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FROM THE MODERATOR

Hi Lakeview Family,

The Executive Council wants you to know that we are working hard behind the scenes to keep things moving forward here at Lakeview. We have interviewed candidates for the interim minister position and have extended offers. We are praying and trusting that the right person will be called to fill this important short-term role.

Meanwhile, our Search Committee for our settled pastor is working diligently. In the near future, they will be making announcements and asking for your input as we look ahead to the future of Lakeview. Your voices and hopes are a vital part of this journey.

In the meantime, we are blessed with an incredible staff who continue to serve our congregation with dedication, skill, and heart. They deserve every bit of praise we can offer! Thanks to their leadership, this time without a pastor has felt steady and well cared for—we are truly fortunate to have them.

As we move through this season together, I encourage everyone to hold each other close. Reach out to your fellow members, check in on one another, and offer kindness and support. It is in times like these that we can renew our connections and remember that we are one family through Christ—called to be good neighbors to one another.

Spring is here! I hope each of you can find a moment to step outside, breathe in the fresh air, and enjoy the renewal this season brings.

Thank you for all you do to make Lakeview the wonderful place it is.

With gratitude,
Adam Paul
Moderator, Lakeview UCC

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Church Office Hours:

May office hours will include
Sunday (after service) 1:30-3:30pm;
Thurs, 10-4 & Friday 9:30a-2:00p,
as well as additional remote work
and music/rehearsal hours.

Email for quickest response or call
during office hours above.

Sunday Worship Services

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

CYF (Children, Youth and Family Ministry)

*"The greatest thing that we can do
is to help somebody know that they are
loved and capable of loving." -Fred Rogers*

As the school year winds down and we look ahead to the summer months - Are you excited about everything that is coming? Are you already overwhelmed by schedules and trips? Are you so tired from the constant barrage of the everyday news that you can't make yourself look that far ahead? Friends, I get it. There is a lot going on right now... a lot. This is not the world we had hoped to be raising children and ourselves in, but I keep coming back to one of those quotes that makes its way around the internet, "Never apologize for raising Dragon-Slayers in a time when there are actual dragons." Make no mistake, this congregation, down its youngest members, is full of dragon-slayers. So slay those dragons, keep informed, engaged and fighting, but make time for joy. In the times that it is hardest the joy is what we hold on to and keep going.

So this summer we would love your help to keep building into the joy that is our Lakeview Family. We have two (maybe even a third) PRIDE Festivals in June, Faith and I are hard at work finalizing the details for VBS in July and we would love some help planning an end of Summer Party/Picnic for August. Your thoughts, voices and hands would be appreciated and celebrated at each of these - and please let us know if you have any other ideas for upcoming fellowship activities! We may be in the search process for a pastor, but the heart of Lakeview is right here!

This week - do me a favor, find a joy in your day to day and celebrate it. Hug a family member or friend and make sure they know they are loved, and believe them when they say it back. You are loved. You matter. You belong and we are so happy you are here.

Corey McOsker-Nieman
Children, Youth and Family Ministry

VBS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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12 Faith Colwell
 13 Owen Chappel
 13 Liza Daily
 15 Aiden Paul
 17 Kevin Rheinfrank
 17 Mac McKenzie

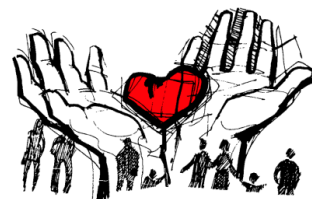


18 Lincoln Huber
 18 Melina Cange
 21 Will Huber
 26 Elizabeth Chappel
 26 Caroline Friedhoff
 30 Avery Allen Watts

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Alkire Family
 Louise (Pam's MIL)
 Mac McKenzie
 Ernie & Karen (friend of Pam's)
 Ed & Jean McEleney
 Esther Friedhoff & family
 The Paul Family
 Tim (Pam's brother-in-law)

Adrienne (friend of Lisa Barrows)
 Karen Baumann & Larry
 Bob Barrows
 The Anderson Family
 Cindy Wood
 The Bierkan Family
 The Kievit Family
 Mary Densmore



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, May 17th!** The assembled Cubs and BSA Scouts will be here to help Lakeview with our outdoor "Spring Cleaning." Help would be greatly appreciated with weeding the flower beds beforehand, and/or with the outdoor clean-up and mulching efforts that day.

Let's help make our church home look beautiful for the Summer!



Sweet Cheeks
 DIAPER BANK

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Did you know traditional government assistance programs don't cover diapers? Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank has been providing diapers to families in need for 10 years. We at Lakeview UCC have been supporting their organization from the beginning with a diaper drive and 5th Sunday giving.* Now, it's time to put our hands to work helping wrap supplies at their warehouse!

Lakeview UCC has signed up to help at the warehouse of COVERD Greater Cincinnati (the umbrella organization that runs Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank, Tidal Babe Period Bank, and Fly & Dry Basic Needs Bank). **We will be helping to wrap diapers, period supplies, and/or adult diapers on Wednesday, July 9th from 1-3.** If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Sarah Huber (sarah.nicole.huber@gmail.com). (Note that minors are allowed to participate as well, as long as we have 1 adult per every 3 kids.)

*This year's diaper drive and 5th Sunday collection for Sweet Cheeks will be on June 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Many thanks to Joyce Anderson and Sandee McAlpine for hosting Family Promise families with me on 3/31. Also thanks to Ann Tsui and Natalie Brown and her daughter April for spending the night at the facility in their "hotel suites". And finally, thanks to Joyce Anderson, Ruthie McCormack, Mary Densmore, Ralph Abel and Elyse Paul for providing a delicious dinner to the guests. It's truly a team effort support these families, so cheers to everyone who contributed!

-Ellen Abel

Queen City Kitchen Lunch

On **May 24** Lakeview will again be serving lunch at Queen City Kitchen. We meet at 10:45 at QCK located in Walnut Hills Baptist Church, 2386 Kemper Lane in Walnut Hills. Lunch is served from noon to one o'clock to area residents. We usually complete clean-up by 1:30. If you are interested in serving contact Ruthie McCormack at 513-309-4679. It's a great way to get to better know your Lakeview friends.



Summer Music Ministry

Summer is just around the corner, and soon it will be time for our choirs to take a little break for the season. During the Summer, we look forward to featuring special music performances whenever we can. If you *are* someone, or *know* someone who would be interested in performing a piece of special music one (or more) Sunday(s) this Summer, please email Natalie with your interest and availability: info@lakeviewucc.com. All skill levels are welcome!

We will also be looking for a few volunteers willing to assist in creating a *digital* catalog of our all of our music this Summer. We'll probably tackle this task during the month of July. If you are able to take a photo, you can help!



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.



Please consider making a donation to the "Pride Festival Fund" (and indicate this on your donation). Your donations will help to offset our financial commitment of \$500 to become sponsors of Lebanon Pride this summer.

If you are interested in helping to plan/participate in Lakeview's Cincinnati (June 28) and Lebanon (July 12) Pride Festival booths, please leave your name and contact info on the interest sheet in the lobby so we can reach out to you when we have more detailed information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS.....continued

How Do We Give to Lakeview?

The above question is often asked and here are methods available:

Cash and personal checks payable to Lakeview United Church of Christ.

There are baskets with giving envelopes beside the doors inside the sanctuary for your convenience.

If you use online banking through your bank, it will mail a check to Lakeview.

Stocks—Lakeview has accounts with Procter and Gamble and Fifth Third Securities. See Karen Baumann for further details.

Push Pay is Lakeview's online giving portal. It also provides other valuable data to the church.

Of course, it is always important to designate how your gift is to be used by Lakeview. Please let the financial secretary know if it is to be used for Operating, Missions, or some other purpose. If there is no designation stated, it will be used for Operating needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Peterson, the Financial Secretary, who receives and records your gifts, Karen Baumann, Treasurer, Rosemary Ennis, Assistant Treasurer, or Natalie, our church admin.

Remember, however you choose to bless Lakeview with your financial gifts, you are greatly appreciated.



Run4Home 5K - Mark your Calendar

Friday, July 4th, 2025 by Family Promise of Warren County/ IHN

The Run4Home 5K and Kid's Fun Run is the largest fundraising event of the year for Family Promise of Warren County. It provides funds essential to support families experiencing homelessness and those at risk in the Warren County Community. This year the Run4Home 5K funds are dedicated to Christmas in July as well as continued updates to the new Family Promise Campus.

This 3.1-mile course is in a beautiful, shaded park atmosphere and is suitable for runners and walkers of all abilities. Water will be provided at the halfway point and at the end of the course. A buffet of fruit, yogurt, bagels and more will be provided for all participants at the end of the 5K. There will be a ¼ mile Kid's Fun Run at 9:30 for children aged 10 and under.

Runners bags can be picked up at 600 Cincinnati Ave, Lebanon on Tuesday July 1st and Wednesday July 2nd from 9-3.

T-shirts are guaranteed for those who register by June 13th.

Paper entries are accepted only until June 30th and online entries are encouraged up to and including race day. Sign up online:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Lebanon/Run4Home5KandKidsFunRun>

and watch for a sign-up/carpool sheet here at Lakeview soon!



Around Lakeview....

Lakeview

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOOD DRIVE



LET'S FILL THE SHELVES

Supporting our local food banks

Special Request:

Beef stew

Sloppy Joe

Tomato sauce

Other Needed Items:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned meats
- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal

DRIVE-THROUGH

9 AM to 12 PM

8639 Columbia Rd

MAY 10

You can also use the bins provided to drop off during the week (May 5th-9th), or during the Lakeview Preschool Mother's Day Programs.



Easter Egg Hunt!



Kids' Handbells



Henry lends a hand



Bill provides some much needed chair-maintenance.



A "Royal" couple attends CYF Sunday!

ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

Lakeview has two missions for the month of May:
Strengthen the Church and United Church Homes.



Lakeview United Church
Strengthen the Church/United Church Homes (May)
<https://pushpay.co/WFH/AQJ5Q3xU>



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Our 2nd Mission is United Church Homes, UCH began its mission at a time of ethnic discrimination, poverty, and pandemic. Over the years, people and situations have changed, but the mission has remained the same: to provide quality and affordable housing and healthcare options for older adults. Today, United Church Homes is a leading provider of healthcare and senior living services with a mission to transform aging by building a culture of community, wholeness, and peace for those they serve.

In Dayton, UCH is currently fundraising for construction of the Longfellow Commons Community, which will convert a historical school and the rest of a city block into a place for members of the LGBTQ community and allies to call home and a safe place for them to belong in the community of others. Brimming with amenities like a theater, bodega, lounge, speakeasy, inspiration studio and fitness room, the community won't be shy about its abundance of life lived here. Though construction has faced some delays in the past year as several roadblocks had to be overcome, they hope to begin soon on some necessary infrastructure projects.

Throughout the Month of May, donations will be divided 50/50 between these two missions, Strengthen the Church and United Church Homes Longfellow Commons Community project (you may choose to designate a different distribution, or choose only 1, but you will need to make a notation on your check or envelope or choose the missions individually in Pushpay (do not use the "monthly mission" option)).

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!



Lakeview United Church
Operating Fund
<https://pushpay.co/WFH/AQJ5Q3xU>

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

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

Kings Food Pantry has faced both cuts in funding and an increase in people in the community seeking food assistance. As always, they welcome donations of any unexpired non-perishable foods. The pantry especially need the following items, which they often have to go to the grocery store and buy:

- * Canned Chili
- * Canned Beef Stew
- * Manwich
- * Tomato Sauce



Look for the bins under the bulletin board in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity and the positive impact you continue to make in our community for those in need.

2025 Lakeview Capital Campaign

PAVING THE WAY– MAY 2025

On Sunday, March 16th, 2025, at the congregational meeting of Lakeview UCC, a vote was taken to extend the 2022 Capital Campaign. Now that the second mortgage has been paid off (February 24, 2025), extending the campaign will enable the church to gather funds for much needed property projects.

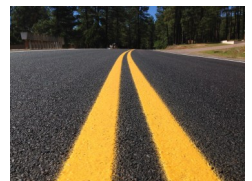
One of the projects is repairing the parking lot. Information is being gathered concerning the cost and how much of it can be done.

Second, in a few years, the church will need the roof shingles replaced and that will also be a major expense.

So, prayerfully consider extending your commitment to the capital campaign. **As of April 20th, we have \$1,495.99 already.** Any gift is gratefully appreciated. Please remember to mark your gift “Capital Campaign” so the Financial Secretary, Julie Peterson, can place it in the proper designation.

I will keep you informed about the progress each month in [The Link](#).

Karen Baumann, Treasurer



March Mission Totals- *One Great Hour of Sharing:* \$2769.00
Maundy Thursday Packets: \$375.00 + \$250 grant= \$626.00



Pastor Search Committee

Introducing the Settled Pastor Search Committee

by Bob Sandman

Settled pastor is the term that we use for a minister who will serve for an indefinite long-term time period. This is the person who will lead Lakeview UCC into its next phase of ministry.

On March 16, the congregation elected nine people to serve on the settled pastor search committee:

Lisa Barrows, co-chair

Vickie McKenzie, chaplain

Bob Sandman, co-chair

Will Huber

Sarah McOsker

Fred Wood

Sandee McAlpine

Nore Nolte

Lisa Barrows and Bob Sandman have agreed to serve as co-chairs, sharing equally the leading of meetings and administrative tasks. Vickie McKenzie volunteered to serve as chaplain, leading devotions at the beginning of meetings and offering closing prayers.

One of the committee's early tasks was to read Lakeview's constitution and bylaws. Bylaw VI is about our Pastor. Paragraph 1 is the Terms: "The Pastor will be an Authorized minister with full and regular ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ." Authorized ministry is granted by a local committee in a conference or an association. Persons who are ordained by UCC churches are eligible, but so are ministers from other denominations who can prove required knowledge of UCC history and governance style and who complete a rigorous examination by the local committee. The best way to meet the requirement of our bylaw is to work with our own conference or association minister to access the UCC database of ministers seeking churches.

Lakeview's search committee is making good progress at preparing a survey to be sent to the congregation. You will be asked to participate sometime this spring. Please understand that, for confidentiality reasons, committee members may not be able to share everything that we discuss in our meetings. But we are eager and open to hearing from you. Feel free to share your thoughts with any member of the committee. And we welcome your prayers.

The Lakeview App is the easy way to send a prayer request, receive notifications, make a donation, or check out the scripture reading for the week. Scan the QR code to download and use our keyword "GIVE2LAKEVIEW"



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lakeview United Church of Christ Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual March 2025

	<u>Mar 2025</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>99,531.28</u>	<u>84,007.67</u>	<u>15,523.61</u>	<u>118.5%</u>
Total Income	99,531.28	84,007.67	15,523.61	118.5%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	27,317.95	45,681.36	-18,363.41	59.8%
50000—Operating Expenses	32,706.56	21,613.57	11,092.99	151.3%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>29,464.36</u>	<u>29,713.00</u>	<u>-248.64</u>	<u>99.2%</u>
Total Expense	89,488.87	97,007.93	-7,519.06	92.2%
Net Ordinary Income	<u>10,042.41</u>	<u>-13,000.26</u>	<u>23,042.67</u>	<u>-77.2%</u>
Net Income	10,042.41	-13,000.26	23,042.67	-77.2%

Checking Account Balance as of 3/31/25 \$46,569.82*

Savings Account Balance as of 3/31/25 \$16,117.93

*Contains \$1105.79 in capital campaign fund

Cornerstone Mortgage Balance as of 4/1/25: \$584,034.32



Thank you for your continuous, generous giving to Lakeview UCC to support all that happens here, in the community, and the world.

Karen Baumann, Treasurer

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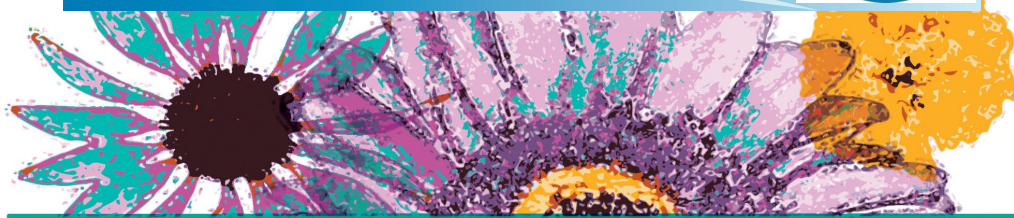


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MAY 2025 LUCC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30 BSA Cmmtt mtg- rm 7 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm 8	2	3 8:30A-AA- rm 8
4 10:15A-Worship Service w/ Rev. Ruth Hopkins 10A-Harmony- rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmony mtg- rm 7 6P- Federov Piano Recital	5 9:00 A- BOE drop off 11:00A- AA- FH 12P- BOE set up 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR 7:00P- Search Team Mtg- zoom	6 Election Day Polls Open 6:30a-7:30p 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Den Mtgs-FH/CE 8P-AA-CR 8P-AA -FH	7 9A- BOE pick up 9A-3P- Preschool Mothers' Day Tea 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30 Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30- Chancel Choir	8 9A-3P- Preschool Mothers' Day Tea 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm 8	9 9A-3P- Presch Mothers' Day Tea	10 8:30A-AA- rm 8 9A-12P- Food Drive Drop Off
11 <i>Mothers' Day</i> 10:15A-Worship Service w/ Rosemary Ennis	12 Mulch Delivery 11:00A- AA- FH 6p- Girl Scouts- rm8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR 7:00P- Search Team Mtg- zoom	13 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Pack Mtg- Sanct. 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-narthex	14 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30P- Girl Scouts- rm8 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir	15 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -CR	16	17 8:30A-AA- rm 8 9A: Mulch/Landscaping Day w/ Scouts
18 10:15A-Worship Service w/ Rev. Lorenzo Thomas 10A-Harmony- rm8/9, CR, FH 5P- Umlang Piano Recital	19 9A-3P Preschool Graduations 11:00A- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR 7:00P- Search Team Mtg- zoom	20 <i>Last day of Pre-school</i> 9A-3P Preschool Graduations 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Den Mtgs-various 8P-AA -rm8 8P-AA-rm 7	21 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir	22 7P-AA-CR 7P-Al Anon -rm8	23 	24 8:00A-AA- rm 8 6:00P- Federov Student Senior Recital
25 10:15A- Worship Service w/ Rev. Lorenzo Thomas	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> 11:00A- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR 7:00P- Search Team Mtg- zoom (tbd)	27 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Den Mtgs-various 7:00P- EC Mtg- Zoom 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	28 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30- Handbells 6:30P- Girl Scouts- rm8 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir	29 7P-AA-CR 7P-Al Anon -rm8	30 5:00p- Irina Hall Student Piano Recital	31 8:00A-AA- rm 8 2:00P- Toedtman School Recital

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