



Lakeview NEWS

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Lakeview United Methodist Church

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INVITATION

Pastor Richie invites your prayerful consideration of the opportunity to become a member of our church family, Lakeview United Methodist Church. Many of you already support the church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service, so this is merely a chance to make it official.

Some folks have already requested Pastor Richie's assistance in taking this important step. Should you so desire to become a member, please contact Pastor Richie at 304-553-3661.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kersey and opened with prayer. Those present in addition to Wayne were Karen Kersey, Bud Newbrough, Jeff Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton. Motion (Bud/Don) carried to accept the October minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report for October 2012 was distributed, and motion (Don/Bud) carried to accept the report. It was noted that St. Luke has paid their share of utilities and pension for the remainder of the year. Lakeview is up to date with payment of bills and Conference payments.

Finance - The 2013 budget was passed at a special called meeting on October 28.

An item (different from last year) included in the budget is \$1200 listed as "Other Outreach". Because Lakeview has been blessed and we are doing extra outreach projects, this line item was added.

We had planned to have an auction in October to raise money for use of those working with the St Albans/Nitro Shelter Project. However, this has been postponed until late January or early February. Motion (Bud/Don) carried to give a \$500 check to Kathi & Linda to be used as operating money for their work with the Shelter Project. This money will come out of our operating budget, to be replaced with the funds from the auction, when it is held. (Note: everyone needs to be working on an item or service to be auctioned off.)

Family Ministries - Committee will meet Thursday, November 8 to finalize information for the Christmas program/dinner on Sunday, December 16.
- *Journey through Bethlehem.*

PS/PRC - We were able to give an increase in salary to our Pastor, organist and custodian for 2013.

Also, in previous years the Lakeview/St. Luke split for expenses has been 70/30, and because of a decrease in membership and giving at St. Luke, starting in 2013 the split will be 75/25.

Nurture - A reminder was given that Lakeview's Thanksgiving dinner will be November 18.

Worship - The committee met October 8 and the following items were decided:

- Communion will be October 14, November 8, December 2 and Jan. 6.
- Norma checked on the prayer chain and finds it is working well.
- The nursery workers and church school workers will be listed in the bulletin.
- There will be a short devotion at the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18.
- We will prepare the church for Advent on November 26.
- The Christmas Cantata will be December 9, during the worship hour.
- There will be special music on December 16.
- The Christmas Eve Service will be at St. Luke, 7 pm.
- We will remove the decorations on January 7, 2013.
- The committee is preparing a calendar to pass out at the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Outreach - A special thank you is given to the church for supporting the request for personal care items. These items were used as gifts at the Twin City Shelter by Kathi McCormick and Linda Martin. We appreciate the time Kathi and Linda are giving to the shelter.

Plans are to have the Christmas basket names by December 1. A request for donations to purchase turkeys and hams will be made during church service.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-Cont'd

Trustees - The rinse valve on the church dishwasher has been repaired. (Thanks to Jim Rose and Dick Thompson)

A new furnace/air conditioner has been installed in the parsonage. (Thanks to Wesley White and helper Dick Thompson)

Plans are to install check valves in the hot water piping in the activities wing of the church at some future date - this should prevent the unwanted circulation of hot water when the pumps are not running.

Youth Group - Pastor Richie met with the group during their meeting in October, and the group did pumpkin carving.

Plans are for the youth group to be in the St. Albans Christmas Parade.

Miscellaneous - There was discussion about low attendance at recent meetings. Plans are to take a more deliberate attempt to get all chairpersons to attend.

Also noted, our Charge Conference is Monday, December 3, 7 pm at St. Andrew Methodist Church.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Wayne.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Can you believe it is the 11th month of the year 2012? By the time you read this, the election will be over and we will know who our President is. But we already know that our Lord and Savior is alive and well in the hearts and minds of the good folks at Lakeview. We have supported the church in our attendance, our giving and our service and we have been richly blessed in 2012. Hurricane Sandy mostly passed us by and there was little damage here. We look forward to a season of

Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks. And we await the birth of the Christ during Advent season.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 18 and I believe the time is 6:00 pm. Sign up for what you plan to bring to the dinner and invite a friend or two to come with you. Franki Noble and her team on the Nurture Committee will be in charge, but you know that many hands make light work, so pitch in and help like you always do!!!

The Worship Committee will be preparing the church for Advent on November 26. Be sure to ask Marilyn Colby for the time and show up to help decorate the church for Advent.

This year the Christmas Schedule looks like this.

Advent begins on December 2, 2012.

Lakeview's Choir will present special music on the morning of December 9.

Lakeview's Children will present a special program at a Pot Luck dinner on December 16.

Christmas Eve service will be at Saint Luke's UMC at 7 pm.

Participating in these Advent and Christmas services will be more fulfilling than all the tinsel, gifts, food and parties than you can imagine. Greet the Christ Child at the celebration of his birth.

We offer Thanksgiving for Wesley White and his helper, plus Dick Thompson who installed a furnace and air conditioning unit at the parsonage for only the cost of the materials. What a gift that was to Lakeview. Thanks, Wesley and Dick (and the helper whose name I do not know)!

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We offer Thanksgiving to Amy Colby who has given another handmade quilt for us to Auction at our upcoming auction.

We offer Thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth (Betty) Spence, who spent several years as Lakeview's Organist and pianist. She and husband Larkin were stalwarts at Lakeview for many years. Larkin was choir director. They both taught Bible School and Betty kept a daycare for little ones in her home for many years and donated the money earned for the Retired Ministers Fund. Betty died October 20 at the age of 92 in Houston, TX.

We offer Thanksgiving that Ron Colby has survived a bout with a blood clot recently.

We offer Thanksgiving to the Finance Committee for the wonderful lunch they provided last week. The soup by John Carr was wonderful as were all of the things that went with it.

We offer Thanksgiving to God for Erin Carr and her son Collin Nida as they took the steps of Holy Baptism for Collin and Church Membership for Erin recently.

We offer Thanksgiving for Bill and Mary Rose who have traveled to Florida for the winter. May God watch over them until they are with us again.

We offer Thanksgiving for the life of our teachers and parents who are leading our children to a Christian life. What a joy it is to watch them soaking up Kathi's message on Sunday mornings.

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 BOBBERA	12/7
DARYL SCHOTT	12/7
DON WILSON	12/13
EMILY POTTER	12/14
RON COLBY	12/14
DAVID GIPE JR	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: Donaldp.wilson@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

FINANCE CORNER

Income needed to make budget \$ 7,000.00
Income during October 2012 \$ 7,092.00

All of our bills are paid in full. We have paid 100% of our Fair Share to the Conference.

November is our Stewardship Month. Sunday, November 4, we talked about supporting our 2013 Budget and afterward we all had lunch together in our Multipurpose Room. Every church member and regular attender received a pledge card to indicate their financial support to Lakeview during 2013. Please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible. Our church is truly blessed.

For the Finance Committee
Bud Newbrough