

Lakeview United Methodist Church, June/July 2026 Newsletter

St. Albans, WV

Sara Lamb, Pastor



Welcome to Lakeview United Methodist Church, Pastor Sara! Sara and her husband, David, have two daughters, Hannah who is 24 years old, and Molly who is 17 years old and a senior at Nitro High School. Pastor Sara will preach at Lakeview at 9:30am and St. Pauls United Methodist Church in Nitro at 11:00am.

Lakeview will host a get-to-know-you breakfast to welcome Sara on Sunday, August 9th, from 8:30-9:30am. Plan to gather in the Fellowship Hall, enjoy a cup of coffee and a lite

breakfast to welcome our new pastor. (Pastor Sara is gluten free and dairy free!)



Sunday, July 26th, we will hold our Sundae Sunday Bible School at Lakewood Pool. We'll share an interactive Bible story, some crafts, games, sundaes, and swimming fun with children there. Anyone can come as a guest of our church. Hope to see you at 1:00pm at the pool! See Kathi McCormick for more details.



Please remember that Lakeview sponsors Kids Kits for the Sojourners Shelter to help displaced children who are living there temporarily feel like they have a friend. Each

box needs to contain a box of 24 crayons, a pad of paper, a coloring book, a pencil, toothbrush and toothpaste, a comb or brush, a small stuffed animal, and a children's book. Boxes for each kit are in the back of the sanctuary. Don Griffith delivers these for our church and can answer any questions.



Chair Yoga at LUMC, Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am. Come get fit and enjoy some fellowship.



Bible Journaling will begin again in August, Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am. We illustrate scripture and listen/discuss a chapter from a

book study. Even if you just want to listen to the lesson and not draw, you're entirely welcome to come!



Door and deck repair will begin shortly at our parsonage. We appreciate our favorite builder, Bobby McCormick, for taking the lead on these projects.



If you aren't on our Prayer Chain call list, contact Wayne 304.444.4374 and let him know if you'd prefer to be texted or receive a phone call. We'd love to add your name to our list.

**Lakeview Administrative
Council Minutes: June 16, 2026**

Present: Karen and Wayne Kersey, Kathi McCormick, Bob Carpenter, Martha Keene, Kent Sowards, Linda Ancion, Pastor Sheila, Becky Child, Bobby McCormick

Opening: Karen

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Proposal for parsonage work on deck/front door (Bobby)

Bobby laid out the details of fixing the parsonage deck and front door, including removing old deck, tearing down the building, removing fence around base, keeping split rail fence, using screws not nails. Gave an estimate of \$3,500 for deck and \$1,500 for door. Trustees will meet and get back to the committee with a recommendation. Sheila suggested the church provide the workers with lunch.

May minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting and was unanimously approved. (Bob/Martha)

Treasurer's report: Martha and Kent

Monthly update given. All bills paid. Property insurance, yard sale money, ink and light bulbs were discussed. Bless You Day and Jericho House will be on June report. Grant coming for the parsonage for the following year (\$833.33/month).

Parsonage will be available July 2027. Orkin is moving to quarterly. Motion to accept report was made and unanimously approved. (Wayne, Linda)

Finance: Karen for Don

Need a recommendation on apportionment changes. Amount paying the pastor isn't changing.

Trustees: Karen for John

Looking into a home warranty for the parsonage (\$561-\$700/year plus \$85/tech visit) that covers fix/replace appliances, plumbing inside, fans, electrical. Committee is going to come up with a recommendation. Looking at putting cameras in hallway and multipurpose room (\$63 for 2, \$115/year contract).

Nurture: Linda A.

Gave out graduation bibles.
Holding a farewell breakfast for Sheila and welcome reception for new pastor. Agreed to not participate in Aug. 30 Fifth Sunday service with the rest up in the air. Yard sale is Oct. 3 – same as citywide sale.

Family ministries: Kathi

Sundae Sundays bible school is happening at Lakewood Pool in June and July. Working to get Sam back with an archery event.

Outreach: Wayne

Turnout was good for Bless You Day. Shoe ministry at Lakewood includes 4-5 pairs on request. Pastor Nancy White has requested the multipurpose room for a baby shower in July.

Worship: Karen for Barb

Becky has agreed to help Barb on the committee.

SPRC: Bob

No response from the district superintendent on our next pastor.

Pastor Sheila

Conference went well. Talked

about vote to increase base salary for pastors, cost of living amendment, equitable compensation. Two baptisms and 4 ordinations were held. Last Sunday is June 21. Will do bulletins for Bob on June 28. Prayer chain can contact Sheila through June 30.

Kathi asks for prayers for Dave Williams.

Sheila closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes submitted by Becky Child.

Lakeview Administrative Council Minutes: July 14, 2026

Present: Karen and Wayne Kersey, Bob Carpenter, Martha Keene, Kent Sowards, Linda Ancion, Don Griffith, John Humphreys, Becky Child

Opening: Karen

The meeting was opened with prayer.

June minutes: Will be approved with the July minutes next month (double newsletter).

Treasurer's report: Martha and Kent

Monthly update given. All bills paid. \$1,400 spent on parsonage plumbing. Wayne is going to provide a small piece of sheetrock for the lower bedroom closet. Natural gas budget is way up (\$300/month for church, \$106/month for parsonage. Motion to accept report was made and unanimously approved. (Wayne, Linda)

Karen talked about \$5,600 grant for pastor insurance, our part is \$1,344. Good for one year. Discussion on the breakdown of the triple charge (78% for St. Paul, 12% for Lakeview and 10% for Robinson).

Kent recommended office chair covers for the pastor's office. Kent will look for some. Motion by Bob seconded by Don and approved.

Finance: Don

Discussion on yard sale money going to parsonage repairs and apportionment increase. Motion made to increase the apportionment from

\$588/month to \$788/month starting in July and reevaluate next month and approved (Don/Wayne).

Trustees: John

Discussed Bobby's estimate for deck of the same dimensions and door without the side window (\$3,500 + \$1,500) and recommends \$5,500 for the projects. Timeline would be door first (in August) in about 2 days, then deck soon after for about 4 days. John agreed to be the voice of the church for Bobby and the builders. Motion made to use the yard sale money and approved (Bob, Martha). Windows will be replaced next. Will get a quote.

Orkin issue: June 29 was last visit. Going quarterly but having trouble communicating that.

A/C in children's Sunday school room is no longer leaking. A/C in multipurpose room needs insulation/duct repair. John will investigate.

Nurture: Linda A

Welcome breakfast for Pastor Sara is Aug. 9 from 8:30 to

9:30. Oct. 3 is yard sale/hot dogs/bake sale.

Family ministries: Karen for Kathi

Bible school went OK. July 26 is the next one. Nancy is set to cover children's sermons for July. No date on archery event yet.

Worship: Becky

Will call a meeting of the committee to discuss updating the prayer list with a possible 2-week rule. Kent is gone next week for music. Amy Loftis will preach. Wayne will cover the music next Sunday.

Outreach: Wayne

Snack bags are starting up again. Lakewood needs shoes, socks, shorts. Kent will help with that. Cheerleaders are starting practice in the multipurpose room four nights a week until Sept. 18. Kent will turn on the A/C.

SPRC: Bob

Asked Pastor Sara about sharing a piano player. Bob will get Sheila's keys to Pastor Sara. Wayne will communicate to the St. Albans group that we

are out for Fifth Sunday services for the rest of the year.

Kent recommended we offer to print bulletins for the new pastor or work with St. Paul and offer to pay.

Wayne closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes submitted by Becky Child.