



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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

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

Finance - The pledge drive is underway and pledges are being turned in. Plans are to make another announcement on Sunday and we are hoping people will turn the remaining ones in soon.

Trustees - Many daffodils have been planted in the circle and tulips at the side of the church (thanks to the Ekstrom boys) in preparation for a "pretty spring".

The trees (including all the wood) have been removed from the parsonage yard. A big thanks to Chris Davis for the big amount of work that he did to help this happen.

Nurture - George Ann McKinney's funeral is Friday, December 4th at the church and the Nurture Committee is preparing luncheon for the family following the service.

Worship - The committee met and prepared the church for Advent. A special thank you to all those who helped (including the people that carried the boxes up the basement stairs).

Outreach - Our church is reaching out to seventeen families in the community and the names have been assigned to families in the church.

Money is being collected to pay for hams and turkeys for the baskets.

Pastor's Report - Plans are underway for a Bible Study, Sunday evenings starting in January 2016.

The Nominating Committee has finished their work securing members for

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committees starting in 2016 and these will be typed up shortly and available for the congregation.

Miscellaneous - Bud reported that Humphreys Church will join Lakeview in presenting the Cantata on Sunday, December 13 during the worship service. Some Lakeview choir members will join Humphreys in presenting the Cantata at their church on Sunday, December 20th.

We will have a covered dish dinner at 5 pm on Sunday, December 13, to be followed by a Christmas program by the youth of Lakeview.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Today, as I write this, is the first day of Advent on the last day of the eleventh month of the year. It is also the beginning of our season of the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Are you prepared? Are you ready? We have so many traditions and events to prepare for this time of the year and many of us are feeling unprepared and overwhelmed by all that needs to be done to be ready for the birth. When all we really need to do is ask Jesus into our hearts and worship Him and praise Him.

We look forward to each Sunday of Advent when we light the Advent candles, rejoicing in the tradition and thanking those families in our congregation who help with this annual activity. So, thank you, Karen and Don Wilson!

We thank Ron and Marilyn Colby for once again handling the Christmas Baskets. Here is an opportunity for you to help. You

can agree to take a family and provide a basket of food or you can provide money for hams or turkeys. Over the years, this activity has been one of the most satisfying traditions in which Lakeview participates.

Marilyn Colby, our Worship Committee chairperson, and her committee has seen to it that our church is beautifully decorated for Advent. In addition to our beautiful Chrismon Tree, we are also decorating with scarves, sox, hats, mittens and gloves the smaller Jesse tree in the back of the sanctuary. These items will be donated to the Sojourners Shelter in Charleston.

Our church, Lakeview UMC, has participated with Hospice Care, Inc. for many years, taking one day to man the table on the second floor of the Charleston Town Center. We are responsible for taking our time and a certain degree of friendliness and talent to facilitate receiving donations for the Love Light tree. Hospice Care depends on this fund raiser to continue their programs for the coming year. So thank you, Lakeview Volunteers. Late Bulletin! As of 10:00 pm on December 3, Lakeview collected for Hospice Care \$ 1,256.00! Great job, Lakeview!

We owe a debt of gratitude to Chris Davis who helped the Trustees to get rid of all the wood from the tree in the parsonage back yard.

Wayne and Karen Kersey have announced that they are expecting a new grandchild come June, 2016! We wish Meghan and Chris Baucom every happiness as they await the birth of a new brother or sister for two year old Marianna Grace.

It was a welcome sight to see Kathi McCormick back in church after her recent back surgery.

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We pray for Dick Thompson's speedy recovery from surgery. He had a stent installed in his Abdominal Aortic Artery.

Dave Koontz spent a couple of days in the hospital this past week also. Say a prayer for him, too!

Lakeview UMC Choir and Humphreys UMC Choir will be presenting a Cantata on December 13 during the Worship hour at Lakeview Church. The Cantata, *Emmanuel*, will be conducted by our Tracie Atkinson and Charlie Foster will be playing the music. Sheila Gunnoe is the conductor of the Humphrey's Choir.

The Children's Christmas program will be held on December 13 at 5:00 pm. Karen Bowyer and Barbara Robinette of the Family Ministries Committee are in charge. There will also be a covered dish dinner this evening, so come, come all and enjoy the children and the evening.

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the death of our dear sister George Ann McKinney. She died in her sleep at the nursing home where she resided on November 30, 2015. George Ann had a sweet spirit and was always ready with a smile and a hug for all of us even while she struggled with Alzheimer's disease. May she rest in peace.

This reporter wishes you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy 2016!

December and January Birthdays

ELIZABETH BOBBERA	12/7
DARYL SCHOTT	12/7
DON WILSON	12/13
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
WALTER SAYRE	1/17
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
JANET PENNINGTON	1/25
EVAN ROWE	1/26
TANNER EKSTROM	1/28

December and January Anniversaries

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

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	\$7,133
Income for November	\$7,831

All bills are paid in full.

The Finance Committee has prepared the budget for 2016 and the budget has been approved by the Administrative Council. The total amount of the budget for 2016 is \$90,400 and the monthly amount needed to make the 2016 budget will be \$7,533. If you have any questions concerning the budget, please see any member of the Finance Committee. Please turn in your pledges for 2016.

Thank you. Finance Committee