

## **October is Mission to the U.S.A. (M.U.S.A.) Month**

**Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church is proud to be hosting**

**Cathrine Abuamsha** of Beit Jala, Palestine from October 13<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Cathrine is a 24 year-old Palestinian woman who is of the Greek Orthodox faith tradition.

Born in Bethlehem, she has faced a lifetime of Occupation as a Palestinian. Her father is a YMCA director in the Bethlehem area. Her mother is an English teacher. Her siblings have a wide variety of vocations—from Civil Engineering to Business. And Cathrine, herself, is in training to be a lawyer.

She is also part of the youth ecumenical movement in Palestine.

Cathrine has trained with the Youth Ecumenical Institute of the Middle East, involving youth from 7 Arab countries in choosing to be open to the experiences, cultures and witnesses of other Christians. She comes as a M.U.S.A. Mission Partner prepared to talk about both the issues all Arab Christians face in their respective contexts, as well as the particular issues facing Palestinian Christians today in light of the Israeli Occupation.

Cathrine will not be here to preach, but she will be here to witness and to speak to that which she is most familiar—her faith and her homeland.

If you would be interested in having her offer a Minute for Mission at Worship or make a Coffee Hour Presentation or a Classroom Presentation she would be very amenable to that! She is prepared to speak on a number of topics, including:

- The daily life of a Palestinian in the Occupied Territories.
- Christian Palestinians.
- The violation of Human Rights by Israeli Occupation.
- The non-violent resistance movement in face of the military Israeli Occupation.

If you would like to have Cathrine come and speak to your congregation, class or group on any of these topics (or, perhaps, another that you can request), please email :

The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers @ [revrhon@aol.com](mailto:revrhon@aol.com) or call Rhonda @ 989-395-1065

Cathrine is also seeking invitations to take part in Bible Studies, Small Groups, Youth Groups, Young Adult Groups, Women's Groups etc. where she might share her experience as a Palestinian Christian.

She would also greatly value any invitations to speak with more secular Women's Groups, Civic Groups, High School and College Groups, Boys' Clubs, Girls' Clubs, Youth Groups, and just about any other interested group, regarding her life and experience as a Palestinian living through an Occupation.

**For more information**, call Pastor Rhonda @ 989-395-1065 or 989-631-2081 (CLPC)