



Lakeview News

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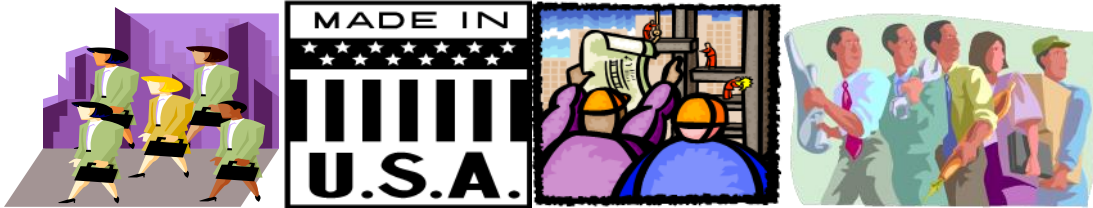
Lakeview United Methodist Church

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Red Cross Blood Drive Planned for the Church

Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department is planning a Fall Blood Drive for Saturday, September 13th and they have asked our Church to let the Red Cross use our multipurpose room. If you are a regular blood donor and wish to donate, they will take walk-ins or you can schedule a time with the Red Cross and they will make an appointment. The multipurpose room will be tied up that day so please don't plan any activity there.

The Annual Fall Yard Sale

Lakeview's Annual Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. Clean out those drawers and closets and start collecting those valuables you are willing to donate for this important outreach project.

Please consider asking your friends and neighbors to donate their items also.

COLD WEATHER IS COMING!

The Outreach Committee is collecting new blankets/used blankets in good shape for the homeless shelter in St. Albans. Please leave them in the rear of the sanctuary.

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, Dave Koontz, Bud Newbrough, and Jeff Ekstrom. Motion (Bud/Don W) carried to accept the August minutes as printed.

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

All bills have been paid including insurance and a \$337 reimbursement for Vacation Bible School. Richie announced spouses will come off CAMC insurance, starting in January but children still will be covered. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Starting in November, Lakeview will pay Richie's full salary because of the closure of St. Luke. The District Superintendent is looking at options for Lakeview and Bud suggested Richie ask the DS to meet with our Administrative Council to hear about our wishes/support for continued Pastoral support with Richie.

Finance – The committee continues to look at the process of preparing the 2015 budget, acknowledging final arrangements are in a state of flux.

Trustees – The parsonage garage door was repaired and the lawn mowing is up to date. A Little Free Library was installed and Dave will keep it full of donated books. Richie inquired about getting a new garage door for the parsonage because of how heavy it is to open when there are power issues. Dave will get prices and bring them back to the Council. It was noted the knob on the air-conditioner in the Sunday School classroom is broken.

Parsonage - The electrical box and garage door are fixed.

Sunday School / Family Ministries - Karen reported that the Contemporary Adult Class will meet in Richie's office, led by Kathi McCormick. Postcards and text messages were sent to the Youth Class (4th grade on up), led by Karen Kersey. Patty Moss sent letters to her class (Kindergarten thru 3rd grade). Tara Lane will assist her with this group. The Bible Study Class will continue to be led by Bill Casto. Linda Martin will organize workers for the nursery, both during Sunday School and church. Kathi McCormick will have paper activities on clipboards for children to do in church after the children's sermon because we won't have a formal Children's Church because the learning focus is on Sunday School. A light pizza lunch will be served September 7th after church to celebrate our children and the new focus on Sunday School. Certificates have been prepared.

Pastor's Report - The nominations committee will meet Monday, September 8th at 7PM. St. Luke's is closing and November 2nd is his last Sunday there. Richie is preaching at two revivals, Sept. 17-19 in Beckley and Sept. 21-23 in Ripley. The Women's Walk to Emmaus is October 16-19.

Miscellaneous - The Fall Yard Sale is October 4th. Items may be dropped off at church beginning two weeks before this date.

Fred McKinney is in rehab at Golden Living Center, room 131.

A Blood Drive will be held at our church September 13th.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

THE NEW "LITTLE FREE LIBRARY"

You have probably noticed the new "Little Free Library" on our corner next to our Church sign. We want to give a big thank you to Bill Casto who constructed it, using only materials he had on hand and some that Bud Newbrough contributed as well. The "Little Free Library" is a national effort to make books conveniently available to local residents, especially children and youth in the community. The books can be donated by you or some may be saved from the books that have been donated to our yard sales. We will try to keep it full of books, especially children's books for anyone to take. They need not be returned but if they are that will be great.

Please don't hesitate to check it out and if you want to participate it is simply "take a book" and "return a book". Our library will be listed on the nationwide "Little Free Library" organization and become one of more than 20,000 such "free" libraries currently standing in public locations throughout the U.S. and other countries in the world.

Stop by and check it out anytime.



NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

This time of year is always exciting to this reporter because of the start of school, the changing of the colors and the fall activities. It looks as if Lakeview is gearing up for these things as well.

Choir is ready to kick off their season with a get together at the Kerseys. Adults Night Out will be a Low Country Boil at the Castos, (more details later) and of course, it is time to be gathering our items for the Fall Yard Sale, which will be held October 4. Our Sunday School arrangement has changed for the children and there are new teachers for this and things are buzzing all around the church. It is exciting and before we know it, it will be time to anticipate Advent and celebrate Christmas.

What a joy it was to greet long ago members of Lakeview Church who visited recently from North Carolina. Becky and Lynn Bailey were with us in worship on August 31st.

We are so grateful for the news of Linda Thompson's clear biopsies! And we are grateful for Dick Thompson's return to pain free mobility.

We are happy that Bill Rose is recovering from his knee replacement surgery and is anxious to get back to church.

Pastor Richie has hurt his knee and we are praying for a recovery without intervention.

We are sad that our sister church Saint Luke's UMC is undergoing change that means the closing of their church building. It is our prayer that those from that congregation will find a loving church family to join, wherever that may be. Should they choose Lakeview to be their church home, I know that we will welcome them warmly. This reporter can only imagine the pain Saint Luke's members are feeling.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

A few weeks ago, Rick Whitman was inducted into the Saint Albans Hall of Fame. We congratulate Rick and his family, wife Jessica and children Drew, Avery and Jackson, on this nice honor.

We thank Jim Rose and Dick Thompson for updating the furnace controls at the church. It should save us money and keep us comfortable in the future.

As I noted earlier the FALL YARD SALE will be held Saturday, **October 4** from 8 am to noon. That is only a short month away. So begin to collect your items from your closets and drawers AND from your neighbors and friends. You may bring them to the church only two weeks ahead of time. Check your calendars. While you are there, consider unpacking some items, hanging some dresses, sorting some boxes and anything else you see that needs doing. We can all help and that makes the work lighter for those responsible. We thank you in advance for your help!!

We are so grateful to Tanner and Mason Ekstrom for the work they did to preserve the finish on the hand railings near the education building. Thanks, boys!

We understand that our Kathi McCormick has been nominated for the WV Teacher of the Year! Even the nomination is a huge honor, but we hope she wins! We know how valuable Kathi is to our community and to our church and to our children. Congratulations, Kathi!

Adults Night Out will be held on September 12 at Bill and Fran Casto's house. They will host a Low Country Boil at 5:30 pm. You are asked to bring a salad OR a dessert. So come on up and have a great time!

As I noted at the top of this article, lots is happening at Lakeview and we hope to see you in the midst of it all! Happy Fall!

September and October Anniversaries

BOBBERA	9/4
DAVIS	9/12
KNAPP	10/1
SCHOTT	10/10
PENNINGTON	10/16
SAYRE	10/23
BOWYER	10/25

September and October Birthdays

JASON BLACK	9/3
RICHARD PAXTON	9/4
NORMA NEWBROUGH	9/6
DEBBIE ROWE	9/11
LOREN EDWARDS	9/14
MAX BELCHER	9/16
GEORGEANN MCKINNEY	9/17
CAROL DAVIS	9/26
MARILYN COLBY	10/2
TIFFANY MCCORMICK	10/5
BARBARA KOONTZ	10/5
KAREN BROWN	10/6
MASON EKSTROM	10/6
AMELIA ROWE	10/8
KAREN BOWYER	10/14
JACOB SAYRE	10/14
KATHI MCCORMICK	10/20
TIEGAN DAVIS	10/24
JENNIFER PARSONS	10/24
LISA SAYRE	10/25
DAVE ASHLEY	10/27
DOT HAMON	10/29
DAVE KOONTZ	10/29
ALLEN PARSONS	10/30

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 August \$7,110

All bills are paid in full. Thank you.

Finance Committee