

Lakeview United Methodist Church



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November 2019



Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays at 8:30 at the church



The Lost and Found Christmas

Sunday, December 15th

Dinner at 5pm....bring your favorite topping for baked potatoes

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

Singing Christmas carols followed by hot chocolate & cookies



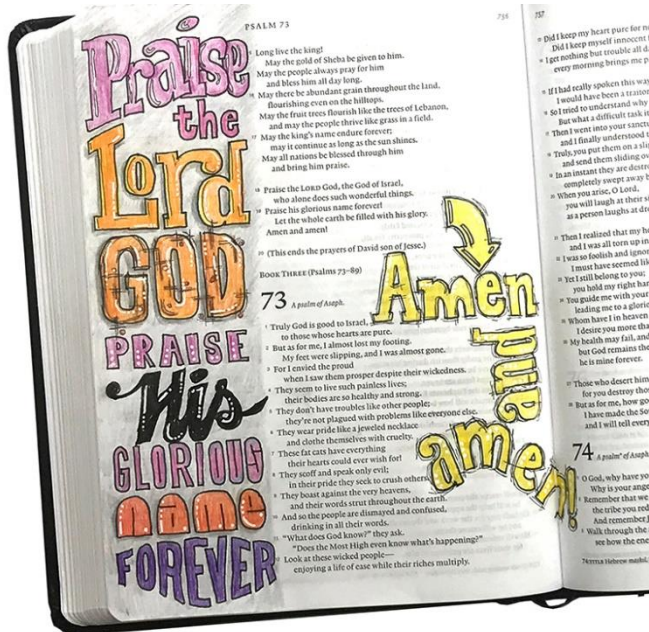
Annual Pledge Drive

Our pledge drive for 2020 is in full swing. Please prayerfully consider the amount you can give in the coming year, then complete and return the pledge card by December 1st.

Bible Journaling Thursdays at 9:00 am

Come check it out!

We have a devotion each week from Max Lucado's book, Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God



Notes from the Unknown Reporter...

November 2019

Isn't it funny how so many things to do, places to be, appointments to keep all pile together at this month of the year? And by funny, I don't mean funny, **ha ha**, I mean funny, **eek!** We'll be starting this season off with a bang with the annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on November 3, at 5:00 pm. We'll be collecting non-perishable food at the dinner for our local food pantries. But

anyone is invited to attend. Be sure to come and bring a friend.

Since this reporter posted the above note, the Thanksgiving Dinner has come and gone. It was wonderful, with a large crowd, delicious food, many guests from near and far and especially, a large donation of food for the local Food Pantry. We are so grateful for all the folks who put in the hard work of planning, recruiting, cooking, decorating, serving, and cleaning up. Another Thankful Thanksgiving Dinner! Hooray!

This is the season of Gratitude and Thankfulness and let us all remember to be thankful for our many blessings.

We had a successful 40 Family Yard Sale but alas, the turnout was a bit disappointing. The Bake Sale, headed by Ron Colby and Barbara Smith, hammered the Kitchen Breakfast Sale. It has been rumored that this was the last Yard Sale. Our total earned was over \$1,500.00. We give thanks for all of those who worked so hard to make it happen.

It was great to see all of the Journaling group's examples of their work after church on one Sunday morning. This group meets on Thursdays at 9 am. Come and Join them! The work was beautiful, BTW.

We ask for prayer for those of our congregation who are suffering the ravages of older age. The list grows longer each month and we send our thoughts and prayers to those who need them. It could be you! Yet, I noticed in the kitchen at our Thanksgiving Dinner several 80 year olds and even some 90 year olds. We are so grateful for those who keep on keeping on.

When Don and Karen Wilson started their new life in Knoxville, TN, several church responsibilities were vacated. One of those who stepped up to fill the Finance Committee until the end of this year was Wayne Kersey. The church is grateful for his service.

Congratulations to Tanner Ekstrom, Pastor Richie, and Ashley Wilson for running the Marshall University Half-Marathon!

So, Folks, go to your places, keep your appointments and do what needs to be done to greet the Christ Child in the coming weeks. Happy Thanksgiving, and an early Merry Christmas!

Notes from the November Administrative Council Meeting, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bud Newbrough and opened with prayer. The minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting were distributed and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Ekstrom

The treasurer's report for October was distributed and it was unanimously accepted. Extra income for the month includes \$1,569.20 from the yard sale and \$487.00 from 5K donations. Property insurance was paid this month. PALS has taken on \$314.42 to date. Pledges for 2020 are coming in.

Trustees: Dick Thompson

Nothing to report.

Finance: Wayne Kersey

The Pledge Drive for 2020 is on its third Sunday. Six packets remain to be delivered and will be delivered by the end of the week. Amy Humphreys has agreed to Chair Finance beginning in January 2020.

Miscellaneous: Wayne Kersey

There was a discussion at the last meeting to have Larry France to refinish the floors in the hall and multipurpose room. During refinishing, the kitchen was added at a cost of \$50.00.

Parsonage: Marilyn Morton

Nothing to report.

Nurture: Dick Thompson for Linda

The Thanksgiving dinner went well.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ritchie

- Christmas Eve service will be December 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Humphreys church.
- Humphreys church is having a New Years Eve event with a band that plays Big Band music with snacks, December 31, 2019 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.
- He will have the full list of chair nominations out before Christmas.
- PALS: He had fun reading aloud. The next read aloud event is November 13, 2019.
- He was asked by Lakewood Elementary school to be a mentor and has been going there to talk, play basketball, etc. with troubled youth.

Adjournment

Pastor Ritchie closed the meeting with prayer at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Deborah Rowe