

Chippewa Lake Community Church

Recent History

Chippewa Lake United Methodist Church Clergy:

Pastor	Served from-to	Comment
Calvin W Carey	1957-1963	First Church
Edwin Heathcock	1963-1965	First Church
Harry R Johnson	1966-1967	
Thomas Tarrant	1968	
Isaac Sayers	1969-1975	Retired from here
Altha M Barns	1975-1978	
Lyle D Heaton	1979-1984	
Jean A Crabtree	1984-1990	
Dr. Albert Frevert	1991	
Art Murphy	1991-1993	
Dornbush	1994	
Tim Miller	1994-1995	
Kevin Parkins	1995-1998	
Bob Smith	1998-2000	

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Laura Weller	2000-2001
Scott Kreh	2001-2002
Wayne Hull	2002-2005
Steve Scott	June 1, 2005-May 2014
Roger Bennett	September 2014-Present

During the spring and summer of 2000, church membership had fallen to 30-40. In the previous 2 years about that many had left the church. With the exception of about 5 members, it was decided to leave the United Methodist Church.

A number of the group seeking spiritual direction went to visit Friends In Faith Church in Eau Clair. Their Pastor Kevin Parkins and wife Sharon were previously pastoring at Chippewa Lake and arranged a meeting following the Sunday service with some of their members that were understanding of our problems and needs. After that meeting, about 15 people decided to form the Chippewa Lake Community Church.

The first CLCC church board consisted of Mark Weller, Chairman; Bruce Cummings, Vice Chair; Esther Flynn, Secretary; Clyde Peacock, Treasurer. The first church service was held on October 1, 2000 with Pastor Laura Weller. Attendance was nearly 40. Until July of 2002, CLCC rented the Chippewa Lake Community Building on Sunday mornings for church service.

In December of 2001, the United Methodist District Superintendent closed the door on the Chippewa Lake Church and said the church now belonged to Barryton. Prior to leaving the church in 2000, the United Methodist Church Board had requested that the church be given back to the community but were denied. When the doors were closed on the United Methodist Church in December of 2001, the CLCC again requested the church be given back to the Chippewa Lake community for a fee to cover their cost of trying for over 15 months to continue to operate in Chippewa Lake. After about 6 months, the Barryton United Methodist Church deeded the property to the Chippewa Lake Community Church for a nominal fee. A great deal of thanks goes to the Barryton United Methodist Church and their members that worked so hard to keep the church open in Chippewa Lake even though it is no longer a United Methodist Church. We all worship the same God from the same scripture. After the congregation moved back to their old home, everyone worked to completely redo the sanctuary.

Laura Weller served as pastor from October, 2000 until July, 2001. Scott Kreh served from August, 2001 until May, 2002. Wayne Hull has served since 2002. May 31, 2005 Wayne stepped down to spend more time with his sons, especially Kevin who is in poor health. Pastor Steve Scott, who was already part of the church family and serving as associate pastor took over on June 1, 2005

In the spring of 2014, Pastor Scott and Georgia were called to service with the Salvation Army in Florida as house parents. This worked well with their plans to retire in a few years to their vacation home in Lakeland, FL.

In the search for a new pastor we were blessed with 34 applications. After a summer of wonderful sermons from candidates and fill-ins, God provided our new spiritual leader, former Outlaw Biker Roger Bennett who relocated to Michigan from his home in Florida with his wife Donna following his final speaking engagement on the road in Virginia. See Roger's story <http://www.one-percent.org/>

There is a new revival in the community and more than 20 new members joined the church on our first membership day. We know God has plans for us and we are excited to have Pastor Roger leading us in God's will.