



# Lakeview News

May 2008

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Chairperson Mary Ferguson. Those present were Marilyn Colby, Wayne Kersey, Jason & Robin Black, Pastor Eric & Nicole Milam, Norma & Bud Newbrough, Fred McKinney, and Don & Marilyn Morton. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** - We made a \$552 payment towards Conference Apportionment - this being money taken in from the spring yard sale.

**Finance Report** - A meeting will be called shortly to map out our financial situation because of changes taking place with our two point charge status.

**Christian Education** - Programs are continuing as scheduled, with some concern because of the lack of helpers in our Sunday School/Children's Church/Nursery area. We will continue to ask for volunteers.

Bible School will have a beach party theme this year, and we can secure t-shirts with the Lakeview logo and names for \$6 per shirt. Motion (Bud/Don) carried for Bud

and Robin to proceed with the idea that perhaps adults in the church would sponsor a shirt for a child or two and we would be able to have these available at no charge to the kids. Leslie B. has the mechanism to embroider names on the shirts and has volunteered to put the names on the shirts.

**Nurture** - The Nurture Committee met and has requested permission to fill the vacancies on the committee with names submitted from committee members without further action from Charge Conference. Also, the committee will pick a chairperson because of Nicole's move. Council unanimously approved (Nicole/Don).

There will be after church fellowship time on Sunday, May 18.

**Family Ministries/Outreach** - Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be "Senior Sunday" at the church with scrapbooks being given to our graduating seniors.

On June 21, Riverlake Residents is having a fishing tournament and we will be offering breakfast items for sale (similar to what we have done in the past).

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

**Parsonage** – Dave Ashley has installed a new ventilation/light in the bathroom and a dead bolt on one of the doors plus rekeying the locks to all work with the same key.

The parsonage inspection has been completed, and the plan is in place for the move out.

Some minor roof repairs have also taken place.

**P/S PRC** – The committee met with our new pastor and a Charge PS/PRC has been formed. This will consist of five people from Lakeview (Linda Martin, Kathi McCormick, Carol Fry, Dave Gipe and Don Morton) and four people from St. Luke. Don Morton was asked to chair the committee and has agreed to do so.

There are Charge responsibilities for moving our new pastor, and Charge Conference has not yet met to determine the percentages for each church. Don requested Lakeview take on this burden until we hear numbers from Conference. Motion carried (Don/Bud) that we take the money out of our money market account – to be paid back at a later time – to proceed with the move.

As part of the walk through at the parsonage, it was noted that Pastor Eric and Nicole have taken very good care of our parsonage, and we appreciate very much what they have done. They have used their own window treatments and this is an area Lakeview will also have to address.

**Trustees** – The handicap bathroom is under construction and is 85% finished. Many volunteers are helping, with Joe Hudson serving as the catalyst. Thanks to everyone who has worked on this project.

**Worship** – Committee met April 10<sup>th</sup>:

- Community Day has been put on hold for the present, perhaps combining with *Possibilities* in the fall.
- Discussion regarding an EXIT sign over the outside door in the sanctuary. (Don Morton said when they did the walk through when we did the renovation of the sanctuary, the fire marshal stated one was not necessary.)
- Linda Thompson is working on training for acolytes.
- The committee is looking into changing florist deliverers for our Sunday services.
- Pentecost Sunday will be May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting will be Monday, May 12.

**Pastor's Report** – There was some discussion regarding worship times and when our new time should be implemented. Further discussion will take place with our new pastor to arrive at answers.

**Miscellaneous** - Jason announced that on May 18<sup>th</sup> District Conference will be held at Morris Memorial United Methodist Church in Kanawha City. Following this will be a reception for District Superintendent Chuck Pullins.

Our new District Superintendent will take over July 1<sup>st</sup>, and a reception is being planned for him on July 20<sup>th</sup> (details not yet worked out).

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by our Chairperson.



## NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Wow! Here we are, faced with the challenge of change----AGAIN! Just when we thought we were settled in for another year! We are faced with the farewell to **Nicole, Pastor Eric and Caleb** as they head

off to a new adventure in God's ministry in another church in the Beckley area. We are faced with greeting another young minister, **Richie McNeil and his wife, Leslie**, when they come to us in July. We are faced with the opportunity to partner with another church in a new kind of ministry, that church being **Saint Luke's UMC in Saint Albans**. We are faced with the questions that this new ministry will bring to us---What time will our church service be?---How will this shared ministry work?-- -- What will be our new minister be like?-- --How will we meet this new reality? What skills and talents will we bring to this new arrangement? All we know for sure is that change is a part of life and that with God's help, we can meet all the challenges that will be presented to us.

**Fran Casto** reports good things for their grandsons. Their grandson, **Keith**, who has worshipped with us many times, will be graduated from **Cedarville University** with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. **Keith** is the son of **Bill and Fran's** daughter, **Melissa and Tom Rice**. **Grandson Ben Casto**, son of **Aggie and Kim Casto**, will be graduating from high school and attending **Concord University** with a scholarship in the fall. **Ben** is the violin and piano player who has assisted us in worship many times. Their youngest grandson, **Samuel**, has been named a **Knight of the Golden Horseshoe**, an achievement in honor of his knowledge of West Virginia History. **Samuel** is the son also of **Kim and Aggie**.

We celebrate with **Tom and Mary Ferguson**

on the graduation of their three children. Son **Tim** is graduating with a **Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering**, Daughter **Carrie** is graduating with a **Degree in Biology**, both from **Marshall University**. Daughter **Hollie** is graduating from **Saint Albans High School** and will be attending **Marshall** in the fall.

**Christina Hyden** is also graduating from **Saint Albans High School** this year. She will continue studies in the medical assisting field at **Ben Franklin Career Center** next year. **Christina** is the daughter of **Angie Hyden** and **Gary Hunter** and the sister of **Nicole Milam and Veronica Clingenpeel**.

**Jessica Womack**, granddaughter of **Ruth Anderson**, will be graduating from **Marshall University** with a **Degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice**. **Jessica** worships with us quite often and we have watched her grow up. She is the daughter of **Susan and Joe Daniel**. Congratulations, **Jessica!**

**Carol and Charlie Fry** are heading south to celebrate their granddaughter **Cassie Fry's** graduation from **Coastal Carolina University**. I am not sure what **Cassie's** degree emphasis is, but we congratulate her and all our graduates for a job well done! **Cassie** is the daughter of **Cindy Fry and Andy Fry**.

We celebrate with **Michael Ervin** and his fiancée, **Rachael Call**. They will be married on **May 16** at the **Twin City Bible Church in Nitro**. If you wish to accept their invitation to attend the wedding, please call **Norma Newbrough at 727-7739** and a reservation will be made for the reception at the **Chilton House**. No reservation is necessary for the wedding. **Michael** is the grandson of **Ralph Jarrett**, the son of **Nancy Ervin** and the late **Richard Ervin**. **Michael** grew up in this church.

We celebrate with our **Karen Kersey** who has recently won a **Japan Fulbright**

**Memorial Fund Teacher Program** scholarship. **Karen** will spend three weeks in Japan this June learning about the Japanese culture.

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Koontz** and his new bride **Claire Armbruster** who were married in Mount Airy, NC on April 19, 2008. **Barbara** and **Dave** and the entire **Koontz family** were present for the wedding festivities. The happy couple resides in Nashville, TN. Should you wish to send a card, their address is:

Mr. Jeffrey Koontz  
Mrs. Claire Armbruster  
1004 Montrose Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37211

We remember those folks who have been ailing among us, including **Charlie Fry**. **Charlie** is continuing his antibiotic treatment at home after a serious scare and another hospitalization.

We were grateful to see **Dave Gipe, Sr.** in church again after his recent stay at **Health South Rehabilitation Center**. We ask you to keep **Stephanie Gipe** in your prayers as well as she continues her struggle with MS and mobility issues.

**Ruth Anderson** has passed her recent tests with flying colors and we are grateful. **Linda Thompson** is now out of her boot, but still wearing another kind of brace. **Dottie Hamon** is struggling with medication problems. Many of us have health problems that need prayer, patience and a loving **God** to keep us going.

The men continue to work on the Handicapped bathroom and soon it will be finished. It will be beautiful when the finishing touches are in place. We give thanks to the **Trustees, Fred McKinney**, chairperson of that important committee. We especially thank the **Midland South District** who provided the grant that will

bring us into compliance with ADA guidelines. Many of **Lakeview's men** have provided professional skill to bring this project to completion.

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## NEW WEBSITE

Check out our new website at:

**lakeviewunitedmethodistchurch.net**

It is a work in progress, so, if you have suggestions, corrections, or links you would like to add, please email them to me ([donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net](mailto:donald.paul.wilson@verizon.net)) and I will incorporate them into the website.

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## OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The future of our church depends on our young families. Lakeview is blessed to have many young families and these young families do a wonderful job nurturing their young disciples. We thank you! I am sure you think your turn comes too frequently. For the help we need during Sunday School, Nursery during church and Children's Church, it takes several people every Sunday. We invite everyone in our congregation to help where they can. We all must nurture these children. When we Baptize and Confirm them, we promise to support them in their Christian journey.

Sunday School Superintendent  
Bud Newbrough

### The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Apr-08	\$7,060.59	\$7,795.68	\$552.00	\$13.01
Year-to-Date	\$30,388.49	\$31,614.15	\$552.00	

\*Lakeview has made 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a conference apportionment payment in 2008.