



# Lakeview News

## December 2014

Lakeview United Methodist Church

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### 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, Jeff Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough, Dave Koontz and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Ron) carried to accept the November minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report for November was distributed, and motion carried (Ron/Bud) to accept the report. All bills have been paid and we are up to date on our Conference Apportionment payments.

A motion carried (Ron /Marilyn C.) to give \$200 to Keith McFarland for his outreach in Africa. Ron Colby will take care of getting this to Keith.

**Finance** – Approximately 20 pledge cards have been turned in, and we are hoping

people will turn the remaining ones in so that we can finalize our budget for 2015.

**Trustees** – Dave has cleaned the leaves out of the drains in the parking lot driveway.

This year we far exceeded the amount budgeted for church maintenance, and Dave suggests that we increase this figure in the 2015 budget. Because the budget has already been prepared, it was agreed that we would deal with needs for this if something arises.

**PS/PRC** – The committee met with the District Superintendent and was informed that Lakeview will begin a "shared pastor" arrangement with Humphreys Church in Tornado starting in January 2015. The shared expenses will be split 50/50

The two Pastor Parish Committees will meet on Thursday, December 11, 6 pm, to work out some of the details - worship times, how expenses will be handled (the Conference will interface with only one treasurer for the charge), etc.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

Pastor Richie and his family will stay in Lakeview's parsonage and Humphreys will share utility costs with us.

**Worship** – The committee met and prepared the church for Advent.

**Outreach** – Seventeen Christmas baskets have been assigned. The turkeys have been purchased and the hams will be purchased shortly. We are asking that they be delivered by December 22.

In the past two Sundays the children/youth decorated and filled 20 stockings to be given as Christmas gifts. Linda Martin will see that these are delivered to the Homeless Shelter.

**Family Ministries** – Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special Christmas program at the church...5-7 pm.

From 5-6 pm there will be a time for visiting, making ornaments, drinking hot chocolate, viewing art made by our youth. Also during this time, our tweens will be providing technical assistance so that everyone can view the "auras" created by our youth. Then at 6 pm we will have nachos & cheese, meat sauce, salads and Christmas Cookies. Following dinner we will adjourn to the sanctuary for our children singing and end with Christmas Carols with Charlie.

A big "thank you" to Don Wilson for helping us work out the Wi-Fi system used to view the auras.

**Pastor's Report** – Christmas Eve Service will be 6 pm at the church.

Richie thanked Wayne for serving as Administrative Council Chairperson for the past three years.

An idea that the Pastor would like to pursue is a 5k run (from our church to

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church and back), sponsored by Lakeview and the money derived from the race to be given to the Homeless Shelter in St. Albans. A committee of Pastor Richie, Don Wilson, Ron Colby, Wayne Kersey and Jeff Ekstrom will work on the details. Karen Kersey volunteered to design a t-shirt for the event.

January 4<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of shared times with Humphreys and Pastor Richie asked for prayers and understanding as he embarks on a new venture with two exciting churches.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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### NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Advent! Christmas! Preparations! Gifts! Decorations! Baking! Wrapping! Love Light Tree! Bell Ringing! Cantata! Christmas Programs! However will we get it all done? We think this is the year it is just not possible! But what if we take the time to remember the reason for the season, calm down, tackle one thing at a time and keep moving forward? We thank our God for the gift of the Christ Child and all he means to each one of us. Jesus Christ is the best gift of all!

This reporter gives thanks for those of you who agreed to sit at the Love Light Tree in support of Hospice Care, Inc. in their fund raising efforts. Lakeview has been doing this for many years and we are one of the few churches in Saint Albans who support this worthy project. So thank you, Charlie and Dorinda Forster, Don and Karen Wilson, Bill and Fran Casto, Don and Marilyn Morton, Kathi McCormick and Bud and Norma.

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REPORTER – Cont'd**

Also, Lakeview has been ringing the bells at the Saint Albans Kmart for many years in support of the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army operates a Boys and Girls Club in Saint Albans so we are privileged to help out with that. We give thanks to those of you who rang the bells on Friday, December 5, 2014. They are: Don & Marilyn M., Dave and Barbara K., Ruth A. and Doris H., Barbara S., Don & Karen W., Dick Webb & Charlie F., and Bud N. and Richard P.

We give thanks to the Worship Committee, headed by our Marilyn Colby, who so beautifully prepared the church for Advent and Christmas. Doesn't it look nice? Why don't you tell Marilyn?

We give thanks for Ron Colby who has headed the Outreach Committee for many years and has spearheaded the Christmas Basket project for Lakeview. So far we have made provisions for 17 baskets. God is Good!

We also give thanks for those of you who provide socks, gloves, hats and scarves for our Jesse tree. Those items will be donated to the children at the Sojourners Shelter in Charleston. This also is an outreach that Lakeview has been involved in for many years. The Kids Kits that we provide for children also go to Sojourners. And while I am at it, let me thank our Don Griffith for handling the delivery of these kits!

We give thanks for Barbara Koontz who served on the board of Jericho House for almost 20 years. She recently retired and was able to secure her replacement in the person of our Barbara Robinette. We give thanks for both Barbaras!

We give thanks for Abby and Bill Heid who have provided new wreaths for the Church Christmas decorations. They also were great Liturgists.

We ask for prayer for Linda Thompson as she recovers from a serious infection.

We ask for prayer for Rev. Tex Frye, Leslie McNiel's father, who is having heart problems.

We ask for prayer for Karen Wilson who is recovering from pneumonia.

We ask for prayer for Dave Ashley who lost a brother in Florida recently.

We ask for prayer for Norb Carr, father of our Erin Carr, who is ailing.

What a joy it is to welcome former members of St. Luke's to our congregation on Sunday mornings. Be sure to greet Barbara Smith, Sue Layton, Matt and Eli Goodwin, and others whose names I am not familiar with as yet.

Speaking of more good news, the District Superintendent Ed Grant has announced that our Pastor Richie will also serve as Pastor of Humphrey's Memorial United Methodist Church in Tornado. Plans are being made so that these sister churches can work together amicably. Pastor Richie and Leslie and their darling daughters will still make their home in our parsonage in Saint Albans and this new co-pastorate begins January 1, 2015.

Larry France, our custodian owns and operates a carpet cleaning business. He would love to clean your carpets. You could call him at 304-395-1966 to arrange the cost and appointment for your carpet cleaning.

When all is said and done, the birth of the Christ Child in a manger is what all the fuss is about. So Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## December and January Anniversaries

COLBY	12/23
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGH	12/28

## December and January Birthdays

BUZZ KNAPP	12/4
ELIZABETH BOBBERA	12/7
DARYL SCHOTT	12/7
DON WILSON	12/13
EMILY POTTER	12/14
RON COLBY	12/14
DAVID GIPE JR	12/17
JOE HUDSON	12/18
BUD NEWBROUGH	12/18
FRANKI NOBLE	12/18
BOB IDDINGS	12/19
KAREN KERSEY	12/28
HELEN CHERRY	12/29
LESLIE BODEN	1/12
RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
GREG BELCHER	1/16
WALTER SAYRE	1/17
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
JANET PENNINGTON	1/25
EVAN ROWE	1/26
TANNER EKSTROM	1/28

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 November \$9,618

All bills are paid in full.

Please try to have your pledge cards to Jeff by the end of December.

Thank you.

Finance Committee