



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Colby, and Karen Wilson opened the meeting with a meditation and prayer. Those present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Pastor Richie, Jason Black, Dave Koontz, Wayne & Karen Kersey, Karen Wilson, and Don & Marilyn Morton.

After reviewing the minutes, a motion (Karen K./Don) carried to accept the June minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Motion (Karen K./Marilyn C.) carried to accept the July report. A Conference Apportionment payment was made this month, leaving us one payment behind for the year.

Family Ministries - Family Ministries will sponsor a Tea for the women of the church on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 11 am. All women of the church will be invited for a time of tea and fellowship.

On Sunday, December 12th Family Ministries will have a Christmas Play (starring the children of the church plus some adults), and a dinner the same date.

Outreach – Plans are for Outreach to help with our Revival, October 3, 4, & 5

Parsonage – The riding lawn mower is in need of repair. Plans are to contact Bill Casto regarding this.

PS/PRC – Julie Simon's last Sunday as Music Director will be Sunday, August 29. Chong Coughlin will assume this position starting the first Sunday in September.

We will have an opportunity to express our thanks to Julie on the 29th.

Trustees – On Saturday, October 16, plans are for putting a new roof on the parsonage. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to assist – starting time will be 6 am.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL –CONT'D

- If anyone is planning to take a tree down, and will be renting the "stump remover" – please contact Dave Koontz (he will assist in the process if he could use the "remover" for awhile to work on removing a little more of a stump at the parsonage).
- The church owns property between the railroad, Parkview Drive and Lower Falls Road, with the Fire Department owning the portion nearest to Parkview Drive. There has been conversation with the Fire Department regarding joining these two pieces of property, selling it and the Church and Fire Department splitting the proceeds. Motion (Dave K./Don M.) carried to continue dialog and negotiations with the Fire Department.
- Dick Thompson has initiated purchasing and installing new thermostats in the church/education wing. This is to help conserve energy and to lower our heating/air conditioning costs. Thanks were expressed for Dick's initiative in doing this.
- The Fry Family has donated a large air conditioner to the church and plans are to probably replace the one in the kitchen which is not adequate at the present time.

Worship - The next Worship meeting will be September 14, 6 pm at the church.

Pastor's Report - A Revival is scheduled for October 3, 4 and 5 – 7 pm at our church. The Rev Tex Frye will preach, and we will have special music each evening.

Miscellaneous - There was much discussion regarding how to go about integrating contemporary music into our church services. Jason shared ideas about the use of the screen and projector which is currently being used at service. He listed the items which the church currently owns and those which are being loaned to the church. After input from those in attendance, it was decided that the Worship Committee will be responsible for

obtaining costs, placement recommendations, etc. for presentation at our next meeting.

Pastor Richie closed the meeting with prayer.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Summer is drawing to a close and very soon school will be starting again. Committees are beginning to meet and plans for the fall are being made. Did you know the **Yard Sale** has been scheduled for **September 25**? The following weekend, plans are being made for a **revival at Lakeview**, the first in many years. **Pastor Richie** has invited **Pastor Tex Frye, Leslie's father**, to speak at this event. That seems to this reporter to be appropriate as we approach the 50th Anniversary of Lakeview United Methodist Church in 2011. God is good!

Congratulations to **Jeff Ekstrom** who was recently honored with a National Engineering award in Chicago. The award is named for George Warren Fuller. Karen and Jeff made the trip to accept the award in June. We're proud of you, Jeff. God is good!

We send sympathy to **Pastor Paul Romine** of the First Presbyterian Church in Saint Albans and our **Julie Simon** in the loss of Paul's mother, Ruth Clair Romine. Her memorial service was July 20 in Cincinnati, OH. God is good!

Since I started this newsletter article, our **Julie Simon** has decided to retire from regular church music employment. Her time here with us has been special for all of us and we wish her much happiness in her retirement. We will miss you, Julie, and we love you. God is good!

How fortunate we are to have found a replacement for Julie's services. **Chong Coughlin**, who has served as a replacement

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when Julie has been away has agreed to serve as our music director at Lakeview. We welcome her even before she is here and we thank God for her. God is good!

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Wilson** who has secured a position as a staff pharmacist at the Clarksburg VA hospital. We wish you well in your career, Elizabeth. God is good!

Congratulations to **Karen Bowyer** who has started a new job in a Hurricane Insurance company. That puts **Ruthie** back to work looking after little **Kenidi**. God is good!

Our Pastor Richie officiated at **Hollie Ferguson's** July 1 wedding to **Matthew Bacchus** on Atlantic Beach in North Carolina. We congratulate the couple and wish them many happy years together. I hope **Tom and Mary Ferguson** are relaxing now that the weddings of their two daughters are accomplished. God is good!

Speaking of weddings, **Marilyn and Ron Colby's** daughter, **Annie**, is planning her wedding to **Andrew Hedges** on February 12 of next year at Saint Francis Catholic Church in Saint Albans. We congratulate the happy couple! God is good!

Sis Bailey announces the birth of a new grandchild. She is Savannah Rose Harris and she lives in North Carolina. Congratulations to Sis and Amy and her husband.

We thank **Dick Thompson** for his work on the church's thermostats. We are now in a position to save money on our utility bills, be better stewards of our resources, thus giving us more money to advance the kingdom of God on earth. See Dick if you have questions about how to cool or heat the church if you have unscheduled meetings there. God is good.

We welcome **Dick and Juanita Webb** to our church. It is good to have you at Lakeview! God is good!

Way to go, Lakeview! You pulled off another great Vacation Bible School. Thank you, **Karen Ekstrom**, and all of your helpers for doing a great job for the church and the children. God is good!

We ask for continued prayer for **Francis and Jim Paxton**. It was wonderful to have **Carole Harvester** (their daughter) with us and with the Paxtons for a few weeks this summer. God is good!

God has blessed us in so many ways in recent days. **Bud Newbrough** and grandson **Sam** averted a serious accident with a minor one. **Helen Cherry** and her family averted a serious accident with a deer on the way to the beach. So many folks have been the recipient of God's multiple blessings that we can only say **THANK YOU! AND GOD IS GOOD!**

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
JIM PAXTON	9/9
DEBBIE ROWE	9/11
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

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

Finance Corner

Income needed to meet Budget **\$7,131**
Income for July 2010 **\$7,937**

We made our July Fair Share Payment to the conference. \$1,690.00

One day in the fall, the men of the church will put a new roof on the parsonage. The cost will be approximately \$3,000.00. The church has most of the money set aside for this project.

We thank Karen and Jeff Ekstrom for doing a good job as Treasurer and Financial Secretary. They deposit our money, pay our bills, and make our payroll checks to our Pastor, Music Director and our Custodian. We really are a blessed church.

Bud Newbrough
Finance Chairperson

Vacation Bible School Thank You

I would like to say thank you to all who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. We had nearly 40 children in attendance. Events like this could never happen without

the strength of God's hands and the wonderful people at Lakeview. Our theme was "Adventures in Missions" and the children learned about what it meant to be a missionary and the important work they do in different countries around world. On the last day, the children saw what they could do in their own country by putting together 20 Kid Kits filled with donated items to be delivered to Sojourners. All in all, it was a very nice week. Experiencing everyone's generosity with their time and talents to accomplish this week was very humbling. Everyone was so willing to help in some capacity and for that I felt very blessed. God is great indeed! -Karen Ekstrom

Fall Yard Sale

Our semi-annual Yard Sale will be held Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. We will need all the help we can get. You know the drill, sorting, pricing, hauling, cooking and baking.

We will have the Multipurpose room ready to bring in merchandise on Wednesday, September 15th. Any questions? Call Bud Newbrough, 304-727-7739



Lakeview United Methodist Ladies' Tea Saturday,
September 11th, 11:00am
tea, cucumber sandwiches, scones

Come for fun, fellowship, an inspirational message, and a chance to
learn a new craft

Questions? Call Marilyn Morton, Linda Thompson, Ruth Anderson, or Karen Kersey

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