



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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2008 Scripture Theme

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Romans 12:11

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 January 11, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	50
Bible Class	153
11:00 a.m. Service	162
Total Worship	212
Evening Worship	133
Mid-week	68

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.77	\$ 9,513.54
Actual	\$ 4,163.28	\$ 9,673.72
Diff.	-\$ 593.49	+\$ 160.18
Restricted Income		\$20.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor those who opened up their homes last Sunday night to house members of the FHU Chorus. Several of our members were blessed to spend time with some of the chorus members and get to know them while providing a place for them to stay as they passed through Lapeer on their tour. We've heard great remarks from our members about what a wonderful experience it was for them. *Thank you everyone!!*

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will be having a game night and Hawaiian Luau on Friday, January 30, 2009. Dress Hawaiian if you have any of the Hawaiian attire! This will be held at the church building from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come and have a fun-filled evening with us. The sign up list is posted on the bulletin board.

**Adventures!
In Christian Living**

January 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an informational meeting regarding the upcoming ACL class. This will be less than two hours and will be an exciting time. Please set aside this date, this could very well change your life as it has for so many others. Alumni members are encouraged to come and share their experiences as alumni and consider retaking the class. See Bob or Marge Norton with any questions.

Drop Box

If you have any communication for Freda, would like to give someone a private note, need to give your contribution or make a payment for an event, a locked drop box has been placed just inside the door of the main office for your convenience. It will be checked on Monday and Thursday each week.

The Shepherd's Staff

Stay Focused

Florence Chadwick was a swimmer in the last century. She had swam the English Channel in both directions. In 1952 she walked into the waters at Catalina Island to swim the frigid waters all the way to the shore of California, some 21 miles. She swam for 15 hours on a densely foggy day. They encouraged her from the boat, but she grew weary and finally, emotionally and physically exhausted despite all the encouragement, she was getting very tired so she quit and got in the boat. Later she realized she was less than 1/2 mile from shore. She said the next day in a press conference *"I am not making excuses but I really do think if I could have seen the shore I would have made it."*

Life can be like that sometimes, we get emotionally and physically exhausted and we give up. If we keep our eyes on heavens shore and not on the problems around us, we can make it.

Luke 9: 62 *"And Jesus said unto him, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." "*

Jack Slater
For the Elders

Camp Applications

Staff employment and volunteer applications for 2009 Summer Camp are available. They can be found in the wall boxes located outside the teen room. Jobs available: counselor, Staff Life Director, Waterfront Director, lifeguard, kitchen staff, crafts assistants, outdoor crew, Recreational Director and assistants, and a wrangler and media technician. More information can also be found at www.mcy.org.

Card Night

The next card night will be held at Bruce and Robin Nettles on Saturday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Robin for information on what food items to bring.

MDYC Concert



We will be blessed to have the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus perform at our congregation this evening. **Please note: our evening service will begin at 5:30 p.m.**

We will be providing a meal for them that afternoon. If you have signed up to bring an item for the meal for the chorus and have any questions, please see Judy Goodin or Jamesa McCarthy this morning.

2008 Contribution Records

For those of you who gave your offerings in contribution envelopes, your statements of contribution are ready. They are in envelopes on the table in the foyer. 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 Jerry Brackney. He will add up your checks and give you a signed statement for the total contribution.

2009 Contribution Records

If anyone wants to give by social security and/or contribution envelope 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 on the outside of the envelope your social security number or name, the date and the amount inside 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!

Books and Tapes Needed

Jenny Diehl is putting together a box of Christian books, materials, CD's, tapes, inspirational music, etc. to send to her former German foreign exchange student who is now living in the Netherlands. If you have any that you no longer need and would be willing to donate, please contact Jenny as soon as possible so she can get the box prepared for shipping very soon. This will be a great encouragement to this girl who has no family or friends who are members of the church. Also, if you know if a Church of Christ in southern Holland or northern France or Belgium, please contact Jenny right away at (810) 245-3794. Thank you!

Missing

Youth Bible Hour is missing a large notepad with the words to their songs. If you have seen it or borrowed it, please contact Susan Bishop as soon as possible. Thank you!

Teen Committee

We are in need of four new members for our teen committee. If anyone in the congregation has an interest in serving on the committee, please contact one of the elders by TODAY! A list of what is expected of the committee members is posted on the teen bulletin board outside the teen room.

Help Needed

The Meyers have sold their home! They thank everyone for the prayers and now they need our help. Todd remains in Florida where he is working and looking for a house, but Angie and Ania are still here and will be moving into her parent's house next month. If you have any time during the day or evening any time over the next several weeks to help pack or move items, please contact Angie at (810) 614-0786. Also, they have several pieces of furniture to sell (inexpensively), so please contact Angie if you are interested. Thank you!

Chaperones Needed

We are in need of male and female chaperones for our teen "7/10" activities. This is a great way for those in the congregation who do not work with the teens to get to know them better and have a lot of fun. Parents, if you haven't yet signed up for your turn to chaperones in 2009, please do so - we need your help!! The "7/10's" are held every other Friday evening. Please sign up on the teen bulletin board as soon as possible for the date you are able to help. Thank you!

TEENS

Eastern Michigan Food Bank

Thank you to all those who went to the Food Bank with us yesterday to stock shelves, clean, etc. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Parents Meeting

There will be an important meeting for the parents of teens on Sunday, February 8 at 12:00 noon.

The Fridge

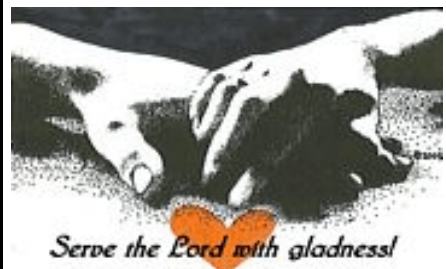
We will be going to "The Fridge" toboggan run in Waterford on Saturday Feb. 7th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The group rate is \$5.00/person as long as we have a minimum of 20 people. We need to leave the church building at 3:45, so please arrive at 3:30. Sign up at the teen bulletin board. (If you or a guest you are bringing do NOT have a teen group permission slip turned in, you MUST have one turned into Chase Pratt before attending this event. New forms are available in the wall boxes located outside the teen room.)

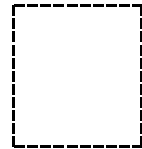
For more information on "The Fridge" and for a virtual ride, go to: <http://www.oakgov.com/parksrec/ppark/fridge.html>

Chaperones Needed

Don't forget parents, we are in need of chaperones for "7/10's" for the next several months. Please sign up for your turn on the sign up sheet posted on the teen bulletin board.



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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*
World Bible School *Brian Crowley*
Young at Heart *Jerry Brackney*

Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement

Jim Thompson

Jim underwent a heart catheterization last Friday after undergoing tests for shortness of breath. Please keep him in your prayers.

Heather Briggs

Heather left last Thursday to move to Huntington Beach, California. Please pray that God will guide her decisions and keep her safe.

Jason Sherrill, Bob Norton, Jim Sornig, Larry Messenger

Please keep Jason, Bob, Jim and Larry in your prayers as they travel home tomorrow from Yellowstone National Park after a weekend of snowmobiling.

Stephen Ennis

Stephen will be leaving on January 28 to work with the South Pacific Bible College and the church in New Zealand. Please keep him in your prayers.

Earl Hall

Continue to keep Dennis' father in your prayers as he deals with shingles.

Geneva Breezee's Father

Geneva's 82 year old father has been diagnosed with cancer and just completed his first round of treatments. Doctors are now trying to determine what the next step will be. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

Remember those who are looking for work: Curt Whitsett, Carol Speirs, Steve Borst, Sandy Duckworth, Deborah Gale, Jennifer Herron, Michelle Smith, and Kris Pratt.

Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers: Sherrie White's parents, Virginia Edwards, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, Rich Overton, The Hall & Raper Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Cyndi Pratt, Todd & Angie Meyer (house to sell), Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Marlow Herron, Betty Piacentini, 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Terry • 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
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If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome to you!



We hope our worship is meaningful and inspirational to you.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about us, we encourage you to ask any of our members and we will be glad to help you. You can also speak to our minister today or contact him at the church office any time during the week.

Please come back and visit with us again soon!!

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Verbison Jan 24
 Matthew Goodin Jan 24
 Edie Bahan Jan 24
 Brandon Lewis Jan 25
 Lee Pretty Jan 25
 Larry Messenger Jan 27
 Jenny Hoggatt Jan 27
 Zion Briggs Jan 27

ANNIVERSARIES

Phil & Robin Dillard Jan 21

EVENTS

Today . . MDYC Chorus concert
5:30 p.m.
 Jan 29 . . ACL Introduction Class
 Jan 30 Young at Heart
Luau & Game Night 5-8:00 p.m.
 Feb 7 Teens - "The Fridge"
 Feb 8 Teen Parents mtg
12 noon
 Feb 14 Card Party at
the Nettles 5:30 p.m.

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule:

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