



Lakeview News

November 2011

Lakeview United Methodist Church

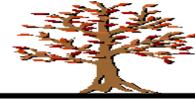
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50th Anniversary News



We did it, Lakeview! We celebrated Lakeview's 50 years in service to Savior and our Community. We give thanks and praise to the One we give thanks and praise to the people who celebrated with us. If brownies, cupcakes, coleslaw, or a pot luck dish, if you helped with the you listened to the music, if you offered a prayer, if you invited come, if you greeted an old friend, if you washed dishes, YOU made our success.

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If you bought a box of laundry soap, if you donated a box of powdered milk, if you brought items for a Kids Kit, if you gave a baby item, if you unburdened yourself from an old coat, if you volunteered to help someone, if you considered others needs before your own, YOU have made our 50 Acts of Charity a success and your community the richer for it. Thank you, Lakeview!

How great it was to greet our former Pastor Don Underwood and his wife, Jackie. How good it was to greet our friend, Pastor Karen Brown, again. What a joy to see Pastor Ravi Isaiah again. At our last celebration, Jamiela and her sister Coleen celebrated with us. This time, a beautiful young woman, Jamiela, celebrated with us. And the wonderful offspring of deceased Pastor John Smith and wife Nancy, Jay and Julianne, came to share in our good time together. Forming and remembering these rich relationships of the past is what celebrations are all about.

Thank you, Doris Herscher, for helping with our baby items for Right from the Start. Those were our October 50 Acts of Charity items. Bill Casto and Don Morton are in charge of November's Cozy Coats for Heart and Hand House. Check your closets for a warm coat for someone who doesn't have one. We thank you in advance for your contribution.

Should you be shopping early for December's offering, our Fifty Acts of Charity will be providing sheets and blankets for the Twin Cities Center, a shelter for men and women located in Saint Albans. Sheets should only be the twin size and all cotton is preferred. Sheets can be purchased at the local Kmart usually for about \$10.00. The blankets that we have started to collect are the micro fleece ones and if they are on sale the price is \$14.99—also twin size. We thank you in advance for your contribution.

Lakeview, when this challenge began, there were those who said it would be impossible to meet these goals. My heart is filled to overflowing with the knowledge that we were able to fulfill these needs. So we are a small church. So what? We can do great things through a God who strengthens, sustains and nourishes us.

For the 50th Anniversary Committee

Norma and Bud Newbrough

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Ron Colby, and Bud Newbrough opened the meeting with a devotion. Those present in addition to Ron Colby were Frankie Noble, Wayne & Karen Kersey, Dave Koontz, Karen Ekstrom, Bud Newbrough and Don & Marilyn Morton.

After reviewing the minutes, a motion (Bud/Don M.) carried to accept the October minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Motion (Bud/Don M.) carried to accept the October report. All bills were paid and monies were sent toward our Conference Apportionment; however, we are still one month behind.

Finance - The 2012 budget was presented, and a motion (Don M./Dave K.) carried to accept it.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration – Thanks to all those who made our 50th Anniversary Celebration a success. We had very good meals, good services and good participation. We were able to do many outreach projects through the year and have two remaining – coats in November and blankets/sheets in December.

Christian Education – Currently working with Family Ministries to do a play on December 11.

Family Ministries – A CPR class is scheduled for November 18th at Lakeview. Linda Martin is coordinating this endeavor and Steve Obermeyer will conduct the class.

Judy Belcher and Karen Ekstrom are working on the family dinner and children's program on December 11.

Outreach - Ron & Marilyn Colby are working on securing names from the St. Albans Ministerial Association for Christmas baskets. There was discussion regarding using only the Ministerial Association for

names, rather than securing names from several places, to eliminate someone getting multiple baskets while others may get none.

Nurture – The Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for November 20. Set up will be the evening before. A clipboard for food sign up is in the back of the sanctuary.

PS/PRC – Lakeview's PS/PRC met and has completed their evaluation/salary recommendations for the pastor and other church employees.

The committee will meet this Thursday, November 10, at 6 pm on other matters.

Trustees – We are still in the process of selling the extra lot (in conjunction with the fire department) and since the fire chief's wife is a realtor, she will list the property for us.

An estimated cost of \$8500 would be required to replace the boiler on the education wing of the church.

After some discussion regarding the rear door to the education wing, Dave will reconfigure the closing apparatus so that it will be easier for our people to go in and out, especially so the kids can use the playground equipment.

Worship – November 21 – preparation of the sanctuary for Advent

November 27 – First Sunday in Advent

December 4 – Second Sunday in Advent,
Communion

December 11 – Third Sunday in Advent,
Dinner & Children's Play

December 18 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at
St. Luke

December 25 – Christmas Sunday
Service at Lakeview

January 1, 2012 - Communion

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

Miscellaneous - Last month Ron Colby asked for a recommendation from the Finance Committee for the November 8th meeting as to whether we should continue to have one or two yard sales each year, now that our loan has been paid off. Bud reported that he surveyed a group of members and they decided that we should continue to do this as a service to our community and that this probably is the best way for us to raise extra money.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 13.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Wayne K.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

November! My head is spinning as I realize the days of Thanksgiving and Christmas preparation are here. Just around the corner is Advent and we have been practicing Christmas music for weeks now. Where did the year go? How is it possible for it to be nearly over?

Our collective church has been preoccupied with Lakeview's 50th Anniversary this year and it has been a wonderful celebration, full of giving and sharing our abundant gifts. How blessed are we? We have had lots to celebrate this year.

Congratulations to Richard Paxton and Bud Newbrough who raised \$195.00 in support of the Saint Albans Walk for Hunger, thanks to a loving and generous congregation.

We are ever mindful of the needs of those in our congregation who need our prayers and other support. Georgeann and Fred McKinney are at the top of this list.

We add to the list Carol Fry who took an unfortunate fall that left her with a broken arm.

We bid fond adieu to Bill and Mary Rose as they have gone to their Florida domicile for several months. Mary has invited anyone who is visiting in their neighborhood to be sure to call when you are in the vicinity. Here is their Florida address.

Bill and Mary Rose
7320 N. Cocoa Blvd. Unit 101
Cocoa, FL 32927

Telephone number: 321 632-3918
Email: billmaryrose@msn.com

Mary and John Carr returned from a month long trip to Myrtle Beach only to say good bye to the Dick and Linda Thompson who followed them there.

Thank you to the Finance Committee, chaired by Bud Newbrough, who promoted Stewardship Sunday this past week with a picture presentation (Thanks, Don Wilson) and a delicious lunch. John Carr's bean soup was a big hit and we are grateful for his expertise. Thank you to the many others that provided the fixings to go along with the soup.

November and December Anniversaries

IDDINGS	11/11
COLBY	12/23
HUMPHREYS	12/28
NEWBROUGH	12/28

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

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

Finance Corner for November 2011

Needed to make Budget	\$7,131.00
Income for October	\$7,305.00

All bills paid so far this year. We are behind our budget \$1,600.00, which is one Fair Share payment. This represents the amount we are behind in our Fair Share giving.

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough

Status of our Fair Share

In October we paid \$2,500.00 to the Conference for our Fair Share. Our monthly payment is \$1600.00. So far this fall the people of our church have donated \$1168.00 extra money for our payment. We will need for the congregation to donate some extra money if we expect to pay \$100% by December 31, 2011. We are so blessed by our Lord. God has certainly been good to us

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CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The time is near to fill our Christmas Baskets. The congregation at Lakeview has always been very generous. Please give prayerful thought to participating in this wonderful opportunity to give to others. If you would like to participate/provide a basket or make a donation toward basket items, please contact Ron or Marilyn Colby, 304 727-2667.

Letter from Jerry Baum

Dear Lakeview UMC congregation,

I would first like to compliment everyone on an extremely nice and well done 50th anniversary celebration. Not only was it very well organized, planned, and executed, it was so relaxing and enjoyable Friday evening, I found myself looking forward to the entire week-end.

Having been a member of Lakeview nearly 50 years ago, I was very impressed with the improvements and additions you have made through the years and how you have maintained the buildings and the grounds.

The time I spent with you for the celebration was obviously bitter-sweet for me. I grew-up at Lakeview, I was president of the MYF at one point, and myself and 2 other youth, Carol Davis (Hamon) and Terry Martin were singled out during one of Dr. Culpepper's sermons for not paying attention. He actually stopped in the middle of his sermon to speak to us. Needless to say, it wasn't a very pleasant afternoon at the Baum residence, at least not for me.

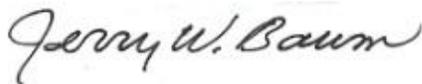
As most of you found out during the week-end, my Mother's death was the first in the church. She was 58 and I was 18. I remember vividly how the church helped my family during this ordeal. I know we would have had an extremely difficult time had it not been for our church family, few of which are still attending Lakeview. Reverend Don Underwood assisted Dr. Culpepper with the funeral service and Bill Casto was one of the pallbearers.

Having spent the week-end renewing old acquaintances, meeting several of your members for the first time, and just recounting various events from the years I spent at Lakeview, I will remember the time spent with you for years to come. Looking back over the week-end I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

I am currently a member of South Parkersburg UMC and I have an absolutely wonderful church family. But after spending the week-end at the 50th anniversary celebration and the way each of you made me feel, in the years to come, if someone asks me if I have a church family, I am going to say I am extremely blessed because I have two. I certainly hope you don't mind.

I want to thank each of you again for an enjoyable and memorable week-end.

Sincerely and in Christian love,



Jerry W. Baum