



Lakeview

April 2008

NEWS

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Eric Milam, Pastor

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

In the absence of Chairperson Mary Ferguson, the meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Pastor Eric. Those present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Wayne Kersey, Jason & Robin Black, Pastor Eric Milam, Norma & Bud Newbrough, Fred McKinney, and Don & Marilyn Morton. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed (Ron /Bud).

Treasurer's Report - March was a good month income wise; however, we did not make a Conference Apportionment payment, but paid some of our local benevolences.

Finance - A letter was sent to our District Superintendent sharing the results of the vote taken by our congregation regarding a shared pastor.

A new roof has been contracted for at \$14,000 plus \$600 for new gutters. We currently have \$8,367 in a roof fund, and our intent is to continue bringing this to the focus of the congregation in order that people have an opportunity to give to this fund.

Christian Education - Programs are continuing as scheduled, with Bible School scheduled for July 6-10.

Family Ministries/Outreach - Committee met and discussed a survey which will be given to families requesting information about programs they would like to see Lakeview undertake.

Baskets were provided to five new families who moved into our area recently.

Nurture - The Nurture Committee will plan an after church coffee/punch time later in the month.

Parsonage - Dave Ashley is working on the parsonage lawn, and has installed a couple new locks on doors in the parsonage.

Pastor Eric has requested a meeting with the Parsonage and Trustee committees.

PS/PRC - The committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 17.

Trustees - The handicap bathroom is under construction and moving right

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along. Many volunteers are helping, with Joe Hudson serving as the catalyst that makes it possible for others to proceed with some of the work.

Thanks to Norma Newbrough/Marilyn Morton, the ladies bathroom has been given a new coat of paint.

Worship - The services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter were very meaningful services with good attendance (Thursday-36, Friday- a few less, Sunrise Service-41 and Easter Service-93). It was also noted that we had 20 children in attendance on Easter.

Thanks to the Wellness Committee for helping with the refreshments for the Friday evening service.

Next Sunday, April 6th, at 4 pm we will have an All Church Ham Potluck Dinner to chart the waters of Evangelism in this church and in our community.

Pastor's Report - Discussion regarding the GAP Fund (a money fund which allows the pastor to help persons in need who contact our church) resulted in a request to keep this as a priority and under study.

There was a mix up with delivery of the palms for worship service, and perhaps we need to look at alternate florists (as this is not the first incidence of a problem). It was agreed that the Worship Committee will look into this.

Thanks were expressed to Norma, Marilyn C. and Mary C. for their extra work during the Lenten Season.

We have been requested to fill out the Congregational Assessment Worksheet for the West Virginia Annual Conference. The remainder of the meeting was spent with those in attendance helping with this request.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Eric.

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Blessings abound at Lakeview this beautiful Easter season. We observed a very meaningful **Holy Thursday Tenebrae service**, the screening of the movie, *The Passion of the Christ* on Good Friday with the **Journey to the Cross**, and of course, the wonderful Easter Sunrise Service and outstanding **Easter Breakfast**. Many people were responsible for these events and their dedication to providing them makes **Easter at Lakeview** a memorable celebration. All of this, of course, is prior to the **Easter Worship** service where the black cloths of mourning were whisked away to reveal the **Resurrection of the Risen Christ! Hallelujah!** The children especially enjoyed the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** that included at least 20 of our youngsters.

We want to thank all those who made these events possible, especially **Pastor Eric** who throws his heart and soul into preparing for these services. So if you were in charge of something this year and had many congregants to help you, consider yourself thanked.

We are doubly blessed this Easter season with the announcement of a new baby on the way. **Pastor Eric and Nicole** will welcome a new child to their family in the late fall of 2008. We congratulate them both and wish good health to **Nicole and the wee one**. **Caleb** is about to get his sails trimmed!

Many thanks to **Bill and Fran Casto** who hosted the recent **Adults Night Out**, assisted by **Janet Painter** who had both professional and personal information to share that is needed when a loved one is lost. Her expertise was valuable for anyone who is not prepared for the

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inevitable. Thanks, Bill and Fran for this special meeting.

It was good to have the ailing **Jim, Frances and Richard Paxton** back in church!

It was also good to have **Charlie Fry**, but his recovery has been slow and his orders are to take it easy! At this writing, **Charlie** was taken back to the hospital for treatment of a staph infection. Prayers, please!

Dave Gipe, Sr. has been taken to **Health South** in Barboursville for recovery and rehabilitation since his diagnosis with Guillain-Barre syndrome. His address is:

David Gipe
Health South Rehabilitation
6900 W. Country Club Dr.
Huntington, WV 25705
Direct Telephone Num.: (304) 982-1885

We ask for prayers for **Daryl Schott** who recently suffered the trauma of an automobile accident. Thankfully, she was not injured!

Please remember **Mary Carr** who recently had an angioplasty. To see her smiling face one would never know that she struggles with health issues. Please keep **her and Johnny** in your prayers as they navigate the health care system.

And please remember to keep **Stephanie Gipe** in your prayers.

It has been a hard winter for many of our folks this season and we are grateful that spring is coming and flu season is waning.

Congratulations to **Chris and Frankie Noble** on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Claire Nicole**. The child was born to **Frankie's** daughter and her husband, **Nicci and Jeff Kelley**.

YOU'RE INVITED

You are invited to the wedding of Miss Rachel Call and Mr. Michael James Ervin on May 16, 2008 at six thirty in the evening at the Twin City Bible Church, One Hundred First Avenue, Nitro, West Virginia. You are invited in recognition of the fact that Michael grew up in this church. If you are interested in attending, please call Norma Newbrough at 727-7739 for a reservation. The reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Chilton House in Saint Albans. Please respond by May 8, so that your reservation may be placed.

ROOF FUND

To date, the Roof Fund has received \$8,367. The goal is \$14,600. The work will begin soon.

Please prayerfully consider additional giving to the Roof Fund in the coming months. Thank you and God bless.

Trustees & Finance Committee

The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Mar-08	\$8,496.95	\$6,848.94	\$0.00	\$352.22
Year-to-Date	\$23,327.90	\$23,818.47	\$0.00	

*Lakeview has not made a conference apportionment payment in 2008.

Lakeview United Methodist Church Prayer Chain 2008

Call for the Prayer

Fran Casto

Ron & Marilyn Colby
727-2667
550-6866-c

Dave & Barbara Koontz
727-6556

Jim Rose
722-5566
553-6516-c

Jim & Francis Paxton
727-3755

Ruth Anderson
727-8229

Helen Cherry
722-3642

Marilyn Morton

Pastor Eric
549-9447-c

Norma Newbrough
727-7739

Kathi McCormick
722-3659

Karen Wilson
722-5477
859-533-7859-c

Doris Herscher
727-8169

Charlie Fry

Dick & Linda Thompson
727-3723

Sis Bailey
722-3584

Dot Hamon
727-7186

Mary Ferguson
727-2817
549-1588-c

Vanessa Goodwin
722-3840

Matt Goodwin
304-415-0246 c

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact Norma Newbrough at 727-7739