



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 praying the Lord's Prayer. Those present in addition to Bud were Pastor Richie, Don Wilson, Ron Colby, Wayne Kersey, Jeff Ekstrom, Dick and Linda Thompson, and Marilyn Morton. Motion (Jeff/Don) carried to accept the November minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report for November was distributed, and motion carried (Wayne/Linda) 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. The Kroger Community Rewards Program has been set up for Lakeview and several persons are already signed up. If anyone needs help in getting their name added to the list, Dick Thompson will be happy to assist them.

Trustees – The parsonage phone has been changed over to Suddenlink, so the church

and parsonage phones will be ready to go by the end of the week. Also, the internet is up and ready to go - we will have a meeting shortly to determine passwords, how to use it, etc.

Worship – A special thank you to all those who helped decorate the church for the Advent Season.

Outreach – To date we have part of our list of families for Christmas baskets, and anticipate receiving the remainder of the names shortly. Thanks to all those who volunteered to take a family. Plans are to provide a ham or turkey for each family with monies collected.

PS/PRC – We continue to work on filling the pianist position at the church – a couple of leads are being checked into.

Persons wishing to participate in a cash Christmas gift to our staff are asked to get it in to our treasurer in the next two Sundays.

Parsonage - Plans are to install new commodes and flooring in the bathrooms at

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the parsonage. Also, some painting and minor repair work is taking place.

Pastor's Report – The pastor, Wayne Kersey and Tom McClure (Humphreys) attended a workshop on starting small group meetings in our churches. It was a very informative meeting and plans are to initiate this at our church.

Miscellaneous - The way our prayer chain has been operating is less than efficient. Therefore, we anticipate reevaluating things - perhaps do it by text, e-mail, group text, etc. Karen Kersey has volunteered to work on this.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

While the days before our Christmas celebration are waning, all of our busyness will be coming to a close. We will celebrate the birth of Christ, singing carols, attending services, and spending time with our family and friends.

Ron Colby is heading our Christmas Basket effort (as he and Marilyn have for many years) and is handing out the names of those families who have asked for our help this Christmas season. It is our honor and privilege to provide for the needy among us, we, who are so blessed. Thanks for your help each year in this ministry.

Karen Ekstrom and Tara Lane transported the Lakeview Youth Group to the Saint Albans Festival of Lights so they could volunteer there last Sunday evening. Those hours will count as part of their community service requirements for graduation. So, we give thanks to Drew and Hayden Lane, Tanner and Mason Ekstrom and Rhianna and

Rhylee Turturice our youth who participated in this project.

Lakeview members also helped out this year at the Hospice House Annual Love Light Tree project at the Charleston Town Center. Thanks, Ruthie Anderson, Doris Herscher, Dick and Linda Thompson, Don and Karen Wilson, Bill and Fran Casto, Barbara and Dave Koontz and Don and Marilyn Morton. The time you spent there was much appreciated by the coordinator.

We also give thanks for those of Lakeview who rang the bells on Friday, December 2 for the Salvation Army at the S.A. Kmart. They are: Richard Paxton, Bud Newbrough, Jeane Ann Herscher and friend, Don and Marilyn Morton, Don and Karen Wilson, Karen and Tanner Ekstrom and Drew Lane, Wayne Kersey and Ron Colby.

Those Secret Christmas elves who decorated our Bulletin Boards also are due a round of applause. Thank you so much. They look great!

Thanks to Linda Martin and her friend Jack Ancion who created and displayed the snowmen (and pumpkins) at the Riverlake Entrance. They, too look great!

Don't forget, Lakeview!

Christmas Cantata, "Mary, Did You Know?" will be presented by the combined Lakeview and Humphreys Choirs in Worship on December 11 at Lakeview at 10:00 am and again on December 18 at Humphreys at 11:30 am.

Children's Christmas program will be presented on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm. There will be a light supper followed by the Children's program.

Christmas Eve service, December 24, combined with Humphreys will be 6 pm at Lakeview.

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Christmas Day service, combined with Lakeview will be at 11:30 am at Humphreys.

Please remember to bring sox, hats, mittens, and gloves or mittens to the Jesse tree. These items will be donated to the folks at the Sojourners Shelter. Thank you for sharing. We thank Don Griffith who is our contact and deliverer of these items and the Kids Kits to the Sojourner House.

The Saint Albans Walk/Run for Hunger, which was supported by our church to the tune of \$350.00, was multiplied with other donations so that Christ's Kitchen, Jericho House, and the Saint Albans Food Pantry each received \$1700.00 to continue their work. God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

The men of Lakeview (and some women and children) have volunteered over the summer and fall and spring of the year to keep Lakeview's grass neatly mowed and trimmed. If we paid to have it mowed, it would cost us approximately \$60.00 per week for usually 30 weeks per year. That is a savings of about \$1800.00 per year. That is what this reporter calls being good stewards. Thanks, good people of Lakeview!!! Let us also give a big round of thanks to Dave Koontz who plants and trims the shrubs and flowers.

We are grateful for Dave Koontz's successful knee surgery and his return to good health and mobility.

We continue to pray for Marilyn Colby's recovery from her recent stroke.

We continue to pray for Charlie Fry, who was recently hospitalized and for Carol who takes care of Charlie.

We continue to pray for Cameron Ashley's recovery from his automobile accident.

We are grateful for Bill Casto's recovery from surgery on his carotid artery.

We are grateful for Don Wilson who continues to publish this newsletter and does a good job of it. Thanks, Don.

As this year draws to a close, this reporter would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2017!!



Kid Kits

Items to include into your Kid Kits

- 16 Count Crayons
- Pad of Paper
- Coloring Book
- 2 Pencils
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Comb or Brush
- Stuffed Animal
- Children's Book

FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget	\$7,533
Income for November	\$7,005

All bills are paid in full.

If you have any questions concerning the budget, please see any member of the Finance Committee.

Thank you. Finance Committee



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Starting Tuesday morning, September 13 – around 8:30 a.m. we will have COFFEE & CONVERSATION at the church.

It will be a time for a leisurely cup of coffee (or tea), a chance to visit and get to know each other better, plus an opportunity to invite neighbors to join us.

Sponsored by Family Ministries

CHURCH CALENDAR

Linda Thompson has assumed the responsibility of keeping the church calendar for managing the facilities of the church.

We are trying to schedule rooms and etc. so we do not have two or more persons or groups trying to use the same facility at the same time.

Please call me at 304-727-3723 or 304-546-8460 or Email lindathompson1@gmail.com to reserve a room or any part of the church. At the same time let her know if you need heat, air conditioning or kitchen facilities and at what time.

Thanks very much
Linda Thompson

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so very much for the many prayers, cards, flowers, food, visits and time. Also, for taking care of Worship Committee responsibilities and preparing the church for Advent.

A very special thanks to Pastor Richie.

It has been a wonderful blessing to our family to be part of this church!

Ron & Marilyn Colby

December and January Anniversaries

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

December and January Birthdays

BUZZ KNAPP	12/4
ELIZABETH BOBBERA	12/7
DARYL SCHOTT	12/7
DICK WEBB	12/12
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
CHARLI RUSSELL	1/12
DAVID POE	1/13
RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
JANET PENNINGTON	1/25
EVAN ROWE	1/26
TANNER EKSTROM	1/28
TOMMY ATKINSON	1/29

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