



Lakeview News

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

The **Worship Committee**, headed by **Marilyn Colby**, announces the following services for **Holy Week**.

Palm Sunday, March 28, services will be held at both Lakeview and St. Luke's at their regular hours.

Holy Thursday, April 1, is **Holy Communion** at Lakeview at 7:00 pm.

This will be the only communion service during the month of April.

There will be **no Bible Study or Soup Dinner** this evening.

Good Friday Service, April 2, will be held at St. Luke's at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 4, at 7:00 a.m. will be held by the lake, weather permitting, or at Lakeview UMC. Pot luck breakfast will follow.

Easter Worship, April 4, services will be held at both Lakeview and St. Luke's at their regular hours. There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children following the service at Lakeview.



You're Invited!

The Lakeview UMC, The Dunbar UMC and St. Luke's UMC Choirs have combined and will present the Easter Cantata, "*Worthy, Song for the Ages*" at the Dunbar UMC at 1401 Myers Avenue on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Music Directors Julie Simon and Carolyn Paschal have been excited about this endeavor and are eager to share the good news of Christ through music.

There will be child care available during the Cantata. A reception in the church fellowship hall will follow, hosted by the women of Dunbar and Lakeview churches. We hope that you will come!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Wayne Kersey opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne and Ron were Pastor Richie, Janet Pennington, Franki Noble, Dave Koontz, Bud Newbrough, Karen Ekstrom, Jason & Robin Black, Karen Kersey, Dave Ashley and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Robin) carried to accept the February minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Karen reported that there was some confusion with monies received from St. Luke and this has been corrected. We did not make an Apportionment payment this month. Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the February report as printed.

Finance – Finance Committee is recommending that any money in excess of \$1500 (the amount needed for the Building Fund payment) from the March yard sale be given to the trustees to be used for the two projects they are working on. Motion (Bud/Janet) carried that monies from the yard sale in March in excess of \$1500 be designated for the trustees to use for the new roof for the parsonage and removal of the trees at the parsonage.

Christian Education – A call has been issued for persons to help with Bible School this summer. Depending on the response, perhaps we would have a Friday/Saturday/Sunday Bible School. Pastor Richie is assisting in picking curriculum. *Galactic Blast, Planet Zoom* and *Hero Headquarters* are possibilities.

We are currently seeking a way for our young children to participate in a neighborhood event which would allow them to see the different economic stations of life.

The next two Sundays, we will be passing the basket for funds to buy candy for the Easter eggs that are used in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Wellness – The committee made \$249 on the baked potato luncheon on Sunday, and plans to add this money to the new table fund.

Family Ministries – The Religious Arts Festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 11th, 5:30 pm. There will be art work on display, a covered dish dinner (with everyone bringing their specialty), we will act out the parables (small groups with 10 minute prep time + limited props), and have some music with "Our Julie".....

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For the Festival, plans are for people to create an original piece of art or to bring an object that you already own that has special religious significance to you, with a brief explanation.

For the Culinary Arts we will have Greek Cooking Class (with Chris Bennett who is from Greece) on March 22, and Dick Thompson will have a Smoker Cooking Class on April 9/10. Plans are to use the smoked meat for our dinner on the 11th and perhaps those from the Greek Cooking Class will make some Greek goodies to share at the dinner.

The on-line book study is underway with approx. 25 people participating. *the me I want to be* is the name of the book and if someone is interested, we will try to get a book and catch them up to speed.

There will be art classes for the kids – March 11, March 21 and April 8. Call Ekstroms if interested.

Bread & Company will now be on Thursdays, 5:45 pm starting this week – John Carr & Dick Thompson are still doing the cooking and encourage all to bring a friend and attend.

Outreach – Postcards will be mailed to the neighborhood regarding our Easter services.

Committee is handling the PR for the yard sale. And the Cantata will be presented April 7th with combined choirs from Dunbar Methodist and Lakeview and the committee is handling the PR for this.

Nurture – Plans are underway for the Easter Sunrise Breakfast.

Parsonage – A minor problem in one of the bathrooms has been brought to our attention, and will be repaired shortly.

PS/PRC – The committee met in February on routine matters. Committee will meet

again in April to begin the pastor evaluation process pending instructions from the district.

Trustees - The fire extinguishers at the church need to be checked and a professional has been recommended for the job. This would be at a cost of \$100. Motion (Dave K./Dave A.) carried that we have the extinguishers checked.

Our furnace room has become overstocked with many items from persons working at the church, using an item and then leaving the item in the furnace room. Motion (Dave K./Bud) carried that we will bring all items out of the furnace room, have trustees check to see if items need to be kept and the remainder will be sold at the yard sale.

The sycamore trees in the parsonage yard have become overgrown and need to be removed. A quote has been obtained (\$350 for each tree) to fell the trees. Motion (Dave K./Dave A.) carried that we proceed with this option. This will only be to take the trees to the ground, St. Albans will bring their chipper to take some of the small branches, a neighbor has agreed to take the larger limbs, there will be a need for some chain saws and manpower once the trees are felled, and some of the wood will be available for church members if interested.

Worship – The committee met prior to the Council meeting and talked about upcoming services:

- The cantata, “Worthy” will be presented at Dunbar Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 7th (Lakeview & Dunbar’s choirs participating).
- Palm Sunday Service, March 28, at Lakeview and St. Luke
- Holy Thursday Service, 7 pm at Lakeview with communion
- Good Friday Service, 7 pm at St. Luke

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- Easter Sunrise Service by the lake, Easter Service at Lakeview & at St. Luke

Since we will have communion on Holy Thursday, there will be no communion the first Sunday in April. We will continue making DVD's of services to be made available to those unable to attend the services.

Pastor Richie will research the possibility of a Revival at the church.

Pastor's Report - Currently no one from either church is in the hospital, which is a blessing. However, many persons are unable to attend services- some of this is because of the wooden seats, which cause pain when sitting in them for a period of time. The suggestion was made that we might consider purchasing some more comfortable seating.

The Contemporary Worship Service will start this Sunday, March 14, at St. Luke's at 7 pm. The service will run thru the end of April.

March 20th, 6 pm, St. Luke's have invited Lakeview to a covered dish dinner at their church.

April 17th, 9 am, St. Luke's will have a Men's Breakfast, and all men and boys from Lakeview are invited to attend.

Pastor will be away, April 25th, and will be on vacation May 9 thru May 23.

Also, Pastor will be at Annual Conference on June 13 and all are welcome to attend his full ordination service at Conference.

Miscellaneous - For the past few weeks members of the Adult Sunday School Class have been picking up Richard Paxton and bringing him to Sunday School/Church. Dave Koontz has been coordinating this and would like to open this possibility to all members of the church. A sign up sheet

will be on the board at the back of the sanctuary.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Here it is the middle of March and the middle of Lent. The weather is finally beginning to warm up a little and spring is on the way. We are traveling the road to Easter and the blessed Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our leader, **Pastor Richie**, has undertaken a 40 day fast in an effort to grow closer to God during this Lenten season. He has set a good example for all of us as we have embarked on Bible Studies, prayer, book studies, Lenten devotions and other activities in our efforts to grow our relationship with Christ.

We thank **Wayne Kersey** for leading the online book study that includes a fair number of our church members.

We thank **Dick Thompson** and **John Carr** for the delicious soup suppers we have been having preceding our Bible Studies. Be sure to remember that these events have been moved to Thursday evenings at 5:45 for soup and 7:00 pm for Bible Study. This is the first week of I Corinthians. **Pastor Richie** has been doing a good job of leading this study each week for both churches, Lakeview and St. Luke's. Remember that the Bible Study will move to Saint Luke's during April.

We thank the Worship Committee, headed by **Marilyn Colby**, and **Robin Black** for the wonderful Devotional Booklet/DVD that has been produced for your use during this season of Lent. (I say booklet,

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because I printed mine out!) Thank you also, Lakeview, for your contributions to it. Our example paved the way for Riverlawn Presbyterian Church to produce their very first Lenten Devotional Booklet this year. Joyce Ryan was the guiding light behind that effort.

We would also like to thank **Robin and Jason Black** for the new wooden Communion set that will be used during Lent.

We continue to hold **Jim and Frances Paxton** in prayer, as well as **Fred and Georgeann McKinney**, though Fred and Georgeann have been able to return to church.

We ask for prayer for **John McCormick** as he recovers from foot surgery. **Kathi** could probably use some, too.

We celebrate the life of **Virginia Osbourne**, a former member, who died recently in Charleston. She enjoyed her time at Lakeview when her Lutheran Church in Saint Albans closed.

We celebrate with **Ashley Wilson** who is concluding a four year career with the WVU Gymnastic team. God's blessings go with her as she figures out what to do with the rest of her life.

We congratulate **Erin Dahmer** who will graduate this May from Shepherd University School of Nursing. Erin is the daughter of **Pam and Roger Dahmer**, granddaughter of **Macie Dahmer**, who are all former members. Erin's brothers are **Justin and Ryan**.

Don't forget the Contemporary Worship Service that will be starting at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, March 14, 2010.

SPRING YARD SALE

Our Semi Annual Forty Family Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The multipurpose room is now open to accept your contributions. As usual, we will be selling our breakfast food and baked goods to the public. WE NEED HELP to sort, price, clean, work in the kitchen, etc. BEFORE THE SALE! Then we need help the day of the sale. Questions? Call Bud at 727-7739.

March and April Birthdays

LINDA MARTIN	3/4
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 HUMPHREYS	3/26
JUDY STRAWDERMAN	3/27
ROBERT ROWE JR	3/27
DAVEY GIPE	3/28
ALLI THAXTON	4/10
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

MARTIN	3/10
ASHLEY	4/10
GRIFFITH	4/15

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please send an email to Donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net and I will add you to the list.



Pictures from the recent(?) past.

Finance Corner

Income needed to meet Budget	\$7,131
Income for January 2010	\$6,398
Income for February 2010	\$6,037

Our Fair Share Giving to the Conference per month is \$1,690.

Last year, 2009, we paid 100% of our Fair Share Giving.

For your information, the Fair Share giving is broken down into three areas.

1. Ministerial Support is salaries and expenses for District Superintendents and salaries and expenses for our Bishop.

2. World Service and Conference Benevolences is all the outreach of our Conference. That includes missions all over the world and missions in West Virginia. That would include Haiti and Chile. We also help to sponsor Africa University.
3. Administration includes all expenses to run our Conference. This includes Annual Conference meeting in June, Office of our Treasury, Office to administer our hospital insurance to our staff, the Conference Secretary, and Administrator for staff retirement program.

Finance Chairperson
Bud Newbrough

Religious Arts Festival

Sunday, April 11th at 5:30pm

Come view artwork on display

"Gourmet" covered-dish dinner (bring your specialty!)

After dinner, we'll act out parables from the Bible in "rehearsed for 10 minutes" shows that will be entertaining but contain a spiritual message

Music too!

Sponsored by Family Ministries

Preparing for the Religious Arts Festival:

Create an original piece of art or handiwork or else submit something someone else has made that has special meaning to you.

Greek Cooking Class: Learn how to make baklava and spinach pies from a Greek cook, open to high school students through adults, on Monday, March 22nd. Call Karen Kersey to reserve a spot 304.727.0071

Cooking with a Smoker: Learn to smoke meat with Dick Thompson, open to high school students through adults, on April 9th and 10th, Call Dick Thompson 304.727.3723

On-line Book Study: The Me I Want to Be, call Wayne Kersey for details, 304.727.0071

Art Classes for Kids: Sunday, March 14 at 1:00; Sunday, March 21 at 1:00; Friday, April 9th Call Karen Ekstrom to sign up 304.727.1029