



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



A recommendation from the Administrative Board meeting to think about

At the January Board meeting the suggestion was made and discussed concerning the condition of the steel folding chairs we have in storage and are used by the congregation when we have dinners, etc.

The church owns more than 200 steel folding chairs; most stored in the closet, and some used in the Choir warm-up room and the classroom. Most of these chairs are original chairs which were used 50 years ago in the sanctuary for church services and carried over to the multipurpose room when needed for events there. Quite a few are showing their age, chipped paint, bent legs, etc. They are also not particularly comfortable for sitting any length of time.

The Board is not considering using funds needed for the operation of the church and salaries because that money is what is pledged and donated by our members for that purpose. There are some monies that have been given to the church as memorials or bequests which are not designated for any specific purpose. It has been suggested that some of these funds might be used to purchase a few new chairs that would be much more comfortable (padded seats and backs, for example). Chair storage is a big problem, as everyone knows who has ever looked into the room we use for storage of our tables, chairs and platform. The best solution several of us thought about is try to dispose of some of the steel folding chairs that are in the poorest condition and replace them with a number of the more comfortable chairs. The kind we are thinking about is stackable and do not take up as much storage room as the steel chairs. They are moved about on a roller based dolly that makes them easy to move around and store. We are open to suggestions from the congregation about this proposal and will investigate prices, etc. We are in no rush to do anything. If you have an idea, please let me know and I will pass it along to the Board who will make the final decision.

Thanks.

David Koontz, Trustee

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report for December 2013 was distributed, and motion (Don W./Don M.) carried to accept the report. It was noted that Lakeview made their full Apportionment payment for the 2013 year.

There was a surplus collected for the Christmas food baskets - a total of \$155.50 is left in the fund. Motion (Jeff/Dave) carried to give this money to Linda/Kathi to be used for their work at the shelter in St. Albans.

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

Dick Thompson/Jim Rose plan to modify the furnace controls in the education wing to further lower the monthly gas bills. Also, we ask that if a person has something scheduled at the church facility that it be written on the calendar so that we can make our custodian aware of this to fit his cleaning schedule, and also to let Dick Thompson know about it so that the thermostat can be changed if needed.

Thanks were expressed to the committee for keeping our facility in good repair.

Parsonage - The committee will schedule a meeting with the pastor/wife to make sure we are meeting our responsibilities.

Children's Ministries - A schedule of people to help with teaching our youth has been distributed. We have to staff the nursery, children's Sunday School class and the Tween's Group. Karen Bowyer makes calls to remind people of their turns and if you can't be there on your Sunday to take your turn, please trade with someone to make sure all classes are covered.

Worship - We had a wonderful Advent Season at Lakeview. Special thanks to the workers who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season.

Next meeting will be scheduled in February to plan for the Lent/Easter season.

Outreach - We appreciate the church providing 19 Christmas baskets, as well as money for turkeys and hams to be used in these baskets. Also, some of the canned goods from the St Albans Festival of the Light Tours were taken to Jericho House and the Men's Shelter.

Family Ministries - Dave & Barbara Koontz have volunteered to start the Monday morning Coffee/Conversation hour starting on Monday, January 13.

Pastor's Report - Lakeview's Charge Conference went well, and Lakeview was one of the few churches that paid 100% of their apportionment for 2013.

The Thanksgiving Dinner was very well attended including 16 persons from the Homeless Shelter in town.

Our Children's Christmas program was fun, light hearted - certainly a blessing for Lakeview.

The Christmas Cantata was a highlight of our Christmas Services.

The Christmas Eve Service was well attended with feedback indicating it was meaningful to those in attendance.

While enroute to a meeting with District Superintendent, Ed Grant, the pastor had

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an unexpected meeting with our new Bishop, and after a brief conversation with her, she noted 'Oh, you are from one of those churches who do so many things in St Albans....."

Lakeview Church is blessed!

Miscellaneous - Motion (Ron/Jeff) carried for Lakeview to sponsor a Shrove Tuesday free pancake supper, March 4th. Bud Newbrough will organize this, and Lakeview's cost is approx... \$120.

We have money being held in designated funds and Marilyn Morton proposed that this be used to purchase chairs to replace the damaged or worn out chairs in the multipurpose room. This idea will be checked into by the trustees. Also a motion (Jeff/Ron) carried to use the money from the sale of the Colby quilt for the chairs.

Linda Martin suggested that we reinvent some of the activities that we have done in the past – collect an item each Sunday for a month (example: cereal one month, powdered milk one month, detergent one month, etc.—and distribute to some of the food pantries), perhaps have a salad sale after church and use the money for some special project, sub sandwich sale after church and use the money for a special project, etc.

Jericho House has many items stored in a building behind St. Andrews Church and (upon checking with Freda) Dave Koontz suggested that we offer to put some of the extra items in our yard sale and give the money to Jericho House as a way of providing additional assistance to Jericho House.

The possibility of an auction was discussed. Wayne will check on availability of our auctioneer.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie. Next meeting is February 4, 2014.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Happy New Year to all of you! In church on Sunday, we were given the chance to put aside those things that separate us from God. My prayer for you is that you are able to make that commitment, to move forward and to follow through.

Right now we are suffering through the coldest weather we have felt for many years. The bones are aching, the fingers curling and the noses are dripping. We long for summer breezes and warm sunshine. But let us embrace this time of refreshment and renewal and relaxation after the busy holidays. We hope your holidays were filled with family, friends and fun.

Why don't you make a pot of soup and share some with a friend, a neighbor or a shut in. Why don't you send a card of encouragement to someone who is feeling blue and closed in this winter season? Why don't you call and offer to go to the grocery for someone who is unable to weather the ice and snow?

Some of you may not know this, but several of Lakeview's folks provide a ministry to Richard Paxton, by picking him up for church each Sunday and then taking him to lunch or returning him to home afterward. Richard wants you to know how much he appreciates this service. He and Tina, Richard's helper, had a lovely December party for those who continue to help him over the past several years, where he was able to express his appreciation and treat them to lots of good food and warm hospitality. Many others in the church provide services that help Richard live alone. Richard is so thankful and blessed. Those folks who

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perform these tasks are also blessed in the process.

While you are at home in this cold weather, why don't you look through those drawers and closets for the items that you may wish to donate to the Spring Yard Sale that will be held the last Saturday in March.

How about a special prayer for Helen Cherry and Ruth Anderson, who are working their way through health issues these days?

Dave Koontz is recovering from having a defibrillator placed in his chest a few weeks ago and is adjusting to it.

Carol and Charlie Fry are recovering from Carol's fall, also a few weeks ago.

We remember Fred and Georgeann McKinney who are still struggling with health issues at home.

Today is the third day that people in our area are under the Do Not Drink or Bathe in the West Virginia American water supply. We pray that this order will soon be lifted and that that water supply is safe for household use. We also remember those who never have safe water, or food, or personal safety.

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

Monies needed to make Budget \$7,400.00
Income for December \$4,875.00

All bills are paid in full and we have paid 100% of our Fair Share Giving to the Conference for 2013.

We are so Blessed!!!!

Finance Committee