

**Brecksville United Methodist Church
Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting
March 5, 2007**

Present: Scott Campbell Craig Kotnik
 Lisa Drew Bob Lundholm
 Janet Kleckner Alan Scheufler
 Kendall Lancaster Janine Telischak

Lay Leader/Chairperson Janet Kleckner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of February 5, 2007, COM meeting approved as corrected (Brecksville Little Theater's performance of High Society was on Feb. 4, not Dec. 4).

Ministry Team/Committee Reports

Worship – Janet Kleckner for Sue Dietrich

- Ash Wednesday services went well with addition of morning service
- Easter services
 - Maundy Thursday, April 5 -- Communion workshop 6:30 pm; worship 7:30 pm (will include communion and story of Last Supper; darkened Sanctuary)
 - Good Friday, April 6 -- Community service at noon; hosted by Christ the Redeemer Luthern Church; need volunteer for reader's role of Peter
 - Easter, April 7 -- Three services: 6:45 am (Blossom Oaks Rd. Pavilion; led by Lisa Drew); 9 am and 11 am services in Sanctuary

Church & Society – Kendall Lancaster

- “Coffee in Parlor” group discussions (first Monday of each month; 6:30 pm-7:30 pm)
 - March 5 -- At What Age Should We Stop Driving a Vehicle?
 - April 2 -- Global Warming
 - May 7 -- Military Draft
 - Will develop/publish list of topics three months in advance to allow for most current topic selection
- Dave Lienert will lead once/month Saturday morning group visits to locations where volunteer opportunities may exist

Missions – Craig Kotnik

- Donations made to: The Scheller's (missionary couple living in Philippines; may speak at BUMC on future Sunday); Kairos ministry; Berea Children's Home (pastoral endowment for permanent clergy at the Home)

Evangelism – Bob Lundholm

- Continue to staff greeters and send letters/deliver bread to BUMC visitors
- BUMC men's slo-pitch softball team has current roster of 19; part of Nordonia Church League (May 1-early July); most games Tuesday evenings (6:15 pm and 7:30 pm if double-header) and some Saturdays; play at Longwood Park, Macedonia

Education – Janine Telischak

- March 4 youth-led worship service (9 am) successful and very well received; Janet Kleckner suggested a future youth service during 11 am worship

- Seventy-one adults participating in current “Grace” Lenten Study
- Twenty-nine persons attended Jesus & Ebert movie night on Fri., March 2, at home of Tim & Leslie Miller
- Godly Play open house -- Sun., March 11; Pam Root and Ruth Georgovich received accreditation to train others in Godly Play program techniques
- Five new adult education offerings will be available after Easter, including Faithlinks (beginning April 15, 10 am-11 am; childcare available)

Trustees – Scott Campbell

- Sanctuary window project completed/work finished behind chancel screen
- Met with Vincent Lighting to assess lighting needs, including overhead lights in Sanctuary; price quote forthcoming. Crates of miscellaneous, obsolete fixtures stored on Fellowship Hall stage will be destroyed
- Met with architect Steven Kordalski to review details of Sanctuary and Administrative Wing remodeling project; will submit his proposal/price quote for discussion at next Trustees meeting
- Lawn mowing club
 - Five persons have committed; prefer at least 8 to comprise 2-person teams (1 mower/1 trimmer each team)
 - Lawn work will be done on Thursday evenings (Friday, then Saturday as rainout days)
 - Will purchase new mowers and weedwacker
- Recently cleaned boiler room (all must remember to keep area free of trash and combustibles); found shovel used during groundbreaking of BUMC Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary

Staff Reports

Lisa Drew

- Just returned from successful Youth Ministry Conference in Chicago
- Jr. High Retreat (Feb. 9-11) -- 82 in attendance, including 17 from BUMC
- First Sr. High Retreat will be held March 16-18
- Lisa will lead 6-week Value Packed Parenting Course (to begin after Easter)
- Five-week “Grace” Lenten Study for teens begins Wed., March 7

Lisa Drew for Karen Oehl

- Need another lay person to join Janet Kleckner as BUMC representatives to Annual Conference at Lakeside (June 18-21)
- Four-week “Network” workshop to be held on Tues. evenings in May; develop skills and passions in ministry
- Good Word will continue to be distributed once/month for the time being

Staff/Parish Update – Janet Kleckner

- Laura Lakner hired as new part-time office assistant; excellent computer skills and willing to cross-train for BUMC future needs. Will assist full-time during Irma’s upcoming two-week absence
- Barbara Polomsky continues as Music Director/Choir and Bell Choir Director
- Looking for individuals to fill two music positions:
 - Keyboardist for Choir (to replace Brenda Calovini following completion of her one-year commitment)

- Musician to lead 9 am worship and/or EPIC; may also assist with potential contemporary third service

Other Remarks

Alan Scheufler

- Offered personal compliments on success of March 4 children's service and final result of Sanctuary window project; suggested we plan a dedication ceremony for window

Janet Kleckner

- Shared details of annual lay speaking training seminar -- April 20 (6 pm-9 pm) and April 21 (9am-4pm) at Epworth Euclid Church
 - Basic skills (adult and youth) – How to prepare speech; address own congregation
 - Advanced skills – Learn to address other congregations; opportunity to assist as substitute speaker for pastors
 - May 5 (optional) – Reconvene for speech evaluations

Upcoming meetings:

Ad Board -- Mon., April 2

COM – Mon., May 7 (7:30 pm in Parlor)

Lisa Drew closed with prayer.

Linda Rollins
COM Secretary