



# Lakeview NEWS

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*Lakeview United Methodist Church*

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## PREPARE TO RECEIVE

Practice, practice, and practice some more. One, two, three, four. . . one, two, three, four... and again, one, two, three, four... practicing. It seems I've been practicing the piano for most of my life. Starting at the age of four I've spent many hours sitting, counting, naming notes, and playing it just one more time. But through this preparation I found myself ready to share my gift in so many places. Whether it was providing meditation music at a worship service, accompanying the school choir or a soloist, playing for a family sing-along, or just for my pure enjoyment, it was only through continuous practicing that I was prepared to play in these situations.

However, when we talk about preparing to receive God's presence, we don't often find ourselves in the act of daily practice of those spiritual disciplines that make us aware and available of God's presence in our lives. Just like piano practicing there are so many excuses. I don't have time. I'm tired. I'll do it tomorrow. I'm uncomfortable with this type of practice.

There is always time. It is our choice in how we choose to move toward our goals and what we want out of this life. When I take the time to journal, to spend time in prayer and meditation, and to prepare to feel the presence of God working in my life, I find my life richer and more in tune with where God and I are going together. May we practice these spiritual disciplines today to deepen our spiritual connection with our God.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Pastor Richie in Chairperson Mary Ferguson's absence. Those present in addition to Pastor Richie were Marilyn Colby, Karen Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough, Wayne Kersey, Fred McKinney, Jason Black and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Fred) carried to accept the minutes of the July meeting as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's report was distributed. Income for the month was average and we received some extra giving for Apportionment, so we were able to make two Conference Apportionment payments.

We currently have \$11,342 in our roof fund.

Because of our change in pastors and becoming a shared pastor charge, we are working on our finances and perhaps by the next meeting will have a clearer picture of how we stand.

**Christian Education** – No report.

**Family Ministries** – No report.

**Nurture** – No report.

**Parsonage** – No report.

**Pastor Staff/Parish Relations** – The committee met in July and everything is in good shape. The committee is working on getting the church office moved back to its original room (as soon as the new roof is complete). Next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2008.

**Trustees** – The only remaining item to be installed in the new bathroom is the cabinets, and we are currently working on completing this. We will also make sure a final report regarding the grant for the

new bathroom is filed with the district office.

On Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> the trustees are sponsoring a pork bbq dinner at the church. Thanks to Bud Newbrough and John Carr for handling this project.

**Worship** – The next Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at the church.

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor is currently visiting parishioners and getting to know the church family.

While on vacation (August 10-18) if there is an emergency, please call Pastor Corbet May at (home) 746-2938 or (cell) 546-2008.

**Miscellaneous** – On Sunday, August 17 we will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after worship service for lunch and to learn about the *Possibilities* program. There will be discussions about projects that we might work on throughout the year; there will be things for the kids to do; and there will be lunch (pepperoni rolls and salad) provided by the Young Adult Sunday School Class.

The *Possibilities* program, through craft activities, provides a small group setting for fun and fellowship and opportunity for spiritual growth. This program is a "green" program, utilizing extra "stuff" from our homes to create saleable items that eventually will produce funds for outreach. Reminder: Our fall yard sale – September 20.

Next Administrative Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 7 pm.

Pastor Richie adjourned the meeting with prayer.

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Here it is August already! A lot has been accomplished at Lakeview this summer and a lot more is scheduled for the rest of the summer and the fall. Just to bring you up to date, here are some dates to remember.

- The **Possibilities** program is set to kick off on **Sunday, August 17** with a lunch after church provided for everyone. Plan to attend and see what this is all about!
- Our **Julie Simon** has announced another **Community Sing** scheduled for **Sunday, August 24** at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend and come on down!
- There will be an **Adults Night Out** on **Thursday, September 11**, at 7:00 pm at the church. This event will be hosted by **Don and Marilyn Morton** and **Helen Cherry** and will feature **Karen Kersey** discussing her recent trip to Japan. Be there or be square!
- **September 20** is the date for our semi-annual **Yard Sale**, so now is the time to be gathering all of your treasures. Call **Bud Newbrough** if you have items now that you want to store until Yard Sale date.
- There will be cookout on **World Communion Sunday, October 5** for the congregations of **Lakeview and Saint Luke's**. This gathering will be sponsored by the **Worship Committee** and will be held either indoors or outdoors depending on the weather. There will be more information at a later date on this event.

We express our sympathy to **Karen, Don, Elizabeth and Ashley Wilson** in the loss of **Karen's** mother, **Anna Lou Chase**, on July 21, 2008. The loss of a mother and

grandmother is a difficult life passage and we send our love and prayers to our grieving church family.

We are happy to report that **Boots Black** is home from the hospital after suffering what was thought to be a heart attack. **Boots** is **Jason's** mother who is a shut in on Parkview Drive.

We send sympathy to **Boots Black and Robin and Jason Black** for the death of **Jason's dad, Paul Black** on August 8, 2008. **Paul** was a victim of Alzheimer's disease and had been in failing health for a couple of years. The funeral will be at 1:00 pm on August 11 at the **Casdorph Curry Funeral Home** in Saint Albans. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, August 10 from 6 to 8 pm.

We ask for prayer for **Fran Casto** who is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery.

We ask you to remember **Franki Noble** who had some minor surgery this week.

**Woody Smith**, husband of our **Violet Smith**, has been hospitalized at **Charleston General** for the past week following a fall. He will be moved to Heartland for therapy when he is stabilized.

We ask for prayer for **Charlie and Carol Fry** who have been suffering health issues for these last few months. **Carol** is recovering from a hospital stay and **Charlie** is looking forward to gall bladder surgery on August 14, at 4:00 pm.

We give thanks for all of you who helped with the fund raiser **Barbeque Dinner** this past week. We especially thank **John Carr** who cooked and cooked for this event. The dinner raised (\$450.00) which will be a contribution to our **Fair Share Giving** for this year.



## Possibilities

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 12:00 immediately after church

Come to the multi-purpose room for a pepperoni roll/salad lunch (all food provided) and a chance to learn about “Possibilities”, a one-time craft show at Lakeview where all money raised goes to charity



### The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Jun-08	\$9,285.83	\$10,568.94	\$3,248.00	\$-286.41
Year-to-Date	\$62,942.04	\$63,898.76	\$6,236.01	

\*Lakeview has made almost 4 conference apportionment payments in 2008.