

## Lake-Lehman

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riario. Board member Karen Whipple pointed out that the locker painting was "not crucial." Kopcha labeled the bleacher replacement "ridiculous."

Superintendent of schools Dr. William Price explained that the bleacher replacement was necessary. Price said, "The liability is ours and we have to look at it from a safety standpoint."

The board voted unanimously to appoint Wheat First Butcher Singer as investment banker for refinancing the district's debt.

A 3.9 percent salary increase for Price met with criticism from both board members and taxpayers. Price's raise is based on an

annual evaluation by the school board.

The board's decision to appoint Kathleen Williams as Board Secretary/Business Manager at a starting salary of \$58,500 with a 3.9 percent increase yearly for a five-year renewable contract also was criticized.

Board member Rose Howard said, "I am pleased with their work, but I can't vote yes with the bills we have to pay." Both Howard and Kopcha voted against the raises.

The board's decision to appoint Bruce Campbell, an attorney from Pittsburgh, to negotiate teacher contracts in June 1997 at a salary of \$135 per hour also drew re-

marks from taxpayers. Donna Chamberlain reminded the board that it was "belt tightening time." Charlie Winter warned the board that taxpayers would come out to vote. Winter said, "Look for us coming. We'll be there."

The board voted to advertise for bids for an asbestos consultant company. The district is required by law to have an asbestos inspection every six months.

During the board's work session Robert Rogers discussed Lake-Lehman's results in the mandatory Pennsylvania State Assessment testing program. The program tests grades 5, 8, and 11 on reading and math skills and

*"It's nice to have a wish list, but this doesn't even touch the junior high."*

Lois Kopcha

Lake-Lehman school board

grades 6 and 9 on writing ability. The testing, which is done every spring, allows a school to chart its own progress as well as compare itself to other schools in similar areas.

In almost all areas, Lake-Lehman ranked in the middle to above average range for similar schools.

The report also showed that the district's scores improved or stayed the same for over half of the subjects tested from 1995 to 1996. Rogers reminded the board to "be very careful when looking at the scores" and to "look at the big picture." Rogers finished by saying that the district had done well in the testing overall.

During the regular meeting, Christine Kopcho and Richard Morgan made presentations to the board on mathematics and science curriculum changes. Among the goals of the curriculum changes is to make sure that "any student who graduates from Lake-Lehman will have one year exposure to algebra," Morgan ex-

plained. The math department also wants students to have exposure to geometry, statistics and probability. Both Morgan and Kopcho expressed the hope that this type of departmental communication and re-evaluation would "become an ongoing process."

Also during the regular session, representatives from the band presented the board with the 1996 Atlantic Coast Group II Champion flag and plaque which they were awarded for the ninth time. They are the first band ever to receive the award nine times in Atlantic Coast Championship history.

## Church

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poses. In 1978, a church house was built as a meeting place for groups and a practice area for the choir. Also, many individuals have bestowed gifts upon the church, such as memorial windows, the communion table, collection plates, and hymnals have been donated.

The church has been through eight wars, the Depression, and a moon landing to name a few events. Also, the community united to house and feed flood victims in 1972.

Many members of the congregation think the church has lasted this long because it is progressive

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Church member

and genuine in its concern for the community. "It's held up through people's love and concern for one another," said Edna Johnson.

"It grows with the community. There is a welcoming spirit here," said Robin Rogers. "People go out of their way to be friendly."

That is exactly what Marion Young Major (1888-1973) would have wanted to hear. As a very active member of the church, Major founded the Friendship Class, "a group of energetic women who served the church both spiritually and financially, and always with friendship to all." Dorothy Baker, Major's daughter, remembers the name of the class was selected with much deliberation. She believes its motto: "Friendship to all" has been continually carried out.

The Friendship Class bought the window, depicting "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane," that is to be rededicated. It was presented to the church in 1946, with money earned from presenting plays, holding teas and rummage sales. Baker recalls her mother's excitement about the window. "She made trip after trip

into Kingston to check on it. She always took people with her to see it."

In recent years the Friendship Class has made numerous contributions to the church. It has helped to pay for items such as

new carpet, cupboards, pew Bibles, refinished oak chairs, and materials to build the church house.

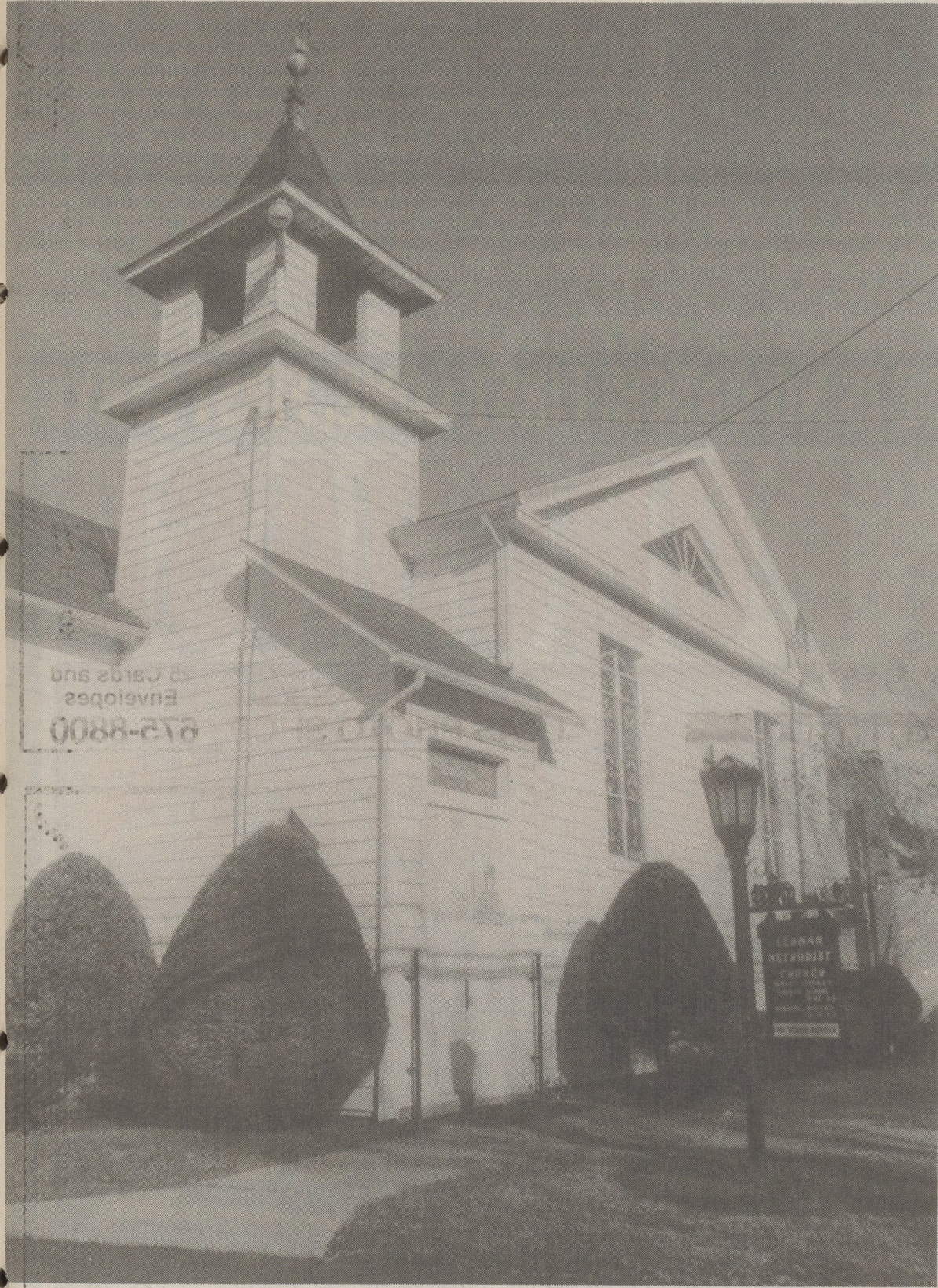
The church is rich with tradition and continues to create memories. "The land this church is built on was my great grandpa's. Our families were all a part of this church," said Judith Dawe. "I feel like it's a family tradition."

Reverend Richard A. Santella, the church's pastor, said the celebration is important because much of what we feel in the present comes from the memories of the past. "I feel good about coming together. A lot of folks have stories and memories that help me better understand the community," he said.

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Church member



Lehman United Methodist Church occupies the same building that has been its home since 1853, but has been enlarged several times.



Marion Young Major (1888-1973) founded the Friendship Class



1946 Friendship Class from left, first row: Emma Ide, Elda Coolbaugh, Frances Moyer, June Brown, Mildred Lewis, Arlene Nulton, Naomi Nuss; second row: Ruth Disque, Betty Miller, unidentified, Mabel Adelman; third row: Marian Major, Dorothy Baker, Jenny Johns, Ruth Major, Madeline Adamshick, Nancy Parks, Geraldine Hendricks, Frances Ide.

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