

L A K E V I E W



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**FROM TODD'S DESK**

*...but he (Jesus) sent him back, saying, "Go home and tell everything God did in you." So, he went back and preached all over town everything Jesus had done in him. - Luke 8:39 (MSG)*

Greetings to you all and welcome to September! It's time to head back to the classroom, for football season to start, to put those tents, pools, and gardens to bed for the upcoming winter. I hope you had a good summer, and I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures.

Fall is a busy time for retailers -back to school supplies, new clothes and shoes, items to prepare for the upcoming change in seasons, which got me to thinking. I wonder, when you get ready to buy something -electronics, books, a car, an appliance... are you one of those folks who goes online and reads the reviews? If you are looking at a new cell phone, do you check out what other people have to say about it? If you're going to try a new place to eat, do you look to see what others have to say? Did they like the food? How was the service? Will they go back?

While you may not base your decision solely on those reviews, there is power in people sharing their experiences. Current technology is remarkable, in mere minutes we can see the details and the specs on items, yet despite all the technology at their disposal, companies like Amazon and Target and Dunkin' invest and rely on the fact that people still listen to others. That's why they take this kind of 'personal testimony' seriously. Because, while we maintain a fair amount of skepticism, people still, for the most part, trust what others have to say.

Is it then possible that this could be true about ideas of church and faith too? If people want to hear from others before they try a different place to get tacos or decide where to order a book, how much more do people need to hear from others about ideas of faith and love? Especially when we celebrate a God of love and grace and extravagant welcome, who happily invites the skeptics and the searching and those who have been pushed aside?

What might it mean to someone to know that they are welcomed in

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**Church Office Hours:**

September hours will include  
 Sunday (after service) 1-3pm;  
 Thurs, & Friday 9:30a-3:00p, as well  
 as additional remote work and  
 music ministry/rehearsal hours.  
 Email for quickest response or call.

**Sunday Worship Services**

- Sanctuary Service 10:15am
- Worship service available online at 2:00 pm via Facebook & Vimeo
- Communion is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

**FROM TODD’S DESK.....continued**

the church -not because it’s Lakeview’s way or the UCC’s way, but because it’s God’s way? We have good news worth sharing with those who need it. What if we share with a neighbor, a friend, or whoever about how God has been a blessing in our life? And not because we are trying to win a prize or to earn God’s good graces, but because we are thankful, and we want to share God’s love. These kinds of conversations can change lives, theirs and ours!

God's Peace to You All,

Pastor Todd

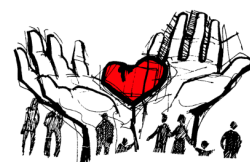
1 Elysea Hogue		16 Lisa Barrows
1 Calvin Yazell		16 Ben Miller
7 Wendy Motsinger		20 Todd Peterson
7 Beth Yazell		20 Natalie Nolte
11 Linda Overholt		22 Molly Miller
11 Kevin Ott		25 Joshua Maile
11 Dominic Madden		27 Owen Friedhoff
13 David McAlpine		28 Emily Maraucci
14 Alex Miller		28 Chris Ennis
15 Dan Prows		

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

H-Health Issues   L-Life Decisions   M-Military   R-Recovering   G-Grieving

- Chris Bilyeu and Family (H)
- The Alkire Family
- The O’Brien Family
- Louise (Pam’s MIL)
- Mac McKenzie (H)
- Ernie & Karen (friend of Pam’s)
- Ed McEleney (H)
- Esther Friedhoff (H)

- The Paul Family (G)
- Leslie (friend of Pam’s) (H)
- Adrienne (friend of Lisa Barrows)
- The Madden Family
- Katie & John (the Overholt family)
- Susan & Jim Colding
- Karen Baumann & Larry



**ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**



**September’s Second Sunday Lunch ‘n Learn** will be held Sunday, September 8th, following worship service. We are looking forward to hearing highlights from our mission team’s trip to Kentucky, as well as information from Pastor Todd and Corey on upcoming events.

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those who can bring a dish to share, but everyone is welcome to join!



The September **Just for Lunch** will be held on Monday, September 2nd at 12:30pm at LaRosa’s (Tri Way Drive, Mason). There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Questions? Call Katha: 513-319-8337.  
All are welcome, but space is limited!



**Choir rehearsals are back in session!**

Even if you aren’t sure if choir is right for you, we encourage you to come out and give it a try- it’s never too late to start! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 in the sanctuary.

**Handbell choir** will hold our first rehearsal **Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 6:30pm**. Returning and new ringers alike are welcome and encouraged to join us! Questions? Ask Natalie or email [info@lakeviewucc.com](mailto:info@lakeviewucc.com)



Contributions to the Lakeview Operating fund can be made during offering, by using the giving envelopes in the main aisle, via automatic bill pay at your bank, online using the Pushpay app or the QR code here.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated!



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Mason, MO 64055



**Sign Up to Help With Worship and Fellowship—WE NEED YOU!**

In case you have missed it, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby where you are encouraged to volunteer for Sundays. We are in need of greeters, scripture readers, help with Communion preparation/serving, and providing and/or serving refreshments/doing cleanup after worship. If you have questions about how you can help, contact Pastor Todd, Carol Peterson or Linda Overholt. We are happy to work with you and provide any training you might need. (Especially for providing/serving refreshments, feel free to sign up with someone else, to share the load.)

# ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

Lakeview has two missions for September: **Neighbors in Need** and **Shared Harvest**

**Shared Harvest Foodbank**, a local mission, collects, warehouses, transports and distributes food to over 100 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other non-profit agencies in a five-county area in Southwest Ohio. (The Kings Local Food Pantry in South Lebanon, to which Lakeview donates non-perishable items, is one of the food pantries served by Shared Harvest.) In addition to Warren County, Shared Harvest distributes food in Butler, Darke, Miami and Preble counties. (Shared Harvest is a sister organization to the Freestore Food Bank serving Hamilton County. Both are part of the Feeding America Network.) Shared Harvest warehouse and offices are located in Fairfield and has been serving the community for 41 years.



Lakeview United Church  
Shared Harvest & Neighbors in Need (OCC)  
https://www.sharedharvest.org

There are three primary programs operated by Shared Harvest, the primary one being foodbanking and distribution. Retail grocers, federal programs, the Ohio General Assembly, and co-op buying programs all contribute/allocate funds and groceries in this massive effort.

A second major endeavor of Shared Harvest is direct service programs including drive-thru food distribution events and the “Childhood Hunger Back-Pack Program.” Thousands of food insecure children in the five county area are provided food to take home each week. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (monthly food boxes) for low income seniors is another direct service program.

The third major focus of Shared Harvest is advocacy. In this capacity Shared Harvest educates the public about ways in which individuals and organizations can reach out to elected officials to advocate for legislation that impacts food insecurity in our state and nation. People are also assisted in applying for SNAP (food stamps) when it is determined that they are potentially eligible.

Recent health and economic conditions have placed a tremendous burden on the capacity of Shared Harvest to serve the increased food needs of its clients. Check their website at [www.sharedharvest.org](http://www.sharedharvest.org) for detailed information.



**Another September mission is Neighbors in Need**, a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third of this offering goes to the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). CAIM is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. Historically, the forebears of the UCC established and worked with many Indian tribes in the plains and the Midwest. Today, there are 19 UCC congregations on reservations and another American Indian congregation in an urban area. CAIM supports these churches and their pastors, as well

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## ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)...Continued

as acting as a resource for members of these churches.

The other two thirds of our NIN offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. These include advocating in many areas (civil and human rights, economic justice, global concerns, environmental integrity, peacemaking, and racial justice). This year’s theme is

**“Mental Health Justice for All: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right.”** Some grants will go towards initiatives to support those experiencing mental health challenges and towards helping remove the stigmas associated with those challenges.

Throughout its history—from early efforts to abolish slavery to modern campaigns for civil rights and social justice—the UCC has been engaged in these types of ministries. While there is a deep respect in the UCC for the right of every individual member to form his or her own views on these issues, there has been a passion across the church to “make things right”—as a testament to our faith in God and our love for God’s creation.

**Please consider a gift in the month of September for one or both of these missions. Please indicate as you make your gift that it is for the September Mission of the Month. If you do not indicate otherwise, your offering will be divided equally between the two missions. You may also designate one or the other to support.**



Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mission offering in September supports MARCC, the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati.

MARCC provides a forum for the religious community in Greater Cincinnati to come together to advocate for social justice issues affecting the broader community. MARCC is a coalition of 13 judicatories or denominations including representatives from Jewish, Muslim, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Unitarian Universalist congregations.

The United Church of Christ is one of the judicatories, and although smaller in membership than some other denominations, UCC representatives have an equal voice in decisions that are made by consensus. MARCC recently welcomed Dr. Daniel Burridge as the 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Director in the 56 year history of the organization. MARCC’s financial support for their paid staff of two is generated by annual contributions from each judicatory.

Primary targets of MARCC’s advocacy include:

- Displacement/Affordable Housing/Homelessness
- Community Violence Prevention



Please give as generously as you are able, as this is our one chance to join with other greater Cincinnati UCC congregations to support MARCC. If you have questions, please contact Linda Overholt.



## ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)...Continued

### DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY

September is comfort food month for Kings Food Pantry:

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Chili
- Soup
- Crackers
- Canned Stew



Thank you for your generosity and the positive impact you continue to make in our community for those in need.

### FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The new center is open to the families served by Family Promise, and in person hosting is happening! Lakeview made a commitment several years ago to assist host church St. Pat’s Episcopal Church in Lebanon during their rotation week. This happens 4 times a year and Lakeview handles Monday nights.

**Next Date: Monday, October 14, 2024**

Volunteers are needed to:

- Provide a dish for the evening meal (4 volunteers).
- Host the families during evening hours (about 5:15 p.m. to about 8:45 p.m.)—2 volunteers needed. This involves helping to set out dinner and clean up, as well as hanging out with the guests and maybe doing activities with the kids (bring a craft or art project if you wish, depending on the ages of the children).
- Spend the night—2 volunteers needed. You will have your own space to sleep. There are no real duties except to make sure everyone is accounted for and be there in case any emergencies occur (you will have emergency contact numbers). In the morning you are free to leave as soon as you need to.

Please let Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) know if you can help out! Support will be provided for those who have and have not done this before. It is a great and eye-opening experience, allowing you to put your faith and values into action. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!



# MUSIC MINISTRY



We've been blessed with some wonderful musical talent during our Summer Music season here at Lakeview. Below are a few photos taken of those who shared their gifts with us during the month of August!



Kathy Baughman



Richard Densmore



Jacob Forte



Emily Kronenberger



Chuck McOsker

We're looking forward to more moving music in the Fall and the start of a new choir season soon! If you are thinking of joining the chancel or bell choirs this year, we'd love to have you join us!

## Cub Scout Pack 617



Are you interested in Cub Scouts?

Please contact Marnie Ham : 774-243-4005

We meet Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm  
at Lakeview UCC

[Join.cubs@gmail.com](mailto:Join.cubs@gmail.com)



## 2024 Lakeview Capital Campaign

### AS WE LIGHT THE WAY– SEPTEMBER 2024

Greetings from the Capital Campaign Committee! As you may be aware, we “lit the lamp” on January 16, 2022 to officially begin the Capital Campaign to pay for the second mortgage from the Cornerstone Fund. Remember, it is never too late to complete an Intention-to-Give card. Every single one counts toward our goal! **So far 15 cards have been received. If you are new to Lakeview, there is an opportunity for you to pledge on the 2024 pledge cards.**

There is good news as the actual amount of the loan now stands at \$20,863.64 (as of August 1st) since we have been making a monthly payment of \$1,043.29 and we borrowed less than the anticipated amount. Also, Lakeview has **received \$156,153.66** in gifts to the campaign as of August 13th. **THANK YOU!!**

There was an additional balloon payment of \$20,000 paid toward the principal on May 3, 2022 through funds we receive from the Burgett Estate. Also, Executive Council authorized an additional balloon payment of \$40,000.00 which was credited to the mortgage on September 1, 2022. An additional \$20,000.00 was invested with the Cornerstone Fund. That investment matured earning \$98.74 interest and has been deposited in the checking account to make part of the balloon payment in April. **The 2024 balloon payment of \$40,000 was sent to Cornerstone Fund on April 28, 2024 and was applied to the remaining principal.**

Each month in the LINK we will be giving you an update on our progress. You can also look for the Lamp post in Natalie’s office. The small white board attached to it shows the total amount collected. The total amount pledged as of October 10, 2023 is \$145,120.18. **AWESOME!**

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to the committee:

Karen Baumann, Corey Nieman, and Pastor Todd.

Together we can do this, Lakeview friends and family.  
Help light the way!



## PRESCHOOL



Lakeview Preschool is excited to announce the launch of their new website! You can now find them online at:

<https://lakeviewpreschoolohio.com/>



# TREASURER’S REPORT

## Lakeview United Church of Christ Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through July 2024

	<u>Jan-Jul 2024</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>210,463.90</u>	<u>185,939.65</u>	<u>24,524.25</u>	<u>113.2%</u>
Total Income	210,463.90	185,939.65	24,524.25	113.2%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	80,649.24	79,874.57	774.67	101.0%
50000—Operating Expenses	34,276.30	47,041.65	-12,765.35	72.9%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>75,973.28</u>	<u>32,973.28</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>211.2%</u>
Total Expense	190,898.82	162,889.50	28,009.32	117.2%
Net Ordinary Income	<u>19,565.08</u>	<u>23,050.15</u>	<u>-3,485.07</u>	<u>84.9%</u>
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Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/24 \$48,588.83\*

Savings Account Balance as of 7/31/24 \$16,116.89

\*Includes \$2,722.95 in Capital Campaign funds

Cornerstone Mortgage #1 Balance as of 8/1/24: \$598,104.71

Cornerstone Mortgage #2 Balance as of 8/1/24: \$ 20,863.64



As we “kick off” the Fall season, thank you for the faithfulness you express through generous giving to Lakeview UCC

Karen Baumann, Treasurer



July Mission Total: Washington UCC Back to School: \$1498.00

### DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

Position	Name	Primary Contact	Secondary
Pastor	Todd Peterson	513-283-3425	pastor@lakeviewucc.com
Admin/Dir. of Music	Natalie Nolte	513-683-2073	info@lakeviewucc.com
Director of Instr. Music Children, Youth & Family Ministry	Irina Hall	513-753-0377	
Child Care	Corey Nieman	513-262-9381	cyfministry@lakeviewucc.com
	Faith Colwell	513-320-3255	

#### Executive Committee

Moderator/President	Steve Mays	scmays1@gmail.com	
Vice Moderator/V.P.	Adam Paul	adampaul.ap@gmail.com	
Past Moderator/Past Pres	Fred Wood	484-881-2297	
Treasurer	Karen Baumann	513-732-6880	
Assistant Treasurer	Rosemary Ennis	513-265-2579	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Huber	sarah.nicole.huber@gmail.com	
Financial Secretary	Janet & Steve Friedhoff	513-235-5066	
Facilities Coordinator	Vacant		

#### Additional Elected positions

PACT Comm. Members:	Bob Sandman	513-473-6092	
	Rob Schorry		
	Sarah McOsker		

#### Standing Committees (contact person) / Delegates

Assoc/Conf. Delegate	Lisa Barrows	828-489-2726	
Alternate Delegate	Ann Tsui	513-683-8329	513-470-4507
A.I.M. (Action in Mission)	Sandee McAlpine	513-398-7107	
Fellowship	Steve Friedhoff	513-247-0933	
Membership	Linda Overholt	513-515-8870	
Music	Chris Ennis	513-459-9504	513-404-2272
Publicity	Vacant		
Worship	Vacant		




The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the UCC, and equips UCC congregations to become effective witnesses to Christ's extravagant welcome.

<https://openandaffirming.org/about/>

**Lakeview's Mission:** We are a people called by God to intentionally welcome, nurture and send, so that we can grow God's church.

**Lakeview's Vision:** Reaching Out Through God's Spirit by Involving, Serving, and Learning

# September LUCC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:15A-Worship Service 10A-Harmony-Rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmony- rm 7	2 11:00A- AA- FH 12:30P- Just for Lunch 6:30P-Girl Scouts -Rm8 6:30P-BSA-FH	3 First Day of Preschool 5:30- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	4 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir	5 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -8 7:30p- Book Club-CR/zoom	6 5pm- Irina Hall Student Recital	7 8:30A-AA- rm 8
8 10:15A- Worship Service 1P- Lumos Rehearsal	9 11:00A- AA- FH 6:00P-Girl Scouts -Rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- Lumos-rm7 7:00P- AA - CR	10 5:30P- Cub Scouts-pack mtg- Sanct. 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	11 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30P- Girl Scouts-rm8 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7	12 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm8 7P- Lumos Rehearsal 7:30p- Book Club-CR/zoom	13	14 8:30A-AA- rm 8
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