
Prayer Awakening
Conference

November 3

February 5 -6, 2021
Pastors and Spouses
Retreat, Bay City

April 27, 2021
Regional Conference,
Elkton

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Newly Credentialed Ministers in Michigan.

Congratulations to the following individuals who have received Missionary Church ministerial licenses in the Michigan Region this spring and summer:

- Katie Johnson, Colonial Woods, Port Huron
- Lindon Munro, New Faith Chapel, Romulus
- Betinitza Villarroel, Church Planting, Lansing
- Wilfredo Villarroel, Church Planting, Lansing
- Justin Whitcomb, Parkside, Sterling Heights
- Tyler Whitcomb, Parkside, Sterling Heights
- Jeremy Woodall, Lamotte, Marlette

Each individual was interviewed by the Region's Committee on Ordination and Licensing and their Network Leadership, has completed all requirements for licensing and was approved by the Regional Oversight Council of the Michigan Region.

FAMILY CAMP UPDATE

Both family camps at Brown City and Mancelona were able to be held this summer. Several measures were implemented to provide a safe environment and to protect the participants during their stay on the campgrounds. Visit the camps' websites for highlights of family camps 2020:

<http://www.mancelonacamp.org/>

<http://www.browncitycamp.org/>



Missionary Church Investment Foundation

The Missionary Church Investment Foundation (MCIF) offers members of our churches an opportunity to invest in one, two or three-year certificates of deposits at competitive rates. MCIF in turn offers loans to churches to assist with building projects and expansion programs. For more details, contact MCIF at 260-747-2027 or visit their website (mcfusa.org).

Bethel, Yale, appreciates the prayer support for their pastor, Rick Ferguson, who underwent hip replacement surgery in August.

Bliss, Levering, has called Rev. Paul (Coleen) Holcroft as their senior pastor. Paul begins his ministry at the church September 20.

Colonial Woods, Port Huron, welcomes Todd (Cindy) Perkins as a new associate on staff at the church.
(Rev. Phil Whetstone)

Crossroads, China Twp., is pleased to announce that Pastor Steven Sabens will be providing leadership for their church plant in Richmond.
(Rev. Anthony Ferriell)

Davison presented housewarming gifts to their new pastor, Rev. Jason (Michelle) Crum and his family August 23.

Evergreen, Lowell, voted unanimously in August to extend the ministry stay of interim pastor Rev. Doug (Karen) Connelly through September 2021.

Faith, Flint, extends its sympathy to the family of Walt McLavy who passed away in August at the age of 83. Walt formerly served at Bliss, Levering, and was a long-term chairman of the Brown City Camp Board.
(Rev. Brent Kriesch)

Fellowship Bible, Brown City, dedicated four children to the Lord on June 28.
(Rev. Dave Engle)

Lamotte, Marlette, welcomes Rev. Tom (Cyndee) Brink back at the church as their senior pastor. The Brinks previously served at Lamotte before becoming missionaries to Uganda.

New Beginnings, Mount Morris, holds special Revival Meetings with Dr Blake Neff Sept. 9-13 (7:00 pm each night and 11:00 am Sept. 13)
(Rev. Don Frey)

Parkside, Sterling Heights, held a special celebration service August 30 as it prepares for a "rebirthing" process this fall. Former pastor Rev. Doug Connelly gave the message that day.
(Rev. Tom Knight, interim)

Trinity, Yale, announces that Michael Whipple has joined the pastoral staff at the church.
(Rev. Phil Whipple)

Watertown, Sandusky, is gearing up for women and men's ministries this fall.
(Pastor Paul Melcher)

OUR VISION

"Every Church mobilizing believers to intentionally lead people to Christ and make disciple-makers."

The Missionary Church is committed to:

- The Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6)
- The Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:28-30)



MINISTERS' RETREAT

Due to concerns over the current pandemic and the unavailability of our host facilities, this year's Ministers' Retreat, scheduled for October 12-14 has been cancelled. Refunds have been issued to those who had already registered. We are still moving forward with plans for the Pastors and Spouses' Retreat next February at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Bay City. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

