



Lakeview News

July 2011

Lakeview United Methodist Church

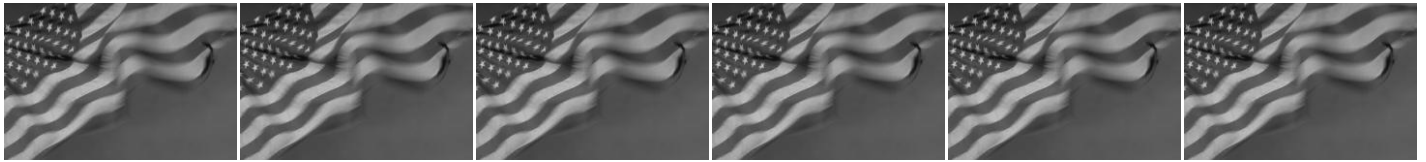
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50th Anniversary News



We give thanks to the parents of our Bible School who, along with you, were able to provide the contents of Kits for the children at the Sojourners Shelter. Marilyn coordinated this project, along with help from Georgeann and the Griffiths, who delivered the boxes to Sojourners.

Children,
50 Kids
Morton
McKinney
Hallelujah!

Marilyn Morton is coordinating the July 50 Acts of Charity. We are providing cans of fruit for our friends at Christ's Kitchen. Marilyn has spoken with the director of the Christ Kitchen program and canned fruit was her request.

As a heads up for the August 50 Acts of Charity, Wayne Kersey will be soliciting t-shirts, underwear and sox—any size for man, woman or child. These items will be presented to the United Methodist Conference for their Annual Undie Sunday drive. We will be extending Undie Sunday for the whole month of August, so while you are shopping, pick up a package or two of something to share for our August gift.

This week, letters to our friends and former members have been sent inviting them to our celebration. Please let Marilyn Morton or Norma Newbrough know if there are people you would like to include on our invitation list.

Programs are in the process of being printed and soon there will be publicity in our local papers about Lakeview's 50th Birthday. Favors have been made for each family who attends and plans are afoot for the food we will need for our celebration. The committee is excited about these plans and hope you are also. That October weekend will be here before you know it. Thanks be to God for all you have given thus far!

For the 50th Anniversary Committee

Norma Newbrough

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Charlie Fry opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Those present in addition to Ron Colby and Charlie Fry were Pastor Richie, Franki Noble, Karen Kersey, Dave Koontz, Jeff Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough, and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the June minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Don/Bud). We made ½ Apportionment payments this month, which leaves us three payments behind. There was discussion regarding this: Why are we behind? Are people not keeping up with pledges? Do we need to work on securing extra money?

Bud will prepare something for the newsletter to help the congregation in understanding our financial concerns.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration – The Anniversary Committee met and plans are going well for the 50th Celebration. Our church is being generous with the monthly "50 Acts of Charity" and many people/organizations are benefiting from this endeavor.

Plans are to put up some signs in the neighborhood calling attention to our celebration. Karen Kersey volunteered to paint these for the committee.

Christian Education – Bible School was well attended and thanks to those who helped make this a success.

Family Ministries – Committee hasn't met since the last Council meeting, but plans to shortly. One of the items we will be dealing with is staffing the nursery and Children's Church.

One of the items the committee would like to bring to the Council's attention is "planning". If we knew the yearly goals and plans, it would be easier

to schedule activities around these. Council Chair will work on this.

Nurture – On July 31, immediately after church we will have a cheese/bread/fruit reception.

PS/PRC – The committee has an ongoing responsibility to meet at least once a quarter to assure things are running smoothly at the church. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 7 pm.

Trustees – The stumps have been removed from the parsonage yard and grass seed has been planted.

Our lot (at the entrance to Riverlake) has been surveyed, priced, etc. and plans are to sign a contract with a realtor to expedite the sale. This will be done in conjunction with the Fire Department. The contract needs signatures of our trustee chairperson plus head of the Fire Department, and they will meet the first Monday of August to ok the procedure.

Worship – Next meeting is scheduled for September 8.

Pastor's Report – Things at the church are going well.

- Bible School was very successful, and sometimes this is used as a sign as to how a church is doing.
- The 50th Anniversary plans are coming together and we are looking forward to this event.
- We will work to do some long range planning, following completion of next year's nominations. This will be scheduled towards the end of October, following our Anniversary Celebration.
- Some preliminary arrangements have been made to cover the preaching when the "new McNeil" arrives, but last minute changes might occur.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

- We need to continue to work on ways to be more prompt on paying our Apportionment to the Conference.

Miscellaneous - Our Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Here it is, the middle of July, unbearably hot, sticky and miserable. At least, that is how this reporter feels. I have never tolerated the heat well and the older I get, the worse it is. But the good news is, this is the growing season and the first fruits of our gardens are spilling over to our dinner tables. Yum!

Congratulations to all of you who worked so hard and put on a wonderful Vacation Bible School. It is a beautiful thing to see when we pool our resources and work together to pull off one of these events. Almost 50 Children were blessed by the experience of learning about God and Jesus. We especially congratulate Karen Ekstrom for pulling the whole VBS together.

What a beautiful thing it is to see that Frances and Richard Paxton were able to attend a family reunion in Ohio and then visit Amish country. Frances's spinal surgery and God's blessing has made this possible.

We ask for prayer for many of our folks who are facing health issues. First of all, we ask for prayer for Pastor Richie and especially Leslie as she nears her delivery day. We can't wait to meet Sophie Lea! May God's blessing fill them with joy as

they become parents. We all remember the anxiety that accompanies that new bundle, so we pray that the worries will be small.

We ask for prayer for Linda Thompson as she recovers from a breast procedure and awaits news about further treatments.

We ask for prayer for Mike Roberts as he recovers from shoulder surgery. He says the doctors have told him to expect a loooong recovery. So say a prayer for him as he recovers.

We ask for prayer for Fred and Georgeann McKinney as they deal with their health struggles.

We ask for prayer for Bill Casto who is also recovering from a health procedure. Bill returned to the hospital this week but is home again and I hope, resting.

Dave Koontz is home from the hospital after a 10 day "vacation" there. I use the word vacation loosely, because I am sure it was anything but! Have a speedy recovery, Dave.

We congratulate Doris Herscher on the birth of her second great granddaughter Kenley Deshea Herscher, born on July 7 to grandson Gavin and his wife, Jennifer.

More congratulations for the Herscher Family as Doris's grandson, Dusty Herscher is being married this weekend to Katie Wells.

John McCormick's foot has healed to the point where he no longer has his boot! Hooray!

July and August Anniversaries

BACCHUS	7/1
KOONTZ	7/5
GIPE, D & S	7/10
BELCHER	8/9
ROWE	8/19

July and August Birthdays

LOGAN PENNINGTON	7/3
BARB THAXTON	7/4
KENNY PENNINGTON	7/4
CHARLIE FRY	7/14
DORIS HERSHER	7/19
MEGAN KERSEY	7/22
RUTH ANDERSON	7/25
ANGIE POTTER	8/10
CHRIS EDWARDS	8/11
ED SCHOTT	8/14
MONA IDDINGS	8/17
MARIA BELCHER	8/18
OREN DAVIS	8/29
GIANNI COLLEVECCHIO	8/30
DON GRIFFITH	8/30
MACIE DAHMER	8/31

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.

Are We Tithers or Tippers?

One of the witty slogans I brought home from Annual Conference was "Are we tithers or tippers?" Do we take our church giving seriously?

Lakeview people are responsible people. We pay our obligations. We help realize the mission of Methodism in the world. Paying our Fair Share is our opportunity to contribute to the overall mission of our Church International.

We have lost some church families in the last few years and that influences our income. We who are left must fill in the gaps.

The Finance Committee asks our congregation to make a donation to the church to help pay our Fair Share in full. Please mark your checks or envelopes FOR OUR FAIR SHARE. Help!

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough, Chair

FINANCE CORNER

Finance Corner for June 2011

Needed to make Budget	\$7,131.00
Income for June	\$6,067.00
Shortfall	\$1,033.00

All bills are paid except our Fair Share to the Conference

Through June we should have paid	\$9,600.00
We paid	\$4,914.00
We are behind our Fair Share	\$4,686.00

General Church Income for 6 months should be	\$44,611.00
Our Income January through June	\$39,836.00
We are behind	\$ 4,775.00

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough

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