



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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50th Anniversary News

Here it is, the end of a long year celebrating our church's years of serving our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. What blessing the year has been for those of us who have on this project. You have met every challenge with vigor, enthusiasm and joy. We have completed every task set and it leaves us very happy indeed.



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Bill Casto reported that he and Don Morton delivered 141 coats to Heart and Hand House in South Charleston. They were delighted to get the coats and said they could use as many as we could supply. So the need is great and you, Lakeview, responded.

December's challenge is to provide sheets and blankets to the Twin Cities Center, a shelter for homeless men and women in this end of the county. We are already well on the way to our goal and again we have you to thank, Lakeview.

Again and again, we have asked and you have given. As I stated before, the need is great and I am sure 2012 will be no different than 2011. Amen!

For the 50th Anniversary Committee
Norma and Bud Newbrough

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby. Those present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Wayne Kersey, Dave Koontz, Jeff Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough and Don & Marilyn Morton.

Thanks were expressed to Ron for his service as Chairperson of the Council. Ron introduced Wayne Kersey as Chairperson for 2012. Wayne initiated two things: Our meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month, effective with the January meeting (January 3, 2012), and there will be a planning meeting Sunday evening, January 8, 2012, 5 pm. All chairpersons of committees are asked to participate and any other church members who would like to attend are welcome.

After reviewing the minutes, a motion (Dave/Bud) carried to accept the November minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – We did not make an Apportionment payment in November, but additional funds have been received and our expectation is that we will be able to meet this obligation.

Motion (Don M. /Bud) carried to accept the November report.

Finance - Pledges for 2012 are coming in, and reminders will be given to those who have not returned their pledge cards.

Funds (\$160) from the auction of the quilt and stained glass at the Thanksgiving dinner will be placed in our general fund.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration – Thanks to all those who made our 50th Anniversary Celebration a success. All events were well attended and we were able to stay within budget, plus we were able to do many outreach projects throughout the year. The committee felt that in addition to Lakeview celebrating our anniversary, we were able to celebrate with our community in offering many acts of charity.

Family Ministries – Thanks to Judy Belcher and Karen Ekstrom for organizing the play and family dinner on Sunday, December 11.

Sunday, December 18th, will be Christmas Caroling at 6:30 pm, followed by hot chocolate and cookies in the multipurpose room at the church. Plans are to carol in the close neighborhood and perhaps drive to a couple of houses and then return for hot chocolate/cookies.

Outreach - We have received 15 names from the St. Albans Ministerial Association of families designated to receive Christmas Baskets. These have been assigned to Lakeview families and turkeys/hams are being purchased with funds that are given for this outreach venture. Any extra funds will be given to Christ's Kitchen.

The Worship Committee is supplying New Testaments to be included with the baskets.

Worship – Christmas Eve Service will be a combined service at St. Luke, 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, 2011.

Christmas Day Service will be a combined service at Lakeview, 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 25, 2011. (Worship will supply activity bags for the kids during this service.)

Regular services resume Sunday, January 1, 2012, 10 am, Communion.

Miscellaneous - We are working on securing a date for our Spring Yard Sale. March 31, 2012 will be the date unless we discover complications.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Merry Christmas, Lakeview! Happy New Year, Lakeview! Here we are ready to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It has been announced that the Christmas Eve service will be on December 24, at 5:00 pm at Saint Luke's UMC. Sunday morning service on Christmas Day will be at Lakeview at 11:00 am. Pastor Richie will be presiding at both services and we hope YOU are there.

We happily announce the birth of Dylan Blake Bacchus, son of Hollie and Matt Bacchus. Dylan was born on 11/11/11! I am told that Daddy Matt was able to see the birth from Afghanistan through the miracle of modern technology. Hollie and Dylan reside at 4115 Oak Drive, Havelock, NC, 28552.

Congratulations to our Lakewood Elementary school children for their excellent work in the first nine weeks of the school year. Maintaining perfect attendance is: Audrey Humphreys, Grant Hudson, and Evan Rowe. Those on the Lakewood Honor Roll are: Savannah Boden, Tanner Ekstrom, Haleigh and Samantha Humphreys, and Andrew Whitman.

Congratulations to the children for their Christmas program presented on December 11, 2011 following a pot luck dinner. The program concentrated on gift giving, instead of gift receiving. Especially important, these gifts were handmade, under the tutelage of congregation members. Family Ministries, Karen Kersey, chairperson, was in charge of the dinner. Thank you to all of you who made this delightful evening happen.

At this point in time, both Fred McKinney and Frances Paxton are in the hospital. This reporter hopes they will be released soon into the care of their loving families. Be sure to include Georgeann McKinney in your prayers, too. We also remember Carol Fry who is still recovering from a broken arm.

Not only did Lakeview participate in the Hospice program, the Love Light Tree at Charleston Town Center, members also rang bells at the Kmart for the Salvation Army. We express deep gratitude to those who took the time from their busy schedules to help out the community. You know who you are! May God bless you!

It is that time of year when we who are blessed reach out to those who need help in the form of our annual Christmas Basket program. Ron and Marilyn Colby have headed this project for several years and we thank them for this service. We also express thanks to those who fill these baskets and we remember in prayer those who need them.

We give thanks to Dave and Barbara Koontz, who hosted a lovely Christmas party to honor Bill Casto for his work as teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class. A good time was had by all.

The Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Nurture Committee, headed by Franki Noble, was well attended, and delicious! The two items that were auctioned (silently, of course) raised \$160.00 for the General Fund. One item was a beautiful twin sized quilt lovingly made and donated by Amy Colby, Ron's mother and the other was a beautiful stained glass window donated by Mary Rose and refurbished by our Dave Koontz. The proud new owners of these items are the Humphrey Family for the quilt and the Schott Family for the stained glass. Thank you, both!

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
LESLIE BODEN	1/12
RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
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

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

Donald.paul.wilson@frontier.com and I will add you to the list.

FINANCE CORNER

Finance Corner for December 2011

Needed to make Budget	\$7,131.00
Income for November	<u>\$5,695.00</u>
Shortfall	\$1,405.00

We did not make a payment to the Conference for our Fair Share Giving. That means we are \$5,425.00 behind for the year 2011.

Good News! Our congregation is responsible and faithful. We have had good response to our request for extra giving and therefore as of December 13th, we have most of the money we need to pay our Fair Share at 100%. Thank God for the people of Lakeview. During 2011 you have given and given and given. You have answered Christ's commission to us to take care of each other all over the world. God Bless You!

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough

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