

**Brecksville United Methodist Church  
Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting  
September 4, 2007**

**Present:** Kay AuWerter      Ruth McDonel  
              Lisa Drew            Joy McGuire  
              Jenny Gee             Karen Oehl  
              Janet Kleckner        Austin Smith  
              Don Krolikowski      Marc Vincent  
              Dave Lienert         Betsy Wooster  
              Bob Lundholm

Chairperson Janet Kleckner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of August 6, 2007, COM meeting approved as corrected: Aundrea (not Andrea) Dumont's mission trip was to Africa (not Russia).

**Old Business**

- Reminder – COM chairpersons to pick up monthly budget updates from respective office inboxes
- Transition Task Force representatives to-date (need more persons from 11 am worship):
  - Bob Lundholm - Evangelism
  - Cathy Buttolph - Worship
  - Mary Kotnik – Koinonia
  - Janet Kleckner – COM
  - Jeff Hastings – Trustees
  - Marc Vincent, Kathy Decker – COE (Janine Telischak alternate)
  - Bob Jaite – Youth
  - Karen Oehl, Lisa Drew, Betsy Wooster, Joy McGuire
- Reminder – Building security responsibility form must be signed by each individual responsible for locking BUMC doors at end of a given day

**Ministry Team/Committee Reports**

United Methodist Men – Austin “Skip” Smith

- '07-'08 schedule of events:
  - Sun., Sept. 9 (10 am) – Pancake breakfast for Sunday School
  - Sat., Oct. 13 (8:30 am – noon) – Grounds keeping, tree trimming, grass planting (volunteers may call Skip at 440-724-4622)
  - Sun., Oct. 21 (7:45 am) – Continental breakfast for BUMC – Program: Betsy Wooster/details of her position
  - Sat., Oct. 27 (6:30 pm) – Meatloaf dinner & program for new members
  - Sat., Nov. 10 (8:30 am – noon) – Men to rake leaves
  - Sun., Dec. 9 (7:45 am) – Continental breakfast for BUMC – Program: Joy McGuire, new Music Director
  - Sat., Feb. 9, 2008 (after Super Bowl) – Chili cook-off
  - Thurs., Mar. 20 (6 pm) – Maundy Thursday Seder dinner
  - Sun., April 6 (7:45 am) – Continental breakfast for BUMC – Program: Church Staff
  - Volunteer Saturdays – Habitat for Humanity and food center visits with Dave Lienert

Communications – Don Krolikowski

- Continuing to work on newsletter format/layout changes (e.g., feature articles; themed newsletters); obtaining pricing for professional printing of same
- Preparation of bulletins will remain in-house
- May need to ask for increase in budget to accommodate incorporation of more printed information for BUMC

Education – Marc Vincent

- Rally Day Sept. 9 – Meet teachers; pancake breakfast
- Sunday School begins Sept. 16; all teaching slots filled except 2 rotation positions for 1<sup>st</sup> segment
- Need babysitters in Nursery & Toddler Rooms during worship and Disciple Bible Study

United Methodist Women – Ruth McDonel

- Will prepare lunch for Habitat for Humanity group
- Soup Sunday tentatively set for Nov. 11
- Need more volunteers to serve coffee following 11 am service

Evangelism – Bob Lundholm

- Continue to staff greeters and deliver bread to visitors
- Willing to assist in hosting new member orientation for ~ 10 adults/youth joining BUMC Sept. 30
  - Orientation sessions held between services in Parlor
    - Meet members of Evangelism Committee Sept. 9
    - Meet other members of COM Sept. 16 (J. Gee, J. Kleckner, R. McDonel, Skip & Nancy Smith) or Sept. 23 (D. Krolikowski, D. Lienert, M. Vincent)

Koinonia – Jenny Gee

- Approximately 60 persons attended successful BUMC “indoor” picnic at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Working on details for hayride (Oct. 14, 2 pm-5 pm), Hanging of Greens
- Discussing restarting agape dinner groups

Church & Society – Dave Lienert

- Sept. 22 -- Christian Muslim Forum hosted by St. Basil’s Catholic Church (during Ramadan)
  - Middle Eastern dinner; 3 speakers (Catholic, Muslim, Lutheran)
  - Reservations needed by Sept. 16
  - Will host follow-up dialog session approximately 2 weeks after program
- Oct. 7 (2 pm) -- Crop Walk sponsored by Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Oct. 8 (6:30 pm-7:30 pm) -- Coffee in Parlor; Aids discussion topic
- Will assist in promoting “Nothing But Nets” campaign; hope to involve youth and Cleveland Cavaliers
- Continuing volunteer program (Habitat for Humanity, Cleveland Food Bank)

Trustees – Kay AuWerter

- Working to identify BUMC projects that need attention (e.g., major roof repair)
- Funds will be needed to cover additional cost of new Sanctuary window

Youth Board – Kay AuWerter

- No assigned chairperson but active group of Youth Board participants
- Prayer partner cards will be available for congregation to take (pray for individual youth throughout the year)

Worship – Karen Oehl for Sue Dietrich

- Introduced Joy McGuire, new Music Director, to members of COM
- Still need head usher, but currently operating in weekly teams; also need ushers for 11 am service

**Staff Reports**Karen Oehl

- Still searching for organist/accompanist
- Stewardship Campaign, “Celebrating Our Gifts,” begins Oct. 7
  - Craig Czarnota and Dave Brown will serve as prayer coordinators
    - Will include teams praying for all households of BUMC; encourage COM members to join prayer teams
- “Go Show” (community expo) at BBHHS Oct. 13-14; \$175 for booth space but free if offering a children’s activity; since deadline fast approaching, BUMC may consider a booth/children’s activity next year
- In June, BUMC will host (in Fellowship Hall) Alzheimer’s quilt show, sponsored by Wayne Center for the Arts

Lisa Drew

- EPIC will start Sept. 9 (meets monthly)
- Working on details for this year’s YSP trip to Michigan
- First week of August -- Leadership Camp in Minnesota (approximately 10 youth will attend)
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2 – Youth Jam
- Feb. 2, 2008 – Leadership Academy; looking for ideas to train laity and clergy (e.g., website management)
- North Coast District to host 2 workshops (1 hr. ea.) at Lakewood UMC

Joy McGuire

- Recent BUMC bulletin announcement promoted our Church music program
- Starting Christian Musical Arts Program (CMAP) children’s/youth choirs (K-12<sup>th</sup> grades) on Wednesday afternoons
- Working to build thematic unity for Sunday worship music; provide more variety and bridge gap between services
- Will start music committee this fall

Betsy Wooster

- CMAP (mentioned in Joy’s report above) begins Sept. 19; 3- to 4-week units of age-appropriate, hands-on visual arts learning
- Marc Vincent, Jennifer Schneider, and 7 other lay volunteers meet ½ hour prior to monthly COE meetings to coordinate teaching activities at BUMC
- Faith & American Politics group will meet 10:30 am – noon beginning Oct. 14; may offer additional sessions as more facilitators are trained
- Need mentors for 15 confirmands (8<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Charge Conference:** Mon., Oct. 1 (replaces Oct. Ad Board mtg.)

**Next COM meeting:** Mon., Nov. 5 (7:30 pm in Parlor)

Pastor Karen Oehl closed with prayer.

Linda Rollins  
COM Secretary