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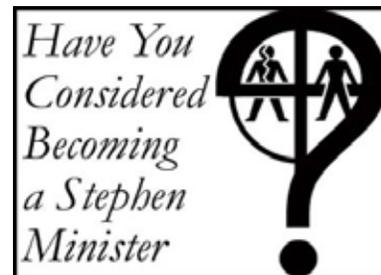
Are You Experiencing the Christmas Blues?

The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Louise Gruppen or Marian Ijzerman. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Stephen Minister Training Class to Begin Spring 2018

More information provided during Adult Sunday School
on January 14, 2018



Loving God, Serving People

Building a community loved and changed by Jesus,
loving and changing the world for him.

News from Campus Chapel and The Center for Faith & Scholarship

Missions Team

Veritas Forum 2017

The Center for Faith & Scholarship co-sponsored the 2017 Veritas Forum at UM on November 9. The speaker was Dr. James K.A. Smith, professor of philosophy at Calvin College. He spoke on *You Are What You Love*, which is the title of his recent book. The audience of over 600 persons, mostly students, was challenged to recognize the loves which drive their lives and their identities, and to assess whether their loves are truly worth the commitments they make.

The Q&A at the end of the lecture revealed the diversity of lecture attendees, with questions originating from skepticism and agnosticism as well as well-formed faith. The lecture and ensuing interactions were a great example of appropriate religious inquiry at a state university.

Chapel member Allison Meyaard-Schaap served as an emcee for the event. Other ministries involved were Knox Presbyterian Church, InterVarsity, Cru, Harvest Mission and New Life Church.

ProVocation Project

Ten UM undergraduate students were appointed as 2017-18 ProVocation Fellows as part of the ProVocation Project through CFS and the Campus Chapel. This is the second year of the Fellows program, which is underwritten by a grant from the Lilly Foundation Campus Ministry Theological Exploration of Vocation program. Fellows will reflect on vocation under the mentorship of Chapel staff. A weekend retreat will highlight the ProVocation year.

Fellows are usually student leaders at campus ministries. This year's Fellows are involved with InterVarsity, Cru, and University Christian Outreach.

Kyle Meyaard-Schaap

Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, part-time pastoral intern at the Chapel during the past year, recently completed the

candidacy process and will be ordained as a minister of the Word on November 19.

Kyle's full-time position is as director of Young Evangelicals for Climate Action (YECA), a division of the Evangelical Environmental Network that organizes young adults for involvement on climate issues. Kyle recently attended the Bonn Climate Conference and participated in the unofficial U.S. delegation.

Pastor Matt Ackerman

Pastor Matt Ackerman is serving as president of the Association of Religious Counselors (ARC) at UM for the 2017-18 academic year. ARC is an organization for campus ministry professionals and intersects with the university administration through the Student Affairs division.

ARC frequently is called upon to provide input on issues affecting student life and campus climate

From Diesel to Solar A New West Indies Self Help (W.I.S.H.) Project

West Indies Self Help is a Christian Mission located on LaGonave Island, Haiti. Their mission is to show the love of Jesus Christ by equipping Haitians with the resources and skills to give them the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty.

This mission started by providing wells for clean water and has progressed to generating power and providing support for a dental clinic, welding shop, library, youth center, mall, hospital and more.

They currently depend on a diesel generator to provide the power. They want to go green and take advantage of the abundant sunshine. They have launched a fundraising effort to collect \$450,000 for the project. It should pay for itself in five years and over the next 10 years save one million dollars that can be used for other projects. They have plans to implement it in four stages. The work will mostly be done by local Haitians and volunteer work teams.

For more information visit www.haitiwish.org



Date Announcement

Ann Arbor Serve 2018

July 21-27