



# Lakeview News

## March 2009

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### Worship Corner

Though spring is bursting all around us, we are still in the middle of Lent. Pastor Richie has encouraged us to give up something that keeps us from being in full relationship with our loving God. He is looking forward to the end of Lent and more doughnuts!

Seriously folks, Lent is the time for prayer and reflection and I know all of you have been taking it seriously. We eagerly look forward to the end of Lent and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

But before the Resurrection comes the Crucifixion. We will be Celebrating Palm Sunday with a mini cantata as our Julie Simon terms it, and of course, the usual palms.

We ask if you will all be mindful of the Holy Week services. This year we will be alternating the locations with Saint Luke's UMC. So make sure you are in the right place at the right time.

Palm Sunday 10:00 am, April 5, 2009, Regular Service at Lakeview, No Communion this Sunday.

Holy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm, April 9, 2009, at Lakeview. Communion will be held at this service.

Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm, April 10, 2009 at Saint Luke's UMC

Sunrise Service, Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, to be held at the lake in Riverlake Estates, weather permitting, at Sunrise. Service will be held in Lakeview UMC if the weather is not cooperative.

Easter Morning breakfast will be held following the service at Lakeview.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, 10:00 am, Morning Worship at Lakeview.

We hope to see all of you there, Happy Easter!

For the Worship Committee,  
Norma Newbrough

## In the Pastor's Corner

### FEAR

The Lenten season has begun and currently I am fasting and praying. Also, I am sitting here at my desk preparing for a revival that I have been asked to preach at on March 8<sup>th</sup>. As I prepare for this revival I am thinking of the things that people in the world may be facing this Lenten Season. One of those things is FEAR. Fear has many different meanings in the Word of God. Fear can mean profound reverence and awe toward God; an emotion of dread or alarm caused by danger; timidity; afraid. Come to think about it the Bible addresses fear in a whole lot of scripture. So, you are probably wondering how this goes with the Lenten season and preaching a revival.

Right now as we speak people are facing losing their jobs or they have already lost their jobs. Right now someone I know is facing cancer. Right now someone I know is facing an identity change. Right now someone I know is facing giving something up for this Lenten season and the list goes on! Fear has a lot to do with our lives currently today. But today I just want to address the issue of losing jobs or moving away from your home because your job requires it.

Brothers and sisters we cannot fear the unknown in our lives. Yeah easy for me to say in this day's economy. I can't imagine losing my job or having to move somewhere else to find a job or being moved by your job just to keep it. I would say in all honesty I would be afraid. But I would have to fight to put my trust in God. Someone shared with me the other day that when you get too comfortable in life and things are going pretty well is when you just seem to lose it all! This was coming from a long time friend that I golf with who worked for a company for over twenty years and now he has to find a new job. Yes he is scared and yes the fear to survive in a state that doesn't offer much job opportunity does not help matters much. But his statement of being too comfortable made me think. Was he saying in his mind that God was testing him? Was he mad at God or did he blame God? I didn't ask and at the time I really didn't know what to say. Yeah, I could have quoted scripture and sounded holy and theological to him. But sometimes it's good to just remain speechless.

So, I will not be speechless now and this is what I really want to share with my friend and with you. The Jewish people in Exodus were scared to move or scared of change for that matter. When God called Moses to lead His people up out of Egypt they were afraid. Living in Egypt for 430 years it became their home and all they knew was Egypt even though they were treated like slaves. At first the Israelite people were motivated to leave and went into the desert but when they got into the heart of the desert they complained, worried, and feared, but the Lord God said to them. *"If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you"* Exodus 15: 26. Granted God does not bring diseases on us today because of Christ's grace provided by the cross. But when we lose trust in Him and when we forget His Holy Word and when we forget to seek His strength in prayer we become too fearful, dreadful, timid, tired, and negative to survive in His plan.

God may be asking you to put your trust in Him and this takes practice on our part as Christians. If the Israelites would have just trusted God through the whole thing the journey would have been a lot less painful. When God had delivered them to the Holy Land they were blessed and happy beyond measure. God may have bigger plans for others who have lost their jobs or have to move somewhere else. As the old saying goes, "there is a light at the end of the tunnel." Well folks it is Christ and He is bringing many gifts. God will restore your job and it may be somewhere else and you may not like it at all at first. Not only that but you may have to leave your family. But Christ will provide and sometimes it takes time for this to take place. During the time of the great depression Americans put their trust in God and they made it through although it wasn't easy. If they can get through America's worst and most humble circumstances then we can too! The Israelites lost their homeland and then had to go live in Egypt as slaves for over 430 years. But God brought them back to their homeland in Exodus and Numbers. *Psalms 46:1-4 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the Holy place where the Most High dwells."* Amen!

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Ron Colby and Norma Newbrough opened the meeting with a devotional. Present were Ron & Marilyn Colby, Bud and Norma Newbrough, Fred McKinney, Jason & Robin Black, Franki Noble and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion carried (Bud Newbrough/Robin Black) to accept the minutes of the February meeting as printed.

**Finance** – Approximately 80-90 persons were served at the Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, and leftover ingredients were given to Christ's Kitchen.

**Wellness** - Wellness Committee will sponsor an Adults Night Out on March 31 – speaker will be Amy Humphries.

The committee will also sponsor a CPR Class on April 30. More information to follow.

**Family Ministries/Outreach** - The committee sponsored a Family Fun Night the last Saturday in February. It was attended by 20, and everyone had a fun time.

Vacation Bible School will be June 28-July 2. Leslie Boden is heading up this venture.

Post cards were sent to 'neighbors' for our Pancake Dinner and will be sent out listing the Holy Week Services.

**Nurture** – Nurture Committee had "Chicken Soup for the Soul" following church on Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our church is sponsoring a Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 25. The committee is working on securing workers, providing food, etc. and will meet shortly to plan this event. It was called to our attention that we need to help facilitate the parking and plans are to have someone handle this.

**Trustees** – Trustees are working on the new sign for the church. The logo has been ordered and it will be approximately 6 weeks before it can be shipped. Meanwhile Don Morton is working on the letters to be used and Fred is working on moving the current cross to the end of the multipurpose room.

Monies used will come from the Ralph Jarrett memorial money, the Woody Smith memorial money, the Bill Herscher memorial money and the Black family.

Spring Clean Up will be Saturday, April 4, 2009. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a job to help us keep God's House neat and clean. See page 7.

**Worship** – The committee met before the Council meeting and discussed several items:

(1) Special Lenten Services will be shared with St. Luke.

Maundy Thursday Service will be at Lakeview, April 9, 2009

Good Friday Service will be at St. Luke, April 10, 2009

Sunrise Service at Lakeview, April 12, 2009

(2) There will be combined choirs for the Thursday and Friday services.

(3) Julie Simon is working on securing "the piper" for our Easter Sunrise Service.

(4) Acolyte training will be available shortly for those interested.

(5) Linda Thompson bought two new tapers and they will be used on Easter.

(6) Palm branches have been ordered for Palm Sunday

(7) Next meeting will be May 12, 6:15 pm.

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Richie was preaching at a Revival in Charleston.

The April Administrative Council Meeting will be held April 14, 2009, 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Don Morton.

## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

This reporter has just returned from a day trip to see the **West Virginia University Women's Gymnastics Team** perform in a team match against Penn State University. Unfortunately the **WVU team** was bested in the match by a very small margin. But that loss in no way tarnished the excitement of the day, the skill of the participants or the great atmosphere. Having never before seen a live gymnastics event, watching those young women, especially our **Ashley Wilson**, was wonderful. The atmosphere of encouragement and support of both teams for their teammates was truly inspiring. I look forward to returning next year to watch **Ashley** compete!!! **Mom and Dad Wilson** was bursting with pride, as was sister, **Elizabeth**.

Another highlight of the day was visiting **Highland Avenue UMC in Fairmont** where our former pastor, **Karen Brown**, is serving. It was a delight to see her and to feel very welcome in her church. The church itself was an impressive edifice and the friendliness of the congregation was great. Though they reside in a town that houses many UMC congregations, they are active and making a difference in their community. Way to go, **Pastor Karen!**

We announce the recent engagement of our **Carrie Ferguson** to her young man, **Joshua Kelly**. **Joshua** is a graduate of the **West Point Military Academy**, and is now awaiting orders to be deployed. **Carrie** is the daughter of our **Mary and Tom Ferguson**. She is studying nursing after having earned a degree from **Marshall University**. When her fiancé returns next spring, **Carrie and Joshua** are planning to be married.

Another engaged young lady is **Briana Fry**. **Briana** is a former member of Lakeview and has been a recent visitor. She is the granddaughter of **Carol and Charlie Fry** and the daughter of **Cindy Fry and Andy Fry**. **Brianna's** fiancé is **Scott Holiday**. **Briana** works as a paralegal and their wedding is scheduled for **May 2010**.

We are so sorry to report that **Sherry and Buzz Knapp** will be relocating to **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma** in the near future. **Buzz's job**, though not terminated (when so many others lost their jobs) with his company and we are grateful for that, is relocated to the Oklahoma area. **Sherry** promises she will be back frequently to visit and we are grateful for that also.

This June two young women of interest to this congregation are being married. **Jennifer Parsons**, daughter of our **Sherry and Buzz Knapp**, is being married to **James Forman** on June 20, 2009.

Also tying the knot in June is **Jessica Womack**, granddaughter of **Ruth Anderson** and daughter of **Susan and Joe Daniel**. **Jessica** is a recent graduate of Marshall University.

Her wedding to **Jimmy Salango** is on June 27 in Beckley.

We thank **Ron and Marilyn Colby** for the very nice Lenten Booklets compiled with devotions from **YOU, Lakeview!** You all did a great job!

Thank you to **Pastor Richie** who conducted the Ash Wednesday service this year at Saint Luke's UMC. About 18 of us Lakeviewians were there and at least as many Saint Luke's folks.

Our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** was a success, though not as many folks as

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we hoped for attended this free dinner. The **Finance Committee**, headed by **Bud Newbrough** sponsored this event. But the pancakes, sausage and the apples were good, there was plenty of help and it was a good way to begin Lent.

We give thanks for **Janet and Kenny Pennington** who continue their ministry and do a great job leading our younger members to the body of Christ. What important work this is!!

**Julie Simon and Donna Masters** have combined the **Lakeview and Saint Luke** choirs for special efforts during the **Lenten** season and also for an upcoming **Christmas Cantata** that will be presented at both churches. The choirs are meeting on a monthly basis in preparation for these events and they hope you will be present to hear them when the time comes. The next meeting of the combined choirs is **March 22 at 5:00 pm at Saint Lukes**. Thanks for the great lunch, **Julie and Donna**.

We ask you to remember in prayer **Jim Rose** who has gone to Florida for a second opinion at the **Mayo Clinic** there. **Jim** is seeking treatment options for his prostate cancer.

We ask you to remember in prayer **Fran Casto** who is recovering at home from her knee replacement and stroke. The knee is doing great and the speech is improving day by day. Call **Bill** and make an extra bowl of soup to help them out.

We ask you to remember in prayer **Reba Hodges**, who is **Doris Herscher's 98 year**

**old mother**. She has been hospitalized recently with no specific ailments.

**Matt Goodwin** reports that his **Vanessa** is in need of healing prayer for an injured knee.

A good time was had by all who attended the **Game Night** hosted by the **Outreach/Family Ministries Committee**, headed by **Robin Black** on **February 28**. Thanks, **Robin and Committee**.

A wonderful dinner hosted by the **Wellness Committee** to honor the **Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department** was held on February 23. About 15 firemen attended and enjoyed their dinner immensely. One said, "We appreciate being appreciated."

**Helen Cherry** proudly announced that her great grandson, **Tyler Walker**, was the **1st place** finisher as a sixth grader at **Hayes Middle School** for the **Math Field Day** Competition. I think that means he will continue to compete in the county. This reporter noticed that **Katie Walker** was on the Principals list for the second nine weeks at **Lakewood Elementary School**. These children are the offspring of **Jamie and Lorne Walker**.

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### WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The **Wellness Committee** invites everyone to hear our own **Amy Humphreys** discuss **Medical and Legal** issues that everyone needs to hear and understand. **Amy** will discuss **Medical Power of Attorney, Wills and Power of Attorney** and answer questions. One often thinks that these are issues only interesting to older folks, but any one of us could have an accident or an illness that would make these issues pertinent

## WELLNESS COMMITTEE – CONT'D

to our lives. The Wellness Committee feels that it is important to make this information available.

So, please plan to attend this Adults Night Out meeting on March 31, 2009 at 7:00 pm for snacks and information. We'll look forward to seeing YOU here at the church! Invitations will be passed out soon.

### March and April Birthdays

<b>LINDA MARTIN</b>	<b>3/4</b>
DICK THOMPSON	3/10
PAULA GIPE	3/13
JUDY BELCHER	3/13
ANNIE COLBY	3/13
BRENT KERSEY	3/14
TOM FERGUSON	3/15
KENNY BOWYER	3/16
EMILY GRIFFITH	3/17
SHERRY KNAPP	3/20
CARRIE FERGUSON	3/23
TYLER BROWN	3/24
SAMANTHA HUMPHREY	3/26
JUDY STRAWDERMAN	3/27
ROBERT ROWE JR	3/27
DAVEY GIPE	3/28
<b>ALLI THAXTON</b>	<b>4/10</b>
BOBBY MCCORMICK	4/13
DON MORTON	4/18
JOHN CARR	4/20
KAREN EKSTROM	4/22
ROBIN BLACK	4/23
CAROL FRY	4/26

### March and April Anniversaries

<b>MARTIN</b>	<b>3/10</b>
<b>ASHLEY</b>	<b>4/10</b>
GRIFFITH	4/15

We are missing the following Birthdays and Anniversaries from our list. Please provide them to Don Wilson and he will add them to the list. Thanks.

**Birthdays:** Bodens, Mason Ekstrom, Goodwins, Grant Hudson, Audrey and Haleigh Humphreys, Lloyds, Janet Painter, Bill & Mary Rose, Julie Simon, Violet Smith, Whitmans

**Anniversaries:** Boden, Cumberledge, Goodwin, Hudson, Lloyds, Bill & Mary Rose, Simon/Romine, Whitmans

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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](mailto:donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net) and I will add you to the distribution list.

### Finance Corner

Finance Report for February

Income need to support budget  
\$7,165

Total income for February \$6, 804  
All bills were paid in full.

No payment was made to Conference Fair Share.

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY SAT. APRIL 4, 2009  
 STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.  
 LUNCH WILL BE SERVED PIZZA AND DRINK

JOBS	RESPONSIBILITY
1. WASH WINDOWS INSIDE SANCTUARY.	
2. WASH WINDOWS OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.	
3. WASH WINDOWS INSIDE EDUCATIONAL WING.	
4. WASH WINDOWS OUTSIDE EDUCATIONAL WING.	
5. CLEANUP YARD AND TRIM BRUSHES AND MULCH AS NEEDED.	
6. PLANT SUMMER FLOWERS.	
7. CLEAN KITCHEN STOVE AND STORAGE CABINETS.	
8. CLEAN AND WAX KITCHEN FLOOR.	
9. CLEAN NURSERY.	
10. CLEAN AND WAX PEWS.	
11. NEED TO CLEAN THE AREA OUTSIDE OF THE BACK DOOR OF THE EDUCATIONAL WING, OLD PIPE AND BUILDING MATERIAL.	
12. CLEANOUT THE CULVERT AT PARKING LOT ENTRANCE.	
13. CLEANUP STORAGE ROOM.	

IF YOU CAN NOT HELP WITH THE CLEANUP ON APRIL 4, YOU CAN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY JOB ON THIS LIST AND DO IT IN YOUR OWN TIME FRAME. PLEASE CALL FRED MCKINNEY AT 304-727-4037 IF YOU ARE TAKING A JOB OFF THIS LIST.

LAKEVIEW CHURCH IS GOD'S HOUSE AND IT'S OUR DUTY TO KEEP GOD'S HOUSE NEAT AND CLEAN. PLEASE COME OUT ON APRIL 4 AND HELP US WITH THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

THANKS,  
TRUSTEES