
LAKOTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Lakota United Church of Christ was organized in 1896 as a Congregational Church. For many years it was aligned with the Methodists in Lakota, and was called the Federated Church. It currently has about 60 members, and is served by Rev. J. Sue Kana Mackey, a United Methodist who has been at the church since 1985.

The church has an active Women's Fellowship and Church School. The church is noted for its ecumenical activities in the community and county. The congregation is also known for its warmth, hospitality, good food, and fund-raisers (most notably, humorous fashion shows).

The Lakota UCC has been a 5-for-5 congregation for several years. Two members, in recent years, have gone on short-term missions. The church has a great concern for the needs of others, and maintains two benevolence funds to respond quickly to those needs, whether near or far.

The church is currently preparing to help the Lakota community celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2008.

Where are we on the journey of transformational ministry? This is hard to define because our provocative proclamation is quite simple. It is: We will live out our faith and mission so as to be an example to bigger churches. The course of action is: 1. Secure pledges to OCWM and CUE at the annual meeting. 2. Get the OK to continue a monthly mission emphasis. 3. To continue to be a 5 for 5 church. 4. To sponsor our Philippine child. So far we are well on our way to accomplishing these goals. As our contributing base gets smaller we are unable to increase giving but we did manage to pledge the same amounts to OCWM and CUE as last year. We often get contributions from outside the church for the four special offerings so they are easier to maintain. We sent \$257.00 to the OGHS offering — pretty good for a congregation with only 10 active members. The monthly mission emphasis was quite well received so that too is continuing. It hasn't so much increased our stewardship but it has made us aware of what we are doing. Not all monthly missions require monetary gifts. For instance, in February it was to make an effort for each of us to send Jessica, our Philippine child, a birthday card as her birthday is March 1. The April mission is spring cleaning, gather up the things you do not use or need, and take them to a thrift shop or shelter. Be being made aware that we have a mission in the community; some members attended the Pettibone 100 year anniversary meeting. Also we have been asked by the other Pettibone church, Missouri Synod, to get together to compile a list of people to ask to help out when serving for funerals etc. It is becoming more and more necessary to do things together and we embrace that.