



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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LAKEVIEW'S EXERCISE ROOM

Do not forget Lakeview's exercise room. Your membership is free. The above equipment is located under the sanctuary in the basement. Take a minute and check it out. Cool weather is coming and it is a good time to start yourself an exercise program. You can use it any hour of the day and at your own speed. We have some wonderful equipment, thanks to the nice donations by our members. We have the following:

- 1 - Schwinn Air Dyne stationary bicycle.
- 1 - DP Air Gometer stationary bicycle.
- 1 - Aerobic Rider Total Body exercise machine.
- 1 - Total Gym 1000.
- 1 - Flex CTS Cross Training Machine with stair climber.
- 1 - Mode 1 Treadmill.
- 1 - Weslo Cadence 955 Treadmill.
- 1 - AB Lounge2

We have a TV with VCR built in. We get only Channel 8 (ABC) and Channel 11 (Fox). You may bring a VCR tape and watch it while you work out. This sure makes the time seem like it goes by faster.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order and opened with a reading & prayer by Mary Ferguson. Those present in addition to Mary Ferguson were Norma & Bud Newbrough, Franki Noble, Marilyn Colby, Dave Ashley, Wayne Kersey, Fred McKinney, Jason & Robin Black, Pastor Richie, Karen Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion carried (Dave Ashley/Wayne Kersey) to accept the minutes of the November meeting as printed.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's report was distributed. All bills were paid and we were able to make a little more than one payment toward our Conference Apportionment. We are approximately \$1300 behind in reaching our 100% pay out for the year.

Motion (Bud/Don M.) carried to give Presby Pickers \$75 towards their expenses when they performed at Lakeview the first week in November.

Finance - We have kicked off our pledge drive for 2009, and hope to have it finished up by the middle of December.

Christian Education - We have had a couple of outstanding months of staffing the Sunday School and Children's Church. Plans are to use the same arrangement for the coming year and hope that volunteers will continue to sign up.

On Saturday, December 6th, Lakeview will have an entry in the St. Albans Christmas parade. This will include a manger scene plus the children from our Church School.

December 21, 6 pm, we will have a Christmas Dinner (covered dish); the children's Christmas play will follow.

Family Ministries/Outreach - The Jesse Tree is located in the back of the Sanctuary. We will collect mittens, scarves and hats during the Advent Season. These items will be taken to Sojourners following last Sunday Service before Christmas

Ron & Marilyn Colby have obtained names for 15 Christmas baskets and various church families have agreed to handle these. We are still in need of monetary donations to help purchase the hams.

Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 2. During January 2009, we will collect canned goods and money for Souper Bowl. These items will be given to Christ's Kitchen.

Nurture - The Thanksgiving Dinner served 108 people and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those who helped.

Parsonage - A couple of minor items have been called to our attention and we are working on these.

Pastor Staff/Parish Relations - This time of year is when the committee and the pastor submit written recommendations to our District Superintendent for pastor appointment for the coming year. Both the Parish Committee and the pastor are recommending Pastor Richie return to Lakeview.

Trustees - A leak has developed in the heater in the back hall of the education wing. The water ran under the tiles causing damage. The trustees are working on this.

Worship - The committee met and discussed several items:

- (1) the need for an acolyte
- (2) Christmas Eve Service will be at 6 pm.

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- (3) Julie says she and the director from St Luke will be attending a workshop together and then will work on a Cantata with the combined choirs.
- (4) Committee will meet in January one hour before the Administrative Board meeting.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Richie has been catching up on visits to Lakeview families and busy preparing the upcoming Christmas services.

The Nominating Committee has completed their task of filling positions for 2009, and a list of new officers will be forthcoming.

Miscellaneous – Acknowledgement was made of the great job that Pastor Richie is doing in visiting families of the church, and at the Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009.

The January Administrative Council Meeting will be held January 13, 2009, 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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Advent is upon us, the church is decorated, the **Christmon Tree** is erected, the **Jesse Tree** is waiting for your contributions and we are awaiting the birth of our **Savior, Jesus Christ**.

Ron Colby has announced that all **15 Christmas baskets** have been spoken for, and if anyone else would like to contribute,

then money would be appreciated to buy the hams and turkeys for these baskets.

The **Jesse Tree** in the narthex is awaiting your contributions of **scarves, hats, gloves, socks or other personal items**. These items will be delivered to **Sojourners** (a local women and family shelter) before Christmas so that these items can be distributed to those that are in need of them. **The Outreach Committee** thanks you for your generosity.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for these important **Advent events at Lakeview**. There will be a **Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, December 21 at 6 pm**. Bring a dish to share and plan to stay to see the **Children's Program** afterward. They are working hard on a Christmas story to share with all of you. The **Christmas Eve Worship Service** will be held on **December 24 at 6:00 pm**. Be sure to note this new time for the service!

The children of the church once again participated in the **Annual Saint Albans Christmas Parade**.

The **Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner** was a grand success, thanks to **Franki Noble and her Nurture Committee**, who pulled it off once again. The food was delicious and 108 of our friends and neighbors celebrated with us. Thank you to **Pastor Richie** for his Thanksgiving service held before the dinner.

The **Adults Night Out** held on **December 5** at the church and hosted by **Sherry Knapp and Janet Pennington** was a grand success with many folks attending.

Former Pastor Eric and Nicole Milam celebrated the birth of their new daughter on **November 16, 2008**. **Abigail Nicole** was born on her daddy's birthday and weighed

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in at 7# 4 oz. Along with big brother **Caleb, Nicole and Eric** have declared their family complete. **Nicole** is recovering from a C section and I am sure she would covet your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Carol Davis has announced that she is now a grandma with little **Tiegan Christopher Davis** born to son **Oren and Amber** on October 24, 2008. Baby is doing well and so is **Grandma Carol**.

Linda Martin is requesting that we all be on the lookout for her black and white beagle dog that has disappeared from her neighborhood.

We express sympathy to **Jim Rose** on the death of his sister, **Ellen Eisenberg**, who died recently.

We are sad to report the death in **Florida of Keith Walters, Sr.** He is the father of **Linda Thompson's** three children, **Tracy, Christie and Keith, Jr.** He is also the father of another daughter, **Jennifer**.

This Unknown Reporter wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

December and January Birthdays

BUZZ KNAPP	12/4
ELIZABETH WILSON	12/7
DARYL SCHOTT	12/7
DON WILSON	12/13
EMILY POTTER	12/14
RON COLBY	12/14
DAVID GIPE JR	12/17
JOE HUDSON	12/18
BUD NEWBROUGH	12/18
FRANKI NOBLE	12/18
BOB IDDINGS	12/19

KAREN KERSEY	12/28
HELEN CHERRY	12/29
RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
GREG BELCHER	1/16
WALTER SAYRE	1/17
JOHN HUMPHREY	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
JANET PENNINGTON	1/25
TANNER EKSTROM	1/28

December and January Anniversaries

COLBYS	12/23
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGHS	12/28

2009 Pledge Drive is Underway

Lakeview's Finance Committee kicked off our 2009 Pledge Drive on Sunday, November 9th with a stewardship luncheon that followed a soul-stirring sermon by Pastor Richie. It is our hope that each of Lakeview's family units will prayerfully consider the amount they feel led to pledge, then return their pledge card to the Ekstroms directly, via mail or the church collection plate by Sunday, December 14th.

The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Nov-08	\$7,870.40	\$7,720.08	\$1,950.00	\$75.36
Year-to-Date	\$98,068.72	\$98,610.39	\$16,530.02	

* Lakeview has made 10 conference apportionment payments in 2008, and is now only \$1,334 behind schedule. Giving to allow a payment of \$2958 in December will meet our annual apportionment.

Outreach/ Family Ministries Corner

It is the time of the year where we look forward to the birth of Jesus. And all the pretty lights, the fun and festivities that go along with the season.

Lakeview is doing its annual projects of ringing the bells for the Salvation Army and manning the Love Lite tree for Hospice. The Christmas Baskets are all spoken for. But if you still want to do something you can donate money to assist with the purchase of hams and turkeys for the Christmas Baskets. Please mark your check for that and Ron & Marilyn Colby will take care of purchasing the meats for the Baskets.

We have set up the Jesse tree in the back of the sanctuary. You can add scarves, mittens, gloves, hats and other items can be placed in the box beside it. That could be anything; toiletries, socks, underwear or other items that you think that they may be able to use. If you would like, you can donate money. A check will be written the week before Christmas to assist with any last minute items that Sojourner's could use for the families living there.

Look at the net at the back of the sanctuary and watch what shows up. Since we are to be fishers of men that is what we will see fish.....Feed my sheep (not with just food but with spirit).

Take some time this Christmas season to share your love for Christ to someone. Even just opening a door or holding one open and saying "Merry Christmas" is meaningful. You never know what life you will touch with your living spirit inside you.

Robin Black- Chairperson

New email address for Pastor Richie:

mbigrich@yahoo.com

Check our website to keep up with upcoming events. Just go to:

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and select the "Upcoming Events" link. This newsletter and past newsletters are also available on the website.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, send me an email at donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net and I will add you to the distribution list.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

With the Christmas Season quickly approaching, it is time again to begin thinking about all of the wonderful gifts that God has given us and to share with those less fortunate around us. This year, as in years past, we will carry on the tradition of providing Christmas baskets to individuals within our community who are in need.

If you would like to provide a Christmas basket to a family, or to provide financial assistance toward a Christmas basket, please see Ron Colby during church or contact him at 304 727-2667.

New Dialing Plan

Remember! Beginning February 28, 2009 you will be required to dial all 10 digits of a telephone number to complete local calls (Area Code plus 7 digit telephone number). Long distance calls will continue to be dialed as 11 digits (1 plus Area Code plus 7 digit telephone number). This is because the supply of 304 area code telephone numbers is nearly exhausted and WV is getting another area code (681). Remember to reprogram speed dials, alarm systems, etc. Any questions, please ask Don Wilson. Try it NOW! 10 IS IN !!!