



# Lakeview NEWS

## December 2013

Lakeview United Methodist Church

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### EXERCISE ROOM AVAILABLE

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 you 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 - Flex CTS Cross Training Machine with stair climber
1 - DP Air Gometer stationary bicycle	1 - Mode 1 Treadmill
1 - Aerobic Rider Total Body exercise machine	1 - Weslo Cadence 955 Treadmill
1 - Total Gym 1000	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 to go by faster.

### 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, Linda Thompson, Dave Koontz, Marilyn Colby, and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Dave/Bud) carried to accept the November minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer's reports for October and November were distributed. Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the reports.

Wayne noted that at the Charge Conference in November, Lakeview was awarded a certificate for paying their Conference Apportionment at 100%.

**Trustees** - A couple of minor repairs were taken care of during the month.

Our custodian has informed us that he is available to clean/wax our multi-purpose room floor for extra compensation if we have that need. We will check with him about costs and details, and arrange for this at a convenient time.

**Worship** - Thank you to those who helped ready the church for the Advent/Christmas season.

**Outreach** - Lakeview has agreed to take care of 18 families with Christmas baskets to be delivered by December 21. Thank you to all who have agreed to help. We are still in need of funds to cover the cost of the hams/turkeys that we put in the baskets. Anyone wishing to help may put the money in the offering plate with the designation "Christmas baskets" on it.

Lakeview Church did "Ring Bells" on Saturday, November 16, at K-Mart in St. Albans for the Salvation Army. Also, plans are to staff the Hospice Table at the Town Center on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Nurture** - Thanks to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 24. We had a great response (over 125 people, including 16 from the homeless shelter in St Albans).

**Family Ministries** - The committee is busy working on the Children's Program for Christmas.

The covered dish dinner will be at 5:30 pm on Sunday, December 15 and following the dinner we will see the Christmas Video - and then adjourn to share some Christmas Carols, accompanied by our own Charlie Foster.

**Pastor's Report** - The Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during worship service.

Christmas Eve Service will be at Lakeview, 6 pm, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The pastor will be highlighting Emmaus walks and gatherings in the coming year. He will serve as Spiritual Director for the group.

**Miscellaneous** - Next Council meeting is January 7.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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We have already had the first Sunday in Advent and we thank Don and Karen Wilson for lighting the Advent Candle of peace. The church is decorated and ready for the festivities surrounding the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This reporter thinks the first blessing of the season arrived on November 10<sup>th</sup> in the form of Rylee Grace McNeil, born to Pastor Richie and Leslie and big sister, Sophie, appropriately, on Sunday

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morning. We give thanks for this new life and we pray blessings on the Pastor's family.

The Lakeview Christmas Cantata will be held during Worship on Sunday, December 15 with Tracy Atkinson leading the choir and Charlie Foster playing the music. The choir has been working on the music for a couple of months now and is eager for you to hear this music of the season. We give thanks for those singers who have joined with the Choir to make this a special presentation.

On that same Sunday, December 15, there will be a Christmas dinner at 5:30 pm at the church and the Children's program will be presented. The children have been working on an Extravaganza that will tell the Christmas story. So be there or be square! Lakeview has been blessed with over 20 children to participate in this program.

We give thanks for Ron and Marilyn Colby who are working hard to make sure that the families whose names we have been given from the Ministerial Association will receive their Christmas baskets full of blessings from Lakeview United Methodist Church this year. We are planning to prepare 20 baskets this year.

The Sanctuary looks beautiful and we thank the Worship Committee, headed by Marilyn Colby, for the extra work. Just so you know, the tree in the back of the Sanctuary is called a Jesse Tree and we are collecting scarves, hats, sox and gloves or mittens to be given to the women and children at Sojourners.

Lakeview has participated in the Salvation Army Annual Bell Ringing campaign. The

church manned the kettle at the SA K-Mart on Saturday, November 16. Those who worked are: Marilyn and Ron Colby, Karen and Don Wilson, Bill Casto and Bud Newbrough, Mary Ferguson and Franki Noble, Don and Marilyn Morton, Janet Painter and Leslie Boden, and Matt Goodwin. We thank them for their service.

Lakeview has also participated in manning the Lovelight Tree at the Charleston Town Center in support of Hospice, Inc. The folks who helped with this project are: Bill and Fran Casto, Bud and Norma Newbrough, Dick and Linda Thompson, Don and Marilyn Morton. This is an important fund raising project for Hospice and we know they appreciate our help. Go, Lakeview!

As always, there are those who need extra prayer. We ask for prayer for Carol Fry who has broken her back with a fall in November. Carol is at home recuperating. We pray God's blessing on Carol and Charlie.

Last month our Dave Koontz was doing a fine job of resealing the church driveway. This month Dave is having a heart procedure and needs our prayers. We pray God's blessing on Dave and Barbara.

We continue to ask for prayer for Georgeann and Fred McKinney who have been homebound for several months. Please remember Peggy McMillian who is also homebound in River Bend. We pray God's blessing on Fred, Georgeann and Peggy.

We ask for prayer for our Helen Cherry who fainted after the Thanksgiving dinner. We pray God's blessings on Helen.

We ask for prayer for Ruth Anderson, who is having tests. We pray God's blessings on Ruth.

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We ask for prayer for Gary Boggs, but alas, I have no details. We pray God's blessings on Gary.

We ask for prayer for Kenny and Karen Bowyer in the loss of Kenny's sister, Ethel, who died at the age of 52, recently. We pray God's blessing on the Bowyer family.

Pastor Richie announced in church that Shiloh and Jonathan Abner's baby, Kennedy, had been born a few days after their Rylee Grace. We pray God's blessings on the Abner Family.

We welcome back Dick and Linda Thompson from an extended vacation. They jumped right back into service heading up the great Thanksgiving Dinner Lakeview has been hosting for several years. This reporter is told that the food was delicious as always, and that the crowd approached 125 hungry souls. Way to go, Lakeview!

We thank those people who filled in for Pastor Richie while he had some time off for the birth of Rylee. They were: our Wayne Kersey, Midland South District Superintendent, Ed Grant, and our Wayne Kersey. We also thank Abby Heid for filling in for Charlie while he was away.

This reporter wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

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### December and January Anniversaries

<b>COLBY</b>	<b>12/23</b>
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGH	12/28

### December and January Birthdays

<b>BUZZ KNAPP</b>	<b>12/4</b>
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
<b>LESLIE BODEN</b>	<b>1/12</b>
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](mailto:Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com) and I will add you to the list.

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### FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget	\$7,400.00
Income for November	\$8,161.00

All bills are paid in full and we have paid 100% of our Fair Share Giving to the Conference.

We are so Blessed!!!!

The most important dynamic of Lakeview's financial picture is that when we pledge to the church, we pay the pledge. Almost 100% of all pledges are paid in full. We have an awesome congregation. Praise God!

For the Finance Committee  
Bud Newbrough