



Lakeview NEWS

December 2017

Lakeview United Methodist Church

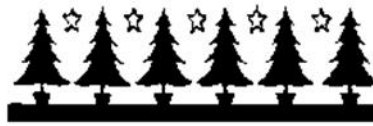
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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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, Ron Colby, and Marilyn Morton. Motion (Ron/Don) carried to accept the November minutes as printed.

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

Finance – The 2018 Pledge Drive is underway and plans are to remind the congregation that we are hoping to finish up before Christmas.

Trustees – Plans are to buy a remote thermostat control so that we can more efficiently take care of heating/air conditioning of the education side of the church.

Nurture- We currently have both boys/girls' basketball groups using the multi-purpose room for practice.

Family Ministries – On Sunday, December 17th, 5:30-7:30 pm we will have "CHRISTMAS FAM JAM" at the church. The committee met and divided up responsibilities for a covered dish dinner, an activity by the youth, and a "make & take workshop" where both kids and adults can participate.

This will be a great time to connect with and nurture the youth of our church.

There was discussion regarding leadership for Family Ministries starting in 2018 – several suggestions were entertained – Pastor Richie and council members inputted suggestions, but no conclusion was reached.

Outreach – To date eighteen Christmas Baskets have been assigned, and names have been provided. A list of items suggested for the baskets has been distributed and plans are to have the baskets delivered by December 21st.

PS/PRC – The Berg family (former members of the church) donated a piano for use in the choir room. Thanks to Pastor Richie, Jeff Ekstrom and John Humphreys it has been moved to the choir room.

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Pastor's Report- The officers list for 2018 was distributed to those in attendance.

Kathi McCormick will be Chairperson of the Administrative Council in 2018. Some discussion took place regarding changing the meeting night – no definite decision was made.

Plans are to have a regular Sunday Christmas Service at 10 am on Christmas Eve, December 24th (there will not be an evening service). Plans are to handle Humphries church in the same manner.

We are currently working on the Women's Conference to be held at Lakeview in April 2018 and planning the 5k run sometime in May 2018.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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Can it really be December? Yes, I guess it must be. Lakeview is decorated for Christmas and we lit the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope. So yes, I guess it is December. We thank Mary Ferguson and Franki Noble for their help with this ritual. Yes, this is the season of hope, when we place all of our hopes in the birth of the Christ Child, who was born to save us from our sins. We reach out to our community in this season of hope to share our good will and our blessings with those less fortunate.

Lakeview, for many years, has manned the **Love Light Tree** at the Charleston Town Center, which gives people the opportunity to donate to **Hospice Care** in honor or memory of loved ones who had need of this service throughout the year. A grateful heart is extended to those who once again helped with this project.

Lakeview has also manned the **Salvation Army** bell ringing project at the local K-Mart

for many years. This reporter can remember ringing bells in South Charleston at the Kroger store a loooooong time ago. Again, we are grateful for those folks who make this a part of their Christmas service.

Another opportunity to help those in need is our **JESSE TREE** in the back of the church. It is laden with hats, scarves, mittens, sox, and gloves and anything else that may be needed for the cold months coming. These items will be distributed to the **Sojourners Shelter**, the same entity that gets our Kids Kits. Sojourners serves those women and families in crisis all through the year and we are blessed to assist them at Christmas.

But most important of all, perhaps, is the **CHRISTMAS BASKET** project. Lakeview will be providing baskets to 18 families this year. We thank all of you who consider this the most important outreach of the year and find it rewarding to help those who have a hard time in life. Ron and Marilyn Colby have headed this project for many years and we are blessed by their service. Be sure to ask Ron how you can help.

The Annual Children's Christmas program will be held on December 17 at the church. This will be a Covered Dish Dinner at 5:30 pm full of fun, food, fellowship and a chance to share with your church family. We hope YOU will be there, whether or not you have children.

We are blessed to see our young people growing up! Tanner Ekstrom and Samantha Humphreys now have driver's licenses and we pray God's safety on them. Ally Poe, along with many classmates, was inducted into South Charleston's HS version of the National Honor Society (Sorry, Ally, its name escapes me.) Congratulations to these fine young people.

We ask for prayer for Noreda and Jack Bowman who are confronting health issues with Jack's recent diagnosis. And we include

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son Byron (and Sarah) Bowman in this request.

We are joyous that John Carr has finished his course of treatments and we look forward to seeing John in church soon.

We pray for healing for Candy Morgan who recently had a knee replacement.

Here we are, at the close of another year. It has been, like all years, full of joy and happiness as well as grief and sadness. We have faced natural disasters in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico and terrible fires on the West Coast. And yet, the candle of hope burns on. This reporter wishes you and yours a blessed Christmas as well as a wonderful New Year. May God bless us all in 2018.

FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget \$7,775
Income for November \$6,599

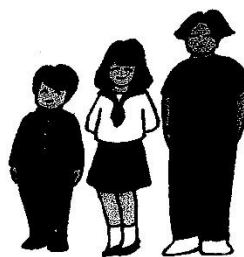
All bills are paid in full.

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 Reminder

The budget for Lakeview United Methodist Church for 2018 is \$95,500. This is a 2.36% increase from 2017. **Please return your pledge card by December 17, 2017.** If you have misplaced your pledge card or have any questions, please see Don Wilson. **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

December and January Anniversaries

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

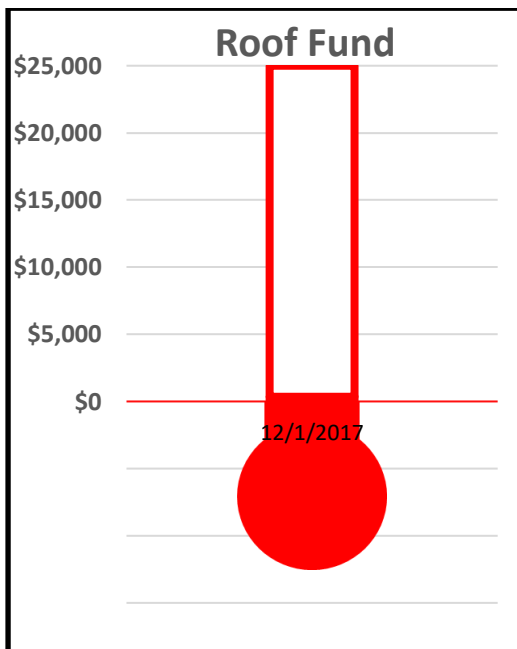
December and January Birthdays

BUZZ KNAPP	12/4
ELIZABETH BOBERA	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
LESLIE BODEN	1/12
CHARLI RUSSELL	1/12
DAVID POE	1/13
RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
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.

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/stewardship.html>

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