



Lakeview News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Ferguson and opened with prayer by Bob Carpenter. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report - We completed the year 2007 with the Apportionment paid in full, and a balance in the General Fund of \$35. About \$145 was left over from the Christmas Basket outreach. Robin will work with Ron Colby to determine how it should be used.

Finance - Twenty-five pledges have been received in the 2008 stewardship drive, but several are still out. Results of the 2008 drive will be reported just as soon as the information is available.

Lakeview has been offered the food concession at the Mary Engle's Weekend, the third week in September 2008, and the committee will meet shortly to decide whether we will undertake this project possibility.

Less than half of our church families have been involved in the information meetings regarding the options available to us for considering a shared pastor or a

part time pastor. Finance Committee is working on plans to broaden the communications regarding these options.

Christian Education - We are continuing in our support to the three programs for our children: the nursery, activities for the children during Sunday School hour, and Children's Church.

The alternate Adult Sunday School class is growing in number (eight on Jan. 13) and are now meeting in the Pastor's office in the Educational wing.

The Children's Church meeting location has been moved to the music room because of the work underway on the new bathroom.

Nurture - The Nurture Committee arranged for a dinner for one of our member's family, following a funeral, and Nicole thanked all those who helped.

Committee will meet soon to plan events.

Family Ministries/Outreach - Robin pointed out the change in our organization this year. The duties of the Family Ministries and Outreach committees, separate committees in past years, are now combined into a single committee this year, which she will chair.

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The Jesse Tree mittens, scarves, hats, etc. have been delivered to Sojourners. Thanks to all who helped.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday will be implemented again this year – details to come.

Committee meeting planned later this month or early next month.

PS/PRC – The committee will meet Thursday, January 24.

Trustees – A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is planned again this year, to be held Tuesday Feb. 5. Proceeds will be used for carpet replacement in the parsonage.

We have one quote of \$14,600 for the flat roof (Education wing) repair. We are in the process of securing at least one more quote. We expect to have new roofing material installed over all of the flat roof area. The work will not likely be done before March because of cold weather constraints using the new rubberized roofing material.

Work has started on the new handicapped accessible bathroom. Bud Newbrough and Fred McKinney will be the Project Managers for this project.

Worship – The Advent Study was well attended.

Christmas Eve service attendance was 100; Christmas late night service was 35. Ron Colby is heading the Lenten Devotional program.

The committee will meet soon.

Pastor's Report – Thanks to those who helped with the responsibilities of the church this past year, and thanks to the new officers and committee members coming on board.

The Wellness Group is still active and will meet February 4.

Events of note:

- January 19, 2008 – Episcopal, Lutherans, and Methodists will be sharing a joint Communion Service – a first – at the WV Wesleyan Chapel in Buchanan.
- January 25 & 26, 2008 – Pastor Eric will be hosting the District Youth lock in.
- March 1, 2008 – Leadership Academy
- April 18 & 19, 2008 – Lay Speakers Academy
- April 27 – May 1, 2008 – General Conference
- June 5 – 8, 2008 – Annual Conference

General – The Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for April 6, 2008

Next meeting of Administrative Council will be moved to February 7, 2008

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Eric.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Lakeview has just celebrated another beautiful **Advent and Christmas** season with an **Advent Study** during our Wednesday evening suppers, a wonderful potluck Christmas dinner, an afternoon for the children one Saturday and many inspiring Worship Services.

The beauty of the season was marred only by the loss of our sister in Christ, **Nina Mae Rose**. Nina died on **Christmas Day** at home surrounded by her husband, **Jim**, and family, ready to meet her Maker. The congregation serenaded them with Christmas carols after the Christmas Eve service. A memorable funeral service was held at the church on December 27, 2007, conducted by **Pastor Eric**, followed by burial at the **Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens**. Afterward, the **Rose** family met in the multipurpose room for a dinner

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hosted by their church family, coordinated by **Nicole Milam**. **The Rose Family** continues to need our prayers and support throughout the coming weeks and months as they come to terms with the loss of their dear wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. We grieve with them.

We are grateful to **Ron and Marilyn Colby** for coordinating **Lakeview's** response to the Christmas basket program. **Fourteen** baskets were delivered from Lakeview. Also, we give thanks to those of you who contributed to the **Jesse Tree** with scarves, hats, mittens, and sox which were taken to the **Sojourner Shelter for Women and Children in Charleston**.

We are grateful that our **Pastor Eric** and the traveling group that visited in the orphanages of **Russia** returned to the United States safely and without incident. I know their hearts were touched by the connections that were made in that country. This reporter can't wait to hear all about their trip! We thank **Bob Carpenter and Jason Black** who filled the pulpit while he was gone.

Don't forget to sign up for the **Wellness Task Force Sub Sale**. The delicious sandwiches will be available for sale on **February 3, 2008**. In case you didn't know or have forgotten, that is **Super Bowl Sunday** and one of these sandwiches will make a good meal. They may be picked up after church on that day and the cost for a **six inch sandwich and a bag of chips** is \$6.00. The Wellness group feels their goal of helping to provide additional dollars for the **handicapped bathroom upgrading** is a worthy health-oriented goal.

The **Outreach Committee**, headed by Robin Black is also asking for cans of **soup and \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$** to be donated to the **Annual Souper Bowl Sunday** fund raiser. These soups and \$\$\$\$\$\$ go directly to our **local Christ's Kitchen** that supports the hungry, located at **Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**.

The **Adults Night Out** held on **January 17**, hosted by **Don and Marilyn Morton and Helen Cherry** was a very nice evening at the church, with snacks, pictures and stories of the Morton's recent adventures in **Greece and Turkey**. Thanks for sharing, folks!

We ask you to remember in prayer **Linda Thompson**, who is suffering with an ankle problem. We ask you to remember in prayer **Stephanie Gipe** who is undergoing another steroid treatment in hopes that it will alleviate some of her MS symptoms. We ask you to remember in prayer **Charlie Fry**, who is struggling with a new diet without yeast. We ask you to remember **Fred McKinney** who has been having kidney problems. We ask you to remember those of our number who are struggling with grief issues and indeed, that list grows longer every day.

We are facing an exciting **New Year at Lakeview** full of challenges and exciting opportunities. We are preparing for another **Lenten** season; we are making our dream of a new handicapped bathroom a reality; we are making plans for another **Pancake Supper** and we are looking forward to the repair of our leaky roof. Additionally, as our church moves toward a **new model of leadership**, we ask continually for the guidance of our **Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**. Each of us must seek **prayer** as an answer, in order to move though these murky waters with a minimum of stress as we seek to serve our Lord and our community.

THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lakeview for the support given to me and my family this past year. Thank you for the cards, thoughts, prayers, food, dinner after the service, and especially for all the hugs over this past year.

We were all in awe at the number of people who attended the visitation on Thursday and the Friday night service. It proved to me that my family was certainly brought up in the right town with the best neighbors. We have friends who came back who had moved away when they were about twelve years old. St. Albans was (and is) a great family town.

Please continue to keep my family in your prayers. Bill's death has been very difficult and will continue to be difficult for some time to come.

Thank you all again.

Doris Herscher

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

The Trustees of the Lakeview United Methodist Church are sponsoring a Pancake Supper at the church on February 5, 2008 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The meal will include all the pancakes you want, sausage and apples and a drink for the price of:

\$6.00 for Adults

\$2.50 for Children from age 4 to age 12

Children under age 4 are FREE.

The proceeds from this dinner will be used to complete the carpeting project at the parsonage, which was undertaken a couple of years ago. Two bedrooms remain to finish the project. Your support is solicited by the Trustees and very much

appreciated. We will mail out post cards in the Riverlake Area. There will be other advertizing on the radio and the local paper. Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun evening at the church! We will need 12 to 15 volunteers to run the show, so call Bill Casto and he will give you your choice of jobs.

For the Trustees
Norma Newbrough

TRUSTEES

The trustees met on January 14, 2008 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 2008 - Karen Wilson; Maintenance of the Parsonage - Fred McKinney; Ice, Snow and Leaf removal - Dave Koontz / Fred McKinney; Plumbing - Jim Rose; Roof Maintenance - Bill Casto / Don Morton; Painting - Norma Newbrough.

If you have a concern or a problem in any of thee areas, please contact the coordinator or the chairperson of the trustees. Trustees assigned coordinators for the church improvement projects planned for this year. Major projects planned are: Installing a handicapped restroom - Bud Newbrough / Joe Hudson / Fred McKinney; Pancake Dinner to raise money for replacing the carpet in two bedrooms at the parsonage - Bill Casto / Fred McKinney; Install new roof on the educational wing of the church - Bill Casto / Don Morton. Coordinators may be contacting you for help with these projects.

Thanks. Fred McKinney, Chairperson

ROOF REPLACEMENT PLANS

Many of our church family know the leaking roof on the multipurpose side of the church has been a source of frustration and concern for many years. The trustees have made many repairs over the years but we continue to have leaks at unexpected times and at unexpected places. The problems have always been on the flat portion of the roof. We have reached the point where we find it necessary to replace the roof on the flat portion. Some families have seen the need, even before this announcement, and have contributed \$3500 toward a new roof. We expect the cost will be about \$15,000 based on the first two quotes we have received. This letter is to make an appeal to church families to make a contribution for the needed roof repairs. We ask that you give this need your prayerful consideration.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

A Lenten Devotional Booklet is being prepared by the congregation of Lakeview. We hope to be able to distribute the booklets on February 3, 2008. If anyone is interested in writing a devotional please contact Ron or Marilyn Colby, Colby366@hotmail.com or 727-2667.

Lenten Devotional Booklet Guidelines

Please select a day that you would be willing to submit a devotional. Please plan to write about a half page. You may include a short prayer and a scripture if you like.

You may choose to email us at Colby366@hotmail.com or give the devotion to us in church. We will need to receive your devotion by January 28, 2008.

Thank You for your participation.

Help! Thank You!

At Lakeview, we have 17 and 2/3 young disciples to nurture into our Christian family. These children represent 11 families and they are the future of our church.

There are opportunities to help in the care of these young disciples. These opportunities include:

- Helping in the nursery during the Worship service
- Teaching Children's Church during Worship, (Materials are available to help with this activity.)
- Supervising children whose parents want to attend Sunday School from 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Please check the clip boards above our water fountain and fill in your name where YOU can help.

Bud Newbrough
Chairperson, Christian Education

The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Dec-07	\$10,722.19	\$10,176.88	\$2,085.50	\$35.70
Year-to-Date	\$106,043.84	\$107,721.28	\$18,266.00	

*Lakeview met 100% of its conference apportionment for 2007.