

Church and Society
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2007

Present: Doug Farling, Mark Hobzek, Kendall Lancaster, Dave Lienert, Elinor Rowan, Becky Schultz

Volunteering:

Dave has made arrangements for our first monthly volunteer outing to be at the Berea Children's Home and Family Services. Anyone interested should meet at the church parking lot at 10:30 on Saturday, March 24 to carpool. We will learn about volunteering opportunities at Berea Children's Home offers and then attend Faith Friends worship with the children.

The tentative plan for the April volunteer outing is to work at the Cleveland Food Bank. A specific date has not been determined.

Coffee in the Parlor discussions:

The committee complimented Doug Farling on a nice job of facilitating the March Coffee in the Parlor addressing the topic: At What Age do We Stop Driving? Discussion was lively even though we weren't able to determine when someone should stop driving!

The next two Coffee in the Parlor sessions are below:

April 2: Global Warming. Alan Scheufler will facilitate

May 7: The Military Draft. Mark Hobzek will facilitate.

Becky will confirm with Alan Scheufler that he is available to facilitate the April 2 session.

Suggestions for two more topics for the future are:

-Cell Phone Usage

-Narcissism

The committee agreed that we should continue the Coffee in the Parlor sessions during the summer months.

Driving Needs for Shut-ins:

During the last Coffee in the Parlor, discussion included how difficult it is for older people to give up driving and then ask/rely on others for help with errands, shopping, doctor appointments, etc. Elinor will check with Pastor Karen/Libby to see if they are aware of parishioners in need of people to drive them places and what BUMC currently does for these people. We will discuss this more at our next meeting, including how to canvass the congregation for driving needs and then how to meet those needs as a church.

Penny will continue to promote our Coffee in the Parlor monthly discussions in the Good Word. In addition, she will provide information regarding helping older parishioners with driving needs as that information becomes available.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 22, between services. We will choose Coffee in the Parlor topics for the 3 summer months. We will also select next year's committee chairman.