



Lakeview NEWS

November 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, Karen Kersey, Jeff Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough, Linda Thompson and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Don W.) carried to accept the October minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report for October was distributed, and motion carried (Bud/Don M.) to accept the report.

A motion passed (Bud/Don M.) to take the parsonage garage door cost out of the yard sale funds.

Finance – The committee will present the budget to the congregation on Sunday, November 9th - \$113,600. For 2015 (our Conference Apportionment is a little lower than we had anticipated) and will pass out pledge packets to all.

Nurture - Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a big success. 125 plates were filled, plus leftovers were given to Christ's Kitchen.

Plans are to continue with having the dinner the first Sunday in November next year –plus a suggestion was made to have each attendee bring a canned food item to be donated to Christ's Kitchen.

Family Ministries – There will be a Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 14th. NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. This will be a program utilizing Wi-Fi networking. Don Wilson will help with getting wireless at the church for the program.

The committee is in the process of working out details and they will be made available as soon as they are complete, plus some workshops for the kids are being scheduled and these dates and times will be announced shortly.

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

November and December, Lakeview Church will be on their own (without St. Luke) for programs, expenses, etc., and although no details are available at this time, dealing with our situation is a high priority with the UMC Conference.

Pastor is exploring the possibility of having a "year round" Bible Study - this would involve having child care available so young families would be able to attend.

In light of recent events in West Virginia, a reminder has been given by our District Superintendent, that bi-laws of United Methodist Churches do not allow same sex marriages to take place in our churches or activities celebrating these events to take place in our facilities. All persons are welcome to worship with us.

Miscellaneous - Wayne brought up the need for close coordination between the use of the church facilities and how to get this info to Dick Thompson so that he can adjust furnace times. It was agreed that Richie gets most of the requests, so he will handle this.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 2.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

SAFETY

1. Do not ride in an auto.....they cause 20% of all accidents.
2. Do not stay home.....17% of all accidents happen there.
3. Do not walk in the street.....15% of accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Do not travel by air, rail, or water.....16% of accidents occur there.
5. Only .001% of all fatal accidents happen in church!

I'll see you in church!

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Who can believe it is November already? Not I! We give thanks to the Lord that we have had another election and that some of the signs are coming down. The people have spoken and we are blessed with free choice and peaceful elections. And we thank the dear Lord that there will be no more political robocalls on our phones. God is good!!

Our Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner was a big success with 100+ folks attending. The food was delicious!! This reporter knows because I had heartburn all evening. That's what one gets for over indulging. We thank Linda Thompson and her Nurture Committee for a job well done. God is good!

Once again, Amy Colby, Ron's mother, presented us with a beautiful Christmas quilt for silent auction. There were several bids and Bill and Abby Heid were the big winners. We thank Amy for her generosity to our church and we thank Bill and Abby for their winning bid. God is good!

The last Sunday in November, the 30th, is the first Sunday in Advent, which is the beginning of awaiting the arrival of the Christ Child at Christmas. Plans are being made for the celebration. The Lakeview Choir, under the direction of our Tracie Atkinson, with Charlie Foster on the piano, will be presenting a Cantata in Sunday Worship on December 14. Also on December 14 there will be a children's program and a pot luck dinner in the evening.

We will be having our Jesse Tree, which is the white tree in the back of the Sanctuary for socks, mittens, hats, scarves and gloves. These donations will be sent to Sojourners, which is the shelter for

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homeless women and children. So, please plan to bring your donations any Sunday in Advent.

Ron Colby is our Outreach Chairperson and he is already signing up persons to provide Christmas baskets to those needy families we will be assigned by the Ministerial Association. If you are unable to shop for the basket's contents, money is always appreciated for this outreach project. This reporter has found, over the years that shopping and preparing this basket is one of the most meaningful activities of the season.

Lakeview will also be providing people to sit at the Lovelight Tree at the Charleston Town Center. We have been providing this service for many years in support of Hospice Care in our community. This year our date to do this is December 4. Coordinator Norma Newbrough thanks you for your positive response to her when she asked you to take part in this service project.

Additionally, the Lakeview Adult Sunday School Class will be ringing bells at the Saint Albans K-Mart on Friday, December 5. Bud Newbrough is coordinating this project.

Congratulations to Tyler Walker, Helen Cherry's great grandson, who was recently named a National Merit Semifinalist.

We ask you to remember in prayer Fred and Georgeann McKinney who are currently residing in the Eastbrook Nursing Home in Kanawha City. This is the former Heartland location on Chesterfield Avenue.

What joy it was to see Bobby Rowe recovering from his triple bypass heart surgery at the Thanksgiving Dinner. He says he is doing well and we thank the Lord for that.

We rejoice with Charlie Foster when he announced that he is now 4 years cancer free. God is good!

Though we have already celebrated one Thanksgiving dinner, we look forward to the traditional one on November 27. So Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! I guess every day should be Thanksgiving Day!!

November and December Anniversaries

IDDINGS	11/11
COLBY	12/23
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGH	12/28

November and December Birthdays

RYLEE MCNIEL	11/10
BOB CARPENTER	11/13
JOHN MCCORMICK	11/15
FRED MCKINNEY	11/15
SIS BAILEY	11/17
BRAD DAVIS	11/29
BUZZ KNAPP	12/4
ELIZABETH BOBERA	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

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

FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget \$7,770
Income for September \$6,584*

* Includes a monthly allocated portion of pledges paid as one lump sum.

All bills are paid in full.

The budget for 2015 will be provided and the 2015 pledge drive will begin this Sunday, Nov. 9.

Thank you.

Finance Committee