



Lakeview

NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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April Showers Bring May Flowers



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Bud Newbrough and opened with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer. Those present in addition to Bud were Pastor Richie, Don Wilson, Wayne and Karen Kersey, Dick & Linda Thompson and Marilyn Morton. Motion (Linda/Wayne) carried to accept the March minutes as printed.

Finance – We received \$151 for the quarter from Kroger's (this money is from Lakeview's members who signed up to participate in the Kroger Community Awards program).

Don said he has had an inquiry regarding the possibility of putting some of our current funds in the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc. This would allow the church to draw some interest on these funds. There was some discussion and Don will bring this option up at the next Finance Committee meeting and report back to Council.

PS/PRC – To date we have not obtained a person to fill the pianist position at the church. We are still working on this.

Family Ministries – The committee met and several members accepted responsibilities.

- (1) Karen Wilson will handle the nursery schedule.
- (2) Barbara Robinette will be responsible for the Easter Egg Hunt and producing a children's Christmas play.
- (3) Tara Lane will chair Bible School.
- (4) Children's church will be started again in April and Karen Ekstrom had the first session on Sunday the 2nd. Karen Kersey arranged for literature to be used and the first six months have been assigned.
- (5) It was discussed whether or not the older youth might be interested in a mission trip, but it was decided that this will be put on hold for a year or two.
- (6) The committee will meet once a month to keep current with their projects (both to critique how they are progressing and perhaps make some additions).
- (7) Family Ministries is currently working on the church's prayer chain – trying to make it more inclusive, more effective and more automated. Karen Kersey will head this project.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-Cont'd

Trustees – The trustees have the lawn mower ready to be used for grass cutting.

The job jar for Spring Clean-Up has been posted and many people have signed up to help.

Nurture – Sunrise Easter Service will be at 7 am at Lakeview church, with Easter breakfast to follow.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Tex Frye will conduct Maundy Thursday Service at Humphreys, 7 pm, April 13.

Pastor Richie will have Good Friday Service at Lakeview, 7 pm, April 14.

Pastor Richie closed the meeting with prayer.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Beautiful April weather, you say? I think not! Rain, wind and snow have crossed our paths these last few days and we are looking for sunshine and cloudless skies and warmth! As we head into Holy Week and Christ's Passion, perhaps we will quit worrying about the weather and consider all that Christ went through to save us from our sins. Happy Palm Sunday and Happy Easter to All!

For your information, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday at Humphreys United Methodist Church at 7 pm. Good Friday Service will be at Lakeview United Methodist Church at 7 pm.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast will be held at Lakeview with Humphreys UMC Congregation as our guests. Be sure to prepare a little extra so that all will be well fed.

Easter Worship will be held as usual at 10:00 am with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held for the children immediately afterward. It is always such fun to watch the little ones looking for the eggs.

We thank all of those who make these events possible.

We thank Pastor Richie for providing the Lenten Book Study this year. I am sure those who attended are grateful for the experience.

We thank Tracie and Tommy Atkinson as they have worked with the choir to provide special music for the Easter season. Those in the choir are especially grateful for their contributions.

Also, included in this list of thank yous is James Rose who provided a thoughtful sermon the Sunday that Pastor Richie was helping at the Emmaus Walk.

We are grateful to Wayne Kersey, Mary Ferguson, Sarah Bowman and Franki Noble who now call themselves Emmaus Pilgrims.

We ask for prayer for John Carr and Mary who are awaiting news from the Cleveland Clinic as to the treatment of his cancer.

We continue to ask for healing prayer for Dottie Hamon, Linda Thompson, Cameron Ashley, Charlie Fry, Marilyn Colby, Ally Poe, Kenny Bowyer, Barbara Smith and her dog Fuzzy, Fran Casto, Pastor Richie and all of those in our midst who need it.

As we await the Resurrection, let us sing songs of praise, pray words of peace and consider always WWJD (What would Jesus do) as we walk these glorious days of spring.

FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget	\$7,533
Income for March	\$7,159

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

Can you think of someone in our church who watches over our building like a hawk from his perch high above? Can you think of someone who served as Chairperson of the Trustees for many years, someone who has roofed roofs, someone who planted flowers, shrubs and trees, who crafted beautiful windows, who served as Sunday School Superintendent for years, someone who has painted miles of walls, mowed acres of grass, taking on these tasks as an example of Christian service rather than a burden? Well, if you can't, I can. This man is clever to nearly always include children, sons in law, grandchildren and others he can buttonhole to get the job done and teach them how to be useful. Congratulations, Dave Koontz, thou good and faithful servant. Well done!



immediately after the Children's Sermon every Sunday for all elementary children.



Remember the
Easter Egg Hunt
after our Easter Service
Family Ministries

Vacation Bible School

June 18 – 22

Save the Date! Family Ministries



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.

Sponsored by Family Ministries

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

April and May Anniversaries

POE	4/9
ASHLEY	4/10
GRIFFITH	4/15
THAXTON	5/5
BODEN	5/20
CASTO	5/26
KERSEY	5/29

April and May Birthdays

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
CAITLYN ASHLEY	5/6
HOLLIE FERGUSON	
BACCHUS	5/8
TIM FERGUSON	5/8
SANDY ASHLEY	5/9
LAURA POE	5/12
FRAN CASTO	5/13
VIOLET SMITH	5/14
MARY ROSE	5/17
SANDY ROBERTS	5/19
SARAH BOWMAN	5/19
ASHLEY WILSON	5/20
AMY HUMPHREYS	5/22
STEPHANIE GIPE	5/26
JEFF EKSTROM	5/28
MARILYN MORTON	5/28
LINDA THOMPSON	5/28

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

Lakeview Church MTD Riding Lawn Mower

The Church-riding mower is ready to go. I changed oil and charged the battery.

It is located in the shed under the parsonage deck. Call for the combination or check your email I sent. On the right door inside is a Maintenance Log sheet. It is hard to

maintain a piece of equipment when multiple persons are using it. Please look at the log and if you do any of the listed item just check it off and put the date in so we can keep track of what has and has not been done.

Please bring your own gas and leave it full for the next person. Please check the oil while on a level surface. It uses 10W-30 Oil. Add as needed. There is a half of a quart on the shelf by the mower if needed.

If it does not start or has a problem please notify Dick Thompson so we can take care of it.

There is a gas valve on the left side of the motor in the gas line that needs to be closed after each use and opened before starting. If it is not shut off gas could leak through the lines and into the engine oil causing major problems.

In order to start it you must be in neutral gear, and be sitting in the seat (there is a switch under the seat), Have the blades raised all the way up to the last notch on the lever and the clutch pushed in with your left foot. Pull out the manual choke and turn the key.

Our resident expert on maintaining our lawn, Mr. John Carr, has asked us to cut the grass at a height of about two to three inches. This will make the lawn a lot healthier and help in reducing the weeds.

If you need training on the riding mower please call me and I will be glad to do it. Good luck and be safe

Dick Thompson, Lakeview Trustee

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Kroger has donated \$151 to Lakeview United Methodist Church for their Community Rewards program for the quarter. The more people that signup, the more Kroger will donate. If you need help in signing up, please contact Dick Thompson.