

**Council on Ministries, Brecksville United Methodist Church
February 8, 2010**

In attendance: Don Krolkowski, Donna Sibits, Karen Oehl, Lynn Spencer, Bev Huber, Jenny Gee, Joy Fenton.

Lynn opened in prayer.

Old business.

Leadership Academy, a district training event, was attended by Donna, Catherine, Lisa, Donald Rickert, Allie Kenny, Les and Cathy Buttolph. Some good ideas from a variety of speakers. Donna and Catherine especially appreciated a missions workshop led by Tammy Kuntz (Libby's sister-in-law).

PROJECT 2010: Over 100 people signed up for volunteering opportunities during the kick-off event, which was extremely well run. Catherine has compiled all the handouts brought by organizations that day into a notebook, which will be available in the Parlor.

Cathy Buttolph shared a draft of a reporting card which will go in the pews soon as a quick way to report hours. We added a question about having a story to share. They can use the card physically, or contact by email, or on the web page.

Missionsbumc@gmail.com. We hope to be able to share pictures on the web page as well.

Living in Christ

As PROJECT 2010 has given us a way to serve in love as part of our mission, Lynn also helped us to review ways we are and will be living in Christ, including some new projects.

Alpha course starting April 11 and going into June on Sunday evenings at 5:00 will offer an opportunity to renew faith and invite others into it. This first session will be encouraged for members of our congregation now, with later sessions reaching out to new people.

The Lenten Study this year will be on *Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting*, with small groups meeting on Sunday mornings, evenings, and Wednesday evening. The labyrinth will again be available on Wednesdays during Lent.

Chrysalis and Emmaus weekends are a great way to deepen your relationship to God. If you are interested, talk to Lynn Spencer, the Huths, Gezzes, Buttolphs, Oleniks, Karen Oehl, Aubles, Lisa Drew.

Reports

Welcome, Jenny Gee as Director of Christian Education!!! Right now she is still working on events and projects that had already been planned and part of the calendar. Some things she hopes to work on in the future include involving family and kids in service projects (some of this has started); encouraging BUMC attendance at Camp Wanake's family camp over Memorial Day weekend, and making contact with families whose children come only sporadically.

Printed reports from Communications and Missions

Worship—information from the surveys has also been sent to other committees who are involved, such as Trustees. There was some discussion regarding the task of recruitment of ushers and greeters, now handled by the Worship Committee. The pool needs to be widened again, and additional captains recruited so that others don't need to be available for both services.

Committee Reports

Evangelism: Alpha is coming the week of April 11th.
(week after Easter)

Missions Committee Report

Project 2010 - The volunteer fair on January 24, 2010 was well attended.

We received very good feed-back from the many volunteer organizations as well as those who attended. Over 100 people signed –up to volunteer that day. Many others took home the information to decide with their families. We also have had some people get their organizations (student council, pre-school moms, teachers classrooms) involved in collections needed for certain organizations.

At our meeting we discussed:

- a. Keeping a loner booklet or 2 available so people could check into organizations.
- b. Could fit maximum of 32 booths next year instead of 28.
- c. Liked having numerical or alphabetical order of tables
- d. Some organizations, like Nehemiah, didn't have anything going on right now, so we may need sign-ups beforehand from the church.
- e. Considering a large digital frame to put in Parlor showing parishioners doing volunteer activities throughout the year.

Costa Rica: Meeting for July trip, February 4th and one this week.

- a. Goal for July's trip is 12 people.

- b. Members experienced such love from Costa Ricans. Included members as their family.
- c. Did upkeep of existing structure to sanctuary (painting, electric, etc)

Leadership Academy was on Saturday, February 6, 2010. We found it very worthwhile and interesting.

Sock Collection- Dianne Urdzik will be collecting socks of all sizes in the near future, for Christian Children's Home and Berea Children's Home.

Tour of Cornerstone of Hope- We have arranged a tour of the facility for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 4:15PM until 5:15PM. This is open to anyone.

Brooklyn Memorial Church Dinner-Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 2:00 PM- 6:30PM. We can meet at the church and carpool there.

Ronald McDonald House Dinner-We will be making a meal for a family or families at Ronald Mc Donald House on March 21, 2010. There are already 10 people, so it is full at this time.

Cleveland Foodbank- We will be sorting food at the Foodbank on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8AM-Noon. We have all the volunteers we need for that day.

Communications:

Successfully completed the mission fair booklet and webpage in conjunction with missions, describing the 2010 volunteer hours program. Missed the opportunity to get magnets completed in time for the event however.

Continue to add weekly audio sermons to the website as a service to shut-ins unable to join us in worship.

Currently discussing three projects involving the worship team.

1. Place a Worship Directory listing in the Plain Dealer to run 4 consecutive weeks 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 (Easter Saturday) and 4/10. The timing is to capitalize on church browsers at/around Easter.

2. Create a brochure designed for placement in the pews describing the various attributes of our congregation and programming. (This would be an excellent opportunity for our new office manager Melanie Smith, to use her skills in the design of the piece.)

3. Discuss use of the church website and gather input from the congregation to consider when updating the site. The ongoing process has become exciting considering that people have taken their "first steps" by becoming regular visitors to the website. It is now possible to gather thoughts about personal preference for website design and function. This is very positive step forward for our congregation!

Assisted Pastor Karen with Sunday School class "Faith and Films" by providing weekly instruction to Karen on how to create film clips necessary for the curriculum. Assisted during class on Sundays by handling the technical end of showing the videos via the projection system in the sanctuary during the class.

Instructed Melanie Smith on how to update the website education registration form using the Lenten study courses as a primer. Melanie successfully added the course listings and removed the syllabus for the classes now under way. She will be handling the updates to the class syllabus both in print and online.

I have entered into discussion with music director Fenton about a new laptop for the music department and then using the current music department laptop with the projection system. It has become apparent that the laptop used with the projectors is just adequate needing constant adjustments when used for "multi-tasking". It may be prudent to purchase a new laptop for the projection system as well.

Living in Christ, Serving in Love.

Don

Next meeting: March 8, 2010 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Karen Oehl