

**Brecksville United Methodist Church  
Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting  
December 3, 2007**

**Present:** Sue Dietrich            Ruth McDonel  
              Janet Kleckner        Joy McGuire  
              Craig Kotnik            Karen Oehl  
              Dave Lienert            Betsy Wooster  
              Bob Lundholm

Chairperson Janet Kleckner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of November 5, 2007, COM meeting approved as written.

**Old Business**

- Good Word changes “on hold” pending more information/discussion
- Transition Task Force continues to meet

**New Business**

- 2008 Budget
  - Not yet in balance; Finance Committee will meet on Dec.17 to discuss status
  - Budget reconciliation meeting may be necessary on Dec.18 if still not balanced; Janet Kleckner will email COM members accordingly

**Ministry Team/Committee Reports**

Church & Society -- Dave Lienert

- Meeting held Dec. 2
- Future Coffee in the Parlor discussions
  - Reduce to 4 per year
  - Select nationally or internationally known topics/causes
  - Include youth

United Methodist Women -- Ruth McDonel

- Dec. 2 Soup Sunday very successful; raised over \$800 (before expenses) and hope to clear \$500 for EMI mission project
- Cookie/Candy Walk to be held Sat., Dec. 15, 10 am-1 pm in Fellowship Hall
  - Open to community
  - BUMC youth will help bake cookies
  - Proceeds will go to Nehemiah Mission
- Hosting BUMC staff luncheon on Dec. 18
- Joy McGuire will present Dec. program to UMW
- No UMW meeting in Jan., 2008

Worship -- Sue Dietrich

- Special Advent Service to be held Wed., Dec. 4 (gift to congregation from staff)
- Christmas Eve services -- 5 pm family; 9 pm & 11 pm traditional candlelight
- Choir will provide special music at both services on Dec. 16
- Delivery of poinsettias to shut-ins following Dec. 23 service

Evangelism -- Bob Lundholm

- Continue to send welcome letters and deliver bread to visitors
- Sending Christmas cards to shut-ins
- BUMC welcome bag idea – will discuss contents and means of distribution to visitors at next meeting on Dec. 17

Missions -- Craig Kotnik

- Contributing total of \$1,500 to “Nothing But Nets” campaign
- This year’s Christmas offering will be divided among 3 organizations: Nehemiah Mission, Midwest Distribution Center, and Sierra Leone Annual Conference Orientation of Missionaries and Volunteers in Mission

Youth Board -- Joy McGuire for Lisa Drew

- Youth Jam offered a fine program and message

Education -- Betsy Wooster for Jennifer Schneider

- COE meeting held Nov. 28 -- Transition Task force reported on worship and education for next fall; looking at classroom space and ways others may assist COE in promoting classes
- Jan. 6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive Bibles during 9 am service
- March 2 – Children’s worship Sunday
- March 16 (Palm Sunday evening) -- Bi-annual passion drama; will utilize BUMC space to recreate events of Passion week

**Staff Reports**Betsy Wooster

- 2008 Adult Education opportunities will be posted in the Good Word
- Feb. 6-Mar. 23 -- Churchwide Lenten study of Gospel of Mark
  - Comprised of home study groups; hope to involve more people as facilitators
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade confirmands and mentors have begun to meet
  - Child Protection Policy now allows adults to mentor one-on-one as long as meeting in a public, commercial place; may also meet in confirmand’s home with parental permission and parental presence at time of meeting
- Currently rewriting Bible curriculum for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Joy McGuire

- Dec. 4 -- Special Advent service 7 pm in Sanctuary
- Dec. 16 -- Christmas music Sunday will highlight choir and include string and woodwind instruments
- Dec. 21 (a.m.) -- Christian Musical Arts program; 23 participants; will include caroling, etc.
- All youth choirs will sing at 5 pm Christmas Eve service
- Joy sees the need for a Music Committee to assist her in decision-making and representation of music program at BUMC

Karen Oehl

- Busy with Education and Worship planning and needs
- Sat., Dec. 1 Toy Fair -- BUMC partnered with People’s Hope UMC (W.65<sup>th</sup> Street & Bridge Ave.)
  - Urban outreach project providing donated new toys, etc., so families may purchase discount gifts for their children

- BUMC renovation project
  - Currently reviewing architect's drawings
  - Suggestion to increase storage space by eliminating side stairwell in Sanctuary
- Feb. 2, 2008 -- District Leadership Academy will be held at Lakewood UMC

**Next Ad Board meeting:** Mon., Jan. 7, 2008

**Next COM meeting:** Mon., Feb. 4 (7:30 pm in Parlor)

Pastor Karen closed the meeting with prayer.

Linda Rollins  
COM Secretary