



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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Lakeview's Golden Anniversary We are So Blessed!

Lakeview, we're Fifty Years Old! Or should I say Fifty Years Good! Or Fifty Years Blessed! Or Fifty Years Graced! The Newbroughs have volunteered to spearhead this celebration and we are excited about it. After the first of the year, we will be forming a committee to decide on a time and a format for the celebration. We have ideas and are sure you have some ideas about how to celebrate 50 years of ministry in our community. We will be excited to share them with you. So watch for the announcements and the ways we will be inviting YOU to be involved.

Congratulations, Lakeview!!

HEATING IN THE EDUCATIONAL WING

Attention persons using any of the rooms in the educational wing of the church. These rooms (Kindergarten, Choir room, Kitchen Multipurpose room, offices, and Sunday school) are only being heated on Sunday morning.

If you need to use these rooms during cold weather be sure and call Dick Thompson at 304-727-3723 and I will set up for you to have heat in the rooms you are using. Be aware that it takes three to five hours to warm these rooms during the winter, so call ahead when you know you will be using them.

We are continually studying this situation to best serve our needs and not waste energy heating them every day. I will keep you updated of any changes and welcome any suggestions from you.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Kathi McCormick opened the meeting with a Christmas reading and prayer. Those present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Karen Kersey, Kathi McCormick, Bud Newbrough, Dave Koontz, Karen Ekstrom, Jason & Robin Black, and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Robin) to accept the November minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Bud/Don). We are currently a few dollars short in making our Conference Apportionment, but hope is that we will make 100% by year's end.

Finance – Memorial monies have been given to the church, and the idea of a committee to handle these special funds was discussed. It was agreed that this responsibility will be handled by the Finance Committee.

Christian Education - We have reached the end of the year with the list of persons handling both the nursery and Children's Church. Plans are to prepare new sheets for 2011 and continue with the same format/people as 2010.

Thanks were expressed to Karen Kersey and the "downstairs Sunday School class" for making the Christmas play a huge success.

Family Ministries – The Christmas Play with Lakeview's Young People was well attended, and a total of 15 kids participated. Thanks to the help of the Sunday School class, we were able to make this happen. Now our challenge is to have other adults help and keep those 15 interested in Lakeview Sunday School.

We will have 'Caroling' on Wednesday, December 22, 6 pm – dinner will be provided, then caroling, and return to the church for hot chocolate and cookies.

Starting in January (date to be determined) we will have Wednesday night dinners at the church. A couple people will do the preparation, and those participating are asked to make a donation to cover the cost of the food.

Outreach – Cards were sent to the community alerting them to our "Thanksgiving Dinner" on Sunday, November 20

We staffed the Love Light Tree table at Town Center, December 2, for Hospice. Thanks to Marilyn Morton for coordinating this.

Lakeview "Rang the Bells" for Salvation Army on Nov. 20. Thanks to Bud Newbrough for coordinating this.

The Jesse Tree is in the back of the sanctuary. The scarves, mittens, underwear, socks, etc will be given to Sojourners. Because of the great need, plans are to continue collecting these items during the year and taking them to Sojourners.

There will be a mailing to the community regarding our Christmas Eve Service.

Parsonage/Trustees – Two projects are currently underway at the parsonage.

The trustees will meet Tuesday, December 21 to organize for the coming year. Plans are to elect a new chairperson and set goals for the 2011 year.

We have purchased new tables for use in the multipurpose room. Motion (Dave/Bud) carried to use the best of the old tables in the classrooms and if anyone is interested in having one of the remaining old tables, please contact Dave. If any are left at yard sale time, they will be sold at that time.

The fire extinguishers that belong to the church are out being checked, and the ones currently in use are loaners from the 'checker'.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL –Cont'd

PS/PRC – Each year we are asked by the Conference if we would like our current minister to return for another year. We have asked for the return of Pastor Richie.

We are currently looking for a custodian starting next year. We have one candidate that the committee is currently interviewing for this position.

Worship – We had a nice group of people help to ready our sanctuary for Advent/Christmas.

Christmas Eve Service will be at Lakeview Church, 7 pm. This will be a combined service with St. Luke.

The next committee meeting will be next year, time to be announced.

Miscellaneous – The date for our Spring yard sale will be Saturday, March 26th.

The meeting was adjourned.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Christmas! Advent! These are two seasons of loving, caring, and sharing. Lakeview has been active in many of these opportunities. As this reporter was sitting at the Love Light Tree in Charleston Town Center, a young woman approached the table and was looking at the notebook that identifies the group that is manning the table. "Oh, she said, I work for the Salvation Army and your church rings the bells for us, too!" I felt good that she recognized our church's name and "knew us" as a contributor to good works in our community. I am sure someone who worked at Sojourners, Jericho House, Christ's Kitchen or Manna Meal would also recognize us in that same way. So thanks to those of you who sit at the table, ring the bells, buy the scarves and mittens,

bring the food and fill the Christmas baskets. You have brought the message of love, caring and sharing to those less fortunate in our community by your acts of kindness. We, here at Lakeview, have been richly blessed by our Creator with resources in abundance and you have the love in your hearts to care and share. Praise the Lord!

For your information, the Hospice movement in our community was started by a nurse, Becky Bailey, in our church who, after losing her husband to lung cancer, felt the call to become involved. She spearheaded the effort that today is known as Hospice Care in our region. Lakeview has been assisting in the Love Light Tree fund raiser almost since its inception twenty seven years ago. Praise the Lord!

We, at Lakeview, were treated to a delicious dinner on December 5 by the congregation at Saint Luke's UMC, our sister church. Thank you, friends, at Saint Luke's! Praise the Lord!

Barbara and Dave Koontz hosted the Bill Casto Sunday School Class party at their home on December 8. Bill was thanked for his service to the class and was treated to some interesting gifts. It was a fun evening. Praise the Lord!

We have new tables! The Wellness Committee, with the aid of a generous contribution from Jim and Frances Paxton, have purchased 20 tables for use in the multipurpose room. They are white, they are lightweight, and they are new. So far, they don't rock. The only stipulations for their use are:

1. Please don't SIT on the new tables!
2. Please don't place HOT things on the new tables without protection!
3. Remember to WASH the table tops after they have been used!

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

We feel blessed to have accomplished this in less than a year for the church. Thank you to all who helped in any way with this project. You bought salads, you bought subs, and you bought baked potatoes. Praise the Lord!

Lakeview's Christmas Dinner, held December 12, was a delightful evening with a Christmas Play, *Christmas in the City*, provided by the children. Those participating did a wonderful job, aided by their teachers and others who assisted, all under the auspices of the Family Ministries Committee, led by Karen Kersey. The children were: Savannah and Alex Boden, Kenidi Bowyer, Gianni Collevocchio, Tanner and Mason Ekstrom, Grant Hudson, Samantha, Hailey, Audrey and John David Humphreys, Drew and Hayden Lane, and Amelia and Evan Rowe. Praise the Lord!

The Family Ministries Committee is also sponsoring Christmas Caroling on December 22 beginning with a dinner (that will be provided) at 6:00 pm. Wear your gloves and mittens, hats and boots and be there or be square! Sing your Praise to the Lord!

We ask you to remember in prayer those who need special help during this season of treatment, recovery, need and care.

Of course, we remember Frances and Jim Paxton, who need love, occasional treats and visits. Their caregiver is helping with meals during the week, but food on the weekends would not be turned away.

We remember Ruth Anderson and Carol Fry who have both had a lengthy recovery to their knee operations, but thankfully, seem to be on the mend now.

Fran Casto is recovering from cataract surgery.

We ask for prayer for Fred and Georgeann McKinney, who also need support in the form of food, love and visits. Fred is undergoing dialysis three times a week and thus far has been able to drive himself to Dunbar for the treatments. But there will be times when he will need transportation. Where there is illness, the need is great. Praise the Lord for those who cook, drive, visit and love during the hard times in life.

Don't forget! Christmas Eve service will be held at Lakeview, Friday, December 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Our friends from Saint Luke's will be sharing in this service and we welcome them. Praise the Lord! Christ is born!

Don't forget! To sign up for Pastor Richie's Book Study beginning in January. The book, written by Max Lucado, costs \$25.00 and Pastor Richie will order one for you from Amazon, when YOU sign up.

TABLES AVAILABLE!

Thanks to our Wellness Committee and other generous church members we have all new tables for our church. The old tables must go since there is no room to store them and really no need to keep them. The trustees proposed and the Administrative Board agreed that we would offer them to anyone in the church who wants them. They are very sturdy tables but in poor condition appearance-wise. There will be no charge for church members for any of the tables they take. (If you want to drop something extra in your pledge that would be up to you.) All tables not taken by the church family will be offered for sale at our next yard sale. If there are any left after sale, we will ask the City of Saint Albans to take them away. Thanks. Dave Koontz

LAKEVIEW'S EXERCISE ROOM

Do not forget Lakeview's exercise room. Your membership is free. The equipment listed below 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. You may bring a VCR tape and watch it while you work out. This sure makes the time seem like it goes by faster.

FINANCE CORNER

Income needed for Budget \$7,131.00
Income for October \$7,943.00

All bills are paid and one full payment (\$1,690.00) made to Conference.

We are on schedule to pay 100% of our Fair Share responsibility to the Conference. We are SO BLESSED to be able to share with the world of United Methodist Charities. That may be an orphanage in Russia, or a University in

Africa. It could be earthquake victims in Haiti or tsunami victims in Thailand, etc., etc., etc.! Or it may even be helping victims of hurricane disasters in Mississippi or Louisiana.

Finance Committee

December and January Anniversaries

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

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
RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
GREG BELCHER	1/16
WALTER SAYRE	1/17
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
EVAN ROWE	1/26
TANNER EKSTROM	1/28

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.