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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



ADULTS NIGHT OUT

The Adults Night Out in February will be a Valentine Dinner at the Saint Albans Woman's Club. Plans are being made for a delicious dinner cooked by the women of the club on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Bud and Norma Newbrough will host the event and will pass out invitations in the near future. It should be a lot of fun and they hope YOU will plan to come. The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 each. Our own Julie Simon will provide some entertainment and we hope you will want to come.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by our new chairperson, Ron Colby. Pastor Richie opened the meeting with prayer, and Bill Casto presented a devotional. Present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Pastor Richie, Bud Newbrough, Franki Noble, Bill Casto, Dave Ashley, Janet Pennington, Fred McKinney, Jason & Robin Black, Jeff Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton. Ron stated he would run the meetings by Robert's Rules and by next meeting would like to have a vice chairperson named in case he would be unavailable at some meetings. Motion carried (Dave Ashley/Fred McKinney) to accept the minutes of the December meeting as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was distributed. December was a good month, all bills were paid and we were able to pay \$2850 toward our Conference Apportionment, making 2008 payment at 100%. Motion carried (Dave Ashley/Fred McKinney) to accept the treasurer's report.

Finance – Because of our new status (sharing a pastor with St. Luke) we feel we will be able to meet our obligations with our budgeted funds. With this in mind Bud suggested we put aside some of our budgeted monies to cover future obligations that we anticipate, and Council will vote on this proposal at the next meeting.

On Friday, February 13, Adults Night Out will be a 'Valentine Dinner' at the St. Albans Women's Club. This is open to everyone and people will be contacted to see if they are interested in participating.

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.

Christian Education – Robin Black/Leslie Boden/Kathi McCormick have agreed to handle Bible School this year. It is currently scheduled for June 28-July 2, and materials have been ordered.

Children's Church is going really well with 10-13 attending each week.

There is still a need for persons to staff the nursery during worship.

Family Ministries/Outreach – Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 1. During January 2009, we will collect canned goods and money for Souper Bowl. These items will be given to Christ's Kitchen.

We are still supplying Kid's Kits and some items are in a basket at the rear of the sanctuary, if you need something to complete your kit.

The items collected on the Jesse Tree have been taken to Sojourners and they are very appreciative of all our contributions.

A game night will be planned for January or February; the date will be announced shortly.

Outreach will send postcards to the community notifying them of our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Nurture – Nurture Committee is planning an after church fellowship on Sunday, February 15th.

Parsonage - Plans are underway to replace the hot water tank at the parsonage, and repair a couple of water leaks.

Pastor Staff/Parish Relations – A meeting is scheduled for 7 pm, Monday, January 19, at the church.

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Trustees – The trustees will meet Monday, January 19th, 7 pm at the church. At that time they will elect a chairperson for the year and coordinate responsibilities for the committee.

Some of the details have been worked out for installing a new sign on the railroad side of the church. When Fred gets a definite cost estimate, he will bring the proposal back to the Council.

Worship – The committee met and discussed several items:

- (1) We will use silk flowers on most Sundays for the worship service. If someone wishes to put flowers on the altar, they may contact Mary Ferguson and she will arrange it.
- (2) The Committee will again publish a Lenten Devotional Booklet and everyone will be asked to submit a devotional
- (3) Special Lenten Services will be shared with St. Luke. The Ash Wednesday Service will be at St. Luke, Maundy Thursday Service at Lakeview and Good Friday Service will be at St. Luke. We will invite the St. Luke congregation to our Easter Morning Sunrise Service by the lake.
- (4) There will be a designated space made available in the rear of the Sanctuary to make it easier for persons to sign up for church activities.
- (5) Committee's next meeting will be March 10, 6 pm at the church.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Richie has been visiting Lakeview families, and recently met with the Ministerial Association. Our church will host the March 25th Wednesday Noon Lenten Service. Lakeview will be responsible for preparing the lunch.

Maranatha Church is organizing an adult basketball league, and Pastor Richie is getting a team together to participate.

Miscellaneous – The Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009.

The February Administrative Council Meeting will be held February 10, 2009, 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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Happy New Year, Lakeview! We have a brand new chance to start over! Make a resolution to do something different this year! Should we read the Bible more? Should we pray more? Should we visit those who are shut in more? Should we take better care of ourselves? Should we exercise more? The answer to all of these questions is **Yes!** So make a new start, ask God for His help, pray for His guidance and start over!!! Blessings on you and your effort!

The **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** led by our **Pastor Richie** has started again. This month, it is at **Lakeview at 7:00 pm Wednesdays** and in **February, it will be at St. Luke's at 7:00 pm**. The book that is being studied is **Ephesians**, so instead of sitting in front of the boob tube, make a new start and **COME!**

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be a lot of fun and they hope **YOU** will plan to come. The cost of the dinner is **\$16.00** each.

Lent is just around the corner and Lakeview will again publish a **Lenten Booklet** for your use, enjoyment and study. **Marilyn and Ron Colby** will publish the booklet in time for distribution by **Ash Wednesday on February 25**. They have asked for your help by your choosing a day when you will provide a Lenten Devotion. This devotion may be submitted to them either on paper by hand or by email. So put on your thinking caps, choose a day and write a Devotion. The **Worship Committee** thanks you for your participation in advance.

We thank those responsible for the **Christmas Program** presented by **Lakeview's** children on the **Sunday** before Christmas. Many thanks to the adults, who wrote the play, rehearsed the children and made it all possible. It was a big success! The children who participated are: **Savannah Boden, Mason and Tanner Ekstrom, Gianni Collevocchio, Eli Goodwin, Audrey, Haleigh and Samantha Humphries, Allen Parsons, Adam and Logan Pennington, Amelia Rowe and Drew Whitman**. We appreciated the services of **Dave Koontz, Janet and Kenny Pennington, Karen and Jeff Ekstrom and Kathi McCormick**. We thank the **Adult Sunday School Class** who sponsored the dinner part of the evening.

Carol Davis has announced that her son, **Oren Davis, and Amber Caravasos** have become engaged over the Christmas holiday. Congratulations to the happy

couple. **Carol** was beaming when she brought her infant grandson, **Tiegan**, to Worship recently. And a cute little fellow, he is, too! **Tiegan is Dottie Hamon's** first great grandchild, also.

The **Worship Committee** would like to thank those families who participated in the **Advent Candlelighting Ceremony** during Worship in **Advent**. They were **Karen, Don and Ashley Wilson, Don and Marilyn Morton, Robin Black, Janet, Kenny, Adam and Logan Pennington and Jeff, Karen, Tanner and Mason Ekstrom**. You all did a great job!

Here is a great big thank you to the many of you who participated in our **Annual Jesse Tree project**. Many hats, mittens, scarves, sox, and such were donated to **Sojourners** over the Christmas season. **Sojourners** is a local shelter for women and families who are in crisis. The **Jesse Tree** project has been ongoing for many years and we thank you for that support.

Another project that is close to our hearts is the **Annual Souper Bowl Project**. This project was started by a youth group, I believe in South Carolina, many years ago as a way to feed the hungry in their community. It blossomed into a nationwide project that feeds the hungry in a multitude of communities across the country. Bring some soup, some money or whatever you can to help out. The **Family Ministries/Outreach Committee**, headed by **Robin Black**, appreciates your support and so do the hungry! Thank you, **Lakeview!**

Speaking of outreach and support, we thank **Ron and Marilyn Colby** for heading up the **Christmas Basket** project again this year. At least **17 families** are happier for **Lakeview's** support and caring through this past Christmas season. The Lord has

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blessed us again with the ability to give and how grateful we are for that opportunity!!!

We ask for prayer for those who have been ill. I know that **John Carr, our soup maker par excellence**, has had some surgery recently. John will be undergoing some radiation treatments in the near future, so we will need to pray for him through this rough patch. Get well soon, **John!** **Mary** needs you!

We also ask for prayer for **Josh McCormick**, a young man who is **Kenny and Karen Bowyer's** son and stepson. **Josh** is only **21** and is struggling with a serious disease. **Josh** has also had a kidney removed to treat this disease. He needs a lot of prayer.

A special note of thanks goes to **Janet and Kenny Pennington** who have shouldered much of the responsibility for caring and teaching of Lakeview's children recently. **Janet** has been doing the children's moment in worship and **Kenny** is taking over helping in the **Children's Church**. We are so blessed by their commitment to this important ministry. And we thank all of those who have been faithful for many years!!!!

I'm told **Marilyn and Ron Colby's** daughter, **Annie**, was a wonderful mouse in the recent production of **The Nutcracker** in Charleston.

January and February Birthdays

RYAN EDWARDS 1/13
GREG BELCHER 1/16
WALTER SAYRE 1/17

JOHN HUMPHREY 1/17
WAYNE KERSEY 1/21
JANET PENNINGTON 1/25
TANNER EKSTROM 1/28
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

January and February Anniversaries

FERGUSONS 2/2
EKSTROMS 2/16
MCKINNEY 2/21
CARRS 2/23

CHRISTMAS BASKET THANK YOU

The people of Lakeview have donated money, contacted needy families, purchased food, and delivered 17 Christmas baskets.

We are truly blessed by a wonderful church! Thank You!

Ron and Marilyn Colby

The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Dec-08	\$10,449.30	\$9,191.15	\$2,957.98	\$789.18
Year-to-Date	\$108,623.01	\$107,693.54	\$19,488.00	

* Lakeview met their conference apportionment for 2008.

FINANCE UPDATE

Congratulations to the congregation of Lakeview! Your financial support to the church in 2008 was awesome! We paid 100% of our Fair Share Giving to the Annual Conference. We completed a handicapped bathroom, we repaired our roof, and we carpeted another room in our parsonage. We did lots of other good things that YOU generously supported. God blesses us greatly! Thank you!

We start a new year optimistically! We have much to look forward to in 2009. Our stewardship drive is not yet completed. If you have not turned in your pledge card for the 2009 budget, please do so as soon as possible. We want to complete the stewardship drive. Again, thank you.

Bud Newbrough
Chairperson, Finance Committee

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Check our website to keep up with upcoming events. Just go to:

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and select the "Upcoming Events" link. This newsletter and past newsletters are also available on the website.

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, send me an email at donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net and I will add you to the distribution list.

LENTEN DEVOTION

A Lenten devotion booklet is being planned. You may select a date that you would be willing to submit a devotion. Please plan to write about half of a page. You may include a prayer and a scripture if you would like. You may email your devotion to Ron and Marilyn Colby at Colby366@hotmail.com. Please send the devotion no later than February 6, 2009.

Thank you.

Ron and Marilyn Colby