



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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Church Auction

Our church will sponsor a fund-raiser social event with an Auction of our talents on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm. We will begin the evening with a Covered Dish Dinner and complete the evening with the Auction. The proceeds from this event will go to our outreach Twin Cities Shelter in Saint Albans.

Suggestions for items for you to bring to the Auction would be crafts like stained glass, wood working, needle work, bird houses, pottery, etc. You may also donate services such as shoveling snow, washing cars or windows, painting a room, cooking a meal, trimming bushes, etc. Use your imagination!!

Dick Thompson will be our Auctioneer, so come on out for a good time on a winter evening. Any questions? Call Bud Newbrough at 727-7739.

For the Finance Committee

Bud Newbrough

HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING

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 eight hours to warm these rooms during the winter, so call ahead when you know you will be using them.

Just because it is announced or scheduled does not mean I will set the heat up. If I am contacted it gets taken care of immediately.

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

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report for November 2012 was distributed, and motion (Dave/Don) carried to accept the report. It was noted that Lakeview has made their full Apportionment payment for the entire year. Lakeview is up to date with payment of bills and Conference payments and we are blessed to be in good financial standing.

Finance - We had planned to have an auction in October to raise money for use of those working with the St Albans/Nitro Shelter Project. Now this has been scheduled for January 15th. (Note: everyone needs to be working on an item or service to be auctioned off.) The Finance Committee will chair this event, which will include a pot luck dinner.

Also, we need to be thinking about a date for our spring yard sale. This will be voted on at the January meeting...proposed date is the second Saturday in April.

Family Ministries - The Family Ministries Committee will have a *Journey to Bethlehem* on Sunday, December 16, 5-7 pm. Church youth need to be at the church at 4:15 pm on that day. Following the Journey, food will be provided in the multi-purpose room and then we will adjourn to the sanctuary for singing.

The youth have been busy preparing backdrops, mangers, sheep, jugs, weaving cloth and in general creating scenes for the Journey.

Trustees - The church is in good physical condition, and the few minor items that need to be taken care of, have been delegated to specific trustees.

Worship - Thanks to the workers who helped prepare the church for the Christmas season.

A list of the activities of the church for the Christmas season with a magnet on the back was distributed to all church attendees.

We are in need of ushers and greeters for the coming months.

Outreach - Lakeview has 20 names of families requesting food baskets. We are collecting money for the purchase of hams and turkeys to be used in the baskets.

For the people receiving their baskets that are able to come to the church to pick them up on Saturday, December 15, Girl Scout troop #2233 will be at the church on that date to help with the transfer of food items from one (the basket giver) to the next (the person who is receiving the food basket.) This is a community service project for the troop.

Persons from the church collected funds for Hospice at the Town Center on Thursday, November 29th. Thanks to those who participated and \$1354.82 was collected that day.

Also, people from the Adult Sunday School class rang bells for the Salvation Army at the K-Mart location on Saturday, December 1st.

Pastor's Report - The list of persons to be installed for 2013 will be distributed shortly.

Exciting things are happening at Lakeview-

- New members
- Baptisms
- Tweens Group has been formed.
- Families attending worship service
- New choir members

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

- People doing ministry outside the church family.
- We have met our Conference Apportionment 100% for the year.
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Christmas Eve Service will be at Lakeview at 6 pm.

Miscellaneous - Our Charge Conference was held Monday, December 3, 7 pm at St. Andrew Methodist Church and thanks were expressed to the five persons from our church attending.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be January 8, 2013.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Oh, My Goodness! It is just a couple of more weeks until Christmas! How will I get it all done? What can I cut out this year so I will have time for the things that really matter? Where has my energy gone? How can I capture the magic of Christmas? Is this the way YOU feel?

Today I had a perfect moment. I was putting some greenery in my planter outside my kitchen window, when I stopped and looked at the beautiful day, smelled the fresh pine and looked up to the heavens to savor that special moment, when no sound pierced my consciousness and all was quiet in my corner of the world. I hope you have a perfect moment in this busy Christmas season while we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am told by those who know that our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was a big

success, though there may have been fewer folks there. Any occasion to be thankful can be nothing but fabulous! Thank you to all who made it happen once again.

We give thanks to those of you who took time from your busy schedules to sit at the 29th Love Light Tree at Charleston Town Center. The Newbroughs, the Castos, the Koontzs, the Thompsons, and the Mortons gave of their time to help Hospice Care with their annual fund raiser. The Hospice Community does such great work that it is a pleasure to be involved in this way. It is this reporter's opinion that Lakeview is the only church from Saint Albans that volunteers for this occasion.

Many of you also rang bells at the Kmart in support of the Salvation Army on Saturday 1, 2012. They were Ed and Daryl Schott, Dick Webb and Charlie Fry, Karen and Don Wilson, Bill Casto and Richard Paxton, Dave and Barbara Koontz, Don and Marilyn Morton, Pastor Richie and his cousin, Jody Morgan. Lakeview has been participating in this Outreach for many years, also. Thank you!

The Lakeview Tween Group participated in the Saint Albans Christmas Parade on December 1. It was a beautiful day and John Humphreys was driving the float and his truck in the parade. The Tweens who rode on the float were Tanner and Mason Ekstrom, Drew, Hayden and Ella Lane, Zach Crouse, Noah Ballard and Jason Hensley. Also helping in the preparation of the float were Samantha Humphreys and Rhianna Turterice. Thank you Tweens for showing your support for Lakeview in our community.

We give thanks for Carol Fry and Dottie Hamon who have been welcome additions to the Lakeview Choir during the Christmas season. And we give thanks for Tracy

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Adkinson, Pastor Richie's sister, who has blessed us with her beautiful voice at various times during the fall season and especially during the Christmas music presented on December 9. Thanks, too to Chong Coughlin for her skills.

We give thanks for Ron and Marilyn Colby who have for a number of years committed to the task of organizing Lakeview's Christmas Baskets. This year we have agreed to handle baskets for 20 families in need. We thank and praise God for the Colby's and for the abundance that allows Lakeview to serve in this important way.

We give thanks for the life of Al Weil, who died recently in Georgia. Al and his wife Helen were members of Lakeview in years past and we received this news from their daughter, Cheryl Hospadarsky. Should you wish to send a card in remembrance of Al, Cheryl's address is 9931 Sharsted Court, Indianapolis, IN, 46236.

We give thanks for the life of Bob Newbrough, Bud's brother, who died on November 21, 2102 in Weirton, WV. Bob was Bud's last remaining sibling so his loss is keenly felt.

We send sympathy to Gina and Don Griffith in the loss of Gina's mother Mary Cooper, who also died on November 21, 2012. We also send sympathy to Mary Beth and Emily.

We ask for prayer for Carol Jennings, Norma Newbrough's sister, of Easton, MD who suffered a stroke on November 11. Carol will require extensive rehabilitation. But there is gratitude that she has survived.

We continue to ask for prayer and your loving kindness toward Fred and Georgeann McKinney.

That is all for this month, folks! Be sure to watch for that perfect moment whenever and wherever it comes and you will know that it is God Speaking.

December and January Anniversaries

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

December and January Birthdays

BUZZ KNAPP	12/4
ELIZABETH BOBBERA	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
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: Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

FINANCE CORNER

Income needed to make budget \$ 7,000.00
Income during November 2012 \$ 7,655.00

All bills are paid in full.

Our Conference Fair Share Giving is paid in full for all of 2012. We have been a richly blessed congregation of Jesus Christ at Lakeview! Hallelujah!

For the Finance Committee

Bud Newbrough