



# Lakeview NEWS

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In The Pastors Corner

Starving For Christ!

*Psalm 84:2, "My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."*

This month we start the Lenten Season again and I'm truly excited and pumped up! Brothers and sisters I love to eat! I don't eat because of stress or because of some clinical problem. I eat because I love the taste of food! As you all know I love donuts. But my other favorites are pizza, hamburgers, pastas, steak, and Mexican. These past couple of years I have given up many types of food and other things for the Lenten Season. But God has really put a very serious thing on my heart and physical body for this up and coming Lenten.

In Luke 4:1-8, "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.' The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

This experience Jesus had is unbelievable! He ate nothing for forty days. What was He thinking? You will notice in the first verse it says that Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the desert." Today people really fast from food for forty days and I have seen this from inmates in prison and I have witnessed other pastors do it as well. When they fast they don't just cut out chocolate or Coke and Pepsi from their fast but all foods and drinks other than water. This fast that they do only consists of water, natural fruit

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juices, and chicken broth or other broths as well. That's it and I am amazed by this! I have seen some not complete it and I have seen a few complete it and the ones who completed it had an experience with Christ that was unexplainable.

Brothers and sisters are you starving for Christ or are you starving for the wrong things? Me personally I feel as if I need to get a little closer to Christ at this point in my life. So, this Lenten Season I feel led to take on this very serious fast. I feel as if my soul and heart need to do this. I feel truly led by the Holy Spirit to take this on. Not to lose weight, not to get healthier, but to get closer to Christ. My life seems to be really starving for a much deeper relationship with Christ. For Jesus, I believe, was led to do this not just to get tested, but to get even closer to the Heavenly Father while here on earth. Think about this? Jesus, even Jesus, needed to be closer. So what does that tell us? That we need our relationship perfected to the highest of the high with Christ everyday here on earth. You can never be too close to God!

So, if you see your pastor physically stumbling and his eyes look glazed over like a drunken sailor. Don't be alarmed because I'm fasting for real! I warn you I may be very irritable, my attitude may seem different, my speech may be slurred, my thought process may be weird, and my skin may be really pale white. So, please don't get freaked out with me but pray for me because during this fast I will be praying for your fast and your relationship with Christ. If you are starving to be closer Christ then seek Him to the fullest. Truly give up something for Him this year and begin a new closer walk with Thee. Amen!

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Charlie Fry opened the meeting with a devotion – "Elvira Had a Task". Those present in addition to Charlie & Ron were Marilyn Colby, Bud Newbrough, Karen Ekstrom, Jason & Robin Black, Karen Kersey, Dave Ashley and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Robin) to accept the January minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Karen reported that January was a good month money wise, and we were able to make our Apportionment payment for the month. Also monies collected for Haiti have been forwarded to the Conference with that designation. Motion (Don/Bud) to accept the January report as printed.

**Finance** - Finance Committee met and determined that the church owes the

Building Fund \$2790. and we are repaying this at \$126. per month. We had a balance in our checking account the end of December and the Finance Committee is recommending that we take \$1260 out of that, to pay to our Building Fund. This payment along with our \$126 per month will pay off the church debt to the Building Fund by the end of 2010. The Finance Committee also recommends that the \$1260 we pay to the Building Fund be used to double our next payment to the bank on our Building Fund. This resolution passed unanimously.

**Wellness** – The committee made \$410 on sub sandwich sales on Sunday, and plans to use this money to purchase new tables for the multipurpose room. The cost of new tables is approximately \$100 each. Because this sale was a success and more funds are needed to purchase other tables, the committee plans to have a baked potato luncheon immediately after church on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be

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toppings for the potatoes, peanut butter sandwiches for the kids and cookies for all.

**Christian Education** – Ron Colby noted that we are gratefully indebted to Karen Kersey for having the Sunday School Class for our young people and invited others to help her in this endeavor.

**Family Ministries** – The committee is pursuing activities that were previously announced:

(1) *Bread & Company* started last Wednesday. Logistics are being worked out – John Carr & Dick Thompson will do the shopping & cooking and a schedule is being worked out for others to clean up. Starting this week we will begin at 5:45 pm to allow those attending time to get to the "*Bible Study*" at 7 pm.

(2) We will have a *Religious Arts Festival*, Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of the activities are as follows:

a. 5 art experiences for children (Karen Kersey will head up the experiences and lots of moms will assist.)

b. 2 art opportunities for adults –  
i. - put an "art" object of yours that has special meaning to you, on display with a note of its spiritual importance to you or  
ii. - create an original piece of art.

c. Culinary art classes for middle/high school to adults. Dick Thompson will lead a class in smoker cooking and Chris Bennett (born in Greece) will teach how to make Greek favorites.

d. On-line book study for those interested, *The Me I Want to Be*, Wayne Kersey will handle ordering books and networking with those who want to participate.

e. At the Festival, families can view the artwork, eat dinner, and watch *Parables acted out from the Bible*.

f. We will end the evening with music, singing together in the sanctuary.

**Outreach** – Bud Newbrough has volunteered to take our collected food from Souper Bowl Sunday and from the kids to Christ's Kitchen.

An article has been submitted to the United Methodist monthly magazine regarding our Cantata, both churches joining together for the event. This will appear with some minor editing.

DVD's of our church service are available both for use locally and to those away who might be interested in our service. Contact the Blacks if you want one.

Postcards will be mailed to the neighborhood regarding our Easter services.

Lenten Devotions are being collected and will be available on computer this year.

**Parsonage** – The dishwasher has been repaired. Plans are underway for trimming the trees and roof replacement.

**PS/PRC** - The committee will meet Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Worship** – As noted earlier. The Lenten Devotions will be distributed electronically this year. In case persons do not have computer access, a printed copy will be made available.

The committee met prior to the Council meeting and talked about upcoming services.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 17 – 7 pm at St. Luke

Palm Sunday Service, March 28, at Lakeview and St. Luke

Holy Thursday Service, 7 pm at Lakeview

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Good Friday Service, 7 pm at St. Luke

Easter Sunrise Service by the lake,  
Easter Service at Lakeview & at St. Luke

The choir of our church is working on a cantata, "*Worthy*"- which will be done in connection with the Dunbar Methodist Church choir, at their church on Palm Sunday evening. Following church service on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting to determine if it will be presented a second time.

**Miscellaneous** - Lakeview's Yard Sale will be March 20, and people may start bringing items to the church on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 16, at the church from 5-7 pm. This is a free supper and all are encouraged to invite their neighbors and friends.

There will be no Bible Study and no *Bread & Company* on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

The next Administrative Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Bud Newbrough.



## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Happy Valentine's Day! This is a good day to remember our Lord's admonition to "Love one another"!

Let us thank the Nurture Committee for the wonderful After Church Lunch on Valentine's Day. **Franki Noble** heads this committee and all of them do a great job of it, too!

**Pastor Richie** met with the Committee that examines candidates for ordination this past week. We know that was nerve

wracking, but this reporter is sure he comported himself well. I was right! This reporter is happy to report that Pastor Richie passed his examination and will be ordained in June at the Annual Conference.

The Wellness Committee made and sold Submarine Sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday. The Committee realized a profit of over \$400.00, thanks to the generosity of **Carol Davis**, who purchased the supplies and you, Lakeview, for supporting this project. You have helped us move closer to our goal of purchasing new tables for the church.

The Worship Committee, together with the computer skills of **Robin Black** and the creativity of our amazing congregation, is ready to publish via email the latest edition of Lakeview's Lenten Devotion Booklet. We hope you will find this an appropriate vehicle to enhance your spiritual life during Lent.

Don't forget the Ash Wednesday Service to be held on Wednesday, February 17 at Saint Luke's at 7:00 pm.

We ask for continued prayer for **Frances and Jim Paxton**. This winter weather and the infirmities of advanced age have been keeping them close to home these past months.

**Fred McKinney** also needs our prayers as he struggles with a painful back situation.

**John McCormick** has undergone his surgery in Columbus to repair damage to his foot. John will be laid up for 3 months and will need our support and love during this trying time. **Kathi**, too!

Many thanks to **John Carr** and **Dick Thompson** who have been cooking delicious soups for those who wish to stop by the church at 5:45 pm on Wednesdays. The Family Ministries Committee, chaired by

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

**Karen Kersey**, is hosting these events, so bring a friend, a neighbor and Come On Down!

Pastor Richie's Bible Study is continuing with the book of I Corinthians, chapter 16 on Wednesdays, at Saint Luke's during the month of February at 7:00 pm.

The **Ekstroms, Jeff, Karen, Tanner and Mason** joined **Karen and Don Wilson** at a WVU Gymnastics meet recently, reporting that they had a great time, that **Ashley Wilson** performed very well, and that WVU won the meet. Others are planning a trip to Morgantown to watch our Ashley compete.

A grand celebration was held recently at the home of **Jim Rose** when his family gathered to celebrate Jim's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Congratulations, Jim and Happy Birthday. That is quite a milestone.

Last month, this reporter managed to remember to announce to the Lakeview Congregation that **Brad Davis** had graduated from WVU, but plumb forgot to mention that our **Meghan Kersey** had also graduated with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Florida. Meghan is currently engaging the job search business at a particularly trying time in our history. We wish her Godspeed and good luck. Congratulations, Meghan!

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### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

You are invited to Lakeview U.M.Church on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 to enjoy a FREE pancake dinner. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, apples, and drinks from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives.

## BAKED POTATO LUNCH

The Wellness Committee invites YOU to an after church Baked Potato Luncheon Fund Raiser for the congregation on **March 7, 2010**. Proceeds from this sale will move us closer to the amount needed to purchase the tables for the church. The Luncheon will feature large baked potatoes, with a variety of toppings, drinks and dessert. Children under ten will be half price and there will be peanut butter and jelly available for sandwiches.

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### SPRING YARD SALE

The date for our Annual Spring Yard Sale has been set for Saturday, March 20, 2010. The time will be, as usual, 8:00 am until 12 noon. We will have breakfast food and baked goods for sale. Check your closets, basements and attics for treasures that we might sell. Ask your friends and neighbors if you can help them clean out their homes and garages.

The Multipurpose Room will be available on March 10<sup>th</sup> to begin bringing your items to the church. I am estimating that Lakeview has been holding the Fall Yard Sale since about 1980. The Second Sale or the Spring Sale was started about 1990. We believe we serve a good purpose (mission) for many people in addition to making a few dollars for other projects. Also as usual, we need lots of help! Any questions? Call Bud at 304-727-7739.

## February and March Birthdays

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 HUMPHREYS	3/26
JUDY STRAWDERMAN	3/27
ROBERT ROWE JR	3/27
DAVEY GIPE	3/28

## February and March Anniversaries

FERGUSON	2/2
EKSTROM	2/16
MCKINNEY	2/21
CARR	2/23
MARTIN	3/10

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please send an email to [Donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net](mailto:Donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net) and I will add you to the list.



Pictures from the recent(?) past. Who are these folks?

## On-Line Book Study Begins February 21<sup>st</sup>

The Family Ministries Committee is sponsoring a 7-week book study on realizing your spiritual potential for God. The Me I Want to Be is written by John Ortberg. The first assignment will be posted on Lakeview's website on Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Throughout the study, participants will be encouraged to e-mail comments for everyone to read and respond. It will be like a lively classroom discussion without the room!

If you are interested, please contact Wayne Kersey (304.727.0071) by Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> to order the book. The cost is only \$10.

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# Lakeview's Religious Arts Festival

When: Sunday night, April 11<sup>th</sup>

What: Lakeview will have a "gourmet" dinner prepared by some of our finest cooks. Several art galleries will be open in the various Sunday school classrooms of religious themed art work created by members of LUMC, plus all the children. After dinner people willing to participate will be assembled into groups, handed a parable and bag of props, and then present a "ten minutes of rehearsal" parable. It will be a no-pressure, multi-age presentation of a Bible parable so we'll all grow in faith together. We'll end the evening with music, singing together in the sanctuary.

Events leading up to the Religious Arts Festival: specific dates and times coming soon....

- Art classes for children
- Art classes for adults
- Culinary arts classes for middle/high school to adult....how to cook using a smoker by Dick Thompson, Greek cooking by Chris Bennett (born in Greece)
- On-line book study, The Me I Want to Be led by Wayne Kersey
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Family Ministries Committee