The Presbytery of Mackinac, CLP Education classes, will result in, after all the classes have been completed, the presentation of a certificate of achievement to those who went through all the classes. *On the basis of completing these classes, the participant may meet with the Committee on Ministry to pursue a calling as a Commissioned Lay Pastor.* People not interested in a certificate will be welcome to join any of the classes and may participate in the retreats. For those wishing to complete the classes for a certificate, assignments including brief papers will be required. These papers will be filed in the Presbytery office to be used for those wishing to pursue a calling as a commissioned leader in the church. Class leaders will be expected to keep a record of attendance and to submit this record to the Presbytery office for filing.

Classes will rotate roughly on a three-year basis and will include spring 24-hour face to face retreats which will be scheduled. While the retreats are part of the requirements for a certificate, anyone interested may attend.

Please Note: The Classes and schedules are subject to change and/or cancellation due to the availability of instructors and/or enrollment.

8. **Winter - 2024** ***ALL COURSES COMPLETED/CLOSED*** Key dates: Ash Wed. – 2/14/24, Easter – 3/31/24

a. **Proclamation** – 10 weeks -- Thursdays, at 5:30 pm, Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, & Mar. 7, 2024

Taught by Rev. Jeri Baker via Zoom –Preparing a sermon using the lectionary that includes delivering a sermon before the members of the class.

b. **Liturgy and Worship** – 5 weeks -- Thursdays, at 7:00 pm, Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25, & Feb. 1, 2024

Taught by Julie Dowty via Zoom – What is liturgy and how does it work in a vital church setting.

c. **Ministry of Pastoral Care** – 5 weeks -- Thursdays, at 7:00 pm, Feb. 8, 15, 22, & 29, & Mar. 7, 2024

Taught by Julie Dowty & Rick Donohoe via Zoom – Explores self-care, boundary issues, and the theology of pastoral care as participants develop care of elderly, crisis intervention, counseling, and hospital visitation.

9. **RETREAT** – **Personal Gifts and the Ministry of Stewardship** – Twenty-hour event – April 5 & 6, 2024

Augustine Center Retreat House, 2798 US-31, Conway, MI 49722 *This retreat will ask what gifts we each bring to the ministry so that we are stewards of our time, talent, and treasures in the life of the church.* ***COMPLETED/CLOSED***

10. **Fall – 2024**

a. **Organizing a Congregation for Ministry** – 10 weeks

What does a healthy congregation look like and how does that congregation explore ways to engage the wider world?

b. **The Variety of Ministry that includes education in a Congregation**– 5 weeks

A survey of the variety of ministries in which most congregations participate. Included will be youth ministry, outreach ministries, mission trips, fellowship experiences, etc.

THIS COMPLETES THE INITIAL ROTATION OF CLASSES WHICH BEGAN THE FALL OF 2021

~FUTURE ROTATIONS MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES AND SESSION DATES~

1. **Fall -- 2025**

a. **Intro to the Bible** – 10 weeks

An overview of the Bible that seeks to explore the historical and literary contexts as well as the common threads that run through the fabric of Scripture.

b. **Constructive Theology**– 9 weeks

Explores the building blocks of theological language and concepts that have shaped Presbyterian churches.

2. **Winter – 2026 -** Key dates: Ash Wed. – 2/18/26, Easter – 4/5/26

a. **Genesis – Nehemiah** 10 weeks – This course could be taught beginning the 2nd week after New Year and continue into the third week of Lent.

Study of the birth, rise, and fall of the people of God.

b. **Creedal Formulations** – 5 weeks

An exploration of Presbyterian creedal formulations that identify for Presbyterians the essence of the Christian faith.

c. **Ministry at the End of Life –** 5 weeks

How we care for the dying and provide appropriate funeral and grief services after death has happened.

3. **RETREAT** – **Ethics** – Twenty hour in-person event –March or April 2026

Augustine Center Retreat House, 2798 US-31, Conway, MI 49722

Our Ethics are rooted in the Bible and our theology. So, how do we use these tools and other resources to guide the church in making ethical decisions?

4. **Fall - 2026**

a. **Church Story** – 10 weeks

An overview of the church's story leading up to the Reformation with a concentration of study on the Reformation that birthed Presbyterian Churches.

b. **Prophets** -- 8 weeks

The Prophets do battle with the faith of the people of God.

5. **Winter - 2027 –** Key dates: Ash Wed – 2/10/27, Easter – 3/28/27

a. **How We Organize Church** – 4 weeks

Explores the governing structure for worship and mission of the Presbyterian Church

b. **Gospels and Acts** –7 weeks

The stories of Jesus and how these affected the first years of the Church.

c. **Esther – Song of Solomon --** 6 weeks

People of God live their faith and give expression to that faith.

6. **RETREAT** – **Spirituality and Prayer** – Twenty hour in-person event –March or April 2027

Augustine Center Retreat House, 2798 US-31, Conway, MI 49722

An exploration of spiritual disciplines through the ages; leading participants to explore their own spiritual life.

7. **Fall – 2027**

a. **Christianity in the World** – 5 weeks

Examining the Christian faith foundations among some of the world's great religious expressions and including some of the variant expressions of Christianity, such as Jehovah's Witness and the Mormon Church.

b. **Exegetical Work** – 5 weeks

Develops some of the exegetical tools that are important for the preparation of preaching and teaching.

c. **New Testament from Romans to Revelation** – 10 weeks

Examining what we learn from the letters, writing, and the apocalyptic literature of the New Testament