



Lakeview News

January 2013

Lakeview United Methodist Church

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

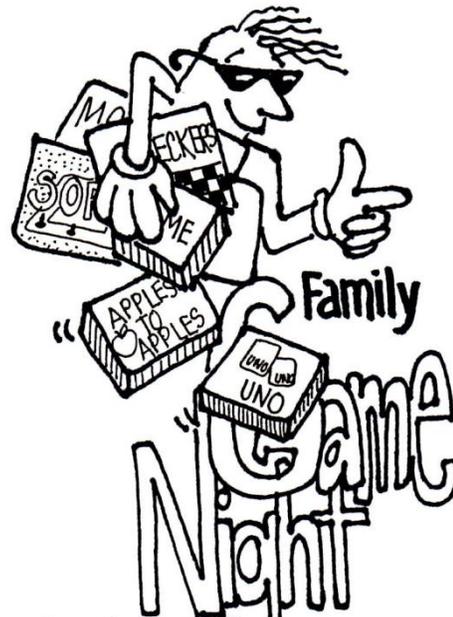


STAY RUGGED IN... Coffee and Conversation

Mondays at 8:30 AM
starting January 21st

Come have a cup of coffee and
a muffin, plus a chance to
informally visit with friends

Family Ministries
Linda Martin, coordinator



Family

Game Night

Sunday,
January 27th, 5pm
Pizza & Snacks provided
by Family Ministries

Judy Belcher
Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kersey and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne were Karen Kersey, Bud Newbrough, Linda Thompson, Karen Ekstrom, Dave Koontz, Ron & Marilyn Colby and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the December minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report for December 2012 was distributed, and motion (Don/Dave) carried to accept the report. It was noted that Lakeview made their full Apportionment payment for the 2012 year. We have to date received pledges for \$6,200 per month for 2013.

Finance - Plans are for the Council to handle the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This will be held Tuesday, February 12 at the church, and we will serve pancakes, sausage and apples free to church people and the community.

Council moved to set Saturday, April 13 as the date for our Spring Yard Sale. This will allow us to start bringing items to the church the Monday following Easter.

We have an auction Sunday, January 15th at the church to raise money for use of those working with the St Albans/Nitro Shelter Project. There will be a potluck dinner prior to the auction.

One other item discussed was 'snack packs for schools' - which is an outreach some churches in the area are participating in - however, after discussion it was decided that this warranted more discussion before a commitment should be made.

Trustees - The committee met following church on Sunday, and elected Dave Koontz, chairperson and divided up responsibilities for the year.

A carbon monoxide detector has been purchased and will be installed in the parsonage.

Worship - Special thanks to the workers who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season, and take down and store the items following the season.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 6 pm to plan for the Lent/Easter season.

Outreach - We appreciate the church providing 20 Christmas baskets, as well as money for turkeys and hams to be used in these baskets.

There will be two *SOUPER BOWL SUNDAYS* - January 27 and February 3. We will collect canned food which will be given to the shelters.

Nurture - If people know of needs that need to be addressed with our church family, please let the committee know.

Family Ministries - The committee had a *digital meeting* and is working on several projects for the year.

(1) Linda Martin will help organize - Coffee & Company.

(starting Monday, January 21, 8:30 am, interested adults will meet at the church for coffee and conversation....this will be strictly a social time to connect with our members and friends....plans are to try this for four weeks and then decide if and how to continue).

(2) Family Game Night - Judy Belcher will plan a game night (with Pizza) probably Sunday, January 27.

(3) Volleyball Night - Karen Ekstrom & Tara Lane will organize *Volleyball* - a time when elementary kids & older, plus adults can play Volleyball. (Of course, there will be a small change in rules!)

(4) Karen Wilson, Pat Moss and Karen Kersey will have activities for the preschoolers during the volleyball games.

(5) Considering Lenten "Soup Night"

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

- (6) Parable Dinner – whole church involvement
(7) There is interest in a “Friday after school Bible Study” for the tweens.

Miscellaneous - To close the meeting there was discussion as to how we handle children’s church, nursery schedules, etc. Because no one is specifically assigned this responsibility, sometimes these jobs fall to whoever will do it. Consensus by the group was that these important things need to be handled intentionally and not just by default. It was suggested that this be referred back to the Lay Leadership Committee and Wayne agreed to handle this with Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Have you made those New Year’s Resolutions? Have you kept them? Here it is the start of a brand new year! It is a chance to start over, to lose the weight, to get healthy, to exercise more, to read and study more, to have more fun, to see more people, to come to church more, to be a better person. We all make these resolutions whether we write them down on paper, announce them to our family or just think about them in our head. The compelling need to improve one’s self is a good motivation, but God loves you just the way you are. He asks us to love Him more and that is all.

We have a big chance to show our love this very Sunday when we attend the Auction on January 13th at 6:00 pm. Whether you are bringing something to auction or not, bring a covered dish and come to the dinner and wait for the fun afterward. Dick Thompson will be our

Auctioneer par excellence and the Finance Committee is working to raise money to assist with the ministry Kathi McCormick, Linda Martin and Connie Campbell have undertaken at the Twin Cities Shelter. All proceeds will go to this important effort and we applaud those who are working with the folks at the shelter. Our sisters and brothers at Saint Luke’s UMC have been invited to come to the dinner, so throw a little something extra in the pot and COME!

It won’t be long until Lent starts on February 13, so, as is our custom, we will be having our annual FREE Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Pretty soon you will be asked to come, work, eat, bring a friend and enjoy a pancake supper.

The Children’s program for Christmas was a wonderful cooperation of the children, their parents, and a lot of other good people of Lakeview. They worked hard to present the Christmas pageant with costumes and scenery. Many, many children were involved from the littlest angel (Sophie) to the large handmade donkey. There were some who missed our old camel, Clyde. The children and their leaders did a wonderful job and the church was filled with parents, grandparents, and interested parties who learned that life at Lakeview is alive and well and the Christmas story was learned here.

We ask you to remember Fred and Georgeann McKinney in prayer. Stop in for a short visit. I know they would love to see you!

We ask prayer for Carol Fry who is recovering from a serious back injury. And we ask prayer for all those who have been ill, are recovering from being ill, are hoping not to be ill and all the rest of us,

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as well. Who couldn't use an extra prayer on his or her behalf? And please bless Pastor Richie, who also has been ill.

We also ask for prayer for Carrie Lee Ferguson Kelley, who is in the last weeks of her pregnancy. We certainly wish her well and we also pray for the safe return of her husband, Josh Kelley, from Afghanistan.

We congratulate Marla Rice and her new husband, Chad West, who were married in Zenia, Ohio on December 28, 2012. Marla is Bill and Fran Casto's granddaughter.

January and February Anniversaries

FERGUSON	2/2
HEDGES	2/12
EKSTROM	2/16
MCKINNEY	2/21
CARR	2/23

January and February Birthdays

LESLIE BODEN	1/12
RYAN EDWARDS	1/13
GREG BELCHER	1/16
WALTER SAYRE	1/17
JOHN HUMPHREYS	1/17
WAYNE KERSEY	1/21
JANET PENNINGTON	1/25
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:

Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

FINANCE CORNER

Year End 2012

Our church is truly blessed with a responsible Christian congregation. All of our bills are paid. We begin the New Year in an excellent financial position. In order to fulfill our obligations in 2013, we must take in \$7,737.00 per month. We can look forward to another good year at Lakeview.

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough

Church Bulletin Bloopers

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet should come forward and do so.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.

Thursday night--Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Shirley Green, who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.