



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

SHEPHERDS

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 January 3, 2010

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	33
Bible Class	114
11:00 a.m. Service	137
Total Worship	170
Evening Worship	32
Mid-week	62

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,908.60	\$ 4,908.60
Actual	\$ 3,587.00	\$ 3,587.00
Diff.	-\$ 1,321.60	-\$ 1,321.60
China Bibles		\$25.00
Other Restricted Income		\$10.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Debra Slocum (and her assistant Earl)**, who took pictures over the last several weeks for our new directory. It was great to have them volunteer and do a great job taking pictures so the work can begin on our updated directory!! *We appreciate you Debra and Earl, and look forward to seeing all the pictures on the pages of our new directory!*

New Pictorial Directory

If you did not have your picture taken, or have not turned in a picture for the new directory, please do so as soon as possible. You can email it to the church, or put a picture in Freda's mailbox to scan. Please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

Baby Shower

The family of Michelle Smith invites the ladies of the congregation to a baby shower for her daughter, Brittney Nettles, on Saturday, February 6 at 12:00 noon in the church fellowship hall.

Lapeer Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 12

Trinity United Methodist Church
1:00 - .m. - 6:45 p.m.

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

This morning - Tony Gaglio
Tonight - Song Service

Next Sunday:

a.m. - Dana Eubanks

The Shepherd's Staff

Looking Back - Moving Forward

Well, here we are. It is 2010. A lot has happened over the past twelve months. Some of our families welcomed new children into this world, others said good-bye to those they loved. Many of our families struggled financially as their employers downsized or went out of business all together. Others moved away to take jobs out of state or in other cities.

In our congregation, we have seen the young men and women we taught in Bible class or Lads to Leaders graduate from high school or college, get married and even have children of their own.

There were other changes that took place in the church here at Lapeer. Kent Hoggatt resigned as our minister so he could focus on his work at the college and spend more time with his family. Jerry Brackney retired from his ministry position and resigned as elder so he and Rita could spend time teaching classes on the west side of Michigan. Chase Pratt has accepted a part-time position as youth minister here at Lapeer and will be stepping away from his responsibility as worship coordinator.

I know that change can be uncomfortable and cause concern for a lot of us, but we must always remember that at the head of the church is Jesus Christ and His love for us never changes! Our hope and our salvation lies in the steadfast love of God.

The elders want to reassure you that we, along with the screening committee, continue to work at finding our next minister. We encourage all of you to look at this time as an opportunity to get to see some of your brothers in Christ grow as they accept the challenge of preaching, and to encourage them with your attendance as they grow in Christ.

I look to the future of the church at Lapeer with great enthusiasm when I consider the talent God has blessed us with and the fact that we continue to reach our financial goals, despite the hard, economic times.

"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassion's never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him."

Lamentations 3:22-25

Dave Wright
For the Elders

Men of the Congregation

If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to fill out the Sunday Worship Participation Survey form located on the table in the lobby. Please give the completed form to Chase Pratt or place it in the white box located on the table in the lobby.

2009 Contribution Records

For those who gave your offerings in contribution envelopes, your statements of contribution are ready. Some of you may have received them in the mail last week. If you didn't, (for security reason) we have placed the envelopes on the desk in the church office. The envelopes will have your social security number or name. If your envelope is not there, contact the church office. For anyone who needs a written contribution statement from the church but did not use the envelope system, bring in your cancelled checks along with your social security number and give it to Freda Wright. She will add up your checks and give you a signed statement for the total contribution.

2010 Contribution Records

If anyone wants to give by social security and/or contribution envelope in 2010 and have a statement provided by the church at the end of the year, please use the blank envelopes on the table in the lobby. Please put your social security number or name, the date and the amount enclosed on the outside of the envelope. Please note: the church does not keep track of individual checks given, only those given in our contribution envelopes. Thank you for giving to the Glory of God!

Bible Hour Leader

We are in need of a Bible Hour Leader for the 8:30 a.m. service on January 24. Please contact Freda Wright for a copy of the suggested lesson outline if you are interested. Thank you!

Ministry Leaders

Most of the mailboxes are full, so please check your mailbox in the office and clean out any items that you do not need. Thank you!

Parents of Teens

There is a very important meeting **TODAY** at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We will be making plans for 2010 and will announce the location and provide information for this year's mission trip. If you are not able to attend, please contact Chase Pratt any time after the meeting so he can be sure to let you know what was discussed.

Ladies

Ladies if you are interested in having a Wednesday night ladies class, please meet this Wednesday night after the devo in the fellowship hall. If you have any ladies class books or are interested in a particular subject, bring them so we can pick out what we would like to study. We welcome your input!

A Note from Rita Brackney

"Ladies, while I am out of town, Debbie Slocum will be selling my hand cream for me. Please see Debbie when you need more. The hand cream supply will be kept here at church." I love you all, Rita

Desk Available

Dave and Freda Wright have a hutch-style desk (in great shape) available to anyone who would like it. Please contact them if you are interested.

Directory Changes

Please make the following changes in your directory:

Chase and Rachel Pratt
(new home phone)
Contact Church Office for Number

Paula Garrett (New E-mail)
pcgarrett@hotmail.com

Aldena Burgess (new address)
3523 Peters Rd.
Columbiaville, MI 48421

Rich & Faye Overton
(No longer have P.O. Box)
4344 Midway Dr.
Silverwood, MI 48760

Phil & Robin Dillard
(No longer have P.O. Box)
4831 Starr Ct.
Metamora, MI 48455

Teens

The location and details of our 2010 Mission Trip will be announced at the parent meeting **TODAY at 12:00 p.m.**

Lunch will be served prior to the meeting

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

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

Weekly Prayer List

Jack Boren

Jack, the young son of Steve and Sonya Boren and grandson of Linda Verbison, has pneumonia. Please keep him in your prayers.

Loreina Adkins

Loreina received great news! The test results from her recent chest scan show that the spot on her lung has not changed from the scan taken in Cleveland a few years ago. She will need to have a recheck in the future, but we are thankful that doctors do not consider this something to be concerned about.

Jamesa McCarthy

Jamesa continues to struggle with a kidney stone. Another attempt will be made to clear the stone at the beginning of February. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sharon White

Please keep Sharon, Michelle Edgette's mother, in your prayers. She had back surgery at U of M Hospital last Tuesday. She has four fractured vertebrae.

Family & Friends of Diane Roy

Faye Overton asks us to pray for the family and friends of Diane Roy, a friend and co-worker who was taken off life-support on New Year's Eve.

Collette Long

Please pray for Collette, a friend of Charlie French and his family. She spent a few days in the hospital with broken ribs, caused from falls as a result of unexplained dizzy spells.

Ethel Thomas and Gordon

We received an anonymous note in the mail this week, asking us to pray for Ethel Thomas and a man named Gordon. We are not sure of the details, but we ask you to remember them in your prayers.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks, Stacy (Eddings) Stach, Rachael Craig (triplets), Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and April (Kim Thompson's niece).

Remember those who are looking for work: 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

James Thompson, Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, Our Shut-ins, Crystal Keeley, John Warner, Sarah Frank, 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, Janice Brannon, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

Sharon Hueter, Ruth Kegerreis, Aldena Burgess and Tammy Porter.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Loreina Adkins received good news about her health!

BIRTHDAYS

- Ashley Lewis Jan 13
- Rich Sparks Jan 14
- Gubby Cox Jan 14
- Ron Hueter Jan 14
- Prisilla Lewis Jan 16
- Don Haddix Jan 17
- Sharon Schafer Jan 17
- Heather Briggs Jan 18

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jeff and Susan Bishop . Jan 16
- Don and Shirley Haddix Jan 19

Thank You

"Thank you to our "Secret Santa" for the wonderful gifts."
--Frieda Lock and KaeCi

"Thank you to the teen youth group for the gift you gave me. It couldn't have come at a better time. It meant a lot to me."
--James Thompson

Continue to pray daily for our minister search