



# Lakeview NEWS

## February 2012

Lakeview United Methodist Church

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### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kersey, and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne were Ron Colby, Pastor Richie (& Sophie), Karen Kersey, Dave Ashley, Bud Newbrough and Don & Marilyn Morton.

After reviewing the minutes, a motion (Bud/Ron C.) carried to accept the January minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Income for the month of January was good, and we paid an Apportionment payment for the month.

Motion (Dave A. /Bud) carried to accept the January report.

**Finance** - It was noted that we have collected \$208 toward our Spring Yard Sale. (Date of the sale is Saturday, March 24)

We will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday February 21, 5 - 7 pm, no charge.

**Christian Education** – We are still looking for a leader for this committee and Richie would be appreciative of a name to contact. Karen

Ekstrom distributed new schedules for the year for Children's Church and nursery.

**Family Ministries** – A covered dish church dinner is scheduled for Sunday, February 26.

The committee plans to meet shortly and discuss plans for "our youth" during Lent. Some ideas are being discussed and we need to determine if these fit with the families of the youth.

**Outreach** - The committee hasn't met yet, but a suggestion received at our planning meeting is being considered - a white board with postings of church members ill at home, in the hospital, etc. with addresses so people could readily get this information in order to send cards, etc.

**Worship** – Ron Colby for Marilyn Colby  
February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm at St. Luke

February 29 - Adult Bible Study begins...with St. Luke - all sessions will be at Lakeview.

April 1 - Palm Sunday

April 5 - Maundy Thursday, 7 pm at Lakeview

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

April 6 - Good Friday Service, 7 pm at St. Luke  
April 8 - Easter - Sunrise Service, regular church service at 10 am at Lakeview

An Inquirers Class will be scheduled in the fall for both new members and current members who wish to learn more about United Methodism.

Pastor Richie will visit shut-ins to serve communion to them.

Creeds and responsive readings will be used on occasion during the service.

**Parsonage** – A new washer/dryer has been purchased and installed in the parsonage. The purchase (Dave A./Bud) was approved at an emergency Council meeting with funds of approx. \$1300 to come from our yard sale.

**PS/PRC** - The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 7pm.

**Trustees** – The church is proceeding with advertising to sell the extra lot (in conjunction with the fire department). The lot is located on the right side of Parkview, immediately after crossing the railroad tracks, when exiting Riverlake.

**Pastor's Report** - Starting Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Bible Study will be at Lakeview for six weeks.

Several Easter season services have been scheduled (noted earlier in the minutes).

A suggestion was made, considering that our pastor has been with us for four years, it probably would be appropriate for the church to plan for a time when we would have to cover the full cost of health insurance. Currently we do not pay McNeil's health insurance, Pastor Richie is covered under Leslie's plan.

Also, there is interest in Lakeview planning a retreat for spring or fall, 2012 or 2013.

**Miscellaneous** - It was noted that Lakeview has many persons doing God's work..... a lot of real quiet networking going on .....people working with the homeless shelter, sponsoring an art class for

the disadvantaged, cooking for those in need, etc.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

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## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

It is February, the month for Valentine's Day. Lakeview will be celebrating a little late with a dinner at the Saint Albans Woman's Club on Friday, February 17 at 6:00 pm. Reservations must be made by February 13 with Bud or Norma Newbrough at 727-7739. Price for the meal which includes tax, tip and dessert is \$18.00 per plate. The menu includes home baked hot rolls, pork tenderloin, twice baked potato, green beans, broccoli salad and dessert. Julie Simon will entertain us that evening. We look forward to seeing YOU there.

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday, February 21, will feature our Annual Free Pancake/Sausage/Apple meal sponsored by the church. Come on out from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Invite a friend or a neighbor to share in this meal.

February is the month for the beginning of Lent. This year it begins as usual on Ash Wednesday which is February 22, 2012. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm on that day at Saint Luke's UM Church, Pastor Richie has announced. We hope you will be able to attend.

Pastor Richie has also announced a Lenten Book Study which will begin Wednesday, February 29 at 7:00 pm. Books will be available soon. Have you signed up yet? This study will continue for six weeks ending on the Wednesday of Holy Week, which is April 4.

We ask you to remember in prayer our Maria Belcher who will be spending this semester of college in the Czech Republic. Maria is a WVU interior design student and will be studying while she is there. I am sure Judy and Greg will covet your prayers for her safety until she is home in June. Thank you.

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

Our Tim Ferguson, son of Mary and Tom Ferguson, gave a very interesting and informative program on his work as an Environmental Scientist when the Adults Night Out group who met on January 31. Tim discussed the fracking process that is required to access the gas deposits in the Marcellus shale that has been in the news lately. He also talked about his work on a mission trip last summer to the Dominican Republic where he helped to provide safe drinking water. Thank you so much, Tim. Bud and Norma Newbrough along with Ruth Anderson hosted the program.

Doris Herscher announces the impending birth of her third great grandchild. Her grandson Dusty and wife Katie are expecting in August. Dusty is the basketball coach at Riverside High School. Congratulations to the happy couple!

We send sympathy to Karen and Kenny Bowyer in the loss of Kenny's nephew who died unexpectedly recently.

We continue to ask for prayer for Fred and Georgeann McKinney. At this writing, Fred is still in the Golden Living Center. The good news is that he is gaining strength. The bad news is he may have to leave the Center.

Frances Paxton also needs your prayers for a return to health. She remains at the Valley Health North Center in Spring Hill. Son Richard and her daughter, Carol Harvester, who lives in Florida, visit daily, along with many of you who help out.

Have you told anyone you love them lately? Today is the day to do that. And every day!!!

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### February and March Anniversaries

<b>FERGUSON</b>	<b>2/2</b>
HEDGES	2/12
EKSTROM	2/16
MCKINNEY	2/21
CARR	2/23

### February and March Birthdays

<b>KATHY BROTHERS</b>	<b>2/2</b>
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
<b>LINDA MARTIN</b>	<b>3/4</b>
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](mailto:Donald.paul.wilson@frontier.com) and I will add you to the list.

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### FINANCE CORNER February 1, 2012

Income needed to make budget \$ 7,000.00  
Income for January \$ 10,765.00  
(Note: One family paid total pledge for 2012)

Total needed for Fair Share each month  
\$ 1,605.00 Paid in full for January 2012

We had to buy a new washer and dryer for the parsonage. We will pay this obligation with our yard sale income.

For the Finance Committee  
Bud Newbrough, Chairperson

## SEMI ANNUAL YARD SALE

Our first Yard Sale in 2012 will be Saturday, March 24 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. We can start bringing items to the multipurpose room Monday, March 12.

Yard Sales are lots of work. We need all the help we can get from our congregation. As usual we will have a Bake Sale and breakfast food for sale.

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## The Sale of the Church Owned Lot

Some years ago Ralph Jarrett donated a lot he owned located next to the railroad tunnel on the right as you exit Riverlake. It lies across from the fire station. Lakeview Volunteer Fire Department owns the frontage lot along the road (the area that is mowed) and the church lot is behind them in the trees and above the tunnel.

Since our property has no utilitarian value to us, we have reached an agreement with the Volunteer Fire Department to combine the two properties, making it a suitable building lot and put it up for sale. When the lot sells we will split the money with the Fire Department 50/50 after the expenses of the sale are met.

The Fire Department is represented by Bob Wilson who chairs their fire board. Bob and I met with Mitzi White, a Saint Albans realtor, and signed an agreement for her to represent us in marketing the property. A plus on the deal – Mitzi is the wife of the fire chief so we can be sure that she will represent them as well as us in any sale.

The lot restrictions we placed on the agreement with Mitzi are:

1. The buyer cannot build a commercial building; only a private dwelling.
2. We have the right of refusal on any offer to buy the lot regarding

the price the buyer is willing to pay.

Conditions regarding the economy are such that we cannot expect a quick sale but Bob Wilson, who has a long history in the construction business feels that it is a buildable lot, despite its location so near the tunnel.

When the lot sells the money will, of course, become part of the finance committee's responsibility to recommend how it will be spent to our Church Board and our members.

Over the years Ralph Jarrett was very generous with Lakeview. The lot donation is one more example of how much Lakeview benefited from Ralph's service to us as a church community.

Dave Koontz, Trustee

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