



Lakeview News

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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KID KITS REMINDER

Please remember the Kid kits. These are for the Sojourners shelter for Women and Families. Boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Items to include in the kits are:

Box of 16 Crayons
Coloring Book
Toothbrush
Comb or Brush
Children's Book

Pad of Paper
Pencil
Toothpaste
Small stuffed animal

Any questions, please contact Don Griffith

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kersey and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne were Don Wilson, Jeff Ekstrom, Ron & Marilyn Colby, Dave Koontz, Karen Kersey, Linda Thompson and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Ron/Marilyn C.) carried to accept the February minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report for February 2014 was distributed, and motion (Linda/Don M.) carried to accept the report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-Cont'd

Trustees – Dick Thompson and Jim Rose are working on updating furnace controls which will save us on our monthly gas bills in the future. Estimates are in the \$300-400 range, and plans are to take this expenditure out of the church maintenance budget.

New gravel has been delivered and spread in the church parking area.

The lawn mowing schedule will be available shortly for persons to volunteer to take a turn.

We have an organ repairman coming this week to do some minor repairs to our Galanti organ, and we plan to cover these costs in our regular budget.

PS/PRC – The committee reviewed the music program and the custodial service. We feel that both are in good shape.

When new attendees are in church, Pastor Richie typically makes follow up calls when appropriate, but sometimes because of other responsibilities is unable to do this. The committee discussed whether we need to be better organized and more intentional with this important follow up.

Worship - Worship Committee met and the following schedule was established:

- March 5 – Ash Wednesday Service at Lakeview, 7 pm
- March 13 – Book Study, 7 pm
- April 6 – Communion
- April 13 – Palm Sunday – Cantata
- April 16 – During Holy Week, our Book Study will be Wednesday (April 16) rather than on Thursday.
- April 17 – Maundy Thursday Service at Lakeview, 7 pm
- April 18 – Good Friday Service at St. Luke, 7 pm
- April 20 – Sunrise Service at the Lake, 6:09 am, followed by breakfast at the church

Regular Easter Service, 10 am

Outreach – The church is currently collecting peanut butter and jelly for Manna Meal and all paper products for the Men's Shelter in St. Albans. Thanks to all who are contributing - they will be delivered in the Palm Sunday/Easter time frame.

Those who attended Keith McFarland's presentation here at the church agreed that he is carrying out God's work with his mission work in Africa, and we would like to offer support to Keith, especially because he was part of Lakeview for a big part of his growing up years.

A motion (Ron C./Don M.) carried that we would like to support Keith McFarland's current missionary work in Africa with an amount not to exceed \$500 from our yard sale monies each year. Ron will find out from Keith the best way to get the gift money to the project.

Nurture - Sunrise Breakfast is being planned for Easter.

The *Journey of Love* is available in our weekly church bulletins.

Family Ministries – Committee has distributed a Lenten Calendar which we hope will be especially meaningful for the kids in families.

There will be soup dinners prior to our Lenten Book Study on Thursdays, starting Thursday, March 13. Dick Thompson, John Carr and John McCormick will handle this responsibility. There will be child care for those attending the Book Study.

Game Night is planned for Sunday, March 9, 6-8 pm.

Plans are for the Kids/Tweens to meet twice during Lent for a service project/activity.

It was also noted that the Tweens did an excellent job of "serving" during the Pancake Supper.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-Cont'd

Miscellaneous - Ash Wednesday Service will be March 5th.

There will be a Lenten Bible Study each week at Lakeview starting Thursday, March 13. The book we will be using is *Not a Fan – follower of Jesus, not just a spectator* - authored by Kyle Idleman.

Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 29.

To facilitate our church calendar, Karen Kersey asked if we might have some type of get together to allow committees to disclose what their plans are for the year. Wayne will work on this and advise at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Wayne.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Will this winter never end? We have had snow, sleet, rain, floods, mud and every other possible weather inconvenience in addition to the great water crisis of 2014! And this reporter is trying to be positive here!

BUT, the best thing we can be grateful for is the relationship we have with our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the season of Lent which began this past week with the Ash Wednesday service. Lent is a time of prayer and introspection and asking ourselves how we can be better Christians. Are we able to do something for our fellow man? Can we make life easier for those in our circle? Is there something Christ is calling us to do?

At our Adults Night Out this past February, we heard from Keith McFarland and his wife and family how he was called to minister to fatherless children in Uganda. Most of us do not have to go to Uganda to

be Christ's presence in the world. Most of us can do that right here in Saint Albans, West Virginia, USA. Some of us are involved in the Manna Meal Ministry and others are involved in the Twin Cities Shelter. Still others find ways to be useful right here in Saint Albans, WV.

We are grateful for Keith (who grew up at Lakeview UMC) and his family and all they are able to achieve in Uganda. We send our prayers and best wishes with him as they return to Uganda in June.

What a blessing it was to see Fred and Georgeann McKinney at our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner this past Tuesday. It was also a joy to see Joe Bostic (their son-in-law, who brought them). Our intention to have this dinner on Monday night (in order to host the Lakewood Fire Department on their meeting night) was changed by the weather. God must have had other plans. We give thanks for all those who worked this dinner, for those who ate this dinner and for those who cleaned up this dinner. This is another Community Outreach project for Lakeview.

We give thanks to the Family Ministries Committee who prepared the Lenten Calendars we are using to underscore our abundance and to make a donation to World Hunger. We especially thank Karen Kersey.

We give thanks to Pastor Richie for leading our Lenten Study. The book is entitled *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman. We will meet beginning on Thursday, March 13 for dinner at 6 pm and the study will begin at 7 pm. The cost of the book is \$8.00 and the check may be made out to the church and handed to Karen or Jeff Ekstrom. We hope you will make this a priority.

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Lakeview will be hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by the Lakewood Fire Department in support of their chief and his wife, Melissa and Terry White on Saturday, March 15. Lakeview is pleased to offer their facilities in support of this effort and hope it will be a big success.

It is hard to believe, but it won't be long before our Spring Yard Sale. It is set for the 29th of March from 8:00 am until 12 noon. You may begin to bring your items to the church on Monday, March 17. The tables will be arranged by then, so don't forget to help with the sorting and pricing when you drop off your goods. We thank you in advance for your contributions to this important work. We minister to the needy when we work at the Yard Sale, when we provide baked goods for the Bake Sale, when we do any of the things that make our Yard Sales a success. We earn money that we can assign to other outreach projects throughout the year.

It was a joy to see some of Bill and Fran Casto's family in church recently when Bill celebrated his 86th birthday. Bill sets a good example of someone who continues to contribute to his church even though he has long since reached the golden years. You go, Bill! Happy Birthday!

Carol Fry has recently had a back procedure that we hope will alleviate some of her pain and discomfort. Remember to pray for her, please.

Don't forget! This is the weekend that we move our clocks FORWARD one hour for Eastern Daily Savings Time. This reporter is hoping that will convince the winter weather to be on its way for good. Happy Spring!!!

March and April Anniversaries

ASHLEY	4/10
GRIFFITH	4/15

March and April Birthdays

LINDA MARTIN	3/4
DICK THOMPSON	3/10
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: Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

FINANCE CORNER

Monies needed to make Budget \$7,770
Income for February \$5,266

All bills are paid in full. Thank you.

Finance Committee