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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 Pastor Richie, Ron Colby, Dave Koontz, Bud Newbrough, Karen Ekstrom, Dave Ashley and Don & Marilyn Morton.

After reviewing the minutes, a motion (Ron /Bud) carried to accept the March minutes as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Income for the month of March was good, and we paid an Apportionment payment for the month.

Motion (Ron/Don) carried to accept the March report.

**Finance -** Noted that our yard sale totaled \$2837.23 so far--additional monies were taken in on Sunday, which will be on our April report.

Christian Education – Dave Koontz plans to help the children plant some trees along the railroad side of the church yard on April 29.

We have the beginning of a "tween group" and we need to support this effort in all ways that we can, especially with staffing the nursery and children's church.

Karen Ekstrom and Tara Lane will handle the "Easter Egg Hunt" on Easter.

Family Ministries – We currently have nine or ten "tweens" attending class on Wednesdays while Bible Study is going on. This is a real opportunity to involve these kids and their parents in Lakeview. Plans are to help to get the group started. Currently on the agenda is "a drive in with hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks" scheduled sometime in the near future.

**Trustees** – The lawn mowing schedule will be posted on Sunday, April 8. Thanks to those who have volunteered to take a turn.

We will have a Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 28. Items on the schedule are washing windows (inside & out), cleaning the church pews and trimming some shrubs.

**Outreach -** A white board for communication has been purchased and will be installed. The board may be used to inform the congregation of hospital visits, nursing home stays, etc. Information may be added by the church family.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL - Cont'd

A portion of the board might be used for upcoming dates—Bible School, Yard Sale, etc.

**Worship** - April 4 - Book Study, 6:30 pm at Lakeview

April 5 - Maundy Thursday, Communion, 7 pm at Lakeview

April 6 - Good Friday Service, 7 pm at St. Luke

April 8 - Easter - Sunrise Service at 6:30 am, regular church service at 10 am at Lakeview

The Worship Committee will meet May 1 at 6 pm.

**Nurture** – The committee will meet Saturday morning to set up for the Easter Sunrise Breakfast.

**Parsonage** – The kitchen sink at the parsonage was clogged, and this has been repaired.

**Pastor's Report** -. Pastor will be out of town May 3-20. *The Walk to Emmaus* will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>, a wedding on May 10 and then vacation for the remainder of the time.

June 6<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Annual Conference.

Suggestion was made to not have Council meetings in June & July. We will discuss this and vote on it at the May meeting.

Suggestion was also made to start planning for health insurance for a pastor (which we don't currently do because Richie is covered under Leslie's plan)...recommendation is to start this in September.

**Miscellaneous -** Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

# NOTES FROM THE UNKNOWN REPORTER

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! It is another glorious Easter morning at Lakeview United Methodist Church in her 51<sup>st</sup> year. What more could we ask than that our Savior has risen from

the dead and has promised us forgiveness and everlasting life. Hallelujah!

Pastor Richie conducted a meaningful Holy Thursday service at Lakeview and the Good Friday service at St. Luke's services this week. He is also continuing our Lenten Book Study through this coming week on Wednesday, April 11. This has been a very good study and we thank those from the other churches who have been participating.

We give thanks to the Family Ministries Committee, headed by Karen Kersey, for planning and executing the wonderful Wednesday Lenten dinners. The children really enjoyed the art lessons that accompanied these dinners.

Many thanks to the Nurture Committee headed by Franki Noble for the wonderful Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise service at the lake.

The Children really enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt following worship this morning.

It was a joy to have Fred and Georgeann McKinney in church this past Sunday. Health issues have prevented their coming for several months. Fred and Georgeann are now ensconced in their apartment in the Charleston Gardens.

It was a joy to have Carol Harvester in our midst for a few months. We were sorry to see her return to her home in Florida. But I know husband Jimmy will be happy that she is home again.

It was a joy to have Carrie Kelley and Hollie Bacchus in church with little Dylan this past Sunday.

And we welcome Pat Moss who has been visiting recently.

We hope and pray Richard Paxton is recovering well from his recent hernia surgery this past week.

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We hope and pray Jeane Ann Herscher, Doris' daughter, is recovering well from some thyroid surgery this past week.

We hope and pray Helen Cherry is feeling better and her neck problem is being resolved.

We give thanks for a loving church, a wonder Pastoral Family, and a Risen Lord and Savior, Hallelujah!

## **April and May Anniversaries**

ASHLEY	4/10
GRIFFITH	4/15
THAXTON	5/5
BODEN	5/20
CASTO	5/26
KERSEY	5/29

## April and May Birthdays

ALLI THAXTON	4/10
BOBBY MCCORMICK	4/13
DON MORTON	4/18
JOHN CARR	4/20
KAREN EKSTROM	4/22
ROBIN BLACK	4/23
CAROL FRY	4/26
CAITLYN ASHLEY	5/6
HOLLIE FERGUSON	3/0
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

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please send an email to:

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#### FINANCE CORNER

Income needed to make budget \$ 7,000.00 Income for March \$ 7,095.00

All bills are paid in full.
Our Fair Share Giving is paid in full.

Lakeview is blessed.

We had a very successful Yard Sale on March 24. Our total income was about \$2,800. Kitchen sales amounted to about \$290.00 and the Bake Sale earned about \$310.00. We give thanks for our contributors and our workers. We will do another Yard Sale in the fall.

For the Finance Committee Bud Newbrough

#### Maria Belcher

Send Maria Belcher an email in Czechoslovakia. Her email address is:

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See pictures of Maria's trip at:

www.flickr.com/photos/mariagbelcher

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