



Lakeview NEWS

November 2017

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, Karen & Wayne Kersey, Dick & Linda Thompson, Barbara Robinette, Ron Colby, James Rose, and Marilyn Morton. Motion (Don/Wayne) carried to accept the October minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report for October was distributed, and motion (Ron/Dick) carried to accept the report. All bills for the month have been paid.

Finance – The 2018 Pledge Drive will start on Sunday, November 12th. There will be an approx. 2.36% increase in the budget for the 2018 year.

Trustees – The project of painting in the multi-purpose room and installing molding is finished, and the next project the trustees will be working on is "doors" ---some of which need to be adjusted.

Also, we are considering having members of the congregation adopt a segment of the bushes on church property and being responsible for trimming and their upkeep.

Nurture- Our Thanksgiving Dinner was held on Sunday, the 5th and we had 100 persons+ attending. We collected more than 100 cans of food and it was delivered to Christ's Kitchen.

Family Ministries – Barbara is researching a play for the youth to present for the Christmas Program.

Plans are to have a covered dish dinner, a play and a 'make & take workshop' where adults can connect with the kids. This will be a "CHRISTMAS FAM JAM" on Sunday December 17th, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Children's Church is staffed through the end of the year.

PS/PRC – We welcome David Williams as our new pianist.

We checked out an electric piano in our area that we knew to be offered for sale – however, it did not meet our needs, so we are still searching for one for use in our rehearsal/music room.

Outreach – To date fourteen Christmas Baskets have been assigned, and we will get the names the week after Thanksgiving. The quilt raffle brought in \$325 which will be used

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to purchase hams and turkeys for the baskets.

Pastor's Report- Charge Conference will be 3 pm, November 12th at St Andrews Church.

Plans are to have a regular Sunday Christmas service at 10 am on Christmas Eve, December 24th and not have an evening service.

The list of officers for next year will be issued shortly.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

"Come ye thankful people, come." And come they did to Lakeview's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 4 this year! Over a hundred people came to share in the delicious food and the warm fellowship. They also brought an abundance of canned food to share with our friends at the Food Pantry located at St. Mark's Church in Saint Albans. Ron Colby offered another of his mother, Amy Colby, quilts for sale by silent auction. The quilt earned a whopping \$ 325.00 to buy hams and turkeys for Lakeview's Christmas Basket effort this year. Fran Casto was the lucky winner of the quilt and we thank her for her generous contribution. It was a great time for all. Many thanks to the Nurture Committee and especially Linda and Dick Thompson for all the hard work required to pull this off each year.

People have been disappearing from the congregation, this reporter notices. When I asked where Noreda and Jack Bowman were, I was told they will be back in April after spending the winter in Florida. And Mary and Bill Rose will be heading south in the very near future also. Anyone else turning into a snowbird???

The Lakeview Choir, headed by our Tracie Atkinson, is busy preparing a Cantata along with the Humphreys UMC Choir to be performed at Lakeview on December 10 and at Humphreys on December 17. Dave Williams will be our accompanist and we hope the congregations will enjoy! Sheila Gannoe leads Humphreys' Choir.

We were so happy to celebrate Dot Hamon's 90th birthday recently. Then we worried as she then underwent surgery near her eye for skin cancer. But after a couple of doctor's visits, she is declared free of cancer and on the road to recovery. Praise God!

Juanita Webb was walking wonderfully well after a recent knee replacement. Praise God!

Candy Morgan will be undergoing a knee replacement on November 28 which will be complicated by the fact she needs to have a rod in her leg removed during the surgery. So we ask for prayer for a successful replacement and a smooth easy recovery for Candy. Candy, Pastor Richie and Tracie's aunt, has been so good to share her beautiful voice with us over the past several years. Praise God!

We ask for healing prayer for Dave Ashley's grandbaby who recently had skull surgery and will be wearing a helmet for a year.

Thanks to Jeff Ekstrom (and helpers?) for adding the new moulding to the multipurpose room floor. It added that finishing touch to the new paint job in that space.

We thank those who work continually to keep our church buildings and grounds in tip top condition. When we do that, we show our commitment to our God and our community. Dick Thompson, our chairperson of the Trustees, is continually looking to show good stewardship by monitoring our utility usage and by making the building comfortable for those who use it. Thanks, Dick.

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We give thanks for the beautiful new bulletin boards that are now gracing our hallways, and for the decorations that lead us into Riverlake. For those who seek to improve and beautify our spaces, we give thanks.

For those who do jobs month after month, year after year, because they need doing with little or no recognition, we give thanks.

For new babies being born, great grands for the Castos and Helen Cherry, we give thanks and praise. We give thanks for recovered hurts and ills, for children and grandchildren visits, for successful surgeries, for beautiful weather, for all the things God gives us every day, we give THANKS!

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Have you ever thanked anyone for their faithful service to the church? Have you ever recognized the person who comes to choir practice most Wednesday nights of the year and sings most Sunday mornings of the year? Have you ever thanked the person who bakes the delicious desserts we so eagerly eat at our church dinners? Have you ever noticed the person who helps out in the church nursery even though their children are long gone from the congregation? Have you seen the person who changes the paraments and banners for the different seasons of the church year? Do you know or care about the person who keeps the minutes of our church meetings over the course of a lifetime? Or how about the person who plans and hosts the Adults Night Out gatherings every time we have one. Or how about the person who publishes the church newsletter every month. And do you notice the person who brings whatever is requested every single time there is a need announced?

It takes ALL of us here at Lakeview to contribute in many small ways to make this a loving and giving church. When we do those things and when we thank and recognize those folks who take on these challenges, we are serving our God. We have been blessed so abundantly in so many ways, let us always remember to be thankful. And while we are at it, why don't we remember to recognize some of these folks.

FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget	\$7,775
Income for October*	\$8,455

* includes \$2,113 from yard sale

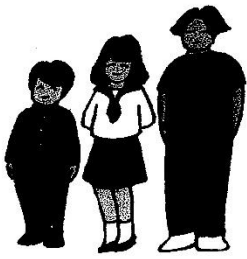
All bills are paid in full.

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

Thank you. Finance Committee

2018 Budget and Pledge Drive

The budget for Lakeview United Methodist Church for 2018 is \$95,500. This is a 2.36% increase from 2017. The increase is due to increases in utilities, maintenance, staff support and ministerial support. There is a small decrease in Conference Apportionment for 2018 compared to 2017. Our pledge drive to meet the 2018 budget will begin on Sunday, Nov. 12. A packet of information will be given out to the congregation. Please return your pledge card by December 17, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the finance committee. The members of the finance committee are listed in the packet that will be distributed. Thank you for your financial support.



Kid Kits

Items to include into your Kid Kits

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

November and December Anniversaries

IDDINGS	11/11
COLBY	12/23
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGH	12/28

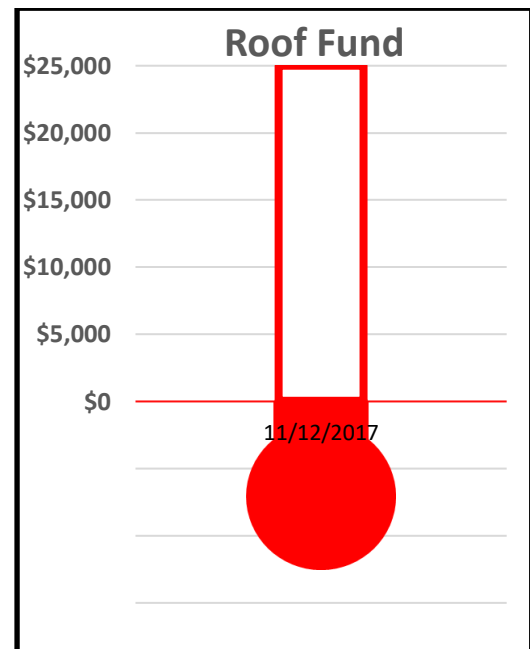
November and December Birthdays

RYLEE MCNIEL	11/10
DYLAN BACCUS	11/11
BOB CARPENTER	11/13
JOHN MCCORMICK	11/15
SIS BAILEY	11/17
TRACIE ATKINSON	11/21
BRAD DAVIS	11/29
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

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

ROOF FUND

The roof over the multipurpose room, kitchen, choir room and classroom/nursery is approximately 20+ years old and will need to be replaced in the next few years (a major repair was made this spring). The cost for replacement is estimated to be around \$25,000. A Roof Fund has been established to accept donations toward replacing this roof. If you would like to make a donation, please give it to Jeff or Karen Ekstrom and designate it for the Roof Fund. Thank You.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS RE-ENROLLMENT

Lakeview United Methodist church participates in Kroger's Community Rewards program where Kroger will provide funds to local churches, schools, and other local community organizations. If you are participating in this program, it is time for your annual re-enrollment. For instructions, go to:

http://lakeviewunitedmethodistchurch.net/s_tewardship.html

If you have any questions or need assistance, please see Dick Thompson or Don Wilson