

A Message from Pastor Sheila:

Prayer!!

According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, the definition of Prayer is: an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought.

Prayer, such a small, yet powerful word!! It is a word that I take seriously; as a Christian, a member of the WVUM Conference Prayer Team and as your Pastor. Some days praying comes so easy; we have so much to be thankful for; food on the table, a roof over our head, clothes on our backs and a loving family! Other days, like today (November 13th when I am writing this) it is harder; I had to find words to offer to the WVUM Conference Prayer group, for a fallen coal miner from Elkview. I had to find words of comfort for part of our Lakeview family! While an honor to do both, it is still hard at times.

As we come into the Thanksgiving and Advent season, I encourage you to be in a spirit of Prayer. The first "Key of Faith" that I randomly grabbed off our board at the Sukkot dinner said "Spend 10 minutes in Prayer every day this week". I took that to mean 10 additional minutes! So, I ask you to spend 10 minutes in Prayer each day; in Prayer for your Lakeview family, our State and National Leaders, that person you pass by walking down the street, just whoever or whatever you feel led to Pray for. Everyone is in need of Prayer and if we all took 10 minutes out of our day to Pray for someone or something, what a difference that could make in our lives.

Remember, I am ALWAYS here to Pray with you or for you, just call or text me at 304-415-0863.

In His Love,

Pastor Sheila

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Nativity Sunday and Children's Program

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th, 4:00pm - 6:00pm for a special Christmas event at Lakeview!

Families are asked to look through their Christmas decorations and find a Nativity display that is special to them. The day before on Saturday, December 13th, everyone can bring their Nativity to the Fellowship Hall and set up their display. Please include an index card with a brief explanation of why it is special, ie., made by a family member or bought on a special trip or passed down through the family, etc.

On Sunday, the 14th, we will be able to go around, Open House style, and look at all the displays. We'll have a snack dinner, then conclude with our tradition of Ms. Nancy telling the Christmas story to the children, them acting it out, followed by the singing of Christmas carols, and a birthday party for Jesus. See you there!

Welcome aboard, Daniel Shores, our new part-time custodian. He is doing a fantastic job and we are so grateful!

Lakeview Pledge Drive for 2026

The Finance Committee will be handing out Pledge Packets to Lakeview members and friends for the 2026 coming year. Please give it your prayerful consideration and return the pledge card by December 31, 2025. Your pledge is confidential.

A Q & A brief meeting will be held after church on Sunday, November 16th to answer any questions you might have about the budget, etc. The Finance Committee will have biscuits with several different toppings available, plus coffee and juice. Plan to stay right after church, enjoy a biscuit, and have a chance to look at the budget. It will be brief. Thanks.

We will continue our new tradition of all Methodist churches worshipping together in any month that has 5 Sundays. November 30th is the fifth Sunday of November so we will all get together at Humphreys United Methodist Church in Tornado. The service will be at 11:00am, followed by lunch. Humphreys will provide the meat and drinks. The other churches are asked to bring a side dish. Our District Superintendent will attend this event and intends to conduct Charge Conference during the luncheon. See you there!

How are you doing selecting a key from our "Keys to Building Your Faith" board and reading/meditating on it during the week? Several members have shared that it has brought a new energy to their week spiritually. Remember to bring your key on Sunday and exchange it for a new one!

Lakeview Administrative Council Minutes: Nov. 11, 2025

Present: Karen and Wayne Kersey, Don Griffith, Martha Keene, Kent Sowards, Janet Painter, Bob Carpenter, Linda Ancion, John Humphreys, Kathi McCormick, Pastor Sheila, Becky Child

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by Karen with prayer.

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

Treasurer's report: Martha and Janet

Monthly update given. All bills paid. Water bill down. Paid yearly insurance bill, total lowered after being reevaluated. Last cartridge put in printer and noted on calendar. Haven't started paying on the roof loan; direct deposit needs to be set up. Adding a line in the report to keep track month to month. Motion made to accept the report was approved. (Kathi/John)

Nominations:

Janet is resigning as treasurer, effective Jan. 15. Kent is taking over as financial secretary and Martha will move to treasurer based on a recommendation from the nominations committee. Motion made to accept the change was approved. (Bob, Linda)

Wayne will stay on the finance committee to sign checks when needed and audit the books.

Jack A. is going to be added to PPR.

Sheila says the church needs a Safe Sanctuaries policy and/or coordinator. John R. transferred his membership in Oct. and is a mandatory reporter. He can help write a policy and we can address the coordinator role after the first of the year.

Finance: Don

Projected budget presented and discussed. Garbage bill is going up citywide. Parsonage projects are coming. Loan repayment added. Church programs are staying the same. Pastor's salary is staying the same with us paying 60% and Robinson paying 40%. Budget

total is \$76,425 down from \$94,589. Motion to accept the projected budget and proposed salary for the custodian that won't exceed \$6,000 was approved. (Don, Janet)

Salaries for piano player and custodian discussed. Karen noted that the custodian is not responsible for the kitchen or the multipurpose room. All feedback on the custodian should be communicated through Bob. Custodian should turn in receipts for any supplied purchased. Happy with Kent and John doing the music with CDs in the interim.

Don asked what should we be spending money on that isn't in the budget? No additions.

Kathi said we should be open to negotiating the pianist salary.

Bob asked if there is reimbursement for the pastor and Sheila says she prefers to take the tax deduction for training, etc.

Don will host a Q&A after church this week with biscuits and pledge packets.

Worship: Sheila

Fifth Sunday service will be Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. at Humphreys. It's also the first Sunday of Advent. Charge conference will be that day. Lunch will be provided after the service. Bring a side dish or dessert. Some business will be covered during the lunch (celebrations, etc.) and then election of officers and other business after.

Nurture: Linda A.

Fall dinner was successful with about 25 in attendance. Sending Thanksgiving cards.

Trustees: John H. and Kent

Front furnace was repaired. John will fix the light in the multipurpose room. Dick Thompson requested a new remote mic to fix the cracking and popping. Kent will test one out from Amazon.

Family ministries: Karen

Dec. 14 is the Christmas program from 4 to 6 p.m. with family Nativity displays, children's program with Nancy, songs and birthday cake for Jesus. Keys to Faith initiative is rolling. It would be nice to share experiences during joys and concerns.

Outreach: Wayne

Church is doing 13 food baskets for Christmas again this year. Lists are coming soon (\$85-\$100 per basket).

Biddy Basketball isn't using our facility this year. The facilities calendar is available in the office.

SPRC: Bob

Meeting soon to evaluate the minister. Comments/suggestions welcome ASAP. Guest minister should get \$50.

Pastor Sheila

Happy with how the yard sale, Sukkot and fall dinner went. Offered to provide a manuscript of her message to church members. Could include a copy in Thanksgiving cards.

Other business:

Karen shared information about questions the Council was asked to reflect on for a paper that had to be filled out for Charge Conference. She filled it out and submitted it to meet a deadline and thinks the discussion is better suited to be covered at our planning session.

John asked about starting a bad weather notification system with a phone/text tree and notifications at least an hour before the service.

Wayne would like to get a group together to strip and wax the multipurpose room floor after the holidays.

Pastor Sheila closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes submitted by Becky Child.