



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Wayne Kersey opened the meeting with a devotion. Those present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Bud Newbrough, Jeff Ekstrom, Jason & Robin Black, Charlie Fry, Wayne Kersey, Fred McKinney, Janet Pennington and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Don) to accept the November minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report - Jeff reported that November was a fabulous month money wise. People caught up on their pledges and some extra money was received toward our apportionment. It was also noted that someone gave extra money to cover the renting of the Alban Arts and Conference Center for the Cantata. Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Don/Bud).

Christian Education - Things are going well with our children's program - our Sunday School class is growing in numbers and we are looking at ways to handle the teaching

position in order for our own members to be able to attend adult classes of their own.

Polar Express is scheduled for this Saturday, December 12.

Outreach/Family Ministries - Working on publicity for *God Speaking* - posters, postcards, handouts, etc.

The usual holiday projects have proceeded as in the past - Hospice "Love Light Tree", Salvation Army "Ringing the Bells", Food Baskets for those in need and the "Jesse Tree" is in the narthex and items can be placed on it to be taken to Sojourners.

PS/PRC - December is the month that we make a recommendation regarding our Pastor's appointment for the coming year. We have recommended that Pastor Richie remain at Lakeview/St. Luke for the 2010-2011 church year.

Trustees - Fred thanked the people for handling trustee responsibilities for the past few weeks while he has been recuperating.

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Worship – Lakeview and St. Luke committees have met several times together to prepare for the Cantata. The Cantata, *God Speaking*, will take place Sunday, December 20, 2:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Service will be Thursday, December 24, 6 pm – Lakeview

7:30 pm – St Luke

Next Worship meeting will be January 12, 2010.

Miscellaneous - Jason reported that he and Robin have purchased a video camera and will film the Sunday services and provide DVD's of the service for shut-ins who have missed the service.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Charlie Fry.

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Here it is, the season of Advent, when we await the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We have already lit two of the Advent candles so far and each passing day reminds us that the light of the world is coming. How we praise God for that precious gift!

The sanctuary is beautifully decorated, thanks, in part, to the beautiful new Christmas banners given by Robin and Jason Black in memory of Jason's mother, Priscilla (Boots) Black. The Jesse Tree is in place and it reminds us to think of those who are cold this winter. Items such as scarves, mittens, gloves, or socks may be placed on the tree and those items will be

taken before Christmas to Sojourners, a local ministry to women and children in Charleston. Lakeview also supports Sojourners with the Kids Kits boxes that our members fill with items for children who find themselves at a new place of residence with nothing to call their own. Robin Black, Chair of Outreach, oversees these projects.

Also a part of Outreach is our annual Christmas Basket ministry. Ron Colby has announced that Lakeview will try to take on 20 baskets of food this year. Ron is in charge, so if you can help in any way--shopping, money, delivery, storage of hams or turkeys, please let him know.

Lakeview has also served her community by volunteering at the Hospice Care Love Light tree in the Town Center Mall. Marilyn Morton, who coordinates this effort reported that Lakeview had collected over \$500.00 this year. Those who volunteered were Karen Bowyer, Don Wilson, Bill and Fran Casto, Barbara and Dave Koontz, Norma and Bud Newbrough, Wayne Kersey and Marilyn Morton.

The Salvation Army Bell Ringers were: Richard Paxton, Marilyn Morton, Charlie Fry, Bud Newbrough, Bill and Fran Casto, Don and Karen Wilson, Dave and Barbara Koontz, Matt Goodwin, Janet and Kenny Pennington, and Karen and Jeff Ekstrom. We thank those folks for taking time from their busy schedules to help out the Salvation Army.

Lakeview/Saint Luke's Cantata, *God Speaking* is still in rehearsal with all the participants fine tuning their parts. It will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 2:30 in the afternoon at the Alban Arts and Conference Center on Main Street. Bring a friend, have a cup of hot

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chocolate, a cookie or two and listen for God Speaking to you!

It has been exciting to be in Worship recently when our Pastor Richie has been preparing wonderful sermons that touch our hearts and souls. We wish him much success as he continues his ordination process.

Again, we thank Don Wilson for the wonderful CD of church events that he put together for our stewardship campaign. For those of you who have not yet submitted your pledge cards for 2010, this is the time. And if you have extra monies available for our Fair Share giving, we hope to meet our goal by December 31, 2009. The abundance we enjoy is God's gift to us, our pledge is our gift to God.

It is wonderful to have Dick and Linda Thompson back after a few weeks away from us. Their return was met with the death of Dick's sister, Mary Jean Hartness. We send our love and sympathy.

We ask for continued prayer for Frances and Jim Paxton who are struggling with health problems.

We ask for prayer for Vanessa Goodwin as she adjusts to new medicines.

We ask for prayer for Ruth Anderson who is recovering from eye surgery.

We are grateful that Mary Carr has finished her cancer treatments, but now she must address other issues.

We ask for prayer for Chris Noble, Franki's husband, who is recovering from back surgery.

We ask for prayer for Alicia Irvin, who recently had back surgery. Alicia serves in the military and has a young child.

We ask for prayer for all those who are struggling with health issues, our military, our world leaders and each other.

Our Annual Thanksgiving dinner was a howling success with the Nurture Committee headed by Franki Noble in charge. About 130 folks came and enjoyed Lakeview's hospitality and delicious food. We thank those who came, those who prepared and those who shared and especially those who cleaned up! It was a great evening.

As this reporter writes this newsletter article, it may be that another first for Lakeview is being prepared for. The children will enjoy a night with the Polar Express. I don't know all the plans that Janet Pennington has made, but I know there will be cookies and a lot of children in pajamas and a lot of fun. Thank you, Janet, for all you have done to make our children's program successful. Thank you, God for giving us the children.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2010!

FINANCE CORNER

Income needed for Budget	\$7,165.00
Income for October	\$10,047.00

We paid \$6,100.00 to the conference for our Fair Share Giving. That leaves us \$2,297.00 to be 100% paid for our church. Please help us to be a 100% supporter for our Fair Share Giving. "We are so blessed"!

Finance Committee

PLEDGE CARDS

Please return your completed pledge card to our church Treasurer by mail or by depositing the card in the preaddressed envelope in the Sunday collection plate. Receiving the pledge cards in a timely manner helps us plan for the 2010 Finances. Our church treasurer is Jeff Ekstrom. Thank you.

Finance Committee

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 JR GIPE	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
GREG BELCHER	1/16
WALTER SAYRE	1/17
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
JANET PENNINGTON	1/25
EVAN ROWE	1/26
TANNER EKSTROM	1/28

December and January Anniversaries

COLBY	12/23
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGH	12/28

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please send an email to Donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net and I will add you to the list.