



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Bud Newbrough and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Bud were Don Wilson, Ron & Marilyn Colby, Wayne & Karen Kersey, Jeff Ekstrom, Linda Thompson, Dave Koontz, Karen Bowyer, Pastor Richie and Marilyn Morton. The December minutes were accepted as printed.

Ron Claar (a neighbor and a member of Riverlawn Presbyterian Church) attended our meeting and presented a list of supplies needed to begin to put Chris Davis' house back in livable condition. A group of neighbors (many from Lakeview Church) are going to help Chris work on his house to get it back in habitable condition. Ron works with Habitat for Humanity and has agreed to spearhead the project. Ron presented a list of items needed totaling \$1,650. This will not complete the job, but will make a good start on reconstruction. Ron stated that it is an honor and privilege to help Chris rebuild his life. Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatever task lies to your hand, do it with all your might; . . .

Following this presentation, we continued with our Council Meeting. Ron Colby made a motion that we cover this. Jeff Ekstrom seconded the motion. After discussion regarding this venture the motion was changed to use the \$705 (special love offering-that was taken up in church) and up to the \$1650 amount needed for the supplies (taken from Yard Sale monies) – this will be in the form of a check to the supplier. Everyone agreed to this plan.

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

Finance – The final 2015 budget was presented and a motion (Ron/Wayne) carried to accept it.

PS/PRC – A joint meeting was held with Humphreys Tornado Church PS/PRC in December. Our church service will remain at the same time (10 am) and Humphreys will move to 11:30 am. It was agreed that

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we would try this for a three month period and see how it goes.

Family Ministries – Effective with the 2015 year, we will have a three way chair for Family Ministries - Karen Bowyer, Barbara Robinette, and Karen Kersey. This will help get new ideas and new suggestions for programs.

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas program and those who provided food – it was a different type program, but one that was deemed a success.

Trustees – The trustees met Sunday after church, and Dave will chair the committee for another year. A couple of things were decided at the meeting: Ed Schott will handle the Spring Clean-up, John Humphreys will coordinate with our custodian, and plans are to paint the Sunday School room across from the kitchen.

Nurture – On Sunday, January 25th, immediately following church we will have cookies/punch to celebrate Lakeview's Sunday School program and teachers.

Outreach - Seventeen Christmas baskets were delivered from Lakeview.

The food collected at Festival of the Lights this year was divided between Jericho House and the Men's Shelter.

Worship – Thanks to all who helped with decorating the church for Advent.

The committee will meet January 26, 6 pm at the church.

Pastor's Report – Thanks to all who helped with Chris Davis' situation – we are not only helping to rebuild a house, but a person's life.

Sunday was the first day of shared times with Humphreys and everything went well. Pastor Richie asked for prayers and understanding as he embarks on a new venture with two exciting churches. Humphreys Church is looking forward to some joint ventures with Lakeview. He also noted that right now many things are occupying his time, but if anyone needs his service, to call because he will always make time to be available.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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It was a glorious holiday celebration at Lakeview! One of the best things that happened, in addition to the celebration of the birth of Christ, was the good news that our Pastor Richie and Leslie, Sophie and Rylee will be with us for an extended period of time. The District Superintendent, Ed Grant, has seen fit to join Lakeview with Humphreys Memorial UMC in Tornado in a shared pastorate. We are excited to welcome the McNiels back for another year and we hope many more years. We are also excited to learn about another church in our neighborhood and share some good times with them.

Our Christmas celebration with the children was awesome. Their beautiful artwork decorated the walls of the Sanctuary and the Auras that explained their artwork and their relationship with Christ were inspiring. We give thanks for those teachers who contributed long hours to put on this program. The nachos and the crafts were also much appreciated and enjoyed.

Ron and Marilyn Colby were happy to report that seventeen families were served with Christmas baskets this year. Hams

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and Turkeys were provided along with the many food items that completed the baskets. We thank the Colbys for their attention to this project each year.

The Sunday School Children also provided 20 Christmas stockings filled to the brim with useful items for our brothers and sisters at the Twin Cities Shelter.

Tragedy struck our neighborhood on the evening of December 13, 2014 when the home belonging to Chris Davis was burned and his companion Connie was found dead in the fire. Many efforts are taking place as we try to help our friend and neighbor get back on his feet. We hope you will feel that you can be a part of this community outreach and support these efforts.

We ask for prayer for Charlie Fry who suffered a stroke recently. Visitors are discouraged at this time as Charlie uses his strength to recover.

We ask for prayer for the McNiel family in the death of Pastor Richie's uncle, Mr. Morgan. This reporter believes this uncle is Valerie McNiel's brother.

As we begin this New Year, 2015, let us hope and pray that we grow closer to God, learn how to serve him better and make great strides in being the persons God wants us to be. Happy New Year, Lakeview!!!!

January and February Anniversaries

FERGUSON	2/2
HEDGES	2/12
EKSTROM	2/16
MCKINNEY	2/21
CARR	2/23

January and February Birthdays

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
JIM ROSE	2/2
MARIANNA BAUCOM	2/3
BOBBY IDDINGS	2/4
ELIJAH GOODWIN	2/6
KAREN WILSON	2/13
MARY FERGUSON	2/23
BILL CASTO	2/28

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	\$7,770
Income for December	\$9,815

All bills are paid in full.

Due to Lakeview United Methodist Church now being part of a two church charge with Humphrey's Memorial United Methodist Church in Tornado, Lakeview's 2015 Budget has been revised. The Local Ministerial Support and Parsonage Utilities are now being shared between Lakeview and Humphrey's. Lakeview's revised 2015 Budget is \$85,600. If anyone would like a copy of the revised budget, please let me know.

Thank you.

Don Wilson
Finance Committee