

**Brecksville United Methodist Church
Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting
February 4, 2008**

Present: Sue Dietrich Bob Lundholm
 Lisa Drew Joy McGuire
 Jenny Gee Ruth McDonel
 Janet Kleckner Karen Oehl
 Don Krolikowski Marc Vincent
 Dave Lienert Betsy Wooster

Chairperson Janet Kleckner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of December 3, 2007, COM meeting approved as corrected: Betsy's Wooster staff report should read "currently rewriting Bible curriculum for 1st-6th graders" (not 1st-3rd graders)

Transition Task Force

- Janet emphasized that COM members will play a vital role in the transition and should freely communicate/discuss BUMC's forthcoming changes with as many people as possible

2008 Budget

- In lieu of the \$52,000 shortfall, all Committees are asked to spend less than 25% of their respective budgets in Q1 '08 (and beyond if possible) and think about creative funding ideas going forward

New Church Start

- Janet Kleckner shared information provided by Dirk Elliott, E. Ohio Conference staff member in charge of congregational development, regarding a potential new church start in Broadview Hts. (corner Rt. 82 & Broadview Rd.); COM members discussed BUMC's prospective role in helping to plant this new church

Ministry Team/Committee Reports

Communications -- Don Krolikowski

- Will attend Transition Task Force meeting on Feb. 5 and assist this group with forthcoming communication needs
- Suggests publication of Good Word 3 times/year (e.g., Easter, start of Sunday School, Christmas), including feature articles
 - Estimates 1,000 copies each printing; approx. per printing cost \$600-\$700
 - BUMC must be more proactive in producing/marketing our printed materials for a more effective, widespread outreach

Education – Marc Vincent

- Prepared new children's worship bags; may offer congregation a "sponsor a Bible" opportunity in April to provide children's Bibles in future worship bags
- Lenten Study series begins week of Feb. 10, but Tues. evening group begins Feb. 5
- Continuing to work on Transition Task Force

Koinonia – Jenny Gee

- Hanging of Greens potluck drew 25 attendees
- Square dancing (Sat., Feb. 9) -- Currently 30 people plan to attend
- Dulcimer event to be held in April
- Will revert to posting items of interest in the stairwell for more visibility

- May need to limit number of event offerings and choose intergenerational target events to reach broader audience/draw more attendees; should also look into promoting BUMC events to the community at large

Worship -- Sue Dietrich

- Grateful for the talents of our new organist Craig Galinski
- Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 6 will be held at 7:30 am and 7:30 pm

United Methodist Women -- Ruth McDonel

- Pastor Karen will install new officers on Feb. 7

Evangelism -- Bob Lundholm

- To date, distributed 2 visitor welcome bags
- Many participants for this year's men's softball team

Church & Society – Dave Lienert

- Program on depression set for mid-April (presented by Cleveland Clinic doctor); may want to consider different physician/different health-related topic presentation every 2 months

Staff Reports

Joy McGuire

- Music Board – Seven people have been recruited; first meeting will be held this month
- Music with a Mission program, “Crazy Little Thing Called Love,” will be held March 7; tickets go on sale Feb. 17
- Musical theater presentation, “Fat Fat Jehoshaphat,” set for May 4 (K-high school participants)

Betsy Wooster

- Unable to present Passion drama--not enough volunteers
- March 3 – Children's worship Sunday; both services lead by 1st-6th graders
- March 4 – Celebration in recognition of teaching staff
- March 20 -- Maundy Thursday – Communion sacrament workshop (6:30 pm-7:15 pm), followed by family worship (geared toward mid-elementary aged children)

Lisa Drew

- Feb. 15-17 – Middle School Retreat
- Easter Sunday, March 23 – Youth-led sunrise service, 7 am, Blossom Hill Pavilion

Karen Oehl

- Jan. 19 – Confirmation class took trip to Delaware, OH

Next COM meeting: Mon., March 3 (7:30 pm in Parlor)

Pastor Karen closed the meeting with prayer.

Linda Rollins
COM Secretary