



SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER
of Southeastern Michigan

Neighbors

Autumn 2009

"And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29b

From the Executive Director

Neighbors:

We live in a time when our hope and prayer is that people will be "neighborly." Perhaps it is the stress in which we all live that sometimes pushes folks to be less neighborly. In a neighborly way we wanted to keep you informed of the latest happenings here at Samaritan Counseling Center. Please look at the expansion of our staff, an additional satellite in order to help us serve the region more fully, some of the program offerings you will find, as well as the continuing ones you will find mentioned on our website, and also our Second Annual Benefit Concert. Scott Wilkinson did such a fantastic job last year he was asked to create a second one; he has done that admirably. In a neighborly way I hope to see you there to thank you for the many ways in which you support our efforts to bring health, wholeness and healing to God's people in Southeastern Michigan.

Note: we are slowly moving to electronic communication. So, please send us or email us at info@samaritancounselingmichigan.com the email address you would like us to use to keep you informed in a timely and efficient way of what is happening here at SCC. Put the word "email address" in the subject line.

Thanks for all you do to support our work and to allow us the privilege of working with the people you send to us.

Grace and peace,
Paul

The Rev. Paul J. Melrose, D.Min., LMFT, Executive Director



*Dr. Paul Melrose
Executive Director*

Annual Clergy Day Program



Rev. Bob Williamson

Plan to attend Samaritan Counseling Center's Annual Clergy Day for Clergy and Congregational Leaders from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2009 (cost \$60). We will host The Rev. Bob Williamson, Associate Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, offering "God's Own Peace: Systems Theory and Spirituality." Bob will interweave systems theory with theology and meditation to help participants, through the use of a workbook and lecture, to learn how their own spiritual practices can help in ministry during anxious times and with churches and congregations experiencing anxiety.

Bob is a graduate of Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. He completed the Georgetown Family Center's "Special Postgraduate Program in Bowen Family Systems Theory and its Applications." In addition he has studied with Edwin Friedman and Peter Steinke. Bob builds upon the program on systems theory and its applications to leadership which

Peter Steinke offered last fall at Samaritan Counseling Center.

For more information, please visit our website www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com where you can register online or call the Center at 248-474-4701.

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New Site to Open in Highland

At the invitation of Highland United Methodist Church in Highland, Michigan, Samaritan Counseling Center is opening its newest satellite office. Located just off of M-59, (immediately north of Milford), new staff member Kathy Martin will operate this office.

Those interested in this office should call our phone number: 248-474-7401. Appointments are made through our main number. You may inquire of other services that Kathy will provide through the Highland office. We are excited about the increasing relationship between Parish Partner Highland United Methodist Church and the counseling center. The church's pastor is the Rev. James Kummer.



SCC is thrilled to announce that a new satellite office will open at Highland United Methodist Church in Highland, Michigan.

SCC Welcomes New Staff

We are pleased to welcome to Samaritan Counseling Center **Rhona Ahmad, M.D.**, our new psychiatric consultant. Rhona received undergraduate and graduate education both in the United States and in the Philippines. She did her post doctoral education in psychiatry at Wayne State University's Detroit Psychiatric Institute. Rhona is on the medical staff of Providence Hospital and consults at a number of the satellites of the Departments of Psychiatry and Family Medicine. She has a private practice in psychiatry and psychotherapy in Farmington Hills.

We also welcome to our staff **Katherine Ann Martin, M.A., LPC**. Kathy is joining our staff to work in our new site in Highland, Michigan (see article above). Kathy has worked in public education for many years before returning to school at Oakland University, from which she graduated in 2005 with an M.A. in counseling, with a specialization in child and adolescent counseling. Kathy has worked extensively with a character building program for children called Bucketfillers. She has co-authored a children's book, *Fill a Bucket: A Guide to Daily Happiness for the Young Child*, a book about a child's need for a healthy self concept. We welcome Kathy and her rich experience to the Counseling Center.

Samaritan Training Programs

Pastoral Care Specialist: This year we have 12 students who are participating in the Pastoral Care Specialist training programs which are being offered in Farmington Hills and at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. The students, representing a diversity of religious traditions, including United Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Catholic, Reformed Church of America and the United Reformed Church, bring a wealth of ministerial experience as they engage in study and reflection to grow personally and to increase their knowledge and skills in order to enhance their ministry of pastoral care. In January 2010, the Pastoral Care Specialist program will be offered at a new site in the Port Huron area. Please see our website at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com for details.

Pastoral Counseling/Psychotherapy: The three year training program continues with two students and a new student, a pastor who is already a licensed professional counselor, who is participating in the classes and group supervision.

Psychology Internship Site: This year the Center continues its collaboration with the Michigan School of Psychology and has four doctoral interns who participate fully in our SCC Community and our educational and training activities in addition to providing therapy. They are gaining clinical competencies and also learning to integrate the client's faith resources within the therapeutic process.

Benefit Concert

You are invited to a special evening of exquisite desserts and wonderful acoustic music featuring a varied genre from jazz to contemporary ballads. Scott Wilkinson is back by popular demand and he brings with him a bevy of talented musicians.

By attending our Benefit Concert, you support our adjusted fee schedule which helps meet the needs of all who seek counseling. Join us in our mission to provide professional therapeutic counseling and educational services to all God's people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth.

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009

Time: 7 p.m. Dessert and 8 p.m. Concert

Place: First United Methodist Church Birmingham Christian Life Center 1589 W. Maple Road

Tickets: \$30

For more information please call the Samaritan Counseling Center at (248) 474-4701 or visit our web site at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com.



Scott Wilkinson

Sonia Lee



Dave Hendrickson



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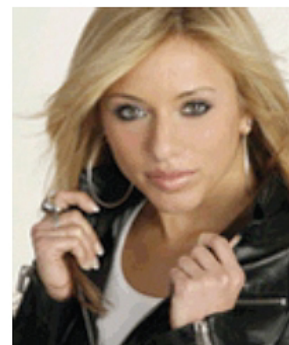
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Upcoming SCC Events

Sunday, November 15
Lay Caregivers
Men and Depression

Wednesday, November 18
Annual Clergy Day
Rev. Bob Williamson
*God's Own Peace: Systems
Theory and Spirituality*

Saturday, November 21
**Second Annual Benefit
Concert with Scott
Wilkinson**

Wednesday, January 27
**Prepare/Enrich Test
Training**

News and Notes

Please consider making a contribution to Samaritan's fee adjustment fund. This fund helps clients receive counseling regardless of ability to pay. It's fast and easy when you use Paypal. Just visit our website www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com and click on the "Donate" icon. Thank you for helping all God's people seeking wholeness through emotional and spiritual growth to partner with us at SCC.



To continue staying current with SCC happenings, please send us your email address. We now distribute this newsletter and other important information through the Internet. Please stay in touch by sending your name and email address to mphelps@samaritancounselingmichigan.com.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in our eighth annual SCC Golf Outing. Congratulations to our winning teams:

Men's Team

Phil Maus
Dave Carson
Jerry Howe
Rick Fuller

Women's Team

Beth Heubrecht
Deb Williams
Sister Xaxier Balance

(Representing First Presbyterian
Church of Farmington Hills)