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50th Anniversary Celebration



The Anniversary Committee has met again and has outlined the program for the Celebration to be held on October 21, 22, and 23, 2011.

program for

Beginning 50 days before our celebration, there will Prayer Calendars available for use by both the Adults and the Children. The Committee agreed to continue the 50 Acts of Charity each month throughout the year. In January 50 boxes/bottles of laundry detergent were delivered to Sojourners. Thank you, Don Griffith, for making that delivery! In February, Linda Martin made 50 Valentine Favors that were delivered to Valley Health North. These favors included lots of Valentines made by Lakeview's children. Thank you, Lakeview Children! Mary Ferguson will be in charge of a drive to get 50 boxes of powdered Milk for Manna Meal for the month of March. Pastor Richie is in charge of a surprise challenge for the month of April.

Friday evening, October 21, 2011 will feature a Tailgate Party to be held outdoors, weather permitting. It is our intention to invite our community to join us for this event. Dick Thompson will be in charge of rounding up the menu and the logistics. Musician Dale Harper will probably be the entertainment for the evening and we look forward to his special brand of music.

October 22, 2011, we hope to welcome a lot of guests from years past and treat them to a great Lakeview Pot Luck Dinner. Plans for the rest of the evening are still being formulated.

October 23, 2011 will feature a Worship Service followed by a Reception. We hope that some of our former pastors will be present. Details are still being hammered out by the committee.

We're excited about all the activities that are being planned, including a new Directory for Lakeview, which will coincide with our Anniversary. We thank you for your continued support and hope your excitement is stirred also.

For the Committee

Norma and Bud Newbrough

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Mary Ferguson opened the meeting with a devotion. Those present were Pastor Richie, Mary Ferguson, Ron Colby, Franki Noble, Wayne & Karen Kersey, Dave Koontz, Karen Ekstrom, Dave Ashley, and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Dave A. /Wayne K.) to accept the January minutes as printed.

Ron asked Mary to give an update on Manna Meal. Mary reported that the Lakeview people currently working with Manna Meal are on an as needed schedule – cooking for them on the 3rd Saturday of the month is being considered. They need outside places to cook their meals while their kitchen is being renovated. Also, in conjunction with Lakeview's 50th Anniversary celebration, - our act of charity for March will be to provide 50 boxes of powdered milk to Manna Meal.

Nurture - committee met and decided to plan an activity for March.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Dave A. /Don M.). All bills were paid and a full Apportionment payment was made.

Finance – The committee met and discussed the memorial funds that are given to the church. Plans are to confer with the families before they are used.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration - The committee met again and things are moving along as scheduled. We were able to provide 50 boxes of laundry soap as our first act of charity for our anniversary year.

Christian Education – Things are moving along as planned.

The youth are practicing with Chong after church on Sundays in preparation for singing in a church service.

Still working on Bible School, but no definite date has been picked.

Outreach - Committee met in January and established some goals for the year:

- *Souper Bowl* - we collected \$87 and approx. 100 cans of food to be taken to the Food Pantry.
- Assist St. Luke's in their monthly clothes give away.
- Serve lunch at the men's shelter sometime this summer.
- Continue to do Christmas baskets.
- Look into a First Aid/CPR Class, as many from our church need the refresher class.

Parsonage – A couple of projects are moving ahead; things are in good order.

PS/PRC - We have hired a new custodian, and things are going well.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 6 pm at the church.

Trustees – The survey has been completed on the lot that Lakeview owns, and when weather improves we will try to sell it.

A reminder that original tables that are left over after our purchase of new ones are still available to church members. If interested, please contact Dave. Any remaining will be offered for sale at our Spring yard sale.

Also, if anyone knows of anyone renting a "stump remover" please let Dave know. He would volunteer to help them with their work in return for using it for some remaining work at our parsonage.

The men's bathroom has been painted.

Worship – The committee met and finalized the Lenten calendar.

There was discussion regarding a request from Chong for a monitor speaker at the front of the church. This would be used when a cd was needed for background music, and would help with the Cantata, children's music, singing solos, etc. The committee requests that we look into this possibility.

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(Note: plans are to experiment with temporary wiring and a speaker before anything permanent is done.)

Pastor's Report - There will be a Bishop's Gathering Sunday, February 13th, 3 pm, at Cross Lanes Methodist Church.

On April 8 and 9, *Ambassadors for Christ* will be at the Clay Center. This is available for pastors and church people, and the hope is that some Lakeview people will attend. Brochures are available from Pastor Richie.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Here it is, Valentine's Month! We're all tired of winter, snow, slush, cold and ugly. We need a little sunshine, whether it be in the weather or the smile of someone who loves you, the hug of a warm embrace or the surprise of a Valentine's Day Card. Take this opportunity to let someone know that you care about them, you're pulling for them, and you're wishing them well! Remember that GOD LOVES YOU, even if you have messed up, missed out on a chance to help someone or turned your back on a task. GOD LOVES YOU!!

Right at the top of our Blessings this month is the announcement of Leslie and Pastor Richie. There are expecting a new bundle of joy in their household come August, 2011. This reporter is thrilled at their happy news and I know all of Lakeview is also.

In this season of Hearts and Flowers, we congratulate Annie Colby and her new husband Andrew Hedges, who were married on February 12, 2011 at Saint Francis Catholic Church. Annie is the

daughter of our Marilyn and Ron Colby. We wish the couple much happiness as they begin their life together.

Don't forget the Journey to Jerusalem on February 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm. It's an Adults Night Out featuring Bill and Fran Casto's daughter, Melissa Casto Rice and slides of her trip to the Holy Land. I know you will want to be there!

We express our heartfelt sadness to Jessica and Jimmy Solongo, Ruth Anderson's granddaughter and Karen Bowyer's niece, who discovered recently that Jessica's dream of a new baby in the family will have to wait for awhile.

We pray for recovery for Lynn Bostic who recently had surgery and may require some additional treatment. Her boys, Joe, John and Will, need Lynn so we hope her recovery will be swift and sure. Lynn is Fred and Georgeanna McKinney's daughter.

We congratulate Tyler Walker, Helen Cherry's great grandson, who was awarded third prize in the Kanawha County Math Field Day Competition. Tyler is also part of a NASA program at WV State University. Way to go, Tyler!

We congratulate Carrie Lee Ferguson Kelley, daughter of our Mary and Tom Ferguson, and wife of Josh, who passed the Board Examination that now entitles her to be called a Registered Nurse! Additionally, she is now the proud owner of a JOB! Congrats, Carrie!!!!

Souper Bowl Sunday, sponsored by the Outreach Committee, headed by Robin Black, netted a large container of canned goods and \$87 that was sent to the local food pantry located at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. Souper Bowl is a food drive that has been feeding local hungry

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people for many years, started by a Youth Group in South Carolina.

Our men's bathroom is getting a face lift in preparation for our 50th celebration. Thanks, Dave Koontz and Bill Casto for a great job!

Many of our friends, relatives and acquaintances are in need of healing prayer. May we hold them close to our hearts and offer them the prayer that they need.

February and March Anniversaries

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

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 HEDGES	3/13
BRENT KERSEY	3/14
TOM FERGUSON	3/15
KENNY BOWYER	3/16
EMILY GRIFFITH	3/17
SHERRY KNAPP	3/20
CARRIE FERGUSON KELLEY	3/23
TYLER BROWN	3/24
SAMANTHA HUMPHREYS	3/26
JUDY STRAWDERMAN	3/27
ROBERT ROWE JR	3/27
DAVEY GIPE	3/28

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.

MANNA MEALS NEEDS US!

A few of us have tested the waters about how we can help Manna Meals help others in need. We now have experience and have helped in the following tasks (and many more):

- Cooking, serving the food, and cleaning tables/floors/kitchen.
- Moving pantry foods, and realigning food in the basement storage area
- Wrapped and packed dishes to be moved to another part of the building, moved items to another building across the parking lot.

Currently, we are on a "call list". When they have a need for us to fill in somewhere, Manna Meals will get in touch with me, and we as a church family will see what we can do.

Manna Meals received a wonderful monetary gift from a single family. They are able to renovate the entire kitchen! During this renovation, they need our church family to do some cooking. The plan is for a group of us to get together on a Saturday morning to cook the food. We could pick up the food on Friday before 2:00pm (or I believe they would even deliver it to us). After cooking, we would take the food back to Manna Meals before 2:00pm. Manna Meals will provide the menu, all the food, and the containers to transport the food. They will serve the food on Sunday or another day.

If someone would like to pull together a group of folks to cook a day during the week, then I am sure it would be appreciated.

Right now, I believe we are on the cooking schedule for the 3rd Saturday of each month. I will let you know the exact day just as soon as I hear back from them. They expect the renovation project to last from 5 to 7 months.

During the month of March, for part of our 50th Year Celebration, I would like to gather donations of a box of dry powered milk. I will make sure it gets delivered to Manna Meals the first of April.

Thank you for your willingness to help others!

Mary Ferguson

Lakeview's 50th Anniversary

As I left church on the last Sunday of the month of January, I realized we had only collected 28 Boxes of Soap for Sojourners. While that was a handsome number, we were hoping to have 50 boxes to celebrate 50 Acts of Charity for Lakeview's 50th Anniversary.

Since we were a little early for our lunch date at the Dragon Den, I stopped at Kroger's to pick up a couple of items. While there, I thought I would check the soap aisle to see if there were any bargains to be had. Earlier that morning I had checked the advertisements in the Sunday paper hoping to find soap at some fantastic price. I found none. But a couple of people had pressed some cash into my hand for the soap, so I decided to check the aisle.

I was so surprised and gratified to find boxes of detergent on sale for \$2.99! I had paid over \$7.00 for the box I had donated. I knew if I waited until Tuesday for the Senior Discount, that the supply would be depleted, so I scooped up the 15 boxes that the store had and checked out! I truly felt that this was a sign from God that our mission was sanctioned by a loving God.

I loaded the boxes into the back of our van and headed to the Dragon's Den to share the good news with others from our congregation who were already there. Was this a Kairos moment? I think so! I felt so encouraged that our plan was a good one and that the Lord would bless the work. Am I thankful to all those who contributed soap, money and items for the February 50 Acts of Charity (Valentine Bags for Seniors at the Valley Health Center)? You bet!

Later in the day, I decided to take advantage of the sale and headed to the South Charleston Kroger's to buy the 7 remaining boxes that would meet our challenge. As Bud and I carried the boxes into the narthex and stacked them up, I was full of praise for the mysterious ways in which God works. I added the remaining magnets to the strip that indicated we had met our goal, --50 Boxes of Soap for Sojourners. Thank you, Lord and thank you, Lakeview!

Norma Newbrough

FINANCE CORNER

Finance Corner for January 2011

Needed to make Budget	\$7,100.00
Income for January	\$6,145.00

We paid \$1,648.00 to the Conference for our monthly contribution to the Fair Share Assessment.

All bills are paid.

If you have not yet turned in your Pledge Card to the church, please take care of that. Thank you.

Bud Newbrough
Finance Committee Chairperson

Stepping out in 2011

The Souper Bowl collection was a great one this year. We collected about 100 cans of food and \$87.00 on Sunday after church. Thank you so much Lakeview!!!!



The food has been delivered to Christ's Kitchen Food Pantry to be given to those who need it. The money will also be given to the Food Pantry to purchase more food. Over 6 million dollars in food and money have been raised so far to help the hungry in the United States.

The Outreach Committee has had a meeting and we made suggestions regarding Stepping out into the Community. One that we can start now is assisting our Sister Church St. Luke on their monthly clothes giveaway. They work on that the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays for about 2 hours before the giveaway to sort and place clothes. The giveaway is the 4th Saturday of each month. They are always looking for clothes. Coats would be good at this time of the year.

Please contact Robin Black if you are interested in helping and she will get you in contact with the person who handles it at St. Luke.

There may be other opportunities to Step Out into the Community so keep an eye and an ear open. So let us open our hearts and Out Live our Lives.

Lakeview Outreach Committee