



# Lakeviews

## March 2017

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 Don Wilson, Wayne Kersey, Dick Thompson and Marilyn Morton. Motion (Don/Wayne) carried to accept the February minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report for February 2017 was distributed, and motion (Wayne/Don) carried to accept the report.

**PS/PRC** – Committee met and discussed several items. We will continue our search for a piano player and plans are to work on our area of concern –the youth of our church – perhaps children's church during the main service time, a children's choir, handbells, etc.

**Nurture** - Thanks to all who helped with the dinner following the Colby funeral.

Plans are underway for the Easter Sunrise breakfast which will be held at Lakeview this year.

**Trustees** – Church clean-up will be handled much like last year- this will include a job jar for families to choose a job and handle at their convenience.

Several small electrical jobs have been taken care of, plus some outside work also.

The main water valve in the original part of the church has been rebuilt – making it easier to shut the water off in part of the church, rather than the entire building.

The grass mowing schedule has been posted and ready for volunteers.

### NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

March blew in like a lion but since then, the weather has calmed down a bit. It is starting to look like spring, even though our winter has been blessedly mild. I know we are all grateful for the coming of spring. The daffodils are blooming fiercely and we are grateful for each blossom.

It should be noted that Tanner and Mason Ekstrom were the young men that planted all of the bulbs you see around the church.

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

We are grateful for them, the boys, and for the grandpa who helped make that happen. Incidentally, Tanner Ekstrom is making a name for himself in Cross Country circles. You Go, Tanner!

Ash Wednesday began the season of Lent with the imposition of ashes to many folks from both Humphreys and Lakeview. Pastor Richie and our songbird, Tracie, provided an inspiring service. Additionally, Pastor Richie has started a Lenten Bible study at Lakeview at 6 pm on Sunday evenings. The book, *Gods at War* by Kyle Idleman, will undoubtedly provide lively discussion.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was delicious and provided 200 cans of food that was shared equally between Saint Albans Food Pantry and Humphrey's Food Pantry. Many of the cans donated were protein products which are always needed at these pantries. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

A report from Hospice Care revealed that the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Love Light Tree this year surpassed expectations and raised \$127,000 to support their important work. Their goal was \$100,000 for 2016. So you can see that sitting at the Love Light Tree in the Town Center mall is beneficial to as many as 2,500 patients and their families in a 16 county service area. Thank you, Lakeview, for supporting this project.

We are proud of our swimmers, Samantha Humphreys from SAHS and Ally Poe from SCHS who competed in the WV Championship Swimming Meet.

We are also proud of Adam Poe from WVU, who competed in the Big XII College Championship Swimming Meet in Austin, TX!

Mike and Keelin Kistner have happily announced the birth of a new baby expected

in May. The new little one will join siblings Sam, Sadie and Nolan. Congratulations to the Kistner Family!

We continue to ask for prayer for those in our congregation who are struggling with health issues.

We pray for healing for Carol and Charlie Fry, for Linda Thompson, for Larry and Sheryl France, for Dottie Hamon, for Cameron Ashley, Carol Harvester, and John Carr.

We rejoice with both Bill Casto who celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday recently and Dick and Juanita Webb who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently. God is good. The Bowmans, Noreda and Jack, are not far behind with their anniversary of 59 years.

Don't forget to sign up to help out at Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for June 18-22. We so appreciate Tara Lane who is heading up VBS for the third consecutive year. God is good.

Happy Lent, Happy Spring to all. As we await our Easter Celebration, let us enjoy the warmer weather, the spring flowers and the blooming trees. Hallelujah!

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### FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget	\$7,533
Income for February	\$11,956*

\* Some families paid their entire 2017 pledge in February.

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

## GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

We are starting a new feature in the Newsletter. Each month we will remind you of someone in the past or currently who has made a huge contribution to our church. This month's nominee is Charlie Fry. This reporter has known Charlie Fry for close to 50 years. One of the things that I will always remember is that Charlie was a peacemaker whenever controversy reared its ugly head. Additionally, Charlie has blessed the choir with his beautiful voice for close to 50 years. He has served in many areas in the administration of Lakeview, always quietly, with a genuine Christian approach. Lakeview is indebted to Charlie for his service and the church is the richer for it. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Congratulations, Charlie!!



### 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

## Church Lawn Mowing Schedule

The church lawn mowing schedule for 2017 has been posted on the easel in the sanctuary. **Please sign up.** The dates listed are the Mondays of the week we ask you to mow the lawn. The church's riding lawn mower is available and can mow the lawn quickly, if you wish to use it. It is parked in the building behind the parsonage.



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Tuesday morning, 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.

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### March and April Anniversaries

WEBB	3/1
POE	4/9
ASHLEY	4/10
GRIFFITH	4/15

### March and April Birthdays

LINDA MARTIN	3/4
DICK THOMPSON	3/10
JUDY BELCHER	3/13
ANNIE COLBY HEDGES	3/13
BRENT KERSEY	3/14
TOM FERGUSON	3/15
KENNY BOWYER	3/16
EMILY GRIFFITH	3/17
SHERRY KNAPP	3/20
SALLY WHITE	3/23
CARRIE FERGUSON	
KELLEY	3/23
TYLER BROWN	3/24
SAMANTHA	
HUMPHREYS	3/26
JUDY STRAWDERMAN	3/27
ROBERT ROWE JR	3/27
DAVEY GIPE	3/28
ALLI THAXTON	4/10
BOBBY MCCORMICK	4/13
TREVOR MAHER	4/17
DON MORTON	4/18
JOHN CARR	4/20
BILL ROSE	4/21
KAREN EKSTROM	4/22
ROBIN BLACK	4/23
BARB ROBINETTE	4/23
CAROL FRY	4/26

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.