



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Karen Kersey in the absence of Chairperson Wayne Kersey. Those present in addition to Karen were Pastor Richie, Marilyn Colby, Dave Koontz, Bud Newbrough, and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the April minutes as printed.

Worship – The committee met prior to the Council meeting and is working on scheduling an outside Sunday Worship Service sometime during the summer.

Outreach – The committee is planning on collecting personal care items to be given to the shelter in town.

Treasurer's Report/Finance – Treasurer's report was accepted as printed.

The Finance Committee met and has made the following recommendations:

- 1- Continue to grow an emergency fund – this includes money left over from the yard sale

- 2- Put all memorial funds together in one fund, rather than carrying them separately on our financial report.
- 3- For now, invest the money we have received from the Dave Gipe estate.
- 4- Put \$500 a month into a health insurance fund (as suggested by our Pastor)

PS/PRC - The committee is proceeding with pastor evaluation as requested by the District Superintendent. Committee will meet Monday, May 7 at the church.

Trustees – The St. Albans Fire Marshall had their annual inspection – it is requested that we not store things at the top of the stairway going to the downstairs of the church. Trustees will remove the items stored there and ask all to comply with the request.

Last Saturday was clean-up day at the church and thanks to all those who helped.

The trustees have looked at the age and efficiency of the boiler used in heating the education wing of the church, and it is recommended that we put this on

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our replacement agenda- probable cost will be \$8,000-12,000.

Family Ministries – The DRIVE-IN on Sunday sponsored by the Tweens was a great success. Thanks to all those who supported the event.

Receipts totaled approx. \$600. The group plans to meet once a month and looks forward to planning other activities.

Another item on the agenda is Bible School. Dave Koontz will chair this program, and plans are for it to be scheduled the week of July 22. Many helpers will be needed for this event, and our hope is that everyone will share in this opportunity to help.

Pastor's Report -. Pastor will be away this Thursday thru Sunday administering the *Walk to Emmaus* program. He will be at the church May 7-9, will be doing a wedding May 10-12, and then will be on vacation thru May 26.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Karen Kersey.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

As I sit down to write this article, it is approaching 90 degrees outside. Just this past weekend, a few short days ago, I was sitting at my grandson's baseball and lacrosse games in my winter coat wrapped in a blanket with gloves on, still freezing cold. How quickly changes happen! And it seems we are never prepared for them. That is why when changes occur it is good to have the anchor on which we can all rely, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As always, when we are away, we join our family at their church for Sunday worship. This particular Sunday, their Presbyterian church was confirming seven young people. They each participated in the service performing various portions of the worship. But the thing that was most interesting was that these ninth graders each read a portion of their Statement of Faith. And as I sat there listening to their amazing statements, I wondered if I could write such a statement. These young people had been mentored in their confirmation quest by a man who had performed this service every year for 20 years! I came away from this service with a lot to think about.

As most of you already know, our Charlie Fry is still in the hospital recovering from a quadruple bypass operation. Does he need prayer? You bet! This reporter can attest to the fact that prayer is an important part of the recovery from this huge operation. Please be sure to include Carol in your prayers, because I know from experience that her stress is nearly as taxing as it is for the patient.

While you are at it, please continue to remember Fred and Georgeann McKinney who are residing at Charleston Gardens in Charleston. Fred has fallen recently, but fortunately was not seriously injured. They are grateful for company and are missing their home and their friends.

We ask for prayer for Helen Cherry who has been struggling with pain issues recently.

We ask for prayer for Richard Paxton who is still recovering from his recent surgery.

Though we missed it, I am told that the Drive In Dinner that was planned by the Tweens in our congregation was a huge

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success. I know they thank you for your contributions to their program. When is the next one? Inquiring minds want to know.

Dave Koontz helped our Youth plant pear trees on the rear of the church property next to the railroad track. We thank all of them for that service.

We are happy to congratulate Tanner and Mason Ekstrom on their recent trip to Pittsburgh when they received certificates of United States Citizenship. I know Mom and Dad and their entire family were thrilled to celebrate this grand occasion.

May and June Anniversaries

BODEN	5/20
CASTO	5/26
KERSEY	5/29
BLACK	6/3
MORTON	6/4
MCCORMICK	6/7
WILSON	6/7
NOBLE	6/9
FRY	6/10
KELLY	6/13
THOMPSON	6/17

May and June Birthdays

CAITLYN ASHLEY	5/6
HOLLIE FERGUSON	
BACCHUS	5/8
TIM FERGUSON	5/8
SANDY ASHLEY	5/9
FRAN CASTO	5/13
VIOLET SMITH	5/14
SANDY ROBERTS	5/19
SARAH BOWMAN	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	6/8
SALLY CARPENTER	6/10
CAMERON ASHLEY	6/14
AMI IDDINGS	6/18
CAMERON STRAWDERMAN	6/18
ADAM PENNINGTON	6/19
JANET PAINTER	6/29

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

Income needed to make budget	\$ 7,000.00
Income for April 2012	\$ 8,000.00

All of our bills are paid and for four consecutive months we have paid our Fair Share commitment to the conference.

The congregation should know that Lakeview UM Church was part of Dave Gipe's will when he died. Last week we received \$20,000.00 from the estate of Dave Gipe. We thank Beth, Diana, Holly and David for this wonderful bequest. Dave set a fine example of faithfulness and stewardship that we can all emulate.

The Finance Committee of our church recommends that we should begin to save money for future health insurance premiums for the time when Pastor Richie's pastoral assignment is changed. The Committee has instructed Jeff Ekstrom, our treasurer, to set aside \$500.00 per month to accumulate funds for health insurance. If we had to cover Pastor Richie with health insurance, it would cost about \$1,000.00 per month. Saint Luke's would have to add about \$300.00 per month.

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough

NOTE FROM NORMA

I know the children who made pottery animals during the Lenten Art Program are anxious to see their creations. So am I!!! The problem is that the kiln is broken at the pottery studio and so far attempts to repair it have been unsuccessful. I remain hopeful that sometime this month these pieces will be fired in a repaired kiln and I will be able to bring the pottery pieces to the children at the church. Thank you for your patience.

Norma Newbrough

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