



# Lakeviews

## April 2014

Lakeview United Methodist Church

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### Special Easter Services

The Worship Committee announces the services for Holy Week.

Holy Thursday Service will be held at Lakeview UM Church at 7 pm.

Good Friday Service will be held at St. Luke's UM Church at 7 pm.

Sunrise Service will be held at the Lake (weather permitting)

Easter Breakfast (Potluck) will be held at Lakeview following the Sunrise Service.

Easter Worship will be held at the usual 10:00 am hour.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held following Worship.

Attendance at all of these services and events will ensure that YOU will have a wonderful Easter celebration. See you there!

For the Worship Committee

Norma Newbrough

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kersey and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne were Pastor Richie, Don Wilson, Ron & Marilyn Colby, Karen Kersey, Linda Thompson, Karen Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Ron/Don W.) carried to accept the March minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** - The treasurer's report for March 2014 was distributed, and motion (Ron/Don M.) carried to accept the report, and thank Karen & Jeff for the great job they do with the church finances.

**Trustees** - The organ was repaired this past month.

The lawn mowing schedule is available for persons to sign up.

**Worship** - Ten new hymnals have been purchased for use in the sanctuary.

- April 6 – Communion
- April 13 – Palm Sunday – Cantata
- April 16 – During Holy Week, our Book Study will be Wednesday (April 16) rather than on Thursday. No dinner.
- April 17 – Maundy Thursday Service at Lakeview, 7 pm
- April 18 – Good Friday Service at St. Luke, 7 pm
- April 20 – Sunrise Service at the Lake, followed by breakfast at the church
- Regular Easter Service, 10 am

**Outreach** – Pastor Richie & Ron Colby met with Keith McFarland and discussed ways that Lakeview could help with his outreach in Africa. Keith's missionary work in Africa is supported by some of the churches in the St. Albans area plus other aid, but the programs are limited by the funds available. One of the items that would be a big help for Keith is a laptop computer.

Lakeview had previously approved \$500 from our yard sale monies for support of Keith's work in Africa, and a motion (Ron C./Don M.) carried that we add to this amount and purchase a laptop & software for Keith in time for him to take with him on his return to Africa (June).

A committee of Don Wilson/Don Morton/Dick Thompson/Karen Kersey was appointed to look into this purchase and be prepared to present the total cost to the Board at the May meeting.

Other items that would greatly be appreciated are school supplies, soccer balls, shoes, clothes for girls, etc. Outreach Committee will make this information available to the congregation and, on an individual basis, we can contribute to this valuable missionary work.

**Nurture** - Sunrise Breakfast is being planned for Easter.

We will continue with *The Journey of Love* in our weekly church bulletin.

**Family Ministries** – Committee distributed a Lenten Calendar and now we will be collecting the money that each family contributes. Motion carried (Karen K./Ron) that this money be given to Christ's Kitchen in St. Albans.

Our soup dinners prior to our Lenten Book Study on Thursdays will continue for the next two Thursdays, April 3 and 10. Dick Thompson, John Carr and John McCormick have handled this responsibility and Lakeview is blessed to have three great cooks. There will be child care for those attending the Book Study.

Patty Moss had a Bible School Planning meeting and it went well. We will have a regular type Bible School July 13-17. The Tweens will have something more appropriate for them at the same time.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-Cont'd

**Pastor's Report** - Holy Week Services are scheduled:

- Sunday, April 13 – Cantata
- Wednesday, April 16 – Our Book Study will meet Wednesday rather than Thursday this week. No dinner.
- Maundy Thursday, April 17 – Service at Lakeview
- Friday, April 18 – Service at St Luke
- Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service at the lake, and regular worship service at 10 am.

Richie is part of a District Lead Team with the United Methodist Church. Both laity and ministers are part of this committee who will visit churches in our Conference to help with ideas. We will have a group coming to Lakeview (Richie will not be part of this group) to meet with us to help build on what we are doing.

The pastor will be away April 27, May 18, May 25 and June 15 for other obligations, and we will have guest speakers.

Another suggestion by our Pastor is that Lakeview reconsider technology in our sanctuary—an overhead screen, projector, automation, etc.

**Miscellaneous** - To facilitate planning strategies, Wayne asked each committee chairperson to come prepared to share what their committee has planned for the next three months. We will do this each three month time period in order to better coordinate activities.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Greetings, Lakeview! At last, we are experiencing some lovely spring weather! At last, the daffodils are blooming, the pear trees are blossoming and the grass is greening. The awakening of the earth after a long, cold winter is especially refreshing. We give thanks for the renewal of the earth.

We give thanks for another successful Yard Sale. We had lots of goods to sell, lots of customers to buy, lots of workers, lots of bakers, and lots of good things to eat. It was a wonderful day and we made almost \$2,500.00! We were able to share once again with our community and serve the needy among us. We give thanks for this mission.

We give thanks for the Book Study, *Not a Fan*, by Kyle Idleman, which Pastor Richie has been leading. We give thanks for the soul searching this book requires. We give thanks for the questions this book asks. We give thanks for the church and our Pastor who leads us in this quest to become better followers of Christ. We also give thanks for the delicious soup cooks, John Carr, Dick Thompson and John McCormick.

We give thanks for the season of Lent, when we contemplate the wonderful gift we have been given. Jesus redeemed us from our sins when he died on the cross and He gave us the gift of eternal life when He was resurrected. We give thanks for this wonderful gift.

We give thanks for those who have served this church well. We give thanks for Fred McKinney who was our resident electrician for many years. If you turn on a light in this church, remember to thank Fred. If you needed a smile or a hug when you

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

were feeling blue, remember to thank Georgeann. We give thanks for their service and we give thanks for the wonderful people that they are.

We ask for prayer for Abby Heid's father, Aubrey Robertson, who is currently residing in a nursing home in Sissonville. Aubrey was 91 when he had the misfortune to fall and break his hip. Abby is hoping to have him moved to a nursing home closer to Saint Albans for his recovery. We give thanks for Bill and Abby Heid who have chosen to make Lakeview their church home.

We give thanks for Sarah Bowman and we ask prayer for Sarah as she recovers from a fall. She misplaced her ribs in a fall over a dishwasher door. I can only guess how painful this injury must be.

Do you remember Loren Edwards from years past? Loren was married this past Christmas at Lakeview, but I do not know her husband's name. Anyway, I recently ran into Loren at Saint Francis Church at one of their annual Fish Dinners. She is now the fifth grade teacher at St. Francis School. She supervises the 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they serve and clear the tables at this dinner. She is enjoying her job and it was a joy to see her again. We give thanks for Loren and the work she is doing. I also had a chance to catch up with Loren's mother and stepfather, Kathy and Riley Brothers, who recently moved to Charleston.

We give thanks for Tracie Atkinson and Charlie Foster for the work they are doing with the Lakeview Choir. Be sure to come to church for Palm Sunday when the choir will present its Cantata, Calvary's Love. We give thanks for their leadership.

We give thanks for our Kathi McCormick for the skills she brings to the children's sermon each week. Kathi was recently honored with a glowing article in a professional publication for her work as a teacher. But her work at Lakeview and at the Twin Cities Shelter (with Linda Martin) is no less valued! We give thanks for Kathi (and Linda) for this important work.

We give thanks for those who have served as Liturgist recently. They are Patty Moss, Abby Heid, Bud Newbrough, and Mary Ferguson. We also give thanks for Wayne Kersey and Jeff Ekstrom who have signed on for the next couple of months.

We give thanks for those who donated peanut butter and jelly for use at Manna Meals. And, we give thanks for the paper products donated for use at the Twin Cities Shelter. We give thanks for those folks who spend a little extra at the grocery store to meet the needs of these useful entities.

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## CHURCH SPRING CLEANING



Officially our date for some cleaning of our Church will be Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 am until noon. However you and your team may complete your part anytime you wish, with the exception of May 2 and 3.

Some of the specific areas to volunteer for are: washing, windows, inside and out, cleaning the kitchen, vacuuming the church pews, trimming the shrubs, cleaning and dusting the tile in the ladies handicapped restroom, and more. You will be hearing more about the church clean up. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

From the Trustees, Call Bud if you have questions, 727-7739.

## April and May Anniversaries

ASHLEY	4/10
GRIFFITH	4/15
THAXTON	5/5
BODEN	5/20
CASTO	5/26
KERSEY	5/29

## April and May Birthdays

ALLI THAXTON	4/10
BOBBY MCCORMICK	4/13
DON MORTON	4/18
JOHN CARR	4/20
KAREN EKSTROM	4/22
ROBIN BLACK	4/23
CAROL FRY	4/26
CAITLYN ASHLEY	5/6
HOLLIE FERGUSON	
BACCHUS	5/8
TIM FERGUSON	5/8
SANDY ASHLEY	5/9
FRAN CASTO	5/13
VIOLET SMITH	5/14
MARY ROSE	5/17
SANDY ROBERTS	5/19
SARAH BOWMAN	5/19
ASHLEY WILSON	5/20
AMY HUMPHREYS	5/22
STEPHANIE GIPE	5/26
JEFF EKSTROM	5/28
MARILYN MORTON	5/28
LINDA THOMPSON	5/28

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please send an email to:  
[Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com](mailto:Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com) and I will add you to the list.

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## FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget \$7,770  
Income for March \$7,348  
Plus Yard Sale Income \$2,482

All bills are paid in full. Thank you.

Finance Committee