

# Leota Bettcher Hall

An Outreach of the Birmingham United Methodist Church  
*"Where Faithful Friends Enjoy His Fellowship"*

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***Lots of exciting things have been happening at the LBH! The church has been at work to make many improvements at the hall and to assure we continue to expand our ministry and outreach with LBH. Thank you, Church!***

## **Upcoming Event: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!!**

Need a night out before Christmas? Birmingham UMC is hosting a Parent's Night Out on December 3 from 5:30-9:00pm at the Leota Bettcher Hall. If your child is between the ages of 4 years old (and completely potty trained) and 5th grade, they are eligible to attend. For \$10 per child, you can have a night out while your child has dinner, enjoys crafts and watches "The Grinch" movie at a pajama party. We are taking the FIRST 50 children, so be sure to register right away. To be considered registered, the non-refundable payment must be submitted, and emergency contact paperwork completed. For more specific information see the church's website at [www.bumcoho.org](http://www.bumcoho.org)

## **Accomplishments and Hall Improvements:**

Over the past year many improvements have been put into place. The entire interior has been repainted, including the bathrooms and doors. New signs have been placed for restrooms and kitchen. The air intake for the air conditioner has been repositioned to make the hall quieter and more suitable for presentations and speakers. (When the air conditioner kicked on it was impossible to hear! The groups that use the hall on a regular basis were delighted with this single improvement.) The drainage issues on the walkway and the parking lot have been fixed. The exterior of the building has been power washed and the underside of the porch roof has been painted with fresh clean white paint. The concrete was cleaned of bird droppings. The gutters were replaced on the east side. In the kitchen, a new microwave was donated, the refrigerators have been cleaned and the whole kitchen is gleaming. An attractive clock now graces the wall above the serving window. New draperies were donated, rehung and the windows cleaned.

## **History Maintained:**

The historic pictures of graduating classes, sports teams and buildings were in sad shape. Thanks to Lorna Kretchmar, Sara Lalonde and Stefanie Cole, the pictures have been sorted, cleaned up, reframed and rehung in the hall in an attractive way. This project was quite time-consuming, as there were over 50 pictures of various sizes.

## **Good Stewards:**

The LBH Committee strives to be good stewards of church resources. We are now working to accessorize the hall with seasonal décor, researching new digital thermostats, a security system, upgrades for the hot water tank and continuing with other odds and ends to keep the hall looking great and serving the needs of our church members and the community.

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## Community Outreach:

Speaking of serving the community and our ministry and outreach: Did you know that the Hall is being used monthly by 10 different community groups – for free? Several other groups have weekly or monthly rentals for a nominal charge. Talk about being a servant to the community! Your hard work at the Harvest Festival, plus generous weekly giving and hall rentals help to fund this ministry. BUMC continues to be a servant of the community and greater Birmingham/Vermilion/Wakeman areas. Pat yourselves on the back. Not many churches our size can offer such a wonderful resource.

## Great Partnership:

We have several regular renters that utilize the hall who are willing helpers when we need it. The two AA groups utilizing the hall are not only regular weekly renters but are also some of our best promoters. We have booked several rentals due to referrals from AA members. Remember the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser? Our friends from AA purchased the food, cooked, served, cleaned the kitchen, sold tickets and helped with raffle donations. It was a tremendous collaborative effort to raise funds to keep the hall functioning!

**DID YOU KNOW?** – Church Members can rent the hall for an ENTIRE day for only \$125? Non-members can rent the hall for \$250 for a FULL DAY!!! There is no other facility in the area that can be rented at rates like that and offers everything we have.

Leota Bettcher Hall offers:

- ✓ Interior seating for 120
- ✓ A FULL KITCHEN with a serving area
- ✓ Coffee Makers, dishes, cups and silverware
- ✓ Ample, safe, lighted parking
- ✓ An outdoor portico
- ✓ Over an acre of grassy area

If you are interested in renting the hall, please send an email to [ToRentLBH@gmail.com](mailto:ToRentLBH@gmail.com). Check the calendar for the Leota Bettcher Hall on the church website [www.bumcoho.org](http://www.bumcoho.org) to see if your date is available. The contract is available to download from the website. A small security deposit of \$100 will hold your date!

## Leota Bettcher Hall Mission Statement:

*To glorify God by fostering inclusive community participation through the provision of a facility for arts, education, recreation, celebration, and locally based human services to increase opportunity for personal and collective growth in our community.*