



# Lakeview News

March 2012

Lakeview United Methodist Church

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kersey, and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne were Marilyn Colby, Dave Koontz, Bud Newbrough, Jeff Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton.

After reviewing the minutes, a motion (Bud/Jeff) carried to accept the February minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Income for the month of February was good, and we paid an Apportionment payment for the month.

Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the February report.

**Finance** - Noted that we have collected \$208 toward our Spring Yard Sale. (Date of the sale is Saturday, March 24) Monies from our yard sale will be used to pay for the new washer/dryer for the parsonage.

Someone from Norma Newbrough's pottery class gave her some pottery which could be sold for a church project. It was unanimously agreed that Norma could offer these items at the yard sale and the monies would be used by those offering assistance at the homeless shelter in town.

**Christian Education** – Dave Koontz plans to help the children plant some trees along the railroad side of the church yard on April 29. Monies for this project will come from the designated funds part of our budget (Children Programs).

**Family Ministries** – We will continue with our dinners, art lessons and child care during the time of our Lenten Study.

**Trustees** – Reminder that we still have the lot for sale (on the right side of Parkview after passing the railroad tracks when exiting Riverlake).

The closers on the doors leading to the sanctuary have been removed in order to eliminate the need for blocking them open.

**Outreach** - A white board for communication will be installed. The board may be used to inform the congregation of hospital visits, nursing home stays, etc. Information may be added by the church family. A portion of the board might be used for upcoming dates—Bible School, Yard Sale, etc.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

**Worship** – April 1 - Palm Sunday, Communion  
April 5 - Maundy Thursday, Communion,  
7 pm at Lakeview  
April 6 - Good Friday Service, 7 pm at  
St. Luke  
April 8 - Easter - Sunrise Service at  
7:02 am, regular church service at 10 am at  
Lakeview

We are in need of greeters and ushers for our Sunday Service. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

**PS/PRC** - Committee met and reviewed scheduled items.

**Miscellaneous** - Reminder that our Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 24. Articles may be brought to the church starting Monday, March 12.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

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## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

March blew in like a lamb this past Thursday with a beautiful day. Wonder what the rest of the month holds for us???

Our Wednesday dinner (6:00) preceding the Book Study that Pastor Richie is conducting for Lent had a good turnout, a good hot dog dinner prepared by Linda Martin, and a thoughtful, meaningful study (6:30). The book we are studying is *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. Members of both Lakeview and St. Luke's are invited to participate in the study. Karen Kersey, Family Ministry Chairperson, conducted an art program for the children and she reported that they had an awesome time together.

During Lent we are called by God (and Pastor Richie) to examine our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our first session with the book focused on The Last Supper and our thoughts and feelings about Communion.

We mourn with Richard Paxton and Carol and Jimmy Harvester the loss of their dear mother and our dear friend and sister in Christ, Frances Lee Paxton who died on February 28, 2012. Frances hosted the Adults Night Out Christmas Dinner for many years at her home. We will miss Frances, but are grateful that she has earned her rest in the loving arms of Jesus. Marilyn Morton arranged for a lovely dinner for the family after the funeral at the Paxton home. We thank those who provided the food and Marilyn for her service.

We grieve also with the Coon Family in the loss of their mother, Carolyn Coon, who died on February 18 at her home. Carolyn was a former secretary at Lakeview Church and also a friend of the church for many years.

We are happy to announce the birth of baby girl, Heidi Grace Fry, born on February 20 to Chuck and Lisa Fry, son and daughter in law of our Carol and Charlie Fry. Mother and baby are settling in well at home. We congratulate the happy family!

Fred and Georgeann Mc Kinney have moved to a very nice living arrangement at The Charleston Gardens. There Fred and Georgeann will be together in their own space. I know they will appreciate visits from their church family. Their apartment is A-241.

Our Annual Free Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was greeted with smiles and full tummies by those who came. The crew at Lakeview who cooked did a great job, especially our soon to be chef, Max Belcher.

It will soon be time to unload those Trash to Treasure Goodies for our Semi Annual Yard Sale. It will be held on March 24 from 8:00 am to 12 noon and you are invited to bring your saleable goods to the church starting on **March 12**.

The Valentine's Dinner that was held at the Woman's Club in Saint Albans was a delightful evening with Julie Simon and her husband, Pastor Paul Romine, entertaining us with music and the life story of composer Stephen Foster. It was good to sing the old songs of our childhood

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again and to learn of the man behind the songs. Betty Hall and her crew at the Woman's Club served a delicious meal and I think a good time was had by all. This event was hosted by the Newbroughs.

We are grateful that Mary Carr's fall was no more serious than it was and that she is mostly recovered. She will need some dental work before she is good as new again.

We are also grateful that Dicky Thompson is recovering from recent gall bladder surgery. Hope he is soon back to his ornery self---only feeling better.

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### March and April Anniversaries

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](mailto:Donald.paul.wilson@frontier.com) and I will add you to the list.

## FINANCE CORNER

Income needed to make budget	\$ 7,000.00
Income for February	\$ 6,687.00

All bills were paid and we made our second payment to our Fair Share.

We are so blessed and we thank God for his Grace and we thank the people of Lakeview for their Faithfulness.

For the Finance Committee  
Bud Newbrough

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### My Neighbor, My Self

Today, my life will be touching others lives, and my wish is that no one I meet will be damaged by the meeting.

Someone, because of me, will have more hope and less despair.

Someone, because of me, will have more joy and less sadness.

Someone, because of me, will have better health and less sickness.

Someone, because of me, will feel more of life's warmth and less of life's chill.

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### Yard Sale!

We will have our Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. You may bring your saleable items to our multipurpose room Monday, March 12 until Friday March 23. Please plan to help with our Yard Sale. We need lots of helping hands. Thank you.

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### Maria Belcher

Send Maria Belcher an email in Czechoslovakia. Her email address is:

[Mariabelcher09@gmail.com](mailto:Mariabelcher09@gmail.com)

# sojourner's

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empowering women **ywca**

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**ywca** resolve family abuse program  
(304) 340-3573

**ywca** mel wolf child development center  
(304) 340-3560

**ywca** shanklin center  
(304) 415-2682

**ywca** alicia mccormick homes  
(304) 415-2682

**ywca** empowerment homes for women  
(304) 415-2682

**ywca** sojourner's education/job readiness  
(304) 340-3516

**ywca** hps/nautilus  
(304) 340-3550

**ywca** past & present gently used clothing  
(304) 340-3646

**ywca** 2nd seating gently used furniture  
(304) 344-1348

**ywca**charleston.org



February 17, 2012

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Griffith  
2718 Lakeview Drive  
Saint Albans, WV 25377

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Griffith:

**Thank you** for your donation of kid kits made on 2/12/2012 to the **YWCA Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families**. We are deeply honored to accept your selfless and thoughtful contribution. Your commitment to helping the YWCA of Charleston make a difference to the homeless population in our community especially during these economically trying times is deeply appreciated.

It is through donors like you that the Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families is able to provide things for our residents that many people take for granted – a warm bed at night, the knowledge that their children will have enough to eat and the peace of mind of being in a safe environment that they can call home.

We provide more than shelter and nutritious meals; we empower individuals and families to attain self-sufficiency. Through our Program, we are able to provide supportive counseling and crisis intervention, case management, referral, and outreach services to our residents. We also provide education and job skills training through our Education/Job Readiness Center.

In the past year, gifts like yours have allowed us to: provide 18,204 nights of shelter to 975 homeless adults, including 179 children; provide 72,740 nutritious meals; provide 7,903 case management and counseling hours; and serve 436 individuals at the Education/Job Readiness Center.

Thank you again for supporting our philosophy of empowering those who are less fortunate thus enabling us to break the cycle of homelessness – one family at a time. Our recidivism rate of 5% is the direct result of the success of our progressive individualized programs which are made possible through the generosity of supporters like you. To learn more about Sojourner's or what you can do to help us out, please visit our website at [ywcacharleston.org](http://ywcacharleston.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret Taylor".

Margaret Taylor, Director  
YWCA Sojourner's Shelter for  
Homeless Women and Families

A handwritten note in blue ink that says "Thank you both for caring about others!".

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