



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

Kent Hoggatt

Family

Jerry Brackney

SHEPHERDS

Jerry Brackney

Kent Hoggatt

Bob Norton

Jack Slater

Dave Wright

DEACONS

Don Jamison

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for March 8, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	38
Bible Class	118
11:00 a.m. Service	146
Total Worship	184
Evening Worship	104
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.77	\$42,810.93
Actual	\$ 3,696.88	\$42,025.84
Diff.	-\$ 1,059.89	-\$ 785.09
Restricted Income		\$327.48

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **all those who made phone calls, brought snacks & cookies for the callers and for those who donated to the Shults-Lewis phone campaign last week.** An astounding \$101,900 was raised to support this great ministry. Special honor goes out to **Terry & Jamesa McCarthy** who spent many hours at the phone campaign and did a great job coordinating everything. *Thank you all! The Lord has blessed Shults-Lewis through your time, effort and contributions.*

Congratulations

We congratulate the recipients of our annual special awards which were handed out at our Celebration last Sunday evening. We're so happy for these well-deserved members.
 - **Kathy Dillard** - Servant of the Year
 - **Frieda Lock** - Inspiration of the Year
 - **Andrew Sornig** - Teen of the Year

Dessert Contest Winners

We congratulate **Don Jamison** for the tastiest dessert (raspberry cheesecake) and **Christina Smith** for the Most Creative Presentation dessert ("cross" cake) at our Celebration last Sunday night.

Kevin-a-Thon

The annual Kevin-a-thon to benefit God's Helping Hands will be held April 25. Contact GHH's at (248) 852-7400 if you would like to participate. Katy Weiss will not be able to participate this year, but she be taking donations.

Pantry Food Needed

Our food pantry is in need of the following items. These items can be put in the box next to the Secret Sister table:

- Peanut Butter Jelly
- Soup (any kind) Cereal (any kind)

The Shepherd's Staff

New Deacons

Last Sunday evening approximately 100 of us gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of last year and remember the excitement and good times we had serving the Lord together.

We also talked about the direction we hope to go in the future and some of the steps we will take to get there. One of these was the appointing of new deacons, four of which we put up for your consideration Sunday night. They are - Ron Weiss, Steve Kurschat, Jim Sornig and Terry McCarthy. Please read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 as you consider these men and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the elders and discuss it with us. Ron is being considered for deacon of Benevolence, Steve - Grounds, Terry - Missions, and Jim - the Teen Program.

Our Celebration continued when we burned a symbol of our land contract for the 16 acres of land we purchased and payed off this year. God has truly blessed us as the economy of Michigan and our country continues to struggle. We have been able to pay off the property and remain close to budget this year to date.

"When then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also along with him, graciously give us all things?" Roman 8:31.

Dave Wright
For the Elders

Baptism

We rejoice that **Kirsten Sorensen**, the daughter of Kay Davis, was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. *May God bless you, Kirsten as you begin your new life in Christ!* Her address:

3525 Hanmann Rd.
Columbiaville, MI 48421

College Age/Young Adults

Calling all college age/young adults - you are invited to a special meeting next Sunday, March 22 at 9:45 a.m. in a classroom at the rear of the auditorium. Please join us as we make plans for a new Bible class and other events. Contact Dave Wright if you have any questions.

VBS

Mark your calendars for our VBS this summer. It will be held August 2-5 from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. (until 9:00 p.m. on August 5.)

VBS Meeting

The next VBS meeting will be held next Sunday, March 22 at 9:45 a.m. in a classroom located behind the auditorium. Everyone is welcome!

Wild Game Dinner

The 2009 wild game dinner is next Saturday, March 21st at 6 p.m. and everyone is invited. The dinner is free, just bring a wild game dish to pass, or if you're not a hunter but enjoy wild game, bring your favorite dessert. This event is intended for the whole family (spouses and children.) Also, this dinner is a fantastic opportunity to introduce hunting buddies, work friends, neighbors, or relatives to get to know the Lapeer Church of Christ family in a less formal atmosphere. There will also be games to keep the kids entertained. So, don't be afraid to take a walk on the "wild" side, come to the Wild Game Dinner March 21st at Lapeer Church of Christ.

Help Needed

We are in need of a lead cook for our soup kitchen for the first and second Wednesday's in April. Please contact Katy Weiss if you are available. If you haven't done it before, please don't let that stop you. Katy can walk you through and show you what needs to be done.

Seniors

If you are graduating this year and did NOT receive a letter from the church office in the mail last week, please contact Freda Wright as soon as possible. Thank you!

Thank You

"I want to thank you all for the Inspiration Award I received last week, and especially for everything you have done for Kae Ci and I. I deeply appreciate your friendship, love and concern for us. I am at a loss for words."

Frieda Lock

"Thank you so very much to Jerry & Rita Brackney, Carol Speirs, Bob & Paula Garrett, Ron & Katy Weiss, Bob & Marge Norton, Mark & Kathy Dillard, Judy Goodin, Cassie Sornig, Brianna Murphy, Robin Nettles & Susan Bishop for your many hours of volunteering on the phone campaign. We also had some volunteers from the churches at Imlay City, Clio, Bristol Road, Gateway, Waterford and Royal Oak. This years campaign would not have been a success without you! WOW -- \$102,000 was raised, \$20,000 more than last year. God is awesome and in control. I would also like to thank our Elder's for allowing the use of our building and for their prayers. The Shults Lewis staff is just amazed at the numbers that were reached this year. On behalf of the Shults Lewis staff, the children and the Board of Trustee's, I thank my family here at Lapeer for all you do to serve others. God Bless you all!!

– Terry McCarthy

38th Annual Partnership Dinner

The annual dinner to benefit Rochester College will be held on April 4, 2009. David Ramsey, a Christian financial advisor and well-known media personality will be the guest speaker. Cost: \$125 per person. Contact Kent Hoggatt or Bob Norton for tickets. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the café area or call (248) 218-2020 or go online at www.rc.edu for more information.

Card Night

The next card night will take place at Tim and Edie Bahan's on Saturday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Cheryl Booth**, whose mother, Betty Piacentini, passed away last Monday. Betty had requested to be cremated and have a private burial by her husband at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Please keep Cheryl and her family in your prayers.

We also express our sympathy to the family of **Chris Cole**, who passed away suddenly last week.

Celebrate Recovery

The Trenton Church of Christ has launched a "Celebrate Recovery" ministry. If you, or someone you know has a need for helping to recover from a wide range of hurts, habits and hang-ups (including divorce, abuse, anger, fear, anxiety, alcoholism, addition, compulsive overeating and co-dependency), feel free to join them on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact the church at (734) 676-1797 if you have any questions.

Lost & Found

We have several items, including coats, gloves, etc., in our lost and found box inside the church office. Please check in the large box under the table for items that belong to you.

Ladies

A bridal shower will be held for Allison Garrett on Sunday afternoon, April 19. If you would like to help with the shower, or provide food, please contact Judy Goodin or Robin Nettles as soon as possible. Thank you!

TEENS

Mission Trip

We will be going to West Branch, Rogers City and Gaylord, Michigan this summer for our mission trip. The dates are July 18-25. **If you plan to go with us, we MUST know!!! Please sign up as soon as possible so we can begin making our plans for the bus, housing, etc.** If you have any questions about the trip, be sure to see one of the committee members.

God's Helping Hands

Next Saturday we will be taking a group to assist God's Helping Hands with their first Focus Saturday of the year. This will be their Easter/Mother's Day/Father's Day shopping day. We will be leaving the church building at 9:00 a.m and work from 10 am-2 pm. There is a sign up on the teen board - be sure to sign up TODAY! (This event is eligible for N.H.S. service hours.)

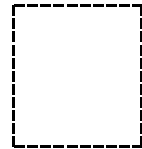
Church Website

Be sure to check the church website at www.lapeerchurchofchrist.com. The teen calendar is a great way to keep up to date on events, and a teen (only) forum is available to keep in touch with one another, ask questions, etc. See Chase Pratt or Jeff Bishop if you have any questions.

Burger King Office Hours

Don't forget about Chase's Burger King office hours. He will be at the Burger King in Lapeer every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30. He's really been enjoying hanging out with those of you who have been coming.

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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
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
Don & Tracy Jamison
Library Tina Dinnan
Marriage and Family .. Jerry & Rita Brackney
Missions Terry McCarthy
Nursery Debi Hoggatt
Office Freda Wright
Preaching and Teaching Kent Hoggatt
Pre-Teens (12 years - under) Committee
Secret Sister Donna Kurschat
Soup Kitchen Various Members
Teens Parent Committee/Chase Pratt
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

**Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement**

Mary Lou Rost

Mary Lou continues to struggle with health problems and could use our prayers.

Ben Jamison

Ben is now home from the hospital. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Cari Mihalovich

Cari will undergo a heart procedure at the Cleveland Clinic on Monday, March 23. Please keep her in your prayers that the surgery will go well and it will be successful.

Jennifer Edwards

Jennifer fell last week and hit her jaw on the cement. We are thankful that it wasn't broken, however, it was badly bruised.

Sharon White

Michelle Edgette's mother, Sharon White, continues her physical therapy after hip surgery and was expected to come home from the hospital this weekend.

Betsy's Aunt

Betsy Sornig's aunt is now home from the hospital but still needs our prayers as she struggles with health problems.

Robert Delong

Please pray for Robert, the husband of a co-worker of Michelle Edgette. He has been diagnosed with cancer and will be having surgery on March 23.

Beverly Hartwig

Continue to pray for Beverly, a neighbor of Brian and Penny Crowley, who suffered a heart attack recently and has been in Genesys Hospital.

Patti Pilotto

Please pray for Patti, a co-worker of Rachel Pratt, who was recently diagnosed with stage 1 cancer.


Cliff & Sharrin Baird

Please keep Cliff & Sharrin in your prayers. Cliff left yesterday to go to China to deliver Bibles and encourage the Christians there. Sharrin planned to go with him but has had a slight set-back after her recent surgery which kept her from going on the trip.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Misty Hoggatt, Julie Hoggatt (Kent's sister-in-law), Rachel Pratt, Rachel (French) Heemer, Darcy Seguin, Sara Nelms.

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

Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers: Louise McCarthy, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Yvonne Ogar, Loreina Adkins, Sherrie White's parents, Virginia Edwards, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, The Hall & Raper Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.



Please pray for **our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Abbey • Derek Dietrich • Ryan Clark • Sam Wood • Ben Houtekier • Chip Atkinson • Max Slater • Curtis McCoy • Stephen Kang • Jim Lish • Jeff Farwell • Bill Rogers • Tim Smith • Allan Moor • Jeff Sparks • Mark Terry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Wood • Jim Tingay • Pat Keenan • Justin Cooney • Mike Dix • Andy Zwack • Scott Stugill • Casey Kern • D.J. Belcher • Chris Crow • Brad Willett • Matthew Messenger • Mike Overby • Andrew Ellis • Niles Czekiel • Richard R. Cole
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BIRTHDAYS

Rich Overton March 18
 Joan Dyer March 18
 Grace Weiss March 19
 Katie Boren March 19
 Carol Speirs March 20
 Janyce Woodard March 21
 Shelley Norton March 24

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Kelly Richards . . Mar 18

EVENTS

March 21 . . . Wild Game Dinner
 GHH's "Focus Saturday"
 March 28 . Card night at Bahan's
 April 4 Partnership Dinner
 May 2 MCYC Fix-n-Mix Day

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule:

Today:
 8:30 a.m. Jack Slater
 Bible Class Jack Slater
 11:00 a.m. Bob Norton
 6:00 p.m. Bob Norton
Wednesday Dave Wright