



Lakeview News

April 2011

Lakeview United Methodist Church

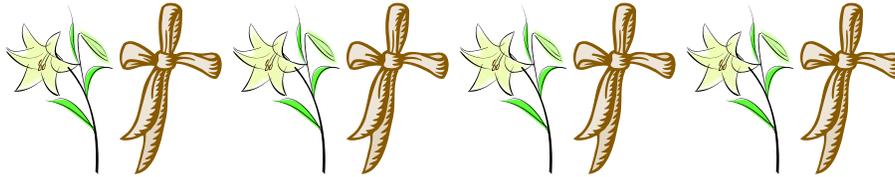
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50th Anniversary News



I believe that God is blessing our efforts to achieve our **Charity for each month of our anniversary year!** I have written how the price of laundry detergent dropped so we were able to meet our goal for January, **Soap for** Then Linda Martin found the means from you to fill **50 Love bags for the elderly at Valley Health North** for February.

Manna Meal was provided with **50 boxes of powdered milk** when your donations were supplemented by an unexpected gift of pottery from my friend, Jaya. And I have more pottery from Jaya, I hope to sell that will help meet our need when we seek to buy sheets for the Twin Cities Center.

50 Acts of already that we Sojourners! Valentine

Our current challenge will probably be the hardest of all to meet. Pastor Richie's idea was to challenge the church and its members to **give to the world at least 50 individual people who have learned to stop complaining, criticizing and gossiping!** Now that is what I call a challenge. Those darned magenta bracelets stop me in my tracks many times during the day. The only days I have managed to make it through without switching arms were those days I was alone with no one to talk with. So far I have learned to stop myself from expressing my complaint, (even though I may still think it—that will take REAL work.)! And I have noticed that I have become sensitive to other's complaints. So, the darn bracelet is working! I'm just not there yet. I hope you are taking this challenge seriously and are looking forward to our next challenge—Food for our Furry Friends—in May, with Karen Ekstrom in charge. Thanks for your caring and cooperation. As I stated at the outset, I believe that God is blessing this effort.

For the 50th Committee

Norma Newbrough

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Mary Ferguson opened the meeting with a devotion ... *reviewing the Ten Commandments*. Those present were Pastor Richie, Ron & Marilyn Colby, Karen Kersey, Dave Koontz, Jeff Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough, Mary Ferguson, Frankie Noble, Dave Ashley and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Karen K.) to accept the March minutes as printed.

Mary reported that cooking for Manna Meal is going great...one Saturday each month. Plans are for their kitchen renovation to be completed by June 15. They were very appreciative of the 50 boxes of powdered milk that our church delivered to them as a result of our '50th Anniversary March event.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Don/Marilyn C.). Bills were paid but we did not make an Apportionment payment. A motion (Bud/Marilyn C.) carried to put all the funds from the Spring Yard Sale toward our Building Loan Balance.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration – The Anniversary Committee is busy planning for the 50th and there has been strong participation by Lakeview's congregation in providing the fifty items each month as a way of celebrating our fifty years as a Lakeview Congregation.

Christian Education – Bible School will be scheduled June 19-23, and our theme will be *A Healthy Heart for Jesus*.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, following worship service.

Family Ministries – Twenty five families are participating in the *Steppin' Out* program that Family Ministries is sponsoring. The experience of doing it and getting to know other church members is proving to be a

rewarding experience. Plans were to be finished by Easter, but because of other commitments, some are not able to complete their part by then, so 'keep staying in contact and pick a time.'

Nurture - Committee is working on the Sunrise Breakfast for Easter.

Parsonage – Tiling the downstairs hall is complete, thanks to Bud Newbrough.

PS/PRC - A job description for our music director was distributed to those in attendance so that those responsible for the programs of the church can see which programs are included in the music director's scope of work and which might require extra pay.

Trustees – Plans are to fence the backyard of the parsonage.

Spring Cleanup will be scheduled this Saturday, April – the 16th. In case you are not available to help on that Saturday, please sign up to handle one of the projects on your own schedule.

Plans are to paint the lower half of the hall in the educational wing.

Worship – The committee met and Holy Week Services are scheduled as follows:

April 21st – Maundy Thursday Service – Communion at Lakeview, 7 pm

April 22nd – Good Friday Service – at St. Luke, 7 pm

April 24th – Sunrise Service – at Lakeview, 6:30 am

April 24th – Easter Service – Cantata and Communion at Lakeview, 10 am.

The committee is still searching for a person to take over the sound system duties at the church. We are also in need of greeters and ushers for the next few months.

The next meeting will be June 30, 2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-Cont'd

Pastor's Report - The pastor reported that he feels things are going well at Lakeview, and asked for feedback from those in attendance. Consensus was 'things are going well.'

The pastor will be away Sunday, May 1 to participate in an Emmaus Walk.

Plans are for the pastor to be on vacation May 22 thru June 4 - can be contacted by cell phone in case of emergency.

The pastor is co-chairing a Bishop's Biker Rally with Okey Harless at Dunbar United Methodist Church at the request of the Bishop. More information about this will be forthcoming. Lakeview has agreed to be a \$100 sponsor.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

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Easter is just around the corner! We celebrate our risen Savior once again with all of our special activities.

- Palm Sunday Worship Service at Lakeview at 10:00 am
- Last Book Study meeting at Saint Luke's at 7:00 pm
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Lakeview at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service at Saint Luke's at 7 pm
- Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am at River Lake Basketball Court
- Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service at Lakeview
- Easter Worship Service 10:00 am at Lakeview followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Worship Service 11:30 at Saint Luke's. We hope to see all of you there.

Pastor Richie and Leslie have announced that their new baby will be a girl, born, we think, around the first of August. So think pink!!! We hope and pray that a healthy baby will fill their lives with joy, in spite of the sleep deprivation that goes along with the joy! God be praised!

Carol Fry reports that grandson Brandon Fry, son of Bob and Mary Ann Fry, was recently elected President of Student Government at Longwood University. Longwood is located in Farmville, VA. Congratulations, Brandon!

Carol and Charlie Fry will be hosting Adults Night Out on May 22, 2011 at Lakeview at 7:00 pm. Their son Chuck Fry will deliver an inspirational message on the life on John Newton. One of the things this reporter knows about John Newton is that he wrote Amazing Grace. Come hear Chuck speak and you will learn many new things!

God be praised! We had another successful Yard Sale, thanks be to God and the work of many of you. Over \$2,000.00 was raised by the sale of baked goods, breakfast items and mountains of treasures that were shared with our neighbors, our patrons and each other. God be praised!

Family Ministries Committee, Karen Kersey, Chairperson, has initiated a Dinner, Lunch or Breakfast exchange with one or the other of your church friends. At least the committee hopes that by the time you have shared a meal with another family in the church, either as the invited or the invitee, you will feel you have made a new friend. This reporter's exchanges were a lot of fun! God be praised!

What a pleasure it was to welcome Dick and Juanita Webb back to our congregation! They have returned to Saint

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Albans from spending the winter in Myrtle Beach and came home looking tanned and healthy. Now, where are Bill and Mary Rose? They must be due home soon, surely! God be praised!

We ask for prayer for John McCormick who has undergone surgery in Columbus for the third time on his foot. We pray that his foot will be healed once and for all, even though he must suffer through another long recovery! We're praying for you John and Kathi!

We ask for prayer for Frances Paxton who is recovering from a fall. She is at a Teays Valley rehab unit. We hope she will be able to return home very soon, well and able.

We congratulate those students at Lakewood Elementary who were named to the Honor Roll the second nine weeks of the school year. They are: Savannah Boden, Tanner Ekstrom, Samantha Humphreys, Drew Lane and Andrew Whitman. Mason Ekstrom and Audrey Humphreys were cited along with Savannah, Tanner and Samantha for perfect attendance. You are doing a great job, Lakeview Kids! God be praised!

April and May Anniversaries

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

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	
BACCHUS	5/8
TIM FERGUSON	5/8
SANDY ASHLEY	5/9
FRAN CASTO	5/13
SANDY ROBERTS	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

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

FINANCE CORNER

Finance Corner for March 2011

Needed to make Budget \$7,100.00
Income for March \$5,769.00

All bills are paid.

No Fair Share Giving payment was made.

An overview for the first quarter of 2011:

- Made 2 payments to Conference for Fair Share
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- We are \$2,000.00 behind our Budget projections.
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- We earned \$2,000.00 from the Yard Sale in March, which will be deposited in our building fund.

Finance Chairperson
Bud Newbrough