



Lakeview News

November 2008

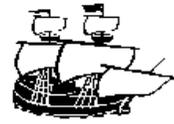
Lakeview United Methodist Church

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Help! Help! Help!

Saturday I was attending a funeral at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Saint Albans. In their social parlor is a hand painted picture of a 4 x 6 snapshot of the pastor talking to children during a children's moment of their Sunday worship service. The large caption in the picture was "THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH".

We at Lakeview need to take better care of the families who are the future of our church. We need help from everyone in the church. Please help with the young people in our church.

Bud Newbrough
Education Chairperson

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order and opened with a reading & prayer by Mary Ferguson. Those present in addition to Mary Ferguson were Norma & Bud Newbrough, Franki Noble, Wayne Kersey, Fred McKinney, Jason & Robin Black, Pastor Richie, Jeff Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton. The minutes of the October meeting were accepted with the following correction....under Family Ministries/Outreach, it should read "We will have the clipboard in the back of the church to collect donations for the hunger walk" rather than refer to the monies as "pledges".

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was distributed. Income for the month was very good. All bills were paid and we were able to make 2 1/2 payments toward our Conference Apportionment. Noteworthy income from the month was the \$1833 received from the BBQ dinner.

Finance – The committee met and is submitting the attached budget for 2009 for Council's approval. Motion (Bud/Fred) carried to accept the 2009 budget as proposed.

Sunday, November 9th is Stewardship Sunday and following the service, we will have a light luncheon for the congregation and pass out packets and pledge cards to those attending. Arrangements will be made to canvas those members who are not in attendance.

Christian Education – We are still in need of volunteers to help with watching children during Sunday School and with Children's Church.

Family Ministries/Outreach – The committee met on October 21st.

We will continue doing Kid's Kits, and work on incorporating the items received during Bible School in some additional kits to be sent to Sojourners.

On Halloween "trick and treat" night, invitations to attend services at Lakeview were put on windshields of cars parked at the church.

Ron & Marilyn Colby have agreed to handle Christmas baskets again this year.

Lakeview will participate in the 2008 Hospice Love Light Tree collection at the Town Center. Marilyn Morton will coordinate this.

We will have the Jesse Tree in the back of the Sanctuary to collect mittens, scarves and hats during the Advent Season. These items will be taken to Sojourners following last Sunday Service before Christmas.

During January 2009 we will collect canned goods and money for Souper Bowl. These items will be given to Christ's Kitchen.

A Family Dinner is being planned during January/February 2009 (including games).

Nurture – Remember our Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for November 23rd. Church Service is planned for 5:30 pm, and dinner to follow. We will be asking people to sign up for covered dishes for that dinner.

Pastor Staff/Parish Relations – Lakeview's PS/PRC committee met and developed salary recommendations for our Music Director and Custodian. This information has been forwarded to the Finance Committee.

The Lakeview/St Luke PS/PRC committee met and developed salary recommendations for our pastor for 2009.

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This committee consists of five people from Lakeview and four from St. Luke. The committee is committed to supporting the pastor and the shared pastor arrangement in providing effective ministry through our two churches.

Trustees – No new items to report and facilities are in good shape.

Worship – Committee will meet in November to make final plans for Advent/Christmas season.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Richie will be attending December Council Meeting at Lakeview, but because of workload, will not be attending other meetings unless there is a special need.

Charge Conference will be November 18th, 7 pm, at Cross Lanes Methodist Church. All required papers have been filled out and are ready to be presented.

On Sunday, November 9th, Pastor will be preaching about stewardship and on November 16th we will pay tribute to our veterans.

Pastor will be away at Residency November 13 & 14. If needed, he will be available at his cell number.

The Bible Study being held in conjunction with St. Luke is going well. November's meetings will be at St. Luke, Wednesdays, 7 pm, and all are invited.

The Nominating Committee has met and most positions have been filled.

Miscellaneous – Acknowledgement was made of the excellent job that Janet Pennington is doing with the Children's Sermon.

Because of the decision to 'not pass clip boards during church service', we need to work on an alternative to enable people to sign up for activities at the church. One suggestion made was to

be at the back of the church at the end of the service to remind persons to sign.

We are in the process of picking a date for the Spring Yard Sale.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

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The season of **Thanksgiving** is upon us and abundance is all around. The weather has been gorgeous, the leaves are beautiful and bountiful. The political campaigns are over, and as I type this, voting is taking place. Now if we only had a little rain, we could really count our blessings, but God likes a grateful people and so we are grateful for many things. We are preparing for our **Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, to be held on **November 23, 2008**. We have been doing this dinner for several years now and this congregation has been generous to provide the food for everyone who comes. Thank you for that generosity. Be sure to come for the short service at 5:30 and the wonderful meal at 6:00 pm. Don't forget to sign up on the sheet in the ramp for what you are willing to contribute.

Thank you, **Julie Simon**, for bringing the **Presby Pickers to Lakeview** on November 2 for a wonderful evening of music and singing. Their program was full of interesting information about the **"American Journey"**. If you missed it, you missed a very enjoyable evening. **Sally Hawley, a Lakeview Charter Member** is a part of this group playing the hammered dulcimer.

Speaking of enjoyable evenings, don't forget the **November 11 Adults Night Out**,

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hosted by **Barbara and Dave Koontz**. They will be featuring our **American National Parks** system in their program. The time is 7 pm-- be there or be square! Coming up! **Janet Pennington and Sherry Knapp** will be hostesses of the **December Adults Night Out** gathering to be held on **Friday, December 5**. Watch for details to be announced soon, but be sure to mark your calendar now!

December is coming at us in a hurry and **Lakeview UMC** will once again participate at the **Love Light Tree at Charleston Town Center** in support of **Kanawha Hospice Care on December 4**. **Marilyn Morton** is in charge of these arrangements, so see her if **YOU** can help.

Bud Newbrough is coordinating the **Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army** on **December 6** at the **Saint Albans Kroger store**. If **YOU** can volunteer some time to help, call **Bud**. And stop me if I'm wrong, but I think **December 12** is the date for the **Adult Sunday School** party at the **Koontz home**.

There will be a **Christmas Dinner** with a children's program on **December 21**. You won't want to miss that, either!

Several of **Lakeview's** folks participated in the **Saint Albans Walk for Hunger**. They included **Dave and Barbara Koontz, John Carr, Don and Karen Wilson and Bud Newbrough**. Thanks for representing **Lakeview** in that walk, folks. At least **\$150.00** was raised for the hungry.

Our **Pulled Pork Barbeque** dinner held on **October 10** fed about **300** folks and raised **\$1833.00** to help with our **Fair Share**

Giving. Thank you to all who baked, cooked, served, shredded, pulled, smoked, shopped, printed, sauced, and washed. **Bud Newbrough, Dick Thompson, and John Carr** spearheaded this project and it was a big success.

Our parsonage is sporting a new paint color on the doors and shutters. Thank you, **Dave Ashley**, who applied that paint. It looks great, **Dave!**

Bill and Fran Casto have welcomed their first great grandchild who was born to granddaughter **Lauren and her husband** in Idaho which makes me think **Bill and Fran** have not been able to hold this new little one, yet. The new baby's name is **Aidan Elijah**.

Franki Noble has announced that there will be two new grandchildren in her family soon—next **May and June**.

Ruth Anderson reports that granddaughter **Jessica Womack**, who has visited with us too many occasions to count, became engaged recently to **Jimmy Salango**. The young folks are planning a **June 27, 2009** wedding. **Jessica** is the daughter of **Susan and Joe Daniel** of **Beckley**.

We are sad to report the death of **Woody Smith**, husband (for **62** years) of our **Violet**, on **October 12, 2008**. Give **Violet** a hug when you see her, or send a card or a note of cheer.

We also report the death of **Peggy Stratton of El Dorado, Arkansas**. **Peggy** was the mother of **Walt Stratton** and she died on **October 17**. We send love and sympathy to all of the **Stratton Family** in **Houston, TX**. Should you wish to send a card, their address is:

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Walt and Paula Stratton
7803 Braemar Crescent
Houston, TX 77095-3952

We bid a fond farewell to **Mary and Bill Rose** as they take off to spend the winter in Florida. You all are invited to stop by and see them if you are in the area----but they left no forwarding address. Seriously, you are invited and I am sure **Jim Rose** can supply the address. See you in the spring, **Mary and Bill**.

Pastor Richie's Bible Study is continuing on the book of **James**. This month's meetings at 7 pm on Wednesdays are being held at **St. Luke's** church. The **Bible Study** will discontinue during the month of December and pick up back at Lakeview in January. Hope to see you there.

November and December Birthdays

BOB CARPENTER	11/13
JOHN	
MCCORMICK	11/15
FRED MCKINNEY	11/15
SIS BAILEY	11/17
BRAD DAVIS	11/29
BUZZ KNAPP	12/4
ELIZABETH	
WILSON	12/7
DARYL SCHOTT	12/7
DON WILSON	12/13
EMILY POTTER	12/14
RON COLBY	12/14
DAVID JR GIPE	12/17
JOE HUDSON	12/18
BUD	
NEWBROUGH	12/18
FRANKI NOBLE	12/18
BOB IDDINGS	12/19
KAREN KERSEY	12/28
HELEN CHERRY	12/29

November and December Anniversaries

IDDINGS	11/11
COLBYS	12/23
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGHS	12/28

The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Oct-08	\$11,481.03	\$11,458.30	\$4,074.00	\$23.34
Year-to-Date	\$90,198.32	\$90,890.31	\$14,580.02	

*Lakeview has made 9 conference apportionment payments in 2008, and is now only \$1,660 behind schedule.