

Lakeview United Methodist Church, April 2026 Newsletter

St. Albans, WV

Sheila Radochio, pastor



Bless You Day

Community Bridge, an organization tied to King's River Church in St. Albans, will be holding its "Bless You Day" on Saturday, May 16th on the grounds of Riverlawn Presbyterian Church from 10 – 1:00 PM. Riverlawn Presby and Lakeview UMC are co-hosting the event.

Community Bridge will be bringing a large truckload of items (clothing, shoes, make-up, food products, household products, sink faucets, kids' bubbles, etc.) to be given away to anyone that attends. The purpose of the event is to provide the local churches an opportunity to interact with their neighbors. Free hot dogs will also be available.

Volunteers from Lakeview are needed to help by greeting members of our community that attend. (It's like our church yard sale, but without all the work and pricing!) If you would like to volunteer, please contact Wayne Kersey at 304-444-4374. It's the perfect chance to share Jesus' love by just being a good neighbor.

LUMC Spring Yard Sale

May 2, 8am-noon

Hot dogs, plus baked
goods

The Yard Sale is right around the corner, and it promises to be our biggest one yet! We have had donations from several families that have moved and we have just about everything you can imagine for sale! We need your help! Can you volunteer some time sorting goods, pricing them, or talking up the sale with your neighbors? We need baked goods individually wrapped in 75 cent portions. We need workers on the 2nd, people to help our customers check out and carry items to cars. Linda Ancion is our master organizer and brains behind our successful sales. Let her know how you plan to help! Thanks!



Chair Yoga every Tuesday and Thursday in the church Community Room, at 9:30am. Be there!

Bible Journaling every Thursday, from 10:00-11:00 in the Community Room. Our lesson/discussion is from Max Lucado's book, Help is Here.



Lakeview extends our heartfelt prayers to the White family with the passing of Bob White. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who headed up the "McCormick" row at church, leading by example. He was a quiet worker with a good sense of humor who loved God. He was famous for his garden, especially his pickles, and always shared those prized jars with everyone. We will miss him but know he's with his heavenly father now in good hands.

**Lakeview United Methodist
Church Administrative Board
Minutes**

for April 2026

April 14, 2026

Attendance: District Superintendent Lauren Godwin, Karen & Wayne Kersey, Bob Carpenter, John Humphreys, Kathi McCormick, Linda Ancion, Martha Keene, Kent Sowards, Pastor Sheila Radochio

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Lauren Godwin: Current parsonage residents, Pastor Jessica and Dady, are changing Visa status from student to religious, and an immigration lawyer indicated that keeping their same address is beneficial to their progress with this endeavor. She suggested drawing up a contract for churches who want to use our parsonage to sign with specific stipulations/expectations. She advised charging an amount to cover utilities, plus an additional expense for basic wear and tear. She is willing to work with us on developing a contract and could provide some samples.

The March, 2026 **minutes** were unanimously approved (Bob/Kent).

Treasurer's Report: Our balance is \$56,834. The electric bill is now on

a monthly budget. Elizabeth Memorial paid the exterminator bill at the parsonage. We raised \$477 for Jericho House with our Lenten Calendars, more donations are anticipated. Report unanimously approved (John/Linda).

Trustees: John will talk with Linda Thompson about what jobs Dick posted to a Spring-Cleaning list in the past. The parsonage deck needs to be replaced this summer. He is getting estimates from several people to do the work.

Nurture: Nurture sent Easter cards to various congregation members and hosted a funeral dinner. Work on the Spring Yard Sale is ongoing. It is Saturday, May 2nd, 8am-noon. Hot dogs will be sold as well as baked goods. Linda talked with Tyler and Bobby McCormick about replacing the parsonage front door/with side windows. She will also get estimates for replacing the deck and will communicate with Trustees.

Family Ministries: Kathi reported the neighborhood egg hunt went well with Lakeview providing special message eggs. She has

enough left over for next year's hunt. The committee will meet soon to talk about summer plans.

Outreach: Wayne reported Lakeview is finishing up the 3rd season on providing Snack Bags to needy children at Lakewood Elementary. The Lenten Calendar fundraising for Jericho House was successful. Jericho House provides safe shelter for women and children in displaced/unsafe situations. The staff help them physically with needs as well as training to be on their own. The SA Cheer Team C will start July 20th through September 18th to use our church facility for practice. (M, T, Th, F from 6:00-8:00pm) Although we don't charge for this, they intend to donate \$100. They will be signing our standard agreement contract.

Pastor/Parish Relations: Bob continues to search for an organist. All schools have been contacted. No response yet. We will set up a training session for playing the music on Sundays for back-up for Kent.

Pastor Sheila: Lent went smoothly. The next 5th Sunday Service will be

May 31st at St. Peter's UMC. The Board voted to participate in the St. Albans United Methodist 5th Sunday group services unless they fall on a holiday and asked that childcare be addressed. The colors in the sanctuary have been switched back to white and Sheila will talk with Barb Smith about worship needs. She will meet with the Nominations Committee soon. Karen stepped down from that committee.

Minutes taken by substitute Wayne Kersey for Becky Child