

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

Present: Lynn Hobzek Ruth McDonel
 Janet Kleckner Joy McGuire
 Dee Lancaster Karen Oehl
 Jim McBride Donna Sibits

Chairperson Janet Kleckner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of June 2, 2008, COM meeting approved as written.

Janet asked COM members to introduce themselves.

Remodeling Project (Karen Oehl)

- Plumbing and electrical work has been completed
- Finalization of project targeted for end of Aug. 10 week
- Transfer of temporary offices (in Parlor) to new office space during week of Aug. 25

2008 Budget (Janet Kleckner)

- Still anticipate a shortfall for this calendar year
- Sale of patio blocks to raise additional funds for general operating budget -- Stacy Parker and Kristi Eberhardt will present marketing plan details to congregation soon
- Les Buttolph prepares monthly statements for each COM chairperson to assist in tracking respective budgets
- Jane Petrie has agreed to head one more garage sale (in October) to help raise funds for general operating budget

Transition (Joy McGuire)

- Contemporary service 8:45 am (choir will sing once/month); traditional service 11:15 am (no use of screens) -- Will adjust service formats to suit ongoing needs of congregation
- Sanctuary acoustics should improve with installation of new window blinds

Ministry Team/Committee Reports

Worship – Lynn Hobzek

- Met on July 28
- Hospitality Team will join Worship Committee as ushers, greeters, parking lot assistants, etc.
- Currently have 3 Hospitality captains (John & Sue Dietrich, Les & Cathy Buttolph, Jeff & Marilyn Schillo); need 2 more
- Christmas in August (25th) to clean up, organize, and develop better means of storing BUMC Christmas decorations

Mission – Donna Sibits (co-chair with Catherine Vastartis)

- First meeting to be held on Sept. 24
- Goal to be involved with local organizations such as Brookside, etc.

Evangelism – Dee Lancaster

- Met on July 21; will change future meetings to first Monday of the month at 6 pm
- Worship Committee now responsible for greeters

- Bread delivery will resume in September
- Ministry of Ushers & Greeters in the Local Church, presented by Rev. Chris Martin, will be held at BUMC on Sept. 20, 10 am-noon

UMW – Ruth McDonel

- No meeting during summer; next meeting, Sept. 4 (10 am), to include speaker Florence K. Roseman (survived sinking of Athenia)
- Fair-On-The-Square cherry pie/cobbler booth realized profit of \$2,753.88 -- BUMC team effort!

Church & Society – Jim McBride

- Met Aug. 3 after first service; next meeting set for Sept. 7 (9 am)
- Will move from monthly “coffee in the Parlor” gatherings to quarterly presentations (open to public) by Cleveland Clinic speakers (late Oct./early Nov., Jan./Feb., Apr./May)

Staff Reports

Karen Oehl

- All Committee chair positions have been filled but still need communion stewards and a secretary to serve both Ad Board & COM
- July Good Word was special edition to communicate fall transition information
- New member classes may be restructured to group individuals according to length of time they have attended BUMC, etc.

Joy McGuire

- Vacation Bible School
 - Registrations slowly coming in
 - New this year
 - o All-church picnic at Furnace Run on Tues. evening, Aug. 19 (6 pm)
 - o Workshop orientation – Conversation & ritual (Wed.); compassion & liberation (Thurs.)

Next meeting: Mon., Sept. 8 (7:30 pm in Parlor)

Pastor Karen closed the meeting with prayer.

Linda Rollins
COM Secretary