



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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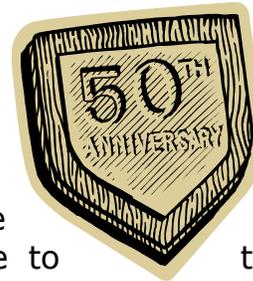
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50th Anniversary Celebration



This message was received in my mailbox recently and I share its contents with all of you. Norma

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Dear Lakeview Methodist Church Members,

On behalf of my mother, Gerry (Lois) Wood and the residents, in her area at the Valley Center, I would like to share the Valentine's bags you made and delivered. They were beautiful, useful and oh, so very thoughtful. We were there when they brought them to the rooms and I was proud to say I knew you and your wonderful caring church.

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You brightened the day of 50 deserving people. Thank you again.

Barbara Holley and Rodney, my brother Pat and my Mother, Gerry Wood

Mary Ferguson is in charge of our March effort for 50 Acts of Charity. Her request is to collect 50 boxes of powdered milk to take to Manna Meal. Manna Meal feeds the hungry in our larger community and we feel privileged to give where we can.

Pastor Richie has agreed to be in charge of April's project and you will be hearing more about that later.

Plans for our weekend are coming along, but the most important thing for you to do is collect your pictures, and names of friends whom you would like to invite, so we may have their addresses when it is time to send a letter of invitation. You may give these names to Linda Thompson, Norma Newbrough or Marilyn Morton.

Our celebration promises to be an exciting time in the life of our church and we want you to be involved!

For the Committee

Norma and Bud Newbrough

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Colby (in the absence of Chairperson Ron Colby), and Charlie Fry opened the meeting with a devotion*treasure our music*. Those present in addition to Charlie were Pastor Richie, Marilyn Colby, Dave Koontz, Jeff Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough, and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud N./Don M.) to accept the February minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed (Dave K./Bud N.). All bills were paid and a full Apportionment payment was made.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration – Plans are moving along well, and the next meeting will be Monday, March 28, 7 pm.

Christian Education – Still working on Bible School, but no definite date has been picked.

The youth will begin practicing with Chong after church on Sundays in preparation for singing in a church service.

Family Ministries – Thanks to Dick Thompson and John Carr for hosting the Thursday Dinners. We have approximately \$120 left from the dinners to be put in the Family Ministries account.

Next program for Family Ministries will be *Steppin' Out*. This will be share a meal and some time with another church family - we will draw names from a hat. In case stairs are a problem, we will accommodate that; if you can only come on a weekend, we will accommodate that....or whatever, we will work to accommodate all special needs. The program will take place during Lent (finished by Easter).

Karen Ekstrom is organizing Bible School sometime during June.

Parsonage – Tiling the downstairs hall is complete, thanks to Bud Newbrough.

Pastor has asked to have a fence put around the backyard and this will be handled sometime this spring.

PS/PRC - We have renewed our license to copy lyrics & music for our church music program.

Trustees – The floor buffer that the church owns is "past its prime" and we plan to purchase a rebuilt one for \$369. This is a necessary move to keep our church floors in good shape.

Dick Thompson has installed a speaker in the front of the church facing the choir. Thanks to Dick for helping with this and the many projects that are handled by the trustees.

The men's bathroom renovation is complete-thanks to Bill Casto & Dave Koontz.

Spring Cleanup will be scheduled the 3rd Saturday in April – the 16th. In case you are not available to help on that Saturday, please sign up to handle one of the projects on your own schedule.

Plans are to paint the lower half of the hall in the educational wing.

Worship – The committee will meet Thursday evening, April 7th to finalize Easter plans.

The committee is distributing Lenten Devotional booklets.

Pastor's Report - Ash Wednesday service will be at 7 pm at St. Luke Church.

The pastor will be away Sunday, May 1 to participate in an Emmaus Walk.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Can it really be March already? Can it really be Lent already? That is how my calendar reads and I'll bet yours does, too. Here we are ready to observe Lent and Pastor Richie is planning a 5 week Lenten study. He has ordered books for those who wish to participate. It will begin on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at Saint Luke's Church at 7:00 pm.

This is the list of Saint Albans noontime Lenten services held on Wednesdays during Lent sponsored annually by the Saint Albans Ministerial Association.

March 16 - to be held at Riverlawn Presbyterian Church
2008 Pennsylvania Avenue
Mark Stauffer, Pastor of Baptist Church, is preaching.

March 23 - to be held at Saint Peter Methodist Church
2601 Forrestal Avenue
Bill Barfield, Priest of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, is preaching.

March 30 - to be held at First Presbyterian Church
201 Kanawha Terrace
Jack Lawrence, Pastor of Abney Street Church of God, is preaching.

April 6 - to be held at Highlawn Baptist Church
2304 Jefferson Avenue
Joel Harpold, Pastor of First Baptist Church, is preaching.

April 13 - to be held at Saint Andrew United Methodist Church
815 Kanawha Terrace
Helen Young, Interim Pastor of Highlawn Presbyterian, is preaching.

We are happy to welcome another new member to Lakeview's choir. Karen is not new to our church by any means, but she is new to the choir stall and we are glad to have her! Welcome!

Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was held at Lakeview on March 8 from 5-7 pm. We were privileged to feed our community a free meal consisting of pancakes, sausage, apples and drinks. Thank you, Finance Committee for pulling this together.

Marilyn and Ron Colby have put together a Lenten Booklet for daily devotionals this year. We thank them for their hard work on this project.

Thanks, Family Ministries Committee, headed by Karen Kersey, who sponsored our Thursday evening soup dinners. Thank you to all of you who cooked, set up, cleaned up and especially those of you who came to eat. It was an evening of delicious food and warm fellowship. I say WAS because those dinners have come to an end for this year.

We would like to thank Carol Harvester for contributing to our Worship service last Sunday. Carol signed the hymn Amazing Grace, a skill she shares in her home church in Florida on a regular basis. Carol is Frances Paxton's daughter.

Frances Paxton is recovering from surgery on her spine and is expected to be released from the rehab unit soon. May God continue to watch over her.

We ask for prayer for Dick Thompson as he continues a long string of medical tests.

We ask for prayer for Dave Koontz who is also undergoing medical tests. We also thank Dave for painting the men's bathroom recently. Bill Casto is working on the finishing touches.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – Cont'd

We are glad little Alex Boden was released from the hospital recently. Alex is the son of Leslie and Scott and sister of Savannah AND Grandson of Janet Painter.

We thank Bud Newbrough who recently completed a tiling job in a hallway in the parsonage.

Don't forget! Saturday morning, March 19, at 8:30 am, there will be a group cooking a meal for Manna Meal in our church kitchen while their facility is being remodeled. I'm sure Mary Ferguson and her group could use some help. Be there or be square!

March and April Anniversaries

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

March and April Birthdays

LINDA MARTIN	3/4
DICK THOMPSON	3/10
PAULA GIPE	3/13
JUDY BELCHER	3/13
ANNIE COLBY HEDGES	3/13
BRENT KERSEY	3/14
TOM FERGUSON	3/15
KENNY BOWYER	3/16
EMILY GRIFFITH	3/17
SHERRY KNAPP	3/20
CARRIE FERGUSON KELLEY	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

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.

FINANCE CORNER

Finance Corner for February 2011

Needed to make Budget \$7,100.00
Income for February \$8,406.00

Paid \$1,648.00 to our Fair Share Giving
All bills are paid. We are all blessed and we all contribute to help our church help others.

Our church is blessed to have Karen and Jeff Ekstrom as our church Treasurer and Financial Secretary. They spend a lot of time taking care of our money, paying our bills, paying our staff and lots of other chores. We thank them and pray God's richest blessings on Karen, Jeff, Tanner and Mason.

Bud Newbrough
Finance Committee Chairperson