



Lakeview NEWS

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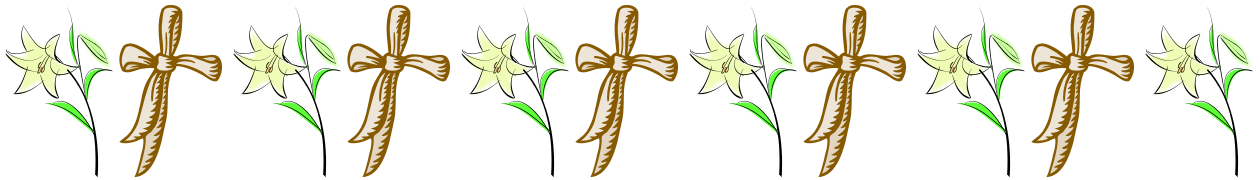
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In the Pastor's Corner

Temptation

Luke 4:1-2 "Jesus returned from the Jordan, full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for 40 days to be tempted by the Devil."

As I drive by the Crispy Crème Donut Shop in South Charleston my sweet tooth begins to taste the sweetness of the glazed soft shell that opens up with a rewarding vanilla filling. There you have it, my temptation, and then when I finally get home in Saint Albans I pass that wonderful Tim Hortons which also has that donut that my sweet tooth craves. I wonder if I was tempted in the desert just like Jesus would Satan have led me to turn stones into donuts (instead of bread)? I don't think I could have been as strong as Jesus but with God's help and our faith in Him we can move mountains!

I recently read a short devotion written by an author named Beth Moore and putting it in my short basic words here is what I learned. God's Word tells us that Christ was tempted just as we are. So I believe that long before He was thirty years old, Christ experienced numerous other temptations exactly like those we face in our day-to-day struggles. What thirty-year-old hasn't been tempted?

Yet although Christ's experience in the desert wasn't His first grapple with temptation, it did represent an intense season that was tailored by the enemy for the challenges of messiahship that lay ahead. Some issues were meant to be settled from the very beginning of Christ's ministry.

Satan is very shrewd. He probably won't tempt you to turn stones into bread, assume authority over the kingdoms of the world, or throw yourself off the highest point of the temple. He designs temptations to each person's challenges. But we can learn from Christ's response to these extraordinary tests. Scripture is always the most powerful tool in our fight against temptation. Don't fight back with your words. Fight back with God's! Hebrews 4:15 "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin."

AMEN!!!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson, Ron Colby called the meeting to order and expressed his thanks to all who helped make the Easter Season at Lakeview a "great one." Dave Koontz opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading. Those present were Pastor Richie, Dave Koontz, Ron & Marilyn Colby, Bud Newbrough, Fred McKinney, Jason Black, Franki Noble, Janet Pennington, Jeff Ekstrom, Don & Marilyn Morton and guest Freda Cutlip. Motion carried (Bud/Fred) to accept the March minutes as printed.

Freda Cutlip, manager of Jericho House, explained the workings of the House and some of the needs. An open house for the new addition is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th and everyone is invited. She also answered questions that were asked by Council members.

Treasurer's Report - The report was accepted (Don/Jason) as printed. Jeff noted that we were able to make 1 ½ Apportionment payments this month-leaving us only ½ payment behind for the year.

Christian Education - The Easter egg hunt on Sunday was well received. We are anticipating getting more eggs because of the increase in numbers of children. Also plans are underway for the children to present flowers on Mother's Day.

Bible School is proceeding as planned.

Wellness - The committee is sponsoring a CPR Class on April 30. Openings are still available.

The committee is planning on a fund raiser before summer, and then will take a hiatus till fall.

Family Ministries/Outreach - Post card invitations for Holy Week Services were mailed out.

Vacation Bible School will be June 28-July 2.

Nurture - Lakeview Church had a very successful Wednesday noon Lenten Luncheon for the community. Thanks to all those who helped. And our Sunrise Easter Breakfast was a success and well attended.

A motion carried (Bud/Marilyn Colby) that the extra monies collected at the luncheon (\$216.25) be put in the Nurture Committees fund to cover expenses they may incur later in the year.

Parsonage - No report.

Pastor Richie made a suggestion that we think about taking down the Sycamore trees in the parsonage yard. The roots are causing the driveway to crack & buckle and some neighbors are sharing their dislike for them (leaves, branches, etc.) Fred McKinney will proceed with getting some quotes for this.

PS/PRC - A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at the church.

Trustees - Trustees are pleased to announce that the new sign project is finished. Also, the Spring Clean Up took place Saturday, April 4, 2009 and was well supported.

One item of concern is that the doors of the church have been found unlocked after some meetings. Please note that if you unlock the doors, you are also responsible for making sure they are locked when you leave the building.

Worship - The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be May 12, 6:15 pm.

We had a wonderful Lenten Season at Lakeview (1) the booklet which was made up of members' devotionals, (2) our combined Holy Week Services with St. Luke and (3) our Sunrise and Easter Service.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-Cont'd

Pastor's Report - We have had a busy two months, but have had good turn outs for our services.

It is apparent that Lakeview is an active church, and stepping up to some needs in the community.

Bud Newbrough will be Lakeview's delegate to Annual Conference in June.

Bible Study will start Wednesday, April 15th, 7 pm - this month meeting at St. Luke.

Pastor will be on vacation May 11th-26th.

The May Administrative Council Meeting will be held May 12, 2009, 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! It was another glorious Easter celebration in the life of **Lakeview United Methodist Church**. We thank **Pastor Richie** and **Julie Simon** who made those special services so meaningful. We also thank **Franki Noble** and the **Nurture Committee** for another special **Easter Breakfast**. And we thank **Janet Pennington** for the wonderful **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children. How blessed a people are we?

It was also wonderful to see so many of your relatives visiting over the holiday. The whole **Kersey Family** was together and so were most of the **Casto** and **Koontz** families in attendance. It is always a blessing to greet those whom we have not seen in awhile.

Have we got a **Nurture Committee** or what? I wasn't there, but I was told that **Lakeview** did a very good job of serving lunch to the

community when we were hosts for the **Lenten Lunch on March 25**. Thank you, **Franki Noble** and all those who helped.

The **Wellness Committee** hosted the **Adults Night Out** with 27 folks in attendance for the very good program that **Amy Humphreys** and **Janet Pennington** presented on **Advance Directives**, including **Living Wills** and **Medical Powers of Attorney**. Very good information was shared and we hope that some of you will have those difficult conversations and sign the papers that will make your wishes known and legal.

It is **YARD SALE** time!! Time to clean out those closets, time to check your attic and your garages and time to take a look around your home to find those items that you no longer need or want that will be useful to someone else. How is it possible to gather up so much extra stuff in just a few months? You know the drill! The multipurpose room is open and ready for merchandise. When you bring it in, take a few moments to unpack a box or two and hang some items. And don't forget to save some time to bake an item or two for the bake sale. The church needs **YOUR HELP** for this important event.

OOPs! This reporter forgot to mention in last month's newsletter the information that **Doris Herscher** passed to me about her grandchildren. **Gates Herscher** was named basketball player of the year in Bath County, VA and his sister **Angela Herscher** was named to the 1st team All County, also. These children belong to **Doris's son, David**, and his wife.

Congratulations to our **Elizabeth Wilson**, daughter of **Karen** and **Don Wilson** who landed an internship in a VA Hospital in

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Clarksburg. **Karen** said **Elizabeth** was thrilled with this appointment, which is the next step in her career journey.

Please keep **Fran Casto** in your prayers as she continues to recover from her stroke and knee surgery.

Please keep **Stephanie Gipe** in your prayers as she participates in a study at **Johns Hopkins**.

Please keep **Josh McCormick** in your prayers as he recovers from emergency surgery last week. Josh is the son of **Kenny and Karen Bowyer**.

We ask you to remember in prayer both **John Carr and Jim Rose** as they undergo cancer treatments.

We're happy to report that **Annie Colby**, daughter of **Ron and Marilyn**, weathered her gall bladder surgery and is recovering nicely.

Congratulations to our two new Acolytes. They are **Adam Pennington** and **Allen Parsons**. You boys did a great job!

Adam Pennington was recently awarded an Honorable Mention in the Putnam County Art Show! Congratulations, Adam.

Best Wishes to our **Hollie Ferguson** on her recent engagement to **Matt Bacchus**. **Hollie** is the daughter of **Mary and Tom Ferguson**. We congratulate the happy couple.

Wellness Sponsors CPR Class

There is still time for **YOU** to sign up for the CPR class on Thursday, April 30 at 6:00 pm at the church. Our **Steve Obermeyer** is a certified instructor and he will lead the class for the **Wellness Committee**. The cost is \$13.00 per person.

It is imperative to be prepared to aide a spouse, a neighbor or friend or even a stranger who may need your help in an emergency. This will also give you a chance to become acquainted with our new **AED** (Automatic External Defibrillator) machine. If you want to sign up, see **Linda Martin**.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Lakeview trustees would like to thank the families of **Ralph Jarrett**, **Woody Smith**, **Bill Herscher**, and **Paul and Boots Black** for donating funds to purchase the new church sign and logo. Thanks also to the ones that helped install the sign and logo (**Bill Casto**, **Dave Koontz**, **Fred McKinney**, **Don and Marilyn Morton**).

A concern that the trustees have is leaving the doors unlocked overnight on the church buildings. We have had this occur two times during the past month. We have been lucky so far that no damage has been done to church property. If you schedule an event at the church you are responsible for seeing that all lights are turned off, no toilets are running and all doors are closed and locked. The trustees would appreciate your help with this problem.

Another thank you to everyone that helped with the spring cleanup day at the church. Great Job! Everything looks great.

April and May Birthdays

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| ALLI THAXTON | 4/10 |
| BOBBY MCCORMICK | 4/13 |
| DON MORTON | 4/18 |
| JOHN CARR | 4/20 |
| KAREN EKSTROM | 4/22 |
| ROBIN BLACK | 4/23 |
| CAROL FRY | 4/26 |
| CAITLYN ASHLEY | 5/6 |
| HOLLIE FERGUSON | 5/8 |
| TIM FERGUSON | 5/8 |
| SANDY ASHLEY | 5/9 |
| FRAN CASTO | 5/13 |
| SANDY COLLEVECCHIO | 5/19 |
| DAVE SR GIPE | 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 |

April and May Anniversaries

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| ASHLEY | 4/10 |
| GRIFFITH | 4/15 |
| THAXTON | 5/5 |
| CASTOS | 5/26 |
| KERSEYS | 5/29 |

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Check our website to keep up with upcoming events. Just go to:

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and select the "Upcoming Events" link.

Also check the "Stewardship" link for the 2009 Lawn Mowing schedule and the Second Quarter Announcer schedule.

This newsletter and past newsletters are also available on the website.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, send me an email at donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net and I will add you to the distribution list.

Finance Corner

Finance Report for March

Income need to support budget
\$7,165

Total income for March \$7, 935

Paid 1 ½ payment to Fair Share Giving.
We are ½ Payment behind in our Fair Share giving for 2009

Raymond Newbrough
Chair, Finance Committee