

Lakeview United Methodist Church



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**December 2019**



*“Come Let Us Adore”*

Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Tracie Atkinson, Director

Dave Williams, Organist



*The Lost and Found Christmas*

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner at 5pm....baked potatoes + toppings! Cookies and hot cocoa for dessert**

Children's Play: "The Lost and Found Christmas"

**We will end the evening in the sanctuary singing Christmas carols together**



Annual Pledge Drive

If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please prayerfully consider the amount you can give in the coming year. Thank you for supporting Lakeview United Methodist Church and its ministries.



## Notes from the Unknown Reporter...

December 2019

Norma Newbrough, our “Unknown Reporter” is recuperating while receiving therapy following a stay in the hospital. Our prayers are with Norma, and Bud too.

We grieve the loss of Ron Colby, a dedicated and wonderful member of Lakeview United Methodist Church. He was always ready to lend a helping hand and had such a generous spirit. He headed up our Christmas Basket ministry and will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with his wife, Marilyn, son Andrew, and daughter Annie.

Thank you to everyone who has mailed a Flat Stanley letter to the third graders we’re supporting at Andrews Heights Elementary. They have a bulletin board up in the hall with all the letters posted. Mrs. Loftis, one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers, reports that students are very excited about and appreciative of all the mail.

Special thanks to our PALS readers who read Sylvester and the Magic Pebble last Wednesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Each student received a copy of the book to add to their “home library.” Reading excitement is in the air!

Special appreciation to Mona Iddings who agreed to bolster the alto section for the Christmas Cantata. Thank you!



## Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays at 8:30 at the church



## Christmas Eve Service at Lakeview United Methodist

6:00 pm



## Christmas Baskets

If you haven’t already signed up to sponsor a Christmas basket, it’s not too late. Lakeview will be teaming up with St. Paul’s Missionary Baptist Church this year to help provide 62 baskets for residents of Riverview Towers at the loop. For consistency among the residents, a specific list of food and household items has been created. The portion we need to provide costs about \$25 per basket. See Wayne Kersey to get signed up and receive the list of items. Basket items need to be taken to our church the afternoon of Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

# Notes from the December Administrative Council Meeting, 2019

## Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bud Newbrough and opened with prayer. The minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting were distributed with Motion made to accept (Wayne/Marilyn) and was unanimously approved.

## Treasurer's Report - Jeff Ekstrom

The treasurer's report for November was distributed. The December apportionment has been written and will be 100% for the year. The church finances are very healthy. A discussion was held regarding "other outreach" and what amount was due on the books for PALS. Jeff will ask Karen about the invoice. Pledges for 2020 are coming in. Motion was made to accept the report (Wayne/Deborah) and it was unanimously accepted.

## Finance - Wayne Kersey

He will be getting information to Amy Humphreys from Don Wilson soon.

## PPR - Wayne Kersey

There will be a meeting soon regarding year end and regarding Christmas gifts for employees.

## Outreach - Nicole Hender

Nicole suggested that we use the kitchen that the church has to bring in new members to the church. For example, something like meals on wheels to cook meals for the elderly/sick/shut-in members of the congregation or friends of the congregation. The church could supply the food and we could use

volunteers to cook, pack and deliver the meals. Jeff suggested that we use other outreach funds.

Nicole also suggested that the church sponsor foster children for Christmas with NECCO foster care. This year all of the children were sponsored, but all were in agreement to look into this next year.

Christmas baskets - with Ron Colby's passing a discussion was held regarding how to complete his Christmas basket project for the year. It was decided to work with Alan Rezek who will send a list of what food we can supply and the food pantry will assemble and distribute the baskets this year.

Nicole Hender volunteered to be the new Outreach chair.

## Pastor's Report - Pastor Ritchie

- Ron Colby's funeral will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Alban Theater, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. The family will have a catered dinner in the multi-purpose room after the funeral.
- The children's Christmas program is December 15, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve service will be December 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeview church, not at Humphrey's church.

## Adjournment

Pastor Ritchie closed the meeting with prayer at 7:44 p.m.  
Minutes by Deborah Rowe