

# THE LAKEVIEWER

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## Flowers: A Heartfelt Gesture for Every Occasion

In times of reflection, celebration, remembrance, and gratitude, flowers convey sentiments that words sometimes cannot express. Donating altar flowers is a simple yet profound way to honor a loved one, commemorate a significant milestone, or express gratitude to God. Your contribution not only enhances our worship space but also serves as a visible symbol of hope and love for our entire church community.

To donate flowers, please follow these steps:

- Sign the Flower Chart located in the Worship Center Lobby.
- Reach out to the church office for assistance.
- Bring your flowers in a vase early on Sunday morning.

After the service, feel free to take your flowers home, knowing that your thoughtful gift was genuinely valued.

**FROM PASTOR STUART**

It feels weird to be sitting down to write this newsletter article as it is late April and I will be present in the Lakeview Community through late June. As I am sure that many of you have heard I am being reappointed by the Bishop of our conference to serve two churches, Prescott Valley UMC and Chino Valley UMC, starting July 1st 2026. This will be my first solo pastorate and I am incredibly excited for the adventures that will come as a part of this move. Although I am excited about the future, I do not want this article to be just about where I am going because that would be a disservice to Lakeview. I want to take this newsletter article space to give thanks to you, the people who make up this wonderful community of Lakeview, for letting me serve our Lord in the midst of this community for the past three years.

Being at Lakeview has been, and continues to be, a wonderful experience for me. You all have been a source of great strength and growth for me as a pastor in ways that I was not expecting but have come to love. I believe that this wonderful experience for me has a great deal to do with the Holy Spirit present in our community. The ways that this community comes together and the ways that it lives in connection with the Holy Spirit on a daily basis is truly remarkable and is not something that you find in every church. The emphasis at Lakeview on looking for the blessings that we have every day from God and giving thanks to God for those blessings is truly an amazing thing that is the core of who I know Lakeview to be. This is a strength of this community that is refreshing to the soul. I also know that Lakeview will never lose this because it is written into the DNA of the church. Living with a daily focus of where the Holy Spirit is at work is a part of what makes Lakeview the church that it is. The God who was, is, and will always be is present in the daily life of this community and the community is aware of it. Getting to witness this and learn from this has been a truly amazing experience.

As I prepare to leave this community and move into my first solo pastorate, please know that you have my greatest thanks and gratitude. You all are wonderful and I have been incredibly blessed by getting to spend this time as a part of the Lakeview community. Again, thank you.

***Many Blessings, Pastor Stuart***

## May/June Messages

*Because He lives....*

May 3rd	No worries about the future	Matthew 6:25-34
May 10th	Life is worth the living - <b>Mother's Day</b>	Ephesians 2:1-10
May 17th	<b>Ascension Sunday</b>	John 17:1-11
May 24th	Holy Spirit - <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	John 7:37-39
May 31st	Holy Mystery - <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
June 7th	Faith like Abraham	Romans 4:13-25
June 14th	Salvation through Christ	Romans 5:1-8
June 21st	<b>Annual Conference - Father's Day</b>	<b>TBD by Conference</b>
June 28th	<b>Pastor Stuart Preaching, his Last Sunday with us</b>	

Join us for worship **each Sunday at 8:00 AM or 9:30 AM!** Whether you're gathering with us in person or joining from home, we'd love to have you be part of our community. Can't make it to the building? No problem—watch our service live on **Facebook, YouTube, Roku, Apple TV, Google Play and Fire TV at Lakeview Online**, or stream directly from our website. We look forward to worshipping together!

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## Summer Schedule Begins After Memorial Day

As we move into summer, beginning after Memorial Day, Lakeview will shift to our summer schedule. During this time, some regular events will take a break, while others may be held on a limited basis.

Be sure to watch the weekly bulletins or check the events calendar online for the latest updates. Even with the change of pace, we look forward to staying connected and sharing in the life of our church family throughout the season.

## LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

*We want to honor each prayer request thoughtfully. Please let us know when prayers have been answered or needs have changed, and feel free to add anyone else who could use our support.*



Lyle Adams, Robert Coulson, Linda De Atley, Mary Dianis, Jerry Dibble, Sharon Gruhn-Hicks, Jerry Hicks, Dennis Keaney, Jim Kessler, Larry Klein, Carl Meyers, Sally Newell, Kathy Villa, Willi Wheeler, Amy Woodward

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## INTENTIONAL PRAYER

*These members of our church family need to know they're loved and remembered, especially when circumstances keep them from worshiping with us. Please keep them in your prayers, and if you're able, brighten their day with a card or phone call—it means more than you know.*



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## SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

Don't allow Sunday to be the sole day you engage with God's Word. Experience daily encouragement and spiritual renewal throughout the week with our devotionals. You can access them anytime via our website at [LakeviewUMC.net](http://LakeviewUMC.net) under 'Walk with God,' download our church app, or subscribe to receive them directly in your inbox—simply visit the website footer to sign up.



## **We're Hosting Annual Conference!**

Lakeview is honored and excited to host this year's Annual Conference, taking place **June 17th-21st** right here on our campus! This is a meaningful time in the life of the church, as leaders and members from across the conference gather for worship, connection, and important decisions that shape our shared ministry.

With this special event comes a few schedule adjustments for the week of June 15th. To help accommodate the conference:

- There will be **no Amazing Grays** luncheon that week
- **Thursday Night Together** will not meet
- Several other regular activities and events will be cancelled.

Additionally, on **Sunday, June 21st**, we will hold **our worship services at 8:00am and the 9:30am service will move to 10:30am.**

We know schedule changes can be an adjustment, and we truly appreciate your flexibility as we open our doors in hospitality and service. Hosting Annual Conference is a wonderful opportunity for Lakeview to be part of something bigger, and we're grateful to share in it together.

*Thank you for your understanding—and for helping us welcome our guests with warmth and grace!*

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## **Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2026**

Pentecost is one of the most important days in the Christian calendar, often called the birthday of the Church. It falls exactly fifty days after Easter — the word itself comes from the Greek *pentēkostē*, meaning "fiftieth." On the first Pentecost, as the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended on them like tongues of fire, filling them with the power to speak in languages they had never learned. People from across the known world heard the good news in their own tongue, and that very day about three thousand people were baptized and joined the new community of faith. The Church had been born.

This year, Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 24th, and we invite you to join us dressed in red. Red is the color of Pentecost because it symbolizes those very flames of fire that rested on the disciples when the Spirit arrived. When we wear red together, we are making a visible declaration that the same Spirit is alive and active among us still — transforming hearts, uniting people, and sending us out into the world with courage and love. So dig out your red shirt, scarf, or tie, and come celebrate the Church's birthday with us!

## What Is Annual Conference - and Why It Matters

In the United Methodist Church, Annual Conference is more than just a meeting—it's a meaningful gathering that helps shape the life and direction of the church.

Each year, clergy and elected lay members from across our region come together for a time of worship, connection, and important decision-making. Throughout the conference, there are opportunities for spiritual renewal, updates on ministry and missions, and conversations about the future of the church. It's also when new pastors are ordained, and pastoral appointments are announced.

While it may sound like "church business," Annual Conference plays an important role in the bigger picture. It's where decisions are made that impact local churches like Lakeview—and where our church has a voice through those who represent us.

You may hear it referred to in different ways, but Annual Conference is the primary gathering, with smaller district meetings happening at other times during the year.

At its heart, Annual Conference is about coming together to seek God's direction, celebrate what's happening in the church, and look ahead to where we're being called next.



## STAYING CONNECTED: OUR CALENDAR IS ONLINE

We've made the move to a fully online church calendar—making it easier than ever to stay connected and up to date with everything happening at Lakeview.

No more wondering if you have the latest schedule. You can now access current events anytime through **our website, weekly eNewsletter, and weekly announcements**—whether you're at church or on the go.

Prefer something in hand? **Printed copies of the calendar are available in the church office** for anyone who would like one.

This shift not only keeps everyone better informed, it also helps us be good stewards of our resources, allowing more to go directly into the ministries and missions we care about.

Same strong community. Same shared purpose. Just a simpler, smarter way to stay connected. If you have any questions or need help accessing the calendar, the church office is always happy to assist.

## Amazing Grays Luncheon & Thursday Night Together Dinner

Come hungry and ready for great fellowship! Amazing Grays Luncheon begins at 11:00am (lunch served at 11:30am), and Thursday Night Together (TNT) doors opens at 4:30pm (dinner at 5:00pm). Both gatherings take place in Smoot Hall and include water, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee.

Lunch is \$5 | Dinner is \$10

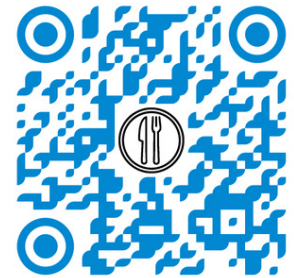
Add 50¢ for credit card payments | Add \$1 for to-go meals (available 30 minutes after serving begins)

If you have food allergies or need a restricted diet, please let us know!

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.LakeviewUMC.net/events](http://www.LakeviewUMC.net/events).

*Reservation deadlines: Monday at 4pm for lunch | Tuesday at 4pm for dinner.*

**We'd love to see you at the table!**



**Make your reservation here**

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## You & Your Heritage: International Night at TNT

Come hang out with us on **June 4** at Thursday Night Together for a fun, international-themed evening celebrating the rich diversity of our church family!

Wear something that represents your heritage and bring a small memento - such as a flag, photo, or keepsake - to decorate your table and share a bit of your family story. It's a wonderful way to connect, learn from one another, and celebrate the unique backgrounds that make our community so special.

We can't wait to see you and hear your stories!

Make your reservation:

- Online through the LUMC website
- Sign up in Smoot Hall after Sunday services
- Or call the church office at 623-974-5821





United  
Women  
in Faith

**Mary Martha Circle - Second Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**  
*Coordinator, Marion Kolb, 701.720.5334*

**Lakeview Book Club - Fourth Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Lakeview Library**  
*Facilitator, Lynda Johnson, 301.401.5423*

**United Women in Faith Board Meeting**  
May 11 at 1:00 PM in the Library

**Mary Martha Circle**  
May 12 at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

**Lakeview Book Club**  
May 28 at 10:00 AM in the Library  
June 25 at 10:00 AM in the Library

**Events:**

May 8 Spring High Tea at 11:30 AM - Smoot Hall

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## **Thank You Pastor Stuart**

On behalf of our entire church family, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest thanks for the incredible heart and soul you pour into this congregation.

The "Amazing Grays" gatherings have been such a highlight for us, and your willingness to not only lead us in prayer but to personally cook for us has made those moments feel like a true family feast. Whether you were blessing our beloved animals or delivering a powerful word from the pulpit, your ministry consistently reflects the hands and feet of Christ.

We are especially grateful for the time you spent visiting us outside the church walls. Your presence in our homes, hospital rooms, and rehab centers brought comfort and hope when we needed it most. Knowing we weren't alone during those difficult stretches meant more than words can say.

We also want to extend our warmest thanks to Alicia. We know that ministry is a shared journey, and her support—and the joy of having her join us whenever she could—has been a blessing to us all.

Thank you both for your dedication, your kindness, and your friendship. We are so fortunate to have you with us.

***With love and appreciation, The Lakeview Congregation***

## Mother's Day Burrito Breakfast & Summer Schedule Update

Join us this Mother's Day for something a little different—and delicious! On Sunday, May 10, we'll be serving **loaded breakfast burritos** in Smoot Hall during fellowship time following both the 8:00 and 9:30 services. Each burrito comes with sour cream, salsa, and access to coffee, tea, water, and other fellowship treats. **A \$5 suggested donation** will help support this and future events.

To help us prepare, a sign-up sheet will be available in Smoot Hall through Thursday, May 7. We want to make sure we have plenty for everyone!

We're also inviting anyone who would like to help to join us on **Friday, May 8 after 1:00 PM** to assemble the burritos. It's a great way to serve and connect—plus, many hands make light work!

Our recent pancake breakfast on April 26 was a wonderful success, serving nearly 50 people with great feedback. As we head into summer, please note that **there will be no pancake breakfast in May** due to travel schedules. We are tentatively planning to resume on **June 28**, depending on team availability and the church calendar.

Looking ahead, if the burrito breakfast is well received, it may become a regular offering on the **second Sunday of each month**.

*All breakfasts—whether on the second or fourth Sundays—will continue to depend on volunteer availability and supplies. Thank you for your support, flexibility, and willingness to be part of what makes these gatherings so special!*



## Help Us Stay Connected

At Lakeview, staying connected as a church family matters deeply to us. We want to make sure our records are current so we can communicate well, celebrate milestones together, and care for one another in the best way possible.

We're asking everyone to take a moment to review and update your contact details and household information. This helps us ensure we can reach you with important updates, prayer requests, and upcoming opportunities in the life of the church.

While you're updating your information, we'd also love to refresh our photo directory! Stop by the church office on Wednesday or Thursday, or visit us at TNT, to update your photo. It's a simple way to help us all put names and faces together—and it makes a big difference in helping our church feel more connected and personal.

*Thank you for taking a few minutes to help us stay connected as a church family. We truly appreciate it!*

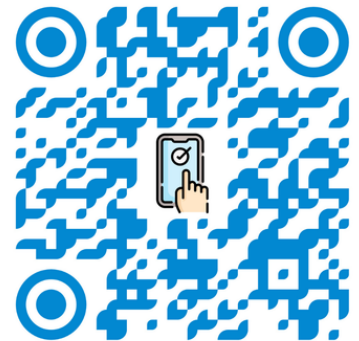
**<https://LakeviewUMC.net/member-info-update>**

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## Stay Connected

### **Lakeview in Your Pocket!**

Stay connected to your church family anytime, anywhere! Our Lakeview UMC app puts everything you love about our community right at your fingertips—inspiring sermons, upcoming events, prayer requests, live services, Bible studies, and the latest news, all just a tap away.



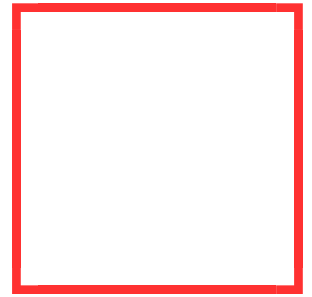
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***Please remember to include the church in your will.***



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