



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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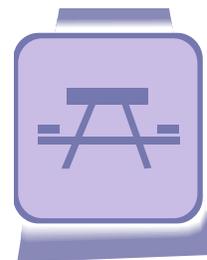


Red Cross Blood Drive Planned for the Church

Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department is planning a Fall Blood Drive for Saturday, September 14th and they have asked our Church to let the Red Cross use our multipurpose room. The schedule for the drive is 9 am to 3 pm. If you are a regular blood donor and wish to donate, they will take walk-ins or you can schedule a time with the Red Cross and they will make an appointment. The multipurpose room will be tied up that day so please don't plan any activity there. (It is also one week before our fall yard sale. We have alerted people in charge at the Volunteer Fire Department that there may be some yard sale items in the room. As long as all the items for the sale are piled in the corner under the basketball backboard, they will not disturb the Red Cross Staff. So, don't hesitate to bring your yard sale items in beginning the week of September 7 for the sale on September 21).

Church Picnic Next Sunday

Our Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday afternoon August 18 at 4 pm. Games for people of all ages are planned, and it is always a great time for fellowship. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be furnished. Please plan to bring a dish to share. We will gather in the fenced area behind the church, weather permitting. In case of rain we will move it inside to the multipurpose room. See you there.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kersey and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne were Pastor Richie, Ron Colby, Jeff Ekstrom, Dave Koontz, Bud Newbrough, and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Ron) carried to accept the June minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report for July 2013 was distributed, and motion (Ron/Don) carried to accept the report.

Finance - We are in the process of making music changes in the church, and are working with our current budget of \$7,000 for the music program. Before our previous music director left, the entire music materials budget was spent, therefore, a motion (Ron/Bud) carried to overrun this budgeted amount up to \$350 for the current year.

The suggestion had been made that we invest our extra church monies with the United Methodist Foundation of WV. The Finance Committee met with the Foundation staff and, with no consensus regarding this, the issue has been tabled.

PS/PRC - We are pleased to announce that Tracie Atkinson has agreed to accept the position of Music Director starting September 1. The committee continues to advertise for an instrumentalist to complete our music program staffing.

Trustees – Dave reported that only minor repairs were needed in the past two months, and that the facility is in good shape.

Family Ministries - The committee will meet in the near future.

Plans are being formulated for a Christmas program that will be interactive with the kids.

Karen Bowyer is calling people each week to remind them of their commitment regarding the nursery/Sunday school schedule.

Pastor's Report – We are making good strides on securing our music program for the coming year.

St Luke is having an Old Fashioned Tent Revival, with Pastor David Lee preaching, three nights – September 6, 7 and 8. Lakeview is invited to participate.

Charge Conference materials came in the mail today and they will be distributed shortly in order that we will be ready for our scheduled Conference.

The Nominations Committee will meet shortly and we want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to serve. If you would like to serve on a particular committee, please let the Pastor or someone on the committee know.

Miscellaneous - The Adult Sunday School Class will sponsor a picnic (everyone bring a covered dish and the hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided) on Sunday, August 18. Come about 4 pm and we will plan to eat at 6 pm. Meanwhile we will play volleyball, pitch horseshoes, etc. Plans are to invite neighbors and the St Luke congregation.

Our fall yard sale is scheduled for September 21.

Next Council meeting is September 3.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.



NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Can you believe it is August already? Summer is nearly over and for us, school has already started. The summer rained itself away and while that was good for growing things, it wasn't so much fun for those who wanted to swim and play in the sunshine.

We ask for God's blessing on our school children and their teachers. We hope their school year will be blessed with safety, fun, and lots and lots of learning. Our world is so full of challenges that we must be prepared to meet them.

We are so blessed to have the services of Tracie Atkinson, who has agreed to work with Lakeview's music program. Tracie's husband, Tommy has also been worshipping with us, so please make him feel welcome. As a member of the choir, this reporter is excited to begin the fall choir season with Tracie. We also thank Dick Thompson who is working with Tracie, managing the sound system, until the Lord blesses us with a musician.

I hear whispers about a Church picnic to be held on Sunday, August 18th at 4:00 pm. I understand the Adult Sunday School Class is sponsoring this event and will provide the meats and buns. We hope you will be there with a covered dish to share.

This reporter doesn't remember the date, but the Tweens Drive-In Dinner Sale was a huge success with everyone enjoying the BarBQues or the Hot Dogs and the ice cream. There were no milkshakes available at this sale, but maybe there will be next time. Lots of people participated and lots of children roller skated around the parking lot upselling all of their wares.

The Tweens raised a lot of money to support their programs.

What a pleasure it was to see Violet Smith and her son Mark in worship recently. They stopped to see Lakeview twice on their recent trip from Texas. Violet looked well (as did Mark) and it was a joy to see her.

Barbara and Dave Koontz are back from a trip to Nova Scotia in honor and celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. Their family has been celebrating all summer long with the recent wedding of granddaughter Elizabeth Charles and her new husband Lorenzo. Both of the newlyweds are musicians (violinists) who live and work in the Houston, Texas area. Additionally, grandchildren Maria and Max Belcher have been living and working in the Columbus area for the summer. Maria is launching her career as an interior designer and Max is gaining experience in the kitchen of a restaurant before heading off to culinary school.

Please remember with prayer Tom Morton, son of Don and Marilyn, who has been suffering the ill effects of Lyme's disease.

Please remember with prayer Georgeann and Fred McKinney who are mostly house bound.

We hope and pray for a safe and successful school year for all of our teachers and children.



August and September Anniversaries

BELCHER	8/9
ROWE	8/19
DAVIS	9/12

August and September Birthdays

SOPHIE LEA MCNIEL	8/2
ALEX BODEN	8/10
ANGIE POTTER	8/10
CHRIS EDWARDS	8/11
ED SCHOTT	8/14
MONA IDDINGS	8/17
MARIA BELCHER	8/18
SAVANNAH BODEN	8/26
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
LOREN EDWARDS	9/14
MAX BELCHER	9/16
GEORGEANN MCKINNEY	9/17
CAROL DAVIS	9/26

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please send an email to:

Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

The Annual Fall Yard Sale

Lakeview's Annual Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. Clean out those drawers and closets and start collecting those valuables you are willing to donate for this important outreach project.

Please consider asking your friends and neighbors to donate their items also.

FINANCE CORNER

Income needed for Budget	\$7,438.00
Income for July	\$5,147.00

All Bills are paid and we have paid 100% of our Fair Share commitment to the Conference.

You will notice that our income for the last few months has not met our budget needs. We are able to pay all of our bills because we have accumulated some money from the beginning of the year. We are blessed to have financially responsible people at Lakeview. Thank you.

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough

Wanted

Dedicated persons to help run the Church's PA System and play CDs for the Choir when needed. We actually need two or three people to get acquainted with and learn how the system works. It is a big part of our service and we need continuity in this in case someone is absent or out of town. It is a simple system and I will train people to use it. Please call me at 304-727-3723 and we will get things rolling. Your Church needs you.

Thanks very much, Dick Thompson