



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

In the absence of our chairperson, the meeting was called to order by Marilyn Colby, and Kathi McCormick opened the meeting with a poem and a prayer. Those present were Marilyn Colby, Bud Newbrough, Karen Ekstrom, Jason & Robin Black, Dave Ashley, and Don & Marilyn Morton.

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

Treasurer's Report – Karen reported that we paid part of our local benevolences this month plus made a Conference payment. Motion (Don/Bud) carried to accept the March report as printed.

Christian Education - Our Christian Education Chairperson has resigned, but Bible School will happen this summer as planned, July 11 – 16. A curriculum has been chosen and, in coordination with Pastor Richie, things are falling in place. Major responsibilities have been assigned, but there is still a need for helpers.

Family Ministries - Another happening on the Family Ministry agenda is a *'tea for the women of the church'* which will be held in September.

Outreach – The committee is planning an event for youth going back to school, which will involve not only Lakeview Church but the community.

Parsonage – The riding lawn mower which belonged to the church and has been in for repair several times recently, has been designated "gone" but we do have a push mower which is available for use when mowing the church lawn.

Thanks to Wayne Kersey, the gutters of the parsonage have been cleaned.

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PS/PRC – The Committee has finished their "Pastor Evaluation" responsibilities and submitted the report to the District. The Committee along with the Pastor, in the evaluation process, critique ministry at Lakeview and brainstorm ways to strengthen it. For the coming year (July 2010 through June 2011) two of the areas lifted up as important for our whole church

– Pastor, Administrative Council, congregation and all:

- "Ministering to our sizeable group of young people (10-15 kids, mostly preschool and early elementary) is a high priority. Review quarterly to confirm that this area is getting appropriate resources."
and
- "Develop meaningful ways to get Lakeview more involved in community outreach and Conference-wide mission outreach" with the goal of implementing at least one new outreach program in the coming year.

Also, be sure and coordinate with Pastor and Music Director when requesting special music for activities outside the Music Director's job description, to make sure that she receives appropriate pay for the extra services.

Worship – The committee met prior to the Council Meeting, and discussed the following:

1. Some type of recognition for our acolytes.
2. Continue Contemporary Service at St. Luke in the fall and also resume Bible Study in conjunction with St. Luke in the fall.
3. Alternate methods of Communion.
4. Possible *Revival* in the fall.
5. Discussion regarding a 'celebration for Richie' following his ordination.

Next Administrative Council meeting will be June 8, 7 pm.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

It is Mother's Day! Wedding Day! Graduation Day! Shower Day! Clean Up Day! Planting Day! It is Busy Day! Every spring we await the trees leafing, the flowers blooming, the grass growing, and then all of a sudden, it all happens and we wonder how we will keep up! How will we get it all done? We have to dig the garden, mow the grass, trim the bushes, plant the flowers, wash the windows, get out the porch furniture—there is never enough time. Why can't we just take our time and do all these chores in God's time? Take a breath and get it done! At least that is what this reporter is trying to do.

We look forward to celebrating **Pastor Richie's** ordination on June 13, 2010. This is an important step in his career calling and we congratulate him

Dave Koontz, Chairperson of the Trustees, held a successful Clean Up Day at the church. If you weren't able to come and want to participate, see Dave and he can outline what still needs done. Dave thanks all who participated at the clean up.

It is graduation time and to this reporter's knowledge, we have no high school graduates! But we do have college graduates and for this we are grateful. These outstanding young people have completed their undergraduate programs and are either looking for work or preparing for graduate school.

Cameron Ashley, son of **Sandy and Dave Ashley**, graduated from Marshall University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Cameron plans on Graduate School.

Chris Edwards, son of **Kathie and Riley Brothers** and **Lee Edwards**, has

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graduated from WVU and is planning to go to law school at Washington and Lee. **Ashley Wilson**, daughter of **Karen and Don Wilson**, has graduated from WVU and is planning to go to graduate school at WVU to study occupational therapy. Congratulations and heartfelt best wishes to these graduates and their parents.

We ask for prayer for **Jim and Frances Paxton**, who continue to struggle with health issues.

We ask for healing prayer for **Helen Cherry** who recently fell and injured herself.

We thank those of our congregation who are able to fill in when Pastor Richie is away. They are: **Matt Goodwin, Jason Black and Charlie Fry**. How blessed are we to have three (!) who can fill the pulpit admirably?

Have you found a moment to thank our Acolytes for their service to the church? They are **Gianni Colavecchio and Tanner Ekstrom** and we are proud of their weekly service. Thanks, Boys! It is hoped that there are some girls who would like to offer their help. Are there any takers? See Robin Black if you are interested.

May and June Birthdays

CAITLYN ASHLEY	5/6
HOLLIE FERGUSON	5/8
TIM FERGUSON	5/8
SANDY ASHLEY	5/9
FRAN CASTO	5/13
SANDY COLLEVECCHIO	5/19
DAVE SR GIPE	5/19
ASHLEY WILSON	5/20
AMY HUMPHREYS	5/22
STEPHANIE GIPE	5/26
JEFF EKSTROM	5/28

MARILYN MORTON	5/28
LINDA THOMPSON	5/28
MARY CARR	6/6
BILL CUMBERLEDGE	6/6
SALLY HUDSON-CARPENTER	6/10
CAMERON ASHLEY	6/14
AMI IDDINGS	6/18
CAMERON STRAWDERMAN	6/18
ADAM PENNINGTON	6/19

May and June Anniversaries

THAXTON	5/5
CASTO	5/26
KERSEY	5/29
BLACK	6/3
MORTON	6/4
MCCORMICK	6/7
WILSON	6/7
NOBLE	6/9
FRY	6/10
THOMPSON	6/17

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.

Finance Corner

Income needed to meet Budget **\$7,131**
Income for April 2010 **\$8,138**

All of our bills are paid.
Our Fair Share to Conference paid in full.

For your information, the approximate cost to remove the 4 large sycamore trees from our parsonage yard was \$1500.00. Several people worked very hard to get that job accomplished for \$1500.00. Thank you, Lord!

Bud Newbrough
Finance Chairperson