

L A K E V I E W



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"The Precious Pause"

Fall has a way of bringing things back to life. The church year begins to stir again. Ministries return. Calendars fill. Meetings find their way onto our schedules. There is energy in the air. And here at Lakeview, we have just celebrated something especially meaningful: my installation as your pastor and the covenant we continue to step into together.

But in the middle of all that movement, I keep coming back to something Rev. Dave Long-Higgins often talks about: the precious pause. At my installation, Dave preached about learning to notice the "Hum of Love." I have been carrying that phrase with me. Because maybe the Hum of Love is always there. Maybe God is always there. Maybe grace is always humming beneath the noise and motion and demands of our lives. But sometimes we have to become quiet enough to notice it.

For me, that precious pause seems to show up in at least three ways.

Spiritual Practice

One of my favorite spiritual practices is walking the labyrinth. A labyrinth is not a maze. There is nothing to figure out. No wrong turn to make. No dead end waiting for you. There is simply a path. A path inward. A path outward. And somewhere along the way, an invitation to breathe. To listen. To pray. To be.

That practice speaks to me. But perhaps yours is something completely different. Maybe it is sitting quietly with your morning coffee. Maybe it is prayer or scripture. Maybe it is gardening, journaling, making music, creating art, walking through the woods, watching the sun rise, or simply sitting in silence for a

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Church Office Hours:

See Sunday bulletin for weekly office schedule.

For quickest response, email:

info@lakeviewucc.com

Sunday Worship Services

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....continued

few moments before the day begins. What helps you become still enough to notice the Hum of Love?

Spiritual Direction

On Tuesday evenings, I am now in my second year of classes preparing to become a spiritual director. And the name can be a little misleading. Spiritual direction is not really about someone “directing” your spiritual life. It is much more like companionship.

It is sitting with another person and wondering together: Where is God moving? What keeps stirring within you? What questions will not quite leave you alone? What might the Spirit be inviting you to notice?

And even as I am learning how to offer that kind of companionship to others, I also meet each month with my own spiritual director — my own spiritual companion. That space gives me permission to wonder, wrestle, listen, discern, and pay attention to what is happening beneath the surface. Sometimes the precious pause needs another person sitting beside us.

Respite

Now that the move is behind us — even if the boxes have not all gotten the memo yet! — I am preparing to take some vacation time and return to one of the places where I most deeply experience respite: the beach.

There is just something about the ocean for me. The sound of the waves. The horizon that keeps going. The salt air. The sand beneath my feet. The reminder that the world is so much bigger than whatever happens to be sitting on my calendar.

The ocean reconnects me to myself. It reconnects me to the Divine. And somehow, after a little time there, I return feeling more like myself again. For me, the ocean has its own kind of hum.

So as we enter this new season together, I wonder about you. Where do you find your precious pause? What are the practices that help you listen? Where do you go — and with whom do you talk — when you need space to consider the things of the spirit? Where do you find respite? Where do you go to remember who you are? And where, in the midst of all the noise and motion of life, are you hearing the Hum of Love?

Because our lives will keep moving. There will always be something else to do. Something else to plan. Something else asking for our attention. But perhaps somewhere in the middle of all that movement, God is inviting us to pause — just long enough to listen, just long enough to notice, just long enough to hear that the Hum of Love has been there all along.

**With You in the Journey,
Pastor Anthony**

CYF

(Children, Youth and Family Ministry)

Last month we kicked off our CYF version of the Narrative Lectionary. We will be following along with the Scripture that is being focused on in the Sanctuary, but modifying on weeks that we feel like need a little more time for a big topic or filling in the blanks to create a more complete picture for our Teens & Youth. We have officially chosen our **Christmas Play** and will be performing it on **December 20th** during our Worship Service. If your kiddos are interested in being a part of the Christmas Play and will be in town on the 20th please let us know on or before October 11th. There are speaking and non-speaking roles available this year.

CHRISTMAS



PLAY



Our **Youth Group** is meeting on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 4-7pm at Lakeview for Team Building, Pizza and Bible Study. We will also begin talking about our Youth Group Service Project(s). All teens 13-18 yrs old are welcome to join us! Friends of our Lakeview Teens are welcome to join us at Youth Group, but it would help us to know in advance how many to expect so we can be sure to have enough food and

supplies.

Our October schedule is below - if you have questions please reach out. We LOVE talking about this stuff!

Thank you again for all your love and support for our Children, Youth and Families here at Lakeview!

Corey McOsker-Nieman (CYF Minister)

Faith Colwell (Nursery Care Leader)

October 2026			
Date	Topic	Notes	
4th	Setting a Wider Table	Combined Class	World Communion
11th	Out of Egypt & Up a Mountain	Split Class	
17th	Youth Group (4-7pm) - Pizza Party & Bible Study		@ LUCC
18th	Joshua Renews the Covenant	Combined Class	
25th	King David: the Good, the Bad & the	Split Class	

The Lakeview App is the easy way to send a prayer request, receive notifications, make a donation, and more. Scan the QR code to download and use our keyword "GIVE2LAKEVIEW"



3 Gary Crawford
 7 Dave Maile
 8 Ruth McCormack
 13 Fred Wood
 16 Ellen Abel



22 Rosemary Ennis
 23 Tyler Spearhart
 25 Richard Densmore
 27 Allen Watts

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mac McKenzie

Eric K (Joyce's friend)

Karen Baumann & Larry

Harry & Kathy (Pam's friends)

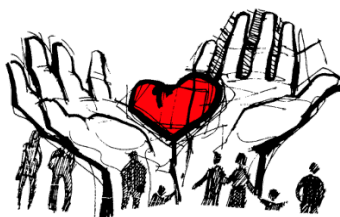
The Paul Family

Lynn Potts

Mike Maile

Tom & Ruthie McCormack

Linda Crawford & family



John & Kathy

Patsy (friend of Pam)

Jimmy (friend of Pam)

Trinity UCC in Dorseyville PA

Jean McEleney

Molly M.

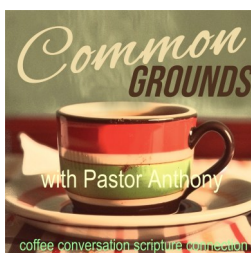
Bob Barrows

Landa (Pam's friend)

Bob W. (Bill O's Cousin)

Gary S. (friend of Linda F.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

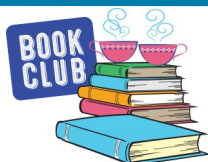


Common Grounds is a weekly opportunity to gather with Pastor Anthony for coffee or tea, conversation, scripture, laughter, and connection. No appointment. No agenda. Just come!

Mondays 10:00-11:00 AM

October 5th we'll meet at Mile 42 Coffee, 133 Broadway St., Loveland, OH 45140

The coffee shop location changes each week, so check the Sunday bulletin and the Church App for the latest details.



Book Club is coming! Check out Pastor Anthony's bulletin board and keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin and the weekly emails for updates coming soon!

Do you know someone who would be interested in joining the Executive Committee next year? We are looking for nominees for Vice-Moderator, as well as anyone interested in training during 2027 for the Treasurer/ Assistant Treasurer positions beginning in 2028. See Adam Paul if you are interested, or have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS.....continued



Sunday, October 11th: Sandwich Making for Our Daily Bread

The Lakeview community is once again going to make 300 sandwiches for Our Daily Bread, a ministry in Over the Rhine that provides meals for those in need. The date is Sunday, October 11th. This event will be held in our Fellowship Hall after the church service. We need as many volunteers as possible to make sandwiches as efficiently as possible.

This event will replace Lunch & Learn for October, but after we finish, we will share pizza. Please bring your own drinks or drinks to share.

Look for a signup sheet in the lobby. It's not necessary to sign up in advance to help out, but it will help with planning.

Children are welcome, but must be supervised. Because a child who attends Harmony has peanut butter allergies, we must be careful not to leave any peanut butter on the tables or floor.



If you aren't a Kroger rewards member, or haven't set up your community rewards partner yet, it's very easy and free to do! When you think of Kroger for your groceries you can contribute to

LUCC at the same time. It really **does** make a difference! Step-by-step instructions found here: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Pastor Office Hours:

Mon: 11:30-2:30; Wed: 2-4p; Thur: By Appt.

Email: lakeviewuccpastor@gmail.com, Cell: (419)773-0379

(Office Hours are subject to change and are also noted on the back page of the Sunday Bulletin)

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!



SEPTEMBER PHOTO ALBUM

Thanks to everyone who sent in photos to share this month!

Pastor Anthony's Installation Service



The Mason Symphony Orchestra Fundraiser



P.A.C.T. (Pastor & Congregation Team)

PACT has been on hiatus for some time, but we are so pleased to now welcome these new PACT team members and offer our thanks to them for their willingness to serve in this important role.

Darlene Bierkan

Vickie McKenzie

Ben Miller

Elyse Paul

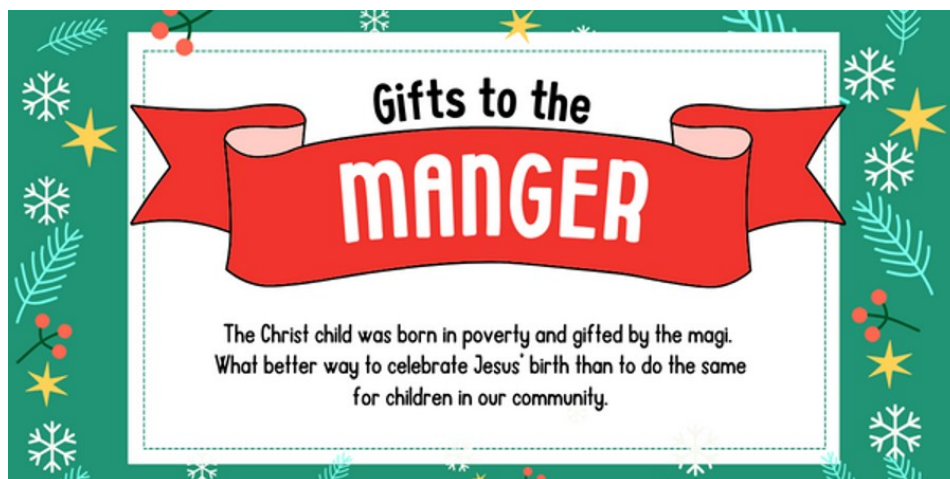
Paula Seward

Cindy Wood



ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

October Mission of the Month



The October mission is Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger program. At Christmas, Washington UCC provides new toys, clothing, socks, underwear, hats and gloves for children in the 45225 and 45214 zip codes (the 2 poorest zip codes in Cincinnati). Each family also receives a large food box with a frozen chicken or turkey. This year, 290 children are expected to receive gifts, and 100+ families will receive holiday food boxes through this ministry! This is done through the support of many organizations: churches (such as Lakeview), businesses, individuals and generous financial donors. In addition to helping fund this effort, Lakeview members and friends will have the opportunity to help sort and set up items on the second Saturday of December, and/or help shoppers select items for their children the following day (Sunday).

Traditionally, Lakeview members have provided Christmas gifts to the residents of the REM group home next door. There are new managers, and at the time of this article submission, we are still waiting for confirmation that this will happen again this Christmas. Stay tuned!

Let us share our blessings with others during this holiday season!

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

URGENT NEEDS :

Personal Care Items. These items cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits, so the pantry must use cash donations to stock them. Our assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Personal Care Products:

- **Toothpaste**
- **Shampoo**
- **Body Wash**
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Hand Soap**



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

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Family Promise provides temporary housing to homeless families while assisting them in securing permanent housing, employment, and other needed services. Lakeview assists host church St. Pat's Episcopal Church in Lebanon during their rotation week, and Lakeview handles Monday nights. This happens 4 times a year at the renovated facility on 600 Cincinnati Ave. in Lebanon.

Next Date: Monday, Oct. 19, 2026



Volunteers are needed to:

—Host the families during evening hours (about 5 p.m. to about 8:45 p.m.)—1 more volunteer 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).

Please let Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) know if you can help out, or sign up in the narthex! 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!

Lakeview Capital Campaign

PAVING THE WAY— OCTOBER 2026

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.

In a few years, the church will need the roof shingles replaced and that will also be a major expense. Due to the water damage from the ice dams in February, we may need to absorb some of this expense that will not be covered by insurance (deductible, etc.).

So, prayerfully consider extending your commitment to the capital campaign. **As of August 20th, we have \$22,139.33.** We were able to pay for the asphalt sealing (\$6540.00) and the HVAC unit for Fellowship Hall (\$12,980.00) on August 20th from the previous accumulated funds. Thank you! 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.

The 5th Sunday for August mission designation for the Capital Campaign yielded \$700.

Also, as you consider your 2026 commitment to Lakeview, if you are giving a new gift to the Capital Campaign remember to indicate that on your pledge. Thank you!

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

Gratefully,

Karen Baumann, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lakeview United Church of Christ Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through August, 2026

	<u>Jan-Aug 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
42033 - Insurance Reimbursement	118,917.52			
41011 - Pledged Envelope Income	0.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00%
40000—Operating Income	<u>246,507.90</u>	<u>67,326.44</u>	<u>179,181.46</u>	<u>366.1%</u>
Total Income	365,425.42	187,326.44	178,098.98	195.1%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	93,464.87	113,844.77	-20,379.90	82.1%
50000—Operating Expenses	201,192.55	61,146.57	140,045.98	329.0%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>32,766.00</u>	<u>32,766.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Expense	327,423.42	207,757.34	119,666.08	157.6%
Net Ordinary Income	<u>38,002.00</u>	<u>-20,430.90</u>	<u>58,432.90</u>	<u>-186.0%</u>
Net Income	38,002.00	-20,430.90	58,432.90	-186.0%

Checking Account Balance as of 8/31/26 \$68,803.07*

Savings Account Balance as of 8/31/26 \$16,120.16

*Contains Capital Campaign funds \$38,279.33

Cornerstone Mortgage Balance as of 9/1/26 \$542,377.01



Thank you to everyone who gave to the Capital Campaign
for the August 5th Sunday mission and to Ignite Peace.

Karen Baumann, Treasurer



August Mission Total- *Ignite Peace* \$1996.00
5th Sunday-Capital Campaign \$1460.00



DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

Position	Name	Primary Contact	Secondary
Pastor	Anthony Spearhart	419-773-0379	pastor@lakeviewucc.com
Admin/Dir. of Music	Natalie Nolte	513-683-2073	info@lakeviewucc.com
CYF Ministry	Corey Nieman	513-262-9381	cyfministry@lakeviewucc.com
Director of Instr. Music	Irina Hall	513-753-0377	
Child Care	Faith Colwell	513-320-3255	

Executive Committee

Moderator/President	Rob Schorry	rschorry@gmail.com
Vice Moderator/V.P.	Bob Barrows	rokbarrows@gmail.com
Past Moderator/Past Pres	Adam Paul	adampaul.ap@gmail.com
Treasurer	Karen Baumann	513-732-6880
Assistant Treasurer	Rosemary Ennis	513-265-2579
Recording Secretary	Kathy Baughman	kathybaug@aol.com
Financial Secretary	Julie Peterson	julie.kay258@gmail.com
Facilities Coordinator	Dave Maile	property@lakeviewucc.com

PACT Comm. Members: Update coming soon!

Standing Committees (contact person) / Delegates

Assoc/Conf. Delegate	Lisa Barrows	828-489-2726
Alternate Delegate	Ann Tsui	513-683-8329
A.I.M. (Action in Mission)	Sandee McAlpine	513-608-0597
Membership/Welcoming	Linda Overholt	513-515-8870
Publicity/Social Media	<i>Vacant</i>	

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING
COALITION**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

LUCC Calendar of Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - CR	2 11:30A- Soccer-Shots (Preschl) 7P- AA- rm 8	3 8:30a-AA- rm 8
4 10A-Harmony- FH 10:15A-Worship Svc- Cmmnion 11:30 Harmny- 8	5 12P- AA- FH 6PM- Girl Scouts- rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:30P- AA- rm8	6 5:30P- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	7 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Irina Rehers - CR 7:00P-NAR-Anon - rm 8 7:30- Chancel Choir	8 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - CR	9 11:30A- Soccer-Shots (Preschl) 7P- AA- rm 8	10 8:30A-AA- rm 8
11 10:15A-Worship Service 11:30 Our Daily Bread- FH	12 12P- AA- FH 5P- PACT- CR 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:30P- AA- rm8	13 5:30P- Cub Scouts Pack Mtg 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	14 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30P-Handbells 6:30P- Irina- CR 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00P-NAR-Anon- rm 8 7:30P-Chancel Choir	15 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- CR	16 11:30A- Soccer-Shots (Preschl) 7P- AA- 8	17 8:30A-AA- 8 4P- Youth Group
18 10A-Harmony- FH 10:15A- Worship Service-	19 12P- AA- FH 6P- Girl Scouts- rm8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:30P- AA- rm8	20 5:30P- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	21 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5P- Preschool Carving Night 6:30P-Irina-CR 7:00P-NAR-Anon- rm 8	22 5P- Pre-school Carving Night 7P-AA-Rm 8 7P-Al Anon - CR	23 11:30A- Soccer-Shots (Preschl) 7P- AA- 8	24 8:30A-AA- rm 8 4p- Youth Group Mtg
<i>Pastor Anthony Gone</i>						
25 10:15A- Worship Service 3P- Girl Scouts- Rm 8	26 12P- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- EC Mtg - Zoom 7P- AA- rm8	27 5:30P- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	28 9A-Preschool parades 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30P- Irina re-hearsal- CR 6:30P-Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon- rm 8 7:30P-Chancel Choir	29 9A-Prescl parades 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- CR	30 9A-Preschl parades 7P- AA- 8	31 Halloween 8:30A-AA- rm 8 2:30p- Toedtman School Re-cital- Sanct.



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