



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson, Ron Colby called the meeting to order and Charlie Fry opened the meeting with a devotion. Those present were Pastor Richie, Ron & Marilyn Colby, Franki Noble, Robin & Jason Black, Charlie Fry, Dave Ashley and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Don/Franki) to accept the July minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Don/Robin). Noted that we made a Conference Apportionment Payment, and paid all our bills.

Christian Ministries – The committee met and discussed ways to handle Children's Church that will have more people participating and allow young family parents more time to participate in the worship service. A schedule has been set up and those participating have been notified. There will be no Children's Church on Communion Sundays in order for our young disciples to understand more about Communion.

There was some discussion regarding looking into the possibility of hiring an individual to cover Children's Church/Nursery if our current arrangement doesn't work out.

Nurture – The Committee will meet September 1, 7 pm.

Plans are underway to help with the October 4th Lakeview/St. Luke cookout and also the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22.

Parsonage – The riding mower was in need of repair and this has been fixed.

Worship – The committee met prior to the Council Meeting regarding the following:

- (1) World Communion Sunday will be October 4, and we will have
- (2) Communion and a cookout at 5 pm in conjunction with St. Luke.
- (3) Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin in September, at St. Luke.
- (4) November 1, All Saints Day.
- (5) November 22, there will be a short service in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Dinner.
- (6) November 28, we will decorate the church for Advent.
- (7) Revival in April (more details at a later date).
- (8) Robin will make a place for the clip boards in the back of the church.
- (9) Plans are to ask the congregation to purchase *Faith We Sing* hymnals, at a cost of \$13 each and these could be dedicated or in memory of someone. We would like to purchase 80.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL –Cont'd

(10) Robin & Jason are investigating costs of a screen/projector for use in the sanctuary.

Next meeting will be October 13.

Pastor's Report – On August 23 the McNiels will be at a St. Luke Youth Retreat and Charlie Fry will be our speaker.

Charge Conference is scheduled for October 28, 6 pm, at St. Luke.

Noted that vacation for 2010 will be May 2-16.

The dinner served following the Honaker funeral was very much appreciated, and was a blessing that we could serve the family.

Miscellaneous - Jason Black has two DVD's that were available at Conference – Dr. Ramsey's program *Sharing Our Faith with Others* and *Rethink Church* which could possibly be used at Lakeview.

Our next meeting will be September 8, 7 pm. Ron Colby will be absent and Matt Goodwin will chair the meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Can you even believe it? Here it is the middle of August with summer drawing to a close, students packing to return to college, children gearing up for another year of high school or middle school or elementary school and teachers making lesson plans,

The activity level of the church will soon be gearing up for the fall with the start-

up of Bible study, planning for the fall Yard Sale, preparations for reroofing the parsonage and planning for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. We have much to be grateful for as we celebrate this time of year. God has richly blessed us!

We give thanks for the life of Bob Honaker who died on July 31, 2009. The family was grateful for the dinner provided to them after the funeral. Thank you to those who provided food and those who helped serve and clean up.

We give thanks for the delightful evening at Riverlawn Presbyterian Church on August 2, 2009. Together with Riverwood Baptist Church, these three neighborhood churches joined together for an evening of food, fun, fellowship and music. Thank you, Riverlawn!

It was a joy to celebrate with Charlie and Carol Fry the wedding of their son, Chuck, to Lisa Thomas at the Union Missionary Baptist Church in Chesapeake, OH on August 8. It was a beautiful wedding and we wish the newlyweds much happiness as they begin their married life together.

Lakeview provided the venue for another celebration, the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Beth White Moss's in-laws. Beth is a former member of Lakeview and the sister of our Kathi McCormick. A generous contribution was made to the church for the use of our facilities. It will be earmarked for the roofing project at the parsonage.

We ask for prayer for Mary Carr as she undergoes treatments for cancer.

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We ask for prayer for Diane Cumberledge as she undergoes treatment for pneumonia.

We ask for prayer for Josh McCormick, the son of Kenny and Karen Bowyer who is battling lymphoma.

We thank and praise God that Linda Thompson is healed enough to wear a real shoe again, though the time for that is still limited.

We thank and praise God that Kathi McCormick is healing from her gall bladder surgery in time to start back to school.

A recent meeting with a distant cousin gave this reporter this story to tell. She had gone to Haiti with a church group to minister at a school. This particular visit the country was plagued with rain and the area they were in was a sea of mud. Walking was difficult and the roads (laughable as they were under normal conditions) were impassable in the mud. Each day the leader of the school gave thanks for the torrential rains and my cousin thought—Why is he thanking God for the rain? Doesn't he know that is why everything is a sea of mud and the truck can't navigate? Surely he doesn't know that the rain causes mud! And of course his answer to her was that one must be thankful for everything. So let us be thankful for heat, humidity, rain, snow, sleet, ice and MUD!

We await the cooler weather and the coming of fall. In all things, give thanks.

August and September Birthdays

ANGIE POTTER	8/10
CHRIS EDWARDS	8/11
ED SCHOTT	8/14
MONA IDDINGS	8/17
MARIA BELCHER	8/18
OREN DAVIS	8/29
GIANNI COLLEVECCHIO	8/30
DON GRIFFITH	8/30
MACIE DAHMER	8/31
JASON BLACK	9/3
RICHARD PAXTON	9/4
NORMA NEWBROUGH	9/6
DEBBIE ROWE	9/11
JIM PAXTON	9/12
LOREN EDWARDS	9/14
MAX BELCHER	9/16
GEORGEANN MCKINNEY	9/17
DIANE CUMBERLEDGE	9/18
CAROL DAVIS	9/26

August and September Anniversaries

BELCHER	8/9
ROWE	8/19
CUMBERLEDGE	8/23
DAVIS	9/12
PAXTON	9/24

FINANCE CORNER

Income for July, 2009	\$7,326
Income needed to make Budget	\$7,165
Made on Fair Share Giving Payment	\$1,679

We are behind one conference payment for the year.

For your information, our annual payment to our conference Fair Share is \$20,143. The amount is based on our total church expenditures for 2007.

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