



Lakeview News

October 2008

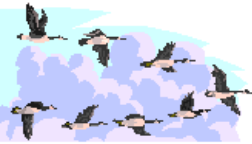
Lakeview United Methodist Church

2624 East Parkview Drive St. Albans, WV 25177

Richie McNeil, Pastor

(304) 727-4681

Lakeviewunitedmethodistchurch.net



The Roof Fund in Review

During Advent Season, our Trustees determined that Lakeview's Education Wing needed a new roof. The quote of \$14,800.00 seemed to be more than our church could handle, but the Roof Fund humbly began, just like our Savior's birth in a Bethlehem stable.

By the time the new roof was installed, the congregation of Lakeview had raised almost \$13,000.00 of the amount needed to pay for the roof. There is no better verse in the Bible that applies to this feat than Philippians 4:13; "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Hearing our prayers, the loving spirit of God nudged us to continue the good work which He is doing through our church.

Upon the Finance Committee's recommendation, the Administrative Council approved a plan to repay the borrowed funds for the new roof, our copier, and Pastor Richie and Leslie's moving expenses from our Building Fund in monthly installments. If you feel led to contribute more to help repay this debt to ourselves, this will be a tremendous help.

On behalf of the Trustees and Finance Committee, thank you for your gifts of love for God and his church.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mary Ferguson, and opened with prayer by Jason Black. Those present in addition to Mary Ferguson were, Marilyn Colby, Norma & Bud Newbrough, Franki Noble, Wayne Kersey, Fred McKinney, Jason & Robin Black, Pastor Richie, Jeff Ekstrom and Don & Marilyn Morton. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was distributed. Income for the month was very good and we were able to make 11/2 payments toward our Conference Apportionment. The church received a \$1000 donation to be used where it is needed most, and suggestions were requested from the council.

Finance – The committee met last month to come up with a plan for repaying monies (copier, moving, roof & gutters) that were borrowed from our building fund account. The recommendation of the Finance Committee is to pay back the loan over a three year period, starting January 2009 – a \$154 monthly payment.

A motion (Bud/Norma) carried to put the \$1000 given to the church into the roof fund.

A motion (Bud/Fred) carried to pay back, over a three year period, monies borrowed taking into consideration the \$1000 applied to the roof fund, dividing the amount remaining into equal payments over the three years.

The Finance Committee will meet again around October 20th to discuss the 2009 budget and pledges. Committee chairpersons will need to get their 2009 budget recommendations in before that meeting.

Christian Education – Volunteers are still needed to help with Children's Church.

Families who participate in this have been taking a new approach – to take care of this for a month at a time. Also, the meeting place has been changed to the classroom across the hall from the kitchen.

Family Ministries/Outreach – We raised \$80 from our participation in the Mary Ingles event to be applied toward Apportionment.

We will have the clipboard in the back of the church for people to make pledges for the hunger walk.

A committee meeting will be scheduled later this month.

Nurture – The Committee is planning an after church gathering later this year.

Remember our Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for November 23rd and we will be asking people to sign up for covered dishes for that dinner.

Parsonage – Dave is working on a possible water leak at the parsonage, and is currently working on painting the shutters on the outside of the parsonage.

Pastor Staff/Parish Relations – The committee has been working on readying the office for Pastor Richie. One of the needs is for chairs for the office, and money has been made available and some chairs have been selected by Pastor Richie and the PS/PRC chairperson and will be delivered the end of the week.

Trustees – Thanks to everyone who has helped with projects that have been completed recently at the church, especially to Bill Casto who handled the roof project, everyone who worked on the women's/handicapped bathroom, the team effort to get Pastor Richie's office in order, and Dave Ashley who has been handling the parsonage.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Cont'd

Worship – A joint picnic with St. Luke took place October 5 at Lakeview. Pastor Richie offered Communion, good food was enjoyed by all and we finished the evening up with a community sing.

- 1- We will continue to have a liturgist at our Sunday services.
- 2- There will be a joint Bible Study with St. Luke in October and November. It will be on Wednesdays starting October 8, 7 pm, with October's held at Lakeview and November's held at St Luke.
- 3- The name of the person giving the flowers on Sundays will be listed in the bulletin.
- 4- The Thanksgiving Service will be held in the sanctuary before dinner on November 23rd.
- 5- Plans for Advent will be finalized at the next meeting, October 27th.

Norma thanked all those who helped with the picnic and welcomed St Luke to our church on Sunday.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Richie reiterated his feelings....." he is proud of Lakeview and all the good things that are done by Lakeview"...and hopes we will continue helping each other to spread God's word to all those around us.

The Nominating Committee will meet shortly. If anyone wants to serve on a particular committee or if you know of someone who you would like to see on a committee, please let a Nominating Committee member know of this.

Pastor is still visiting families, working on starting a youth group at the other church, preparing for the Bible study, making hospital and nursing home visits, preparing a young adult confirmation class at St. Luke and working on Sunday

services and attending committee meetings.

Miscellaneous – Remember our pulled pork dinner will be Friday, October 10th at the church.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Richie.

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Can you believe all the things that are happening at **Lakeview** these past weeks? We have to stay in shape just to have a chance at keeping up! Let's see if this reporter can mention all the items that are in my mind.

First, of all was the **Worldwide Communion Day Picnic** we celebrated on October 5. We invited our friends from Saint Luke's church in Saint Albans and the weather cooperated beautifully for an outdoor event. The **Worship Committee** was in charge with help from the **Outreach Committee** who graciously provided the meat. Then **Julie Simon's** shortened version of the Community Sing followed. Note: This event was a big success with most of the Saint Luke Congregation joining a large contingent from Lakeview. The **Worship Committee** would like to thank every one of our congregation who were wonderful hosts, helping to make our guests welcome, setting up extra tables, providing the food and seeing that it was served. **THANK YOU!** And we thank **Pastor Richie and Leslie** for the outdoor communion service, our first ever!

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – CONT'D

Wednesday, October 8, the **Lakeview/St. Luke's Combined Bible Study** led by **Pastor Richie**, began at 7 pm and continued until 8 pm. The first month's meetings will be held at **Lakeview** and the November meetings will be at **St. Luke's Church**. The study began with the first chapter of the book of James. Bring a friend and come on down!

Friday October 10, **Lakeview** sponsored a **Pulled Pork Bar B Que** dinner. The proceeds from this meal will be used for catching up on our Fair Share Giving. Many folks turned out to support this effort and over \$1700.00 was raised! Way to go, **Lakeview**! Thanks **Dick Thompson** for the delicious pulled pork. (And thanks to all those others who sold tickets and helped in any way).

Lakeview again helped out with the parking at the **Mary Engles Trail** that takes place each year the last weekend of September. Our share of the money earned totaled \$80.00 which will be added to our **Fair Share Giving**. We thank **Jason and Robin Black, Wayne Kersey, Bud Newbrough and Karen and Don Wilson** who helped with this project.

Don't forget to help out with the **Saint Albans Walk for Hunger** being held on October 19 this year. **Richard Paxton** is asking for your sponsorship for this worthy cause. You can also help by walking the walk.

Many folks worked to help get **Pastor Richie** situated in his new office. There is new paint, new carpet, new blinds and soon there will be new chairs. **Pastor Richie** is deeply appreciative of the nice

work space he now has at the church. Thanks to all of those who contributed in any way!!!! Good Job!

What a grand celebration was held at the church on September 27 to honor **Jim and Frances Paxton** on their 70th Anniversary! That is 70 years, folks, of loving and trusting and sharing and caring. It was a real pleasure to celebrate with **Richard Paxton and Carol and Jimmy Harvester** that milestone occasion. How blessed we are to have that kind of example of wedded bliss to emulate. How blessed we are to have **Marilyn Morton** who pulled together that nice party with the help of a few of **Lakeview's** elves. **Congratulations, Paxtons!!!!!!!!!!**

A recent phone message from **Jan Armstead** reported the happy news of a new grandson born to **Lisa and Chris Allport**. New baby boy **Benjamin Paul**, 8# 8 ½ ounces, joins siblings **Sarah, 6, Nathan, 4, Caleb, 2**. **Jan and Roger Armstead**, the blessed grandparents, continue to need your prayers as they begin a series of radiation treatments for **Jan's** cancer over the next six weeks.

Paula Stratton, another of **Lakeview's** alumnae emailed to report the illness of husband **Walt's** mother, **Peggy Stratton**. **Peggy** used to sing in the choir with us when she visited **Lakeview**, but is now in nursing care with multiple myeloma. Many of you may remember her winning smile. A more recent email reports that **Peggy** is not doing well.

We are grieved to report the death of **Jason Black's** mother, **Boots**, on September 16. This came as a shock since it had only been 5 weeks since **Jason's** dad, **Paul**, had died. We know

NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER – CONT'D

Jason and Robin appreciate your love and support at this sad time.

Some of you may also remember **Janie Casdorff**, who was a member of this church many years ago. We ask you to remember **Roger, Janie's husband and their family**, who are grieving her loss.

Lakeview also learned recently of the death of **George Rooker** in July. **George and his wife Eloise** relocated to Florida on their retirement and resided there for many years. They were former members of **Lakeview UMC**. George was a stalwart choir member and **Eloise** was the queen of crafters.

Happy News! **Sherry Knapp** announced at choir practice that her daughter, **Jennifer Parsons**, has become engaged to **James Forman**. The happy couple is planning a June wedding. **Jennifer's son, Allen**, is very happy about the new man in his life, too!

Speaking of **Sherry and sister, Janet Pennington**, how happy we are to have them returned to the **Lakeview** fold and especially the choir. We are equally happy to have **Kenny and Adam and Logan** as well. And now that **Regina Miller (their mother)** is recovered from her knee replacement, we are happy to have her, also. Little **Logan** is also recovering from some recent surgery.

We ask you to remember in prayer those who are struggling with health issues. They include, **Dottie Hamon, Carol Fry, Leslie McNiel's father, Rev Tex Frye, Pastor Richie's aunt, Candy Burford** and so many others.

See, didn't I tell you there was a lot going on? Good bye until next month.

Altar Flowers

The Worship Committee has a new process to order Altar Flowers. We will be using Morris Floral. The cost of the flowers will be \$15.00 + tax. Morris Floral will be billing the church, so please give Jeff/Karen a check (or put it in the Offering plate) the following week to pay the bill. Please make the check payable to the Church and in the memo line, put that it is for flowers and for what date.



The Finance Corner

	Income	Expense	Conf. Pmt*	Gnrl Fnd Bal
Sep-08	\$7,990.27	\$7,410.50	\$2,436.01	\$12.05
Year-to-Date	\$78,717.29	\$79,432.01	\$10,506.02	

*Lakeview has made 6 1/2 conference apportionment payments in 2008, but is still approximately \$4,100 behind schedule.