



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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A.S.A.P.

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally, we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry-
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time " is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest-
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather-
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by our chairperson, Ron Colby. Charlie Fry opened the meeting with a devotional. Present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Pastor Richie, Charlie Fry, Bud Newbrough, Janet Pennington, Fred McKinney, Jason & Robin Black, Karen Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton. Ron announced that Matt Goodwin will serve as vice chairperson in case he would be unavailable at some meetings. Motion carried (Bud Newbrough/Marilyn Colby) to accept the minutes of the January meeting as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was distributed. In January all bills were paid including our Conference Apportionment payment. Motion carried (Don Morton/Bud Newbrough) to accept the treasurer's report.

Finance – On Tuesday, February 24, Lakeview will sponsor a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This year it will be a free dinner for the church and neighborhood. Finance Committee agreed to handle this and everything is in place for the event. The Wellness Committee will contribute \$125 towards the dinner and we will advertise with our signs in the neighborhood.

With our new pastoral arrangement (sharing a pastor with St. Luke) and anticipating some extra funds in our treasury, the committee feels to repay the monies we borrowed from our Building Fund should be first priority for use of the extra funds. Therefore we will make sure our Conference payment is made, our agreed amount of repayment is made and then anything over that will be used towards the borrowed amount from the Building Fund. When the

amount is repaid, then Finance Committee will revisit the situation.

Christian Education – Vacation Bible School will be moved to the Family Ministries Committee for this year. It will be held June 28-July 2 and plans are currently in place.

Children's Church is going really well with 10-13 attending each week. After consultation with Pastor Richie, it was decided because of time, we will not have Children's Church on Communion Sundays.

Wellness - Results of the Committee meeting on January 22:

- (1) If anyone in the congregation needs nurse help sorting out medications, taking blood pressure, etc., please call Janet and she will arrange for someone to come.
- (2) CPR class will be scheduled in March – charge will be \$12 per person.
- (3) Will sponsor an Adults Night Out and Amy Humphreys will speak on power of attorney, medical power of attorney, wills, etc.
- (4) Will have a blood pressure clinic once a month.
- (5) Will have a "thank you" dinner for the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department before their February meeting.
- (6) Will arrange for a telephone in the exercise room of the church.

Family Ministries/Outreach – We had a great Souper Bowl – Food and monies collected will be taken to St. Mark

A family night will be planned for sometime in February.

Nurture – Nurture Committee will have "Chicken Soup for the Soul" following church on Sunday, February 15th.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

Parsonage - A new hot water tank has been installed in the parsonage.

Dave is still working with the city on water usage for the parsonage.

Pastor Staff/Parish Relations – No report.

Trustees – The trustees have been working on a church identification sign to be placed on the church (railroad side of the narthex). An estimated cost for purchasing the sign was \$3056; this included letters and the logo (\$800). After discussion it was determined that we could make the letters ourselves (Don Morton will rout them) and we would need to purchase only the logo plus some other incidentals.

Motion carried (Bud Newbrough/Fred McKinney) that we allow an amount not to exceed \$1000 for the purchase and construction of the outdoor sign. Monies used would come from the Ralph Jarrett memorial money, the Woody Smith memorial money and the Black family.

Worship – The committee met and discussed several items:

(1) The Lenten Booklet is being prepared and will be handed out on Sunday, February 22.

(2) Special Lenten Services will be shared with St. Luke.

Ash Wednesday Service will be at St. Luke, February 25, 2009

Maundy Thursday Service will be at Lakeview, April 9, 2009

Good Friday Service will be at St. Luke, April 10, 2009

Sunrise Service at Lakeview, April 12, 2009

(3) Committee's next meeting will be March 10, 6 pm at the church.

Pastor's Report - Continues to visit church families.

Still conducting Bible Study classes on Wednesday evenings (and sometimes classes will be cancelled if it is deemed advisable for attendees to not be out in the elements).

We will have a men's basketball team in the Adult Basketball League at Maranatha. The men will pay their own entry fee, and motion (Bud Newbrough/Robin Black) carried that the church will pay for uniforms (tee shirts-\$143). Janet is checking to see if the Wellness Committee might cover this, otherwise it will come out of the regular church budget.

Miscellaneous – The March Administrative Council Meeting will be held March 10, 2009, 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

When this newsletter is distributed, it will be **February 14, Valentine's Day**. This is a day for remembering all of the people in our lives that make life worth living. Some call it a trivial celebration, but any time we remember to celebrate the love that surrounds us each and every day of our lives, it is a good thing. We celebrate the love of **Jesus Christ** for all people; we celebrate the life of this church and what it means to each of us; we celebrate the love of our mates, our children, our friends, our coworkers, and our everyday relationships. How blessed are we to be in such a position? **Thank you, Lord!**

We would like to celebrate the **Nurture Committee** who provided a wonderful lunch "**Chicken Soup for the Soul**" today. Thank you, **Franki Noble** and the rest of the **Committee**. It was delicious!

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – CONT'D

We would like to ask you to pray for **Fran Casto** who has undergone a knee replacement operation and has run into some setbacks in the recovery process. Please remember **Bill** also as he copes with the stress of this situation.

We ask for continued prayer for **Josh McCormick**, who is **Kenny Bowyer's** son and **Karen's** stepson. He is suffering from cancer, undergoing treatment and is in need of healing prayer.

Please keep **John Carr** in your prayers as he undergoes preventative radiation treatments.

We ask for prayer for **Gina and Jeff Palmer** and their daughters, **Morganne and Noelle**, family of **Leon McGraw**, who died recently. **Leon and his wife Jackie** were tireless workers at Lakeview Church in years past.

We ask for prayer for **Jeff Schott** who is having a tough time recently with the loss of a job and a family. **Jeff is Daryl's** son.

Some of you have lost loved ones recently, aged folks, who were special in your lives. They include **Mary Ferguson and Franki Noble**, who lost an uncle and **Charlie Fry**, who also lost an aged uncle. **Bud Newbrough** lost a brother in law also.

The **Wellness Committee** is hosting an **Appreciation Dinner** for our **Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department** on **February 23 at 6:30 pm** in the multipurpose room of the church. These folks give of their time and energy to provide a safe community for all of us. Stop by and express your thanks!

Thank you to all who participated in the **Adults Night Out Valentine Dinner** held at the **Saint Albans Woman's Club**. Our **Julie Simon** entertained, a delicious meal was eaten, and a good time was had by all. **Norma and Bud Newbrough** hosted the event.

On **February 24, 2009 from 5pm-7 pm** **Lakeview UMC** is hosting the **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at the church. The **Finance Committee** chaired by **Bud Newbrough** is in charge of this event and for the first time, the church is providing the dinner free to our community in appreciation of their support provide. The **Wellness Committee** has agreed to underwrite the cost of this meal.

Don't forget the joint **Ash Wednesday** service that commemorates the beginning of Lent to be held this year at **Saint Luke's Church** on **February 25 at 7:00 pm**.

We express our thanks to **Ron and Marilyn Colby** who are working to publish a **Lenten Devotional Booklet** to assist in our observance of Lent.

Save an extra hug for **Robin and Jason Black** who are grieving the loss of their beloved pet cat.

TRUSTEES

Trustees met on **Jan. 19, 2009** and assigned coordinators for the various responsibilities and duties that the trustees have at Lakeview Church. The following assignments were made: Electrical, heating and cooling-Jim Rose/Fred McKinney; Lawn and landscape maintenance-Dave Koontz; Lockup

schedule for 2009-Karen Wilson; Maintenance of the parsonage-Dave Ashley; Ice, snow, and leaf removal-Dave Koontz/Fred McKinney; Plumbing-Jim Rose/Joe Hudson; Maintenance of roofs-Bill Casto; Painting-Diane Cumberledge.

If you have a concern or a problem in any of these areas, please contact the coordinator or the chairperson of the trustees. Trustees assigned coordinators for the church improvement projects planned for this year: 1. Church Spring Cleanup day, Coordinator-Fred McKinney. 2. Install new church identification sign and lighting, Coordinator-Fred McKinney. 3. Trim or remove trees in the front lawn at the parsonage, Coordinator-Dave Ashley.

Coordinators may be contacting you for your help with these projects.

Thanks,
Fred McKinney
Chairperson, Trustees

February and March Birthdays

KATHY EDWARDS	2/2
JIM ROSE	2/2
BOBBY IDDINGS	2/4
ELIJAH GOODWIN	2/6
PEGGY MCMILLAN	2/7
KAREN WILSON	2/13
MARY FERGUSON	2/23
BILL CASTO	2/28
LINDA MARTIN	3/4
DICK THOMPSON	3/10
PAULA GIPE	3/13
JUDY BELCHER	3/13
ANNIE COLBY	3/13
BRENT KERSEY	3/14
TOM FERGUSON	3/15
KENNY BOWYER	3/16
EMILY GRIFFITH	3/17
SHERRY KNAPP	3/20
CARRIE FERGUSON	3/23

TYLER BROWN	3/24
SAMANTHA HUMPHREY	3/26
JUDY STRAWDERMAN	3/27
ROBERT ROWE JR	3/27
DAVEY GIPE	3/28

February and March Anniversaries

FERGUSONS	2/2
EKSTROMS	2/16
MCKINNEY	2/21
CARRS	2/23
MARTINS	3/10

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The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Jan-09	\$6,971.25	\$9,203.69	\$1,678.59	\$154.75
Year-to-Date	\$6,971.25	\$9,203.69	\$1,678.59	

* Lakeview made its apportionment payment for January.