

# Lakeview United Methodist Church, March 2026 Newsletter

St. Albans, WV

Sheila Radochio, pastor

## **A message from Pastor Sheila:**

I have prayed continuously about whether I should say anything about the situation with the US and Israeli airstrikes in Iran and have decided that this will be all I say:

“When we talk about war, we are talking about people. We are talking about sons and daughters. Partners. Parents. Friends. Neighbors who sit in our pews and classrooms and staff meetings. We are talking about families who will carry long nights and uncertain mornings. About service members who have raised their right hands knowing that service could cost them everything...time, safety, even life.

You are allowed to have strong opinions. I certainly do. In a democracy, passionate voices matter. Speak them. Advocate. Pray. Engage. But as you do, remember service members and their families are all

around you. They hear conversations at the grocery store. They see the posts online. Their children sit next to yours at school. So let us be people who speak with conviction and with compassion. People who hold complex truths at the same time. People who disagree with dehumanizing. And above all, people who pray – not only for outcomes we desire, but for protection, wisdom, restraint, courage, and peace. Scripture reminds us, “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Peacemaking is not passive. It is active love in a complicated world. Today we pray for leaders who carry enormous weight. We pray for those deploying. We pray for families who wait. We pray for civilians whose lives will be disrupted in ways we cannot yet imagine. And we pray that even in conflict, our humanity remains intact. May we be a community that holds one another gently in a hard hour. We can be bold and loving at the same time.”

Holding you all in prayer,

Pastor Sheila

**How are you doing on your Lenten Calendar of giving for Jericho House?**

**Were you amazed at how many pairs of socks you have? Share the blessing!**



**Upcoming Lenten Services: all services at Lakeview Church**

***Palm Sunday Service, April 29<sup>th</sup>, with triumphal entry with children and palms: 9:30am***

***Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm***

***Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm***

***Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>***

**Sunrise Service, 7am followed by breakfast**

**Traditional Worship, 9:30am**



**We're expecting a FANTASTIC church yard sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two families from Aliff Lane that have moved donated tons of their things for our sale. Thanks, Wayne for securing this**

**great find for the church. Please continue cleaning out and donating your treasures to the church. We'll also be selling hot dogs, so mark your calendars.**



**This is an actual photo of Lakeview's chair yoga gang posing with the teacher! Can you guess which one she is? As you can see, you would fit right in with our group, which continues to grow. We meet Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30am in the Community Classroom. Everyone is seated in a chair and moves/stretches at the level where they are comfortable. We watch YouTube for the instruction and enjoy some good fellowship together. Join us!**

**Lakeview Administrative Council  
Minutes: Mar. 10, 2026**

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

**Opening: The meeting was called to order by Karen with a review of the 2026 goals.**

February minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting and was unanimously approved.

(Bob/Martha)

**Treasurer's report:** Martha, Kent  
Monthly update given. All bills paid. Report will be printed double-sided going forward to save paper. \$90 for Orkin at the parsonage will be paid by Elizabeth Memorial. Motion was made to approve the report and unanimously approved.

(Wayne, Don)

**Finance:** Don G.

Parsonage utility bills are running about \$300. Martha is looking into getting the electric on a budget. Discussion about what to set the monthly cost for Elizabeth Memorial for next year. Motion was made to raise the amount to \$800 per month and include the responsibility of professional cleaning at the end of the agreement, especially the carpets and unanimously approved. (Wayne, Linda)  
Karen will talk with Pastor Jonathan and set the church's expectations.

**Trustees:** No update.

**Nurture:** Linda A

Yard sale is coming. Encouraging people to bring in items. Will do a hot dog sale again this year. Easter cards are going out. Easter sunrise breakfast is happening. Pancake dinner last month was a hit.

**Family ministries:** Karen for Kathi  
Planning palms and costumes for the kids on Palm Sunday. Ordering message eggs to share the hunt with the neighborhood. Committee to meet soon to plan a summer event.

Discussion about shared services. Easter Week services will be at Lakeview rather than divided with other churches.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday plans are still up in the air.

**Outreach:** Wayne

Snack bags are ongoing. Souper Bowl donations were delivered. Lenten calendars are out. May 16 there is an event at Riverlawn with Community Bridge called Bless You Day to help the community.

**SPRC:** Bob

No updates. Still looking for a music person.

Karen for **Pastor Sheila**

Holy Week services to include Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., Sunday sunrise service at 7 a.m., breakfast, 9:30 a.m. service. Promotion Sunday is coming. Passing of the Peace to restart soon.

Discussions: Need a backup for Kent on the music and speaker placement rearranged. Also the nominations committee needs members who aren't on the board. Dial My Calls is all set for

announcements and prayer list. Leftover clothes from the yard sale will go to the Gabriel Project (baby clothes) and Community Bridge (all others). Lakewood shoes are being replaced on an as-needed basis, rather than a bigger distribution. Update on the McFarlands and how the church can help.

Wayne closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes submitted by Becky Child.