



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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Spring Cleanup Day at Lakeview Saturday, May 8

Please plan to help with the annual church 'cleanup day'. We will be asking people to do the following cleanup jobs (plus any others that you can think of to do):

- Wash windows
- Trim and mulch the shrubbery
- Polish the sanctuary pews
- Clean the sanctuary carpet
- Check the classrooms for anything needed
- Reseal the deck on the church parsonage

Thanks. If you can't make it that Saturday but can do some work on your own schedule, just let me know and we'll plan accordingly.

David Koontz 304 727-6556

Kid Kits

Please remember the Kid kits. These are for the Sojourners shelter for Women and Families. Boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Items to include in the kits are:

Box of 16 Crayons
Coloring Book
Toothbrush
Comb or Brush
Children's Book

Pad of Paper
Pencil
Toothpaste
Small stuffed animal

Any questions, please contact Don Griffith

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Mary Ferguson opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. Those present in addition to Mary and Ron were Freda Cutlip (guest), Marilyn Colby, Franki Noble, Dave Koontz, Bud Newbrough, Jeff Ekstrom, Jason & Robin Black, Karen Kersey, and Don & Marilyn Morton.

Mrs. Cutlip gave a summary of the work at Jericho House, and asked for our prayers and to be remembered as we pay our monthly bills as Jericho House has the same needs, and relies strictly on donations.

Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the March minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff reported that our finances went 'extremely well' this month. We did not make an Apportionment payment last month, but made two payments this month and are up to date. We are blessed. Motion (Don/Bud) carried to accept the March report as printed.

Family Ministries – The Religious Arts Festival was held on Sunday the 11th. People had fun participating – we had good children's art, good display of adult art, Julie had a fun music time for us, the parable drama was great, we had excellent food at our dinner, good 'cooking classes' and our on-line book study is still going on – looking forward to graduation and perhaps a breakfast.

In a reflective way, probably 40+ people participated, kids had some art classes and we connected strongly with some families.

Our next project is a "tea for the ladies" currently scheduled for the fall.

Bread & Company on Thursdays has ended for the present time. Thanks were expressed to John Carr & Dick Thompson for doing the cooking for this program.

Bud thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Outreach – Postcards were mailed to the neighborhood regarding our Easter services.

Committee handled the PR for the Cantata, and is helping with the Contemporary Service.

Committee will get together shortly to pick an outreach project for the church to participate in.

Nurture – We had good participation for the Easter Sunrise Breakfast. Thanks to all who helped.

Trustees – Bill Casto is currently securing costs for installing a shingle roof on the parsonage and the trustees will make a decision regarding when, what, etc. regarding the roof.

The sycamore trees in the parsonage yard have been taken down and the area cleaned up.

We are proposing a cleanup date of Saturday, May 8th for jobs to be tackled around the church. In case people are not available on that date and want to help us keep our facilities in top shape, they can sign up to do a job at another time.

PS/PRC – Just today we received the information from the district for pastor evaluation. Tentative meeting dates are Wednesday, April 21, 6 pm (prior to choir) and Monday, April 26, 7 pm.

Worship – Notes from the committee include the following:

- The Lenten Services were successfully shared with St. Luke.
- The Sunrise and Easter Services were beautiful.
- The Cantata "Worthy" was very uplifting.

Next meeting for the committee will be May 11, 2010.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jason.

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Wow! What an Easter! The beautiful Easter morning sunrise service with our bagpiper, **Julie's** amazing acapella solo and **Pastor Richie's** proclamations, was inspiring. Then we were treated to an awesome breakfast sponsored by **Franki Noble's** Nurture Committee. How great is that? We Are Blessed!

Following, there was the Easter Morning Worship Service and Pastor Richie's Easter message about Jesus Christ, the country boy, who touched people's hearts and minds in the same way that Bob Huggins touched Da'Sean Butler's face. The children loved the Easter Egg Hunt and went home with a bagful of treats. Come to think of it, we all went home with a bagful of treats. How much bigger treat can you get than a Resurrection? Thank you, **Kenny and Janet Pennington** for the love that you share with Lakeview's children. We Are Blessed!

This past Wednesday Lakeview UM Choir and members of St. Luke's Choir participated with Dunbar MC Choir in collaboration of the Easter Cantata, Worthy! This, too, was a resurrection experience for all who took part. Thank you to so many of our congregation who took the time and effort to come and listen. Thank you also to the ladies (**Doris H., Linda H., Ruth A., Karen W., Linda T., and Marilyn Morton**) who made cakes to help the Dunbar UM Women with the reception. I hope you all got your cake pans returned. Mostly we thank and praise God for our wonderful Choir Director, **Julie Simon** whose energy never flags, whose love overflows to all who know her, whose talents we have only begun to discover. We are Blessed!

Let me not forget to thank and praise our **Pastor Richie** for his stellar efforts through this Easter Season. His commitment to his

fast was a beautiful thing to watch, his dedication and love for his congregations is wonderful, his continued efforts to teach his Bible Study is commendable and his special services were real points of inspiration during this year's Holy Week Services. One felt as though one walked the road to the Cross with Christ during his Good Friday service. We Are Blessed!

I have always thought that Easter at Lakeview was indeed special and nothing could make me change my mind about that. It was wonderful to see so many of your families here to worship with us this year. We Are Blessed!

Thank you, **Dave Koontz**, and others of our men for helping to take down those trees in the parsonage yard and for finding creative ways to dispose of the wood. **Dave**, thanks for your work in digging out those tree stumps in the parsonage yard. We Are Blessed!

Our Yard Sale was another major success with \$2600.00 being raised. The weather was beautiful, we had a big crowd, the work got done, and the remains were removed! We Are Blessed!

What fun we had working in the kitchen with **Karen Kersey** and her friend **Chris** to make Greek delicacies! The baklava was my hands down favorite, but the spanokopita was also delicious. This was available at the **Arts Festival** Dinner held at 5:30 on April 11. We Are Blessed!

Dick Thompson led a group of our men through the process of smoking some pork which we enjoyed at the Arts Festival Dinner. What a treat! We are Blessed!

Thank you, **Karen Kersey**, for leading the children through the art classes. They produced some awesome work! The Arts Festival Dinner, the Artwork and the

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Parables were all great! The Family Ministries Committee put on a wonderful affair and if you missed it, you missed it! We are Blessed!

Congratulations to **Ashley Wilson**, who completed a 4 year college gymnastics career with no major injury. Hooray! **Don and Karen** were also proud to announce that Ashley was accepted into a WVU grad school program for occupational therapy! Since Ashley is part of our church family, this reporter shares pride in her accomplishments. We are Blessed!

Congratulations to **Tanner Ekstrom** for his first place and third place achievement in the Kanawha County Mixed Media Art Show. Tanner, son of **Karen and Jeff Ekstrom** won first place in the Perspective category. We are Blessed!

Can you even believe that the end of the school year is just around the corner? This reporter was pleased to read of those Lakewood Elementary students from our church who were named to the second nine weeks Honor Roll. They are: **Savannah Boden, Tanner Ekstrom, Samantha Humphreys**, children of **Scott and Leslie Boden, Karen and Jeff Ekstrom, and John and Amy Humphreys**. Also named was **Katie Walker**, who is **Helen Cherry's** great granddaughter. **Savannah and Samantha** also achieved perfect attendance. We are Blessed!

April and May Birthdays

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

ASHLEY	4/10
GRIFFITH	4/15
THAXTON	5/5
CASTO	5/26
KERSEY	5/29

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please send an email to Donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net and I will add you to the list.

Finance Corner

Income needed to meet Budget \$7,131
Income for March 2010 \$8,268

All Bills paid in full!
Fair Share Giving to our conference paid in full!

Because of the money earned at our Yard Sale we were able to make a double payment on our bank loan for remodeling the church. Total earnings for our Spring Yard Sale were \$2,600!!!

Good Job, Lakeview!
We are Blessed!!!!

Bud Newbrough, Finance Chairperson