

# Presbyterian Church of USA

## Synod of Covenant

Mission to USA

17 Oct. -09 Nov. 2014

FADY AMIN

10 / 17 / 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> Day  
Missionary Arrival



10 / 18 / 2014  
Mission to USA Orientation at Synod of the Covenant  
Maumee, Ohio



10/19/14  
CrosWell



Attend the  
Sunday  
worship  
At First  
Presbyterian  
Church and  
give the  
Presentation





With Pastor Kenneth Hetzel

# Presentation at Valiant Ministries Church







# Lovely Lunch at Lake of Huron



10/20/14

Attending Mass at St. Denis for Roman Catholic Church  
and after the mass gave speech .



With Fr. Donald Eppenbroch

# Sandusky – Lunch and meeting with TMG





# Interview with local newspaper



With reporter Carol Seifferlein

# Christian refugee tours area churches

## Tells of persecution in his homeland

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An Iraqi Christian who fled persecution in his homeland will be speaking in area churches over the next week.

Fady Amin immigrated to the San Diego, California area, which has a large Iraqi population, about 8 months ago. His mother, 2 brothers and their families joined him in May.

Thumb area Presbyterian congregations are sponsoring Amin's speaking tour through Mission to USA, a program of the synod of the Presbyterian Covenant of Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Amin will be speaking on Mon., Oct. 27 at the Sandusky Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m. at a potluck dinner; and at the First Presbyterian Church of Marlette on Tues., Oct. 28 at a 6 p.m. potluck dinner. The public is welcome.

He is also attending a study group at Crowell Presbyterian and a food distribution at Valiant Ministries in Crowell tomorrow (Thurs., Oct. 23); a turkey dinner at the Marlette Presbyterian church on the 24th; Presbyterian church services in Sandusky and Yale on the 26th; and a book club discussion at Marlette Presbyterian on the 28th.

"It is not easy to be out of your country because

you are forced to because you are Christian...We want to live in peace, that is all we want," Amin said.

He said Christians were about 3% of the Iraqi population in 2007 when there were approximately 27 million people in the country. Although the population has now grown to around 33 million, he said Christians make up only an estimated 1/2 percent of the entire population.

Amin said there was no persecution before the U.S. military invasion in 2003 to topple dictator Saddam Hussein.

"We lived a normal life, we could go to church and pray," he said, although Christians had to celebrate Easter and Christmas in private.

In October 2004 five Christian churches in Baghdad were attacked by Al-Qaida terrorists, he said.

"After that many priests were attacked, people were kidnapped and killed," he stated.

During the civil war after the U.S. military left Iraq, whenever family members and friends heard about bombing incidents, they called each other to see if loved ones were safe.

Then in 2010 there was a second bombing at his church during services in the middle of Baghdad, killing 47 people, including his priest, and injuring 100, Amin said.

The situation has only worsened with ISIS.

"After the U.S. invasion in 2003 we suffer from the violence against the Christianity in Iraq

in many ways and more and more Christian families leave the country. But now after what happened to our brothers and sisters in God there, especially in Mousel... What happened is close to a genocide of the Iraqi Christians and other minorities in Iraq," he stated in his letter of application to Mission to the USA for the speaking tour.

In June, ISIS militants (Islamist State of Iraq) took over the country's second largest city, Mousel, forcing around 500,000 people to flee.

"Mousel was the Christian capital, now there are none (Christian residents left)," he said.

Amin said ISIS, which controls parts of Iraq, offered Christians 3 options: convert to Islam; pay large fines on a regu-



Fady Amin

lar basis; or die. They had 48 hours to decide and those who chose to leave the country were not allowed to take anything of value, he stated.

"I am afraid for the future for Christians if we do not take action for them," he stated.

Amin, who works with Iraqi youth in the San Diego area, is a member of the Iraqi Christian Youth Committee.

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## Woman pleads to embezzlement

The Sandusky woman who embezzled

A no contest plea is not the same as... but it is treated the same at

# 10/21/14 - Harbor Beach

## Lunch and meeting with the Session of the Church



With Elder Gayle Wooster and the session members

# At the Catholic Middle school







With Principle

# At the Methodist Church





With the reporter



# 10/22/14 – Fraser & Cass city Lunch with the pastors in Fraser



With Pastor Linda Graham and other pastors from other churches

# Cass City Presentation







# 10/23/2014 – Croswell Bible Study







Interview with local newspaper

# Work in “Food give away”

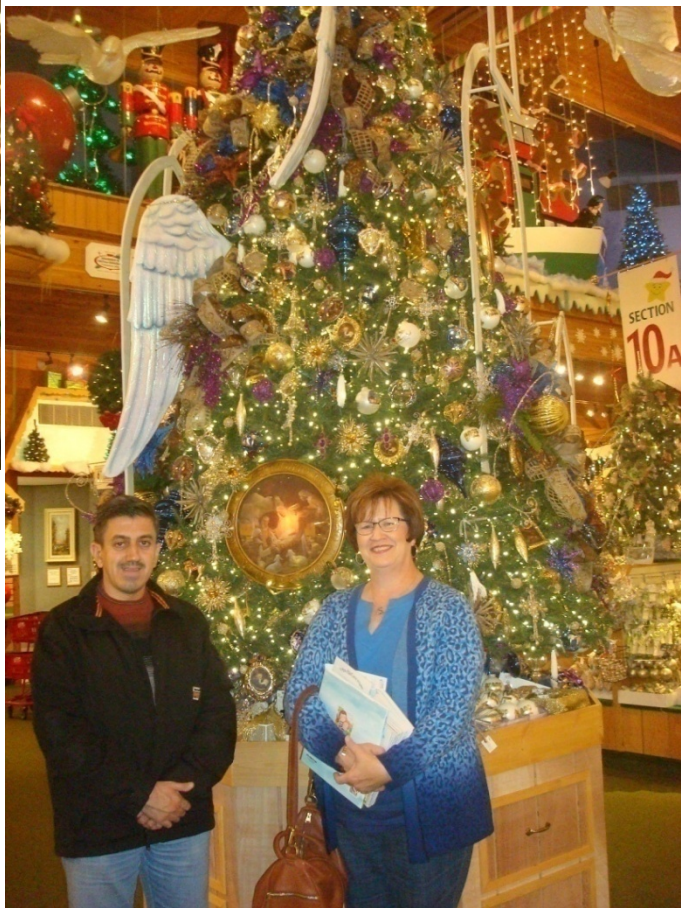




10/24/2014 Marlette  
Lunch, trip to Frankenmuth & Turkey dinner



With Pastor Dave Myers & his wife and Pastor Chris Wolf



10/25/2014  
Lovely Lunch at  
Taboon Middle  
Eastern Rest.



With Pastor Dave Myers & his  
wife Pastor Randa



10/26/2014

Sandusky



Attending the Sunday worship

# Presentation at Yale Presbyterian Church







Lunch with Pastor Katja Gruning

10/27/2014 Sandusky

Presentation  
in  
Sandusky  
High  
School













Lunch with Pastor Katja Gruning & Don Wixson

# Farm Tour













# Pot Luck Dinner and presentation













# 10/28/2014 Marlette book Club Pot Luck Dinner - Presentation







With Pastor  
chris wolf



# 29/10/2014

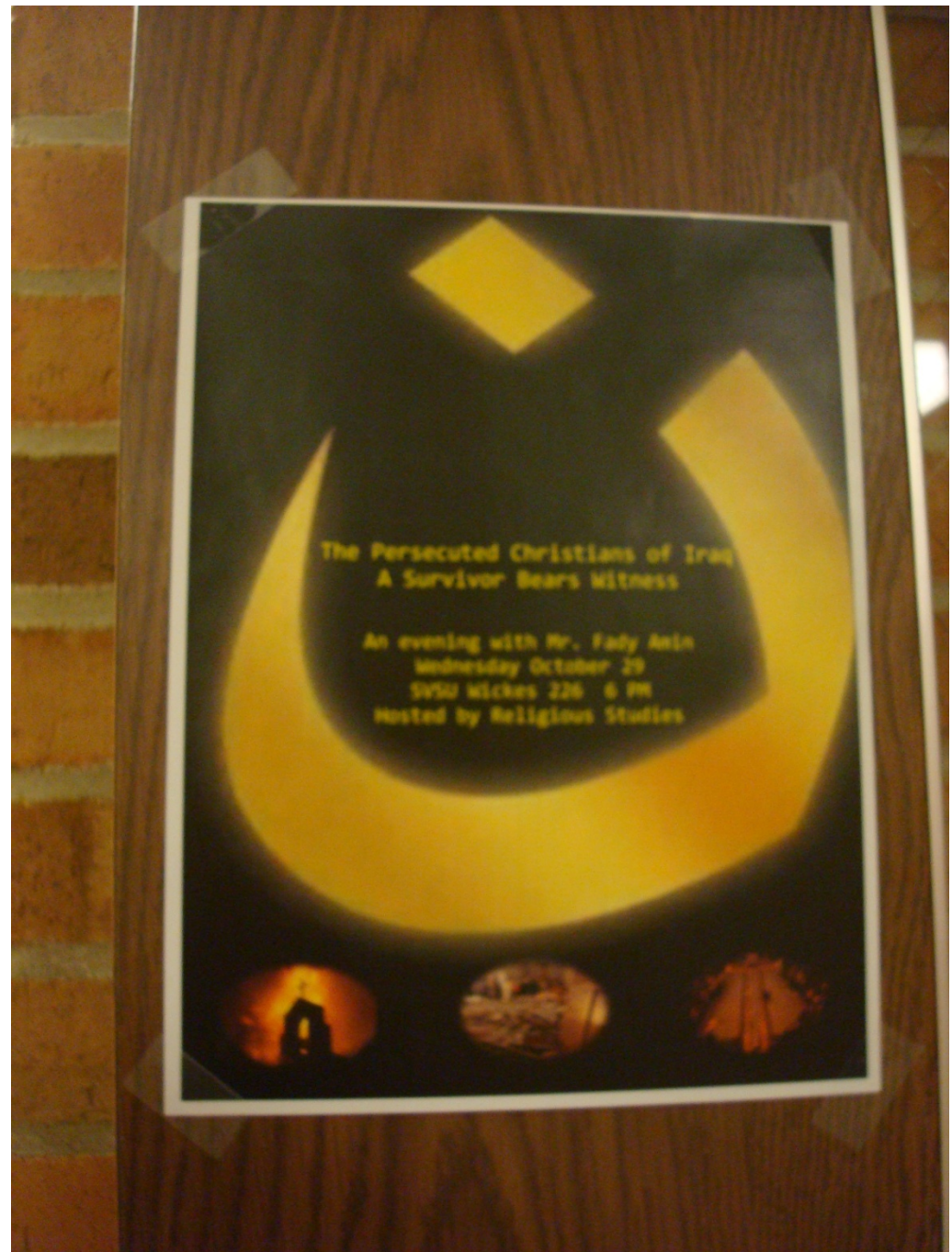
## Presentation at Alma College





Chaplain Noel A. Snyder

Presentation  
in  
Saginaw Valley State  
University  
SVSU











With Assistant Professor David Nichols & fr. Timothy Cook the parish priest at St. Demetrios for Greek Orthodox church



# 10/30/2014 Caro Coffee Meeting



Meeting with “Mr. Jake Bennett” the Deputy District Director  
of “Mr. Dan Kildee” the US House of Representative





Late lunch with Pastor Dave Myers

# Presentation at the first Presbyterian church in Caro







10/31/2014  
Halloween



# 11/01/2014 - Bay city

## Attend the Presbytery Elder / Deacon Training







11/02/2014

Vasaar

season



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eak about the decision  
to cancel the varsity  
otball season on Mix  
1's *Let's Talk Sports* at  
10 a.m. today.

**Mix**  
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## Forced to flee

*Christian refugee will travel Thumb speaking about Iraqi persecution*

BY BILL PETZOLD  
Editor

**THUMB AREA** — Ever wonder what life is like for the persecuted Christian minority living in Iraq?

Here's your chance to hear from someone who survived it personally.

Thumb Area Presbyterian congregations are excited to host Fady Amin, a Christian refugee who fled to the United States with his family to escape the often violent persecution of Christians taking place in his home country of Iraq.

Pastor Doug Abel of Vassar First Presbyterian Church said that Amin will speak during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, November 2, in lieu of the sermon. A presentation and question and answer session will follow after worship about 11:30 a.m.

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## Benefit today



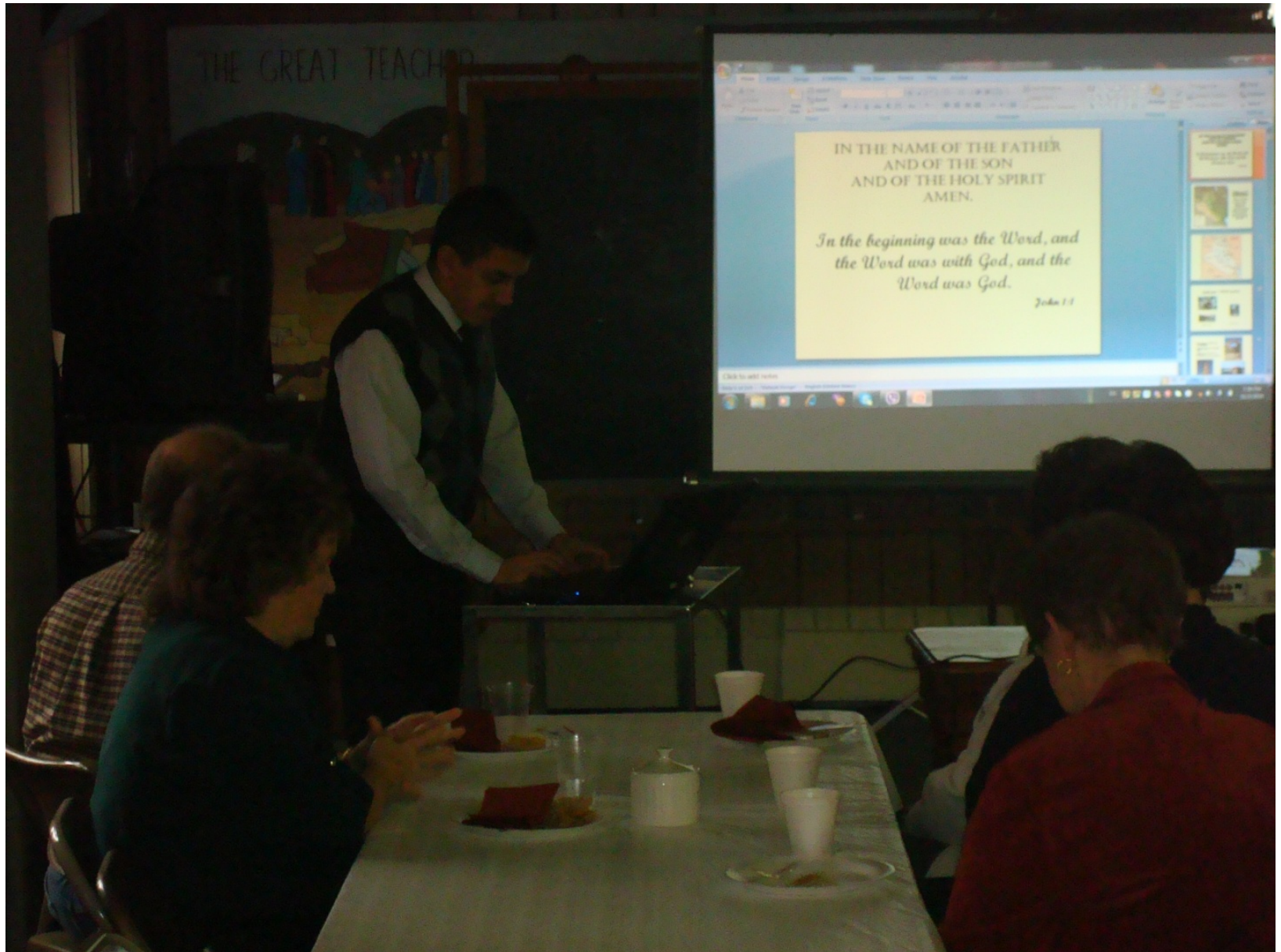
# Attend the Sunday Worship







# Presentation after the worship





Interview with Tisha the reporter at WLEW Radio

# Meeting with the youth Group





# 11/03/2014 Vasaar Back Pack Group





# Food pantry





Lunch with Pastor Doug Abel & the local newspaper reporter Bill Petzold and sister





# Presentation to Vasaar Community





11/04/2014 - Free day  
Visiting my friend





Visit my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin



# 11/05/2014 - Attending the Kiwais Club of Sandusky with Don Wixson





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**KIWANIS CLUB**

ROCKIN PIE





11/06/2014 - Sandusky

**Farewell Luncheon**

with

Thumb Ministries Group

**TMG**