



# Lakeview News

## January 2016

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 Kersey, Jeff Ekstrom, Dick & Linda Thompson, Pastor Richie and Marilyn Morton. The December minutes were accepted as printed.

Bud introduced a guest at our meeting (Alan Rezek) who is Food Pantry Chairperson at the St Marks location in St Albans. Alan told us of a few facts about this project.

- (1) As of January 2016, Christ's Kitchen and the Food Pantry are a non-profit separate from St. Marks. They are two separate entities (Christ's Kitchen and Food Pantry), but they work closely together.
- (2) 1050 households are served from the Food Pantry, 36,000 plates are served from Christ's Kitchen.
- (3) The Food Pantry serves mostly St Albans and Tornado and Christ's Kitchen serves the same area plus a few from Nitro.
- (4) The two groups are entirely dependent on donations. Now with the Food Pantry being separated out, it has become a non-profit and will be eligible for grants.

- (5) St Marks has given them their van, which is a great help for transporting things — but then that has to be serviced and filled with gas which is also an expense.
- (6) A couple of observations in the new year are more seniors are coming in and more single parents are moving back with their 'elderly' parents.
- (7) THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR SPAGHETTI SAUCE AND PEANUT BUTTER.
- (8) Monetary donations can be sent to P.O. Box 248.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ron Colby reported that we collected money for meat for the Christmas baskets, and have an excess of \$436.71. A motion (Ron/Don W.) carried that we give ½ of this to the Food Pantry and ½ to Christ's Kitchen.

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

**PS/PRC** - The committee collected and distributed money for the Staff Christmas Gifts.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL- Cont'd

**Finance** - The committee will meet to clarify where some of the designated funds in our treasury should be transferred.

**Nurture** – Nurture has had a busy year with Easter, Thanksgiving, and several funeral dinners. We have a wonderful committee and thanks to all who help.

**Trustees** - This committee is the only committee that meets and elects their chairperson – and Dick Thompson was the unanimous choice.

The committee will meet shortly to organize and see what needs to be done.

Jim Rose has agreed to handle the lighting part of the church, and has already made some changes in bulbs (LED).

The church is in a “messy” state right now, and each committee needs to assume responsibility for caring for what they use and return it to its storage space.

**Outreach** – Nineteen Christmas baskets were delivered from Lakeview.

We collected \$712 towards the baskets; \$275.29 was spent on meat for the baskets and the remainder will be donated to Christ's Kitchen/Food Pantry.

**Worship** - The committee will meet January 27, 6 pm at the church.

**Pastor's Report** – The Bible Study on Revelations has been put on hold because of “health issues” and will be held at a later date.

After many, many tests – it has been determined that ‘your pastor’ is healthy but has some concerns with a vagal nerve that needs to be addressed.

Humphrey's has suggested that we continue with church services as they are now being held, but that once a month we have one service (one time at Lakeview – 10 am, and one time at Humphreys – 11:30 am). This would allow us to worship

together – no underlying reason such as combining churches, but just to become better acquainted and to worship together.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Here it is, 2016! I can hardly believe how fast these New Year's Celebrations come around each year. Each year, it seems, they come faster than the year before. And while this reporter feels blessed to be here for another year, I can't keep up. Everything is toooooo fast!! Thanksgiving is too fast, Advent is too fast and even Christmas is too fast. Then the New Year comes and it is too fast also. So take a deep breath, say a prayer and ease on into the New Year. Enjoy the slowdown that comes in January and then get ready for the rest of 2016, Lakeview!

As per usual, our Christmas traditions and celebrations were well appreciated by the congregation and the grateful recipients of Lakeview's generosity. I think the number of families who were served by our Christmas basket donations was nineteen. We give thanks for Marilyn and Ron Colby who have so graciously handled this project for many years.

Don Griffith loaded the sox, hats, gloves, scarves and mittens from the Jesse tree in the back of the sanctuary to take to the Sojourners Shelter for distribution to the folks who will certainly need those items in this cold weather. Thank you, Don.

This reporter is told that the Christmas dinner was a big success and that the Children's program was also. We give thanks to Karen Bowyer and Barbara Robinette who worked with the children to present their program. Many thanks for

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

their hard work and for the Nurture Committee who organized the dinner.

We also thank the Humphreys UMC for coming to Lakeview to share our Christmas Cantata. It is wonderful to have extra voices in the choir. Lakeview then went to Humphreys to sing along with them on the next Sunday.

This reporter has lost track of the families who participated in the Lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday, but let me please thank them for their agreeing to do this part of the service. It is one of our many traditions that we value.

I am sorry to report that our Editor in Chief Don Wilson took a fall while jogging one day recently and injured his shoulder and it will require surgery. Please pray for Don that his injury will be healed and he can restart the New Year on a better note.

We ask for prayer for our dear Pastor Richie, who has been struggling to discover the reasons for his ill health at the end of the year. May he and his doctors find the answer and treatment that will allow him to return to full health in the coming days and weeks.

As my last admonition of the New Year, let me say, Stay Warm, Stay Well and Happy New Year to all of you, Lakeview!

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## January and February Birthdays

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
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

## January and February Anniversaries

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

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 \$7,133  
Income for December \$8,838

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 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.

Thank you. Finance Committee