

The Weekly News of the Lapeer Church of Christ

Our Purpose

The Lapeer church exists to glorify God through effective evangelism in our community first and then abroad, and to stimulate all to become more like Christ through loving unity, involvement, worship, meeting the needs of others, and spiritual edification.

We're here to meet your needs!

Times When We Meet

Sunday:

Early Service	8:30 a.m.
Youth Bible Class	8:30 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:45 a.m.
Second Service	11:00 a.m.
Youth Bible Class	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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2009 Scripture Theme

"Pursue the things which make for peace and building up of one another"

Romans 14:19

MINISTERS

Pulpit

Family

Jerry Brackney

SHEPHERDS

Jerry Brackney
Kent Hoggatt
Bob Norton
Jack Slater
Dave Wright

DEACONS

Don Jamison
Steve Kurschat
Terry McCarthy
Jim Sornig
Ron Weiss

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for November 29, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	62
Bible Class	129
11:00 a.m. Service	146
Total Worship	208
Evening Worship	58
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 218,810.31
Actual	\$ 5,676.40	\$ 213,885.29
Diff.	+\$ 919.66	\$ 4,925.02
China Bibles		\$20.00
Other Restricted Income		\$10.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Ron Weiss, Mark Dillard and Earl Slocum**, who traveled to Chelsea, Michigan last week to pick up our new large refrigerator for the kitchen. The refrigerator will be a great blessing for our soup kitchen, potlucks, and other events we have at the building. *Thank you guys - we appreciate your hard work and the time you spent to pick it up and set it up for us!!*

Television Show

The Church of Christ weekly television show *"In Search of the Lords' Way"* can currently be seen on the following channels:

DirecTV - Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Channel 364

Dish TV - Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Channel 259

Gingerbread House Day

MCYC will be hosting their final Gingerbread House Decorating Day next Saturday, December 12 from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$15 and they provide a day of fun at the camp, sledding (hopefully), some snacks, hot chocolate and of course, a gingerbread house to decorate. Contact the camp at 664-8040 for more information.

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

Today:

8:30 a.m. Dave Wright
Bible Class . . . Jack Slater
11:00 a.m . . . Jerry Brackney
6:00 p.m Jack Slater

Wed. Jerry Brackney

The Shepherd's Staff

Message from Jerry Brackney

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I will be retiring on December 31st from working here at church. Rita and I have been praying for several years for God's guidance as to how we can continue to serve Him. As David prayed in Psalms 25:4 "Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

As many of you know, Rita's and my passion is strengthening marriages and families. We have been asking God to open doors for us to teach parenting classes at other Churches of Christ, if this be His will for us.

God has answered our prayers! Starting Sunday, January 10th, we will begin a Growing Kids God's Way parenting class, which will last 20 weeks at the Holland Church of Christ in Holland, Michigan.

I firmly believe I cannot be gone 20 weeks and effectively serve as an elder. Therefore, I respectfully submit my resignation of serving as an elder effective January 1, 2010.

The Lapeer church will still be our home congregation. Thank you for your love and support since moving here in 1972 and serving as one of your elders since 1988. It has been an honor to be one of your elders. Rita and I love each one of you.

We pray God's richest blessings for you as you continue to grow in your spiritual walk with Jesus. As Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:16-21, so is Rita's and my prayer for you, *"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."*

Please remember us in your prayers, and we will be holding you up to our Heavenly Father in prayer.

Again, we love you all!

In His Service,
Jerry Brackney

Journey to Bethlehem

You are invited to MCYC's 2nd Annual "Journey to Bethlehem" next Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Experience a hay ride through the life of Jesus Christ. They need lots of volunteers of all ages. No acting ability required! Come join the fun and share a memory that will build your faith. Contact Susan Bishop if you can help or if you have any of the following items that are needed:

NEEDS:

- 50-100 ft. extension cords to borrow (Please be sure your name is on the cord and place it in the box located across from the Secret Sister table.)

New Pictorial Directory

We are beginning work on a new pictorial directory and ask that each family submit an updated family picture to the office. Please email a picture to the church office or put it on a CD and place it in Freda's mailbox in the office.

You can also put a picture in Freda's mailbox and we will scan it. Please note whether you'd like it returned after we scan it, otherwise, we would like to keep it for our files.

If you prefer to have your picture taken, we have posted a sign up sheet on the café bulletin board for an appointment to have your picture taken, either before or after Bible class on Sunday mornings through December 20. Debra Slocum will be taking the pictures for us, but you must sign up for a designated time so she knows how many to be prepared for. Thank you!

Minister Candidate

Plans are being made to bring in our first minister candidate on January 3, 2010. He will be bringing us a lesson from God's Word and will be interviewed by the elders. Stay tuned for more information.

Secret Sisters



Ladies, our Revelation Dinner will be held THIS Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the ladies bulletin board if you plan to attend and let us know what you would like to bring for our meal.

We would love for **all** the ladies 18 years and older to please join us in this fun ministry. Whether you are new to this or a seasoned participant, we have plenty of room for everyone. All you have to do is take a minute of your time each month to drop your Secret Sister an encouraging note - simple as that! More details can be provided if you are interested and I truly encourage all ladies to please join! Times are tough everywhere, for everyone, so what a better time than now to join and be supportive, uplifting and encouraging to a friend - your friend - your Secret Sister!

-Donna Kurschat

Congratulations

We congratulate **Jeff & Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks**, who found out recently that they are expecting their first child on June 9, 2010. (*Grandma and Grandpa Montgomery are very excited!!*) Please keep Peggy in your prayers for a healthy pregnancy. She and Jeff are living in San Diego where Jeff is stationed in the Navy. Their address:

305 A. Alonzo Ct.
Oceanside, CA 92058

Duplex For Rent

Jim and Linda Verbison have a one-bedroom duplex in the Rochester area for rent. Rent is \$550/month and the Verbison's which includes the water bill. All appliances, including a washer and dryer are included. Parking is right behind the unit. Please contact them if you or someone you know may be interested in renting, or if you have any questions.

Lapeer Blood Drives

Sunday, December 13

Bishop Kelley School Gym
9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 29

Lapeer Regional Medical Center
11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Teens

Christmas Jug

We have started collecting money in our annual Christmas Jug in the teen room. All money collected will be used to buy Christmas presents for families who could use an extra blessing this Christmas. It doesn't take much to do a whole lot of good.

We only have a couple weeks left, so please drop your money in the jug soon!!

Holiday Lunch

Jim and Betsy Sornig would like to spread some holiday cheer and are offering to take the youth group out to lunch again this year. On Sunday, December 20th, all teens are invited to lunch at the Blind Fish restaurant after morning services. This is an event for our group members and last year's graduates only. Please do not bring outside friends.

All Night Bowling

Parents - if you are interested in coordinating an all-night bowling event for our teens, please contact Chase Pratt as soon as possible. This is always a fun event for our teens and chaperones!

Schedule of Speakers

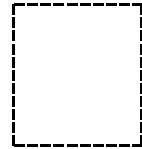
Today:

This morning - Don Jamison
Tonight - Terry McCarthy

Next Sunday:

a.m. - Jeff Booth

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MINISTRIES

A ministry to meet everyone's needs and a ministry for everyone to be involved in.

Adult Worship
Audio/Visual Jim Sornig
Benevolence Ron & Katy Weiss
Bereavement Dinners & Meals on Wheels Ladies
Bridal/Baby Showers Ladies
Building Interior Dave Wright
Bulletin Boards Paula Garrett
Counseling & Mission Outreach Steve Ennis
Education Don Jamison
Family Jerry Brackney
Fellowship Mark Dillard
Finances
Grounds Steve Kurschat

Jail & Prison Phil Dillard, Carl Ogar
Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes . Bruce & Robin Nettles
Library Tina Dinnan
Marriage and Family Jerry & Rita Brackney
Missions Terry McCarthy
Nursery
Office Freda Wright
Preaching and Teaching
Pre-Teens (12 years - under) Committee
Secret Sister Donna Kurschat
Soup Kitchen Various Members
Teens Jim Sornig / Committee
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

Weekly Prayer List

Wynter Shilling

Please pray for Wynter, a friend of Lauren Weiss, who is scheduled for surgery to have steel rods placed in his back.

John Warner

Don and Marcie Anderson ask us to pray for John, a 16-year old friend who received word last week that his cancer has returned and is also now in his bone. He will be undergoing treatments at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. Please keep him in your prayers.

Holly (Aikman) Warner

Holly (Aikman) Warner is living in Tennessee with her baby while her husband, Philip is attending officer's training in another state. Holly could really use our encouragement while he is gone. Please send her a card or note to let her know that you're thinking about her. Her address:

6931 Amberly Village Drive
Cordova, Tennessee 38018

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks, Stacy (Eddings) Stach, Rachael Craig (triplets), Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and Christine Brackney.

Remember those who are looking for work: Jen Carter, Steve Borst, Deborah Gale, and Michelle Smith.



Please pray for our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces, especially those listed below who are family/loved ones of our members:

- Chip Atkinson
- Jeff Sparks
- Darren Whatling
- Justin Cooney
- Brad Willett
- Niles Czekiel
- Matt Messenger
- David Wells
- Aaron Jamison
- Iain & Robert Lee
- Scott Haddix
- Andrew Plumb
- Mike Dix
- Will Bartlett
- Bill Rogers
- Mike Overby

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Margaret Whitsett, Marge Norton, Sharon White, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

Jason Hook, Warren Edwards, Cheryl Booth, Mike & Tina Dinnan, Bruce Nettles, Geneva Breezee, Penny Crowley, Rich Overton, Ruthann Cox, the Weiss family, the French/Samueloff family, Alan Brinker, Sharon Hueter and Ruth Kegerreis, Aldena Burgess.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Thankful for our new refrigerator!

Thank YOU!

*"Dear friends,
There are so many things you've done, it's hard to thank you for all of them. Watson loved you and I do too. Our heartfelt appreciation to each and everyone of you."*

Love, Aldena Burgess

BIRTHDAYS

Juliana Sornig Dec 8
Sharon Hueter Dec 9
Rich English Dec 9
Bob Norton Dec 13

ANNIVERSARIES

None

Continue to pray daily for our minister search

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of the following teachers for our Winter quarter.

Sunday -
1st & 2nd Grade
Wednesday -
3 & 4 year olds
1st & 2nd Grade

Please contact Don Jamison as soon as possible if you are available to teach.