CLARENCE UMC MEETS

Members of the UMC Board met on Wednesday, February 3, at 7 p.m. in the church. Attending were Amy Presson, Barbara Chittum, Dawn Masten, Pastor Larry, Terry Mefford, Jeff Barry, Ruth Wood, Lynda Proper and Lee Schoonover. Terry opened the meeting with a devotional, Being Thankful. Pastor Larry then gave an opening prayer.

Lynda read the minutes from the January meeting. A correction was made. The door mentioned to be replaced, was in error. Only the latch set was needed to be replaced. The new latch set is installed at this time. The minutes were then approved.

Amy presented the Treasurer's Report, noting very high utility bills for the past month of January. Much discussion took place about additional steps to be taken to help conserve operating costs. The board approved her report.

Jeff reported for the Trustees. Discussed was the need to fix the water pipes in the fellowship hall. The pipes have problems during cold months, as they tend to freeze. Heat levels are maintained to avoid freezing. With the high costs of gas to keep the kitchen & restrooms warm, it was suggested we re-route the pipes to the inside of the cabinets. More tuck pointing will be done and the leaking basement wall will be fixed when weather permits. Jeff had also been approached with a request to have more help with the nursery each Sunday, and/or move the Nursery to the room adjacent to the restroom currently used by DeEtte's class. No action was taken.

Barbara reported on the Centennial. She passed samples of the purple plates, the printed napkins and pens to be used. 150 place settings are planned for the carry-in dinner. She also had a sample of the wooden tray and the picture puzzle with the church on each. The tray will be sold for $25.00 and the Puzzle for $20.00 at the celebration. Amy offered to tend the table offering these items and well as the cookbooks ($15/ or 2 for $25) the day of the Centennial. The board moved to purchase 25 trays and 25 puzzles to have available. Orders can be taken if we run out. She also requested two tables be set up in the connector for displaying the old history books and other memorabilia.

Barbara reported that the new Directory will be delivered on April 1st. She brought copies of some old photos, including a picture of the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 1960 which included members who were also at the original 1910 dedication of the church. She requested that at the end of the Centennial day church services, those who were also at the 50th year anniversary come forward to the altar and a group picture will be taken of them.

Plans for the program and events of the day were reviewed. The two front rows are to be marked as reserved for our special guests.

Ruth suggested we hire both Tara and Peggy to tend the Nursery for the afternoon service at the same rate they usually receive, $10.00 per hour. With the Sunday school, church and afternoon services, they are to be paid for 6½ hours each that day at a cost of $65.00 each. Motion was made and passed. Ruth also related that the parsonage and garage would be open for a tour at the conclusion of the afternoon program.

Amy announced that she and Ann McCarty would like to conduct the summer VBS for us. It is projected at this time to take place July 25-29th from 5:30-7:30 with a light snack instead of a full meal. Pastor Larry thanked her for volunteering for this event.

Dawn Ann would like to compile an email list to send out the newsletter. She reminded us that we need to finish up with our grant obligation as soon as possible.

Pastor Julius Ketsenburg of the Macon UMC would like to do the Sunrise Service at Camp JoOta this year. No action was taken, except to reserve Camp JoOta for that morning.

Pastor Larry thanked all for all the work they had done for the centennial celebration. He reported that he had made 16 calls and 4 hospital visits this past month. He also noted that we need encourage younger members to become more active in the church and to pass the chairmanships of the various committees to them.

Terry closed the meeting with a prayer of thanks.