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HAPPY NEW YEAR



LAKEVIEW'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



We are so Blessed! God has been so good to us! We have been worshipping and serving in this community for 50 years. We have a comfortable, useful facility and we are very close to retiring our debt from our remodeling from 10 years ago. How can we repay these blessings? The Bible tells us to Pay it Forward. So, as a way to celebrate our blessings, for each month of this year, the Anniversary Committee suggests that we perform 50 Acts of Charity each month.

In January, we hope that you will support us in providing 50 boxes of laundry detergent, Soap for Sojourners. In February, we hope that you will support us in providing 50 Valentine favors for a nursing home. In March, we will have another idea and so on, throughout the year. It may be school supplies, baby items, t shirts or something as varied as serving as water support for a Half-Marathon. The possibilities are endless. We hope you will be as excited as we are to celebrate Lakeview's 50th Anniversary.

Next month we will share more plans for our celebration to be held the weekend of October 21, 22, 23. So mark your calendar, find your pictures and memorabilia, let your friends and relatives know and say a prayer for Lakeview United Methodist Church.

For the Anniversary Committee
Bud and Norma Newbrough

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Bill Casto opened the meeting with a message about the Lord's Prayer. Those present were Pastor Richie, Ron & Marilyn Colby, Karen Kersey, Bill Casto, Bud Newbrough, Dave Koontz, Karen Ekstrom, Dave Ashley, Jason & Robin Black, and Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Karen K.) to accept the December minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Bud/Robin). We are blessed to finish out our year with our Conference Apportionment and all current bills paid in full. Ron thanked Jeff & Karen for the good job they did handling the church finances for the year.

Finance – The committee met and agreed to work as a committee to handle memorial funds that are given to the church.

Discussion took place regarding being able to pay off our building fund loan by the time of our 50th year celebration. Perhaps using the entire income from our yard sale toward this payment. There was also discussion regarding using some of the memorial money to pay for funding our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Because it was not unanimous, Dave Ashley made a motion to table this until the next meeting.

Motion (Dave K. /Dave A.) carried to send the leftover monies from the Christmas Baskets to the St. Albans Food Pantry.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration - The committee met and picked October 21-22-23, 2011 as the weekend for our Celebration.

Tentative plans include:

Friday – Tailgate Party – invite the whole community for free food & entertainment.

Saturday – Covered Dish Dinner with possible past ministers speaking & other entertainment.

Sunday – Worship Service (and plans are to invite our Bishop to speak)

Plans are to do a new Church Directory, using our own personnel (Bud N. and Don M.)

We are hoping to do 50 Acts of Charity each month during the year.....starting with 50 boxes of laundry soap for January.

Christian Education - The list of persons handling both the nursery and Children's Church during the year is complete. If those listed are not able to attend and handle their Sunday, we ask that they change with someone on the list.

Parents of our youth will meet with Chong after church next Sunday to plan their music involvement for the next few months.

Family Ministries – Family Ministries is currently working on some children's programs.

Starting January 13th we will have Thursday night dinners at the church. Dick Thompson and John Carr will chair this event. They will do the preparation, and those participating are asked to make a donation to cover the cost of the food. *It is a time of food and fellowship.*

Outreach – Cards were sent to the community alerting them that Lakeview was having a Christmas Eve Service. Approximately 110 persons attended.

Plans are to meet with the committee to plan some other outreach events in the coming year.

Parsonage – Two projects are currently underway at the parsonage, plus the ice maker needs to be replaced. These have been assigned and will be handled shortly.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

Some question arose regarding the safety of the back deck, and the committee will check this out and bring a proposal.

Worship – The committee will meet February 8th to make plans for Lent/Easter.

Trustees – The trustees will meet Thursday, January 13 to organize for the coming year. Plans are to elect a new chairperson and set goals for the 2011 year.

The fire extinguishers that belong to the church have been checked; some have been recharged, and all are back in place.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Richie expressed his good feelings about the ending of 2010 and the beginning of 2011 for Lakeview. His hope is that we make our church available to all those who need a church family, and that we encourage each other and pray for each other.

Miscellaneous – It was decided to have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 8th. This will be free to our community.

The meeting was adjourned.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

A brand New Year! Isn't it nice that we can forget about all the challenging things that happened last year and concentrate on a brand new year? God richly blessed us in the old year and it is a certainty God will bless us in the New Year. Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

As 2010 drew to a close, we were grieved by the loss of Jim Paxton, a Lakeview member of long standing, who died on

December 27. His funeral was held at the church on Thursday, December 30, officiated by Pastor Richie. We offer our condolences to wife, Frances, son, Richard, and daughter, Carole and her husband, Jimmy Harvester.

On December 31, our former pastor, John Lawrence Smith, died. John served Lakeview from 1981-1988. John leaves behind his wife, Nancy and children, Jay and Julianne. John was a humble man and he leaves behind a rich legacy.

Pastor Richie has started a new Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. He is also using a book by Max Lucado, entitled *Out Live Your Life*. We hope to see YOU there.

Congratulations, Lakeview! You succeeded in paying the full amount of Lakeview's Fair Share Giving for the year 2010!

We send best wishes to Debbie Carter, our former custodian, who retired at the end of 2010. She served Lakeview for many years, quietly, efficiently and well. We thank her for her service.

And we welcome our new custodian, Larry France. Be sure to welcome him if you see him in our building. What a blessing it was to find him in a timely fashion!

We congratulate Carrie Ferguson Kelley who graduated (again!) from a Nursing Program at Marshall University! She is probably home in Alabama with her husband, Josh, by now.

We have the greatest men around this church. They can fix anything! Our newly discovered roof leak is now history. The leak is fixed and the ceiling is repaired. Thanks be to God and those who did the work.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

Dick and Juanita Webb have disappeared to Myrtle Beach for several weeks and Janet Painter has headed to Florida for some sunshine. Hope they have a great respite and come home soon.

Ron Colby reports that Lakeview provided 20 Christmas baskets this year. That is a great effort and we thank Ron and Marilyn for spearheading this effort and we thank all of YOU who helped them!

Church Trustees Organize for 2011

The Church trustees met on Thursday, January 13 to assign responsibilities for this year.

Electrical, heating and air conditioning – Fred McKinney, Jim Rose, and Dick Thompson

Lockup schedule (after church on Sunday mornings) – Karen Wilson

Parsonage Maintenance – Dave Ashley (with help from the Parsonage Committee appointed by Nominations Committee consisting of Linda Thompson, Debbie Rowe, Mary Carr, Jim Rose, and Dick Thompson)

Ice and Snow removal – John Humphries and Dave Koontz

Plumbing – Dick Thompson and Jim Rose

Building Roofs – Bill Casto

Painting – Dave Koontz

Lawn Mowing Schedule – Dave Koontz

If you have any suggestions or know of things that need our attention please call the trustee(s) assigned or let me know and we will try to get problems taken care of promptly.

I would like to add a special thanks to all of the trustees for all the work they do to keep our church property in good condition. Please remember, all of us are "trustees" of God's house and all have a responsibility to help, when needed. We have a beautiful church home and we want to keep it that way so that people in our community will feel good about visiting us and will consider becoming a part of our church family.

Dave Koontz

FINANCE CORNER

Summary for Year ending December 31, 2010

Income needed for Budget	\$7,131.00
Income for December	\$8,177.00

All bills are paid and Lakeview has paid 100% of our Fair Share to the Conference. We paid \$20,000 to the Conference during 2010. That is our support for all the local, state, national and international outreach of the World United Methodist Church. Hallelujah! Amen, Lakeview!

Lakeview has some additional funds given as Memorial Donations.

In Memory of Diane Cumberledge - \$820.00

In Memory of David Gipe - \$2,050.00

Our congregation donated \$1,295.00 of cash for Christmas presents to our staff. Our staff includes our Pastor, our Music Director and our Custodian. We are truly a Blessed Congregation of Believers in Jesus Christ!

Finance Committee

January and February Anniversaries

FERGUSON	2/2
EKSTROM	2/16
MCKINNEY	2/21
CARR	2/23

January and February Birthdays

RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
GREG BELCHER	1/16
WALTER SAYRE	1/17
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
EVAN ROWE	1/26
TANNER EKSTROM	1/28
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

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.

HEATING AND COOLING REMINDER

A reminder, If you wish to have any activity in the educational wing you need to call Dick Thompson to arrange for heating or cooling of the rooms. Just because you announce the activity in the bulletin or newsletter does not mean it will get done. Please make the call and schedule as to what room and the times. Thanks.

STEPPING OUT IN 2011

As a new year starts and we began to look ahead what we have planned as a church. I would like for you to look inside yourself and see what God wants you to do in 2011.

Thank you for supporting the Outreach Projects in 2010....**Souper Bowl, Kid Kits, Lovelite Tree, Salvation Army, Walk for Hunger, Christ Kitchen, Jerico House, Jesse Tree and Christmas Baskets.** Know that the rest of the money that was donated and not used will be going to the St. Albans Food Pantry run out of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Kids Kits are still needed. Some of the items are located in the back of the church are in a basket so pick up a box and what may be in the basket to start your box. Items: 24 pack of Crayons, pencil, comb or brush, toothbrush and toothpaste, a reading book, notebook and a small stuffed animal.

At Christmas we collected scarves, mittens, gloves, hats, socks, and personal hygiene items. They have been delivered to Sojourner's in Charleston.

The Souper Bowl will be coming in up soon so we will be collecting items for Christ's Kitchen non- perishable items. Starting Jan. 17 to Feb. 6 we will be collecting non-perishable items and money to be donated to Christ's Kitchen.

We have started helping serve at Manna Meals....I am sure there will be more opportunities to do that in 2011 as well.

As we start a Book study by Max Lucado to "Out Live Your Life" how do we want to do that. Stepping out and helping is a start.....so we hope to have a couple of events that will let you do just that right here in our own community.

Robin Black Outreach Chair

Pray You ENOUGH:

Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged, and the mother said, 'I love you, and I pray you enough.'

The daughter replied, 'Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I pray you enough, too, Mom.'

They kissed, and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy, but she welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?'

Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?'

'Well...I'm not as young as I once was, she lives so far away & has her own busy life. I have some challenges ahead, and the reality is - her next trip back will be for my funeral,' she said.

'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I pray you enough.' May I ask what that means?'

She began to smile. 'That's a prayer that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone.' She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and she smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I pray you enough,' we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.'

Then, turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory.

I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

Then, she began to cry, and walked away.

They say, it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire life to forget them.

TAKE TIME TO LIVE.....

To all my friends and loved ones,
I PRAY YOU ENOUGH.....