

**Brecksville United Methodist Church
Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting
November 6, 2006**

Present: Scott Campbell Don Krolikowski
Sue Dietrich Ruth McDonel
Lisa Drew Karen Oehl
Janet Kleckner Betsy Wooster
Craig Kotnik

Meeting called to order by Lay Leader/Chairperson Janet Kleckner

Minutes of Sept. 5 COM meeting approved as corrected (next COM meeting 11/6/06, not 8/7/06)

COM feedback from Strategic Plan update meeting:

- Important that we continue to move forward with Strategic Plan (appeared that some groups did not leave meeting with clear-cut action steps)
 - Need to promote key areas of Strategic Plan to keep it alive/active; suggest holding ministry fair or using Lent (liturgical time ending with celebration at Easter)
- Lisa Drew/youth currently underway with contemporary service; geared toward youth and not intended to represent third service for entire congregation
- Maintaining up-to-date “gifts inventory” of congregational talents/interests will help determine/develop new BUMC leaders

Commission Reports:

Communications – Don Krolikowski

- Reminder to COM members to submit respective minutes to minutes@brecksvilleumc.com
- Don provided food for thought:
 - Give congregation option of receiving Good Word via email in lieu of US mail
 - Change current placement of BUMC website links for more effective web page display
 - Move to web-based rolling calendar

Education – Betsy Wooster for Janine Telischak

- Program is filled with strong coordinators and invigorated educators
- Offering spirituality series (video component)
- Looking for another team of 8th grade confirmation teachers

Youth Board – Lisa Drew

- EPIC Youth Experience progressing well; purchased new drum for BUMC’s rock band “The Way”
- Youth Jam to be held first weekend of December in Akron – 44 BUMC attendees, including plenty of veteran adult helpers

Trustees – Scott Campbell

- Finished yard clean-up and final maintenance for year
- Scaffolding will be erected in Sanctuary 11/7/06; work on window frame construction and outlets/connections
- In process of examining stage lighting fixtures; need to dispose of obsolete, unneeded pieces
- Other “to do” items:
 - Priority repair of tears in roof flashing (~ \$21,000)
 - Excavation (~\$14,000) to eliminate water damage in cloakroom

- Repair walls in Betsy's office

Missions – Craig Kotnik

- Approved two donations -- \$3,500 Africa University; \$3,500 Methodist Theological School
- Donated \$500 each to Cleveland Food Bank and Brookside Center
- Christmas collection recipients will be listed in December Good Word

Worship – Sue Dietrich

- Music will be led by Choir on second Sunday of each month
- Youth orchestra to lead pre-service music on Sun., Nov. 12
- Hanging of Greens to be held Sat., Dec. 2; will include music and carolers

UMW– Ruth McDonel

- Very successful “souper” Sunday on Nov. 5; hope to repeat in future
- Dec. 7 meeting will include musical program/sing-along by Barbara Polomsky

Staff Report:

Karen Oehl

- Considering returning to monthly Good Word versus current semi-monthly
- Combined Thanksgiving service to be held Nov. 19 at 7 pm; hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Independence
- BUMC Advent wreath lighting will be led by various BUMC families
- Christmas Eve services – 1 service at 9:30 am, followed by 5 pm family service, and candlelight services at 9 pm and 11 pm
- BUMC will host/serve hot cocoa/cookies in Fellowship Hall following Brecksville Christmas parade on Sun., Dec. 3

Betsy Wooster

- Spirit Kids Advent service will be held on Dec. 3 from 5 pm -7 pm.

Next COM meeting – Mon., Dec. 4, 2006

Next Administrative Board meeting -- Jan., 2007.

Karen closed with prayer.

Linda Rollins
COM Secretary