

December 3rd , 2023

10:15 am Worship Service

First Sunday of Advent- HOPE

Communion Sunday



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Todd Peterson Pastor	Corey Nieman CYF Minister	Natalie Nolte Dir. Vocal Music	Irina Hall Dir. Instr. Music	Ministers All People
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IMPORTANT INFO

Connecting

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! If you'd like more information about Lakeview., you can email the office: info@lakeviewucc.com, visit our website: lakeviewucc.com, or chat before or after the service with one of our fellowship volunteers/greeters.

Childcare

Nursery Care for our youngest children will be available starting at 10am in Room 7 (in the CE Wing). Older children and teens are encouraged to enjoy the opening portion of the worship service in the sanctuary. They will be dismissed to Sunday School during the Hymn of Welcoming.

Restrooms

You're invited to use the restroom that corresponds with your gender identity or the restroom that is the safest and most comfortable for you. Gendered, multiple-occupancy restrooms are available through the North double glass doors in the Narthex, across from the conference room.

Open and Affirming

Lakeview is an O&A church and has affirmed a public covenant welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions in the full life and ministry of our congregation.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Centering from *Hope is a Star* Irina Hall

Lighting the Advent Candle

Call for Hope

One: In this season of Advent, as we look forward to Christmas, we take time to celebrate and to remember that Christ is coming to bring us hope.
For those of us bound by bitterness and anger;
Many: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**
One: For those feeling trapped and misunderstood
Many: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**
One: For those of us burdened with ceaseless worry
Many: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**
One: For those of us whose lives feel out of control
Many: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

Advent Hymn & Lighting the Candle of Hope

Hope is a Star Chancel Choir & Handbells
(The congregation is invited to join in the refrain)

Words by BRIAN WREN

Music by JOEL RANEY



When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be



first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall



be a - fraid, none shall be a - fraid.

Prayer of Hope

Special Music

Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Chuck McOsker, *clarinet*

Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v.1)

#551

Prayers of the People

One: We lift them up in prayer

Many: Lord, hold them in Your love.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing

Watcher, Tell Us of the Night (v.1-2)

#103

Hearing the Good News

ISAIAH 64:1-9

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Sharing the Good News

Hymn of Rejoicing

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus (v.1-3)

#122

Word about Giving

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

Prayer of Dedication

God of Enough, help us to be generous with our gifts and bless their use so that they may bring about Your good purpose in this community and throughout the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Special Music

Table of Unity, Bread of Community

Chancel Choir

Celebration of Communion

Welcome and Invitation

Remembrance & Blessing

Coming to the Lord's Table

(When you come forward please take and eat a piece of bread. Then take and drink from one of the small cups. As you deposit the cup in the container to the side of the server, please then return to your seat via a side aisle. We use grape juice for communion and the bread is gluten-free.)

Special Music

Irina Hall

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, we have been refreshed and renewed at Your table.
We offer our thanks and praise for Your strength and grace. May our
lives too proclaim Your good news to all. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

Born from a Star (v.1-2)

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Table of Unity, Bread of Community by Amanda Udis-Kessler, c 2021. Permission is given for free use of this hymn per the composer

Hope is a Star, by Joel Raney, words by Brian Wren, c.2002 Hope Publishing

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**“No matter who you are or where you are on
life's journey, you are welcome here!”**




We make a point to say this from the pulpit most Sundays. We like saying it. We like what it means. It means that at Lakeview United Church of Christ you don't have to be sure about your understanding of God to worship here. It means that in this community of faith you are welcome to share your gifts and your needs---no matter what they are. It means that no matter your race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identification, age, ability, or ***whatever it is that makes you you, our welcome to you is extravagant!***

If you have found yourself excluded and alienated, spiritually homeless or questioning, you are welcome here. If you have ever felt there is no room for you within Christianity or the Church, you are welcome here. We are a community of faith that celebrates diversity and strives to fulfill our mission to: Reach out through God's spirit by Involving, Serving and Learning Together. ***We hope you will return and even consider joining this band of fellow travelers. Let's journey together!***



Luke 18:35-43

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.



1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;



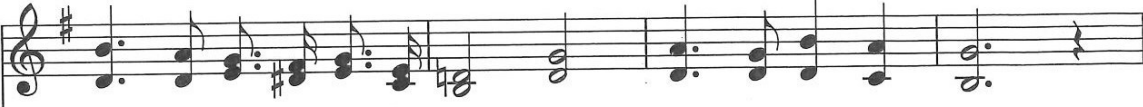

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.




Refrain



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

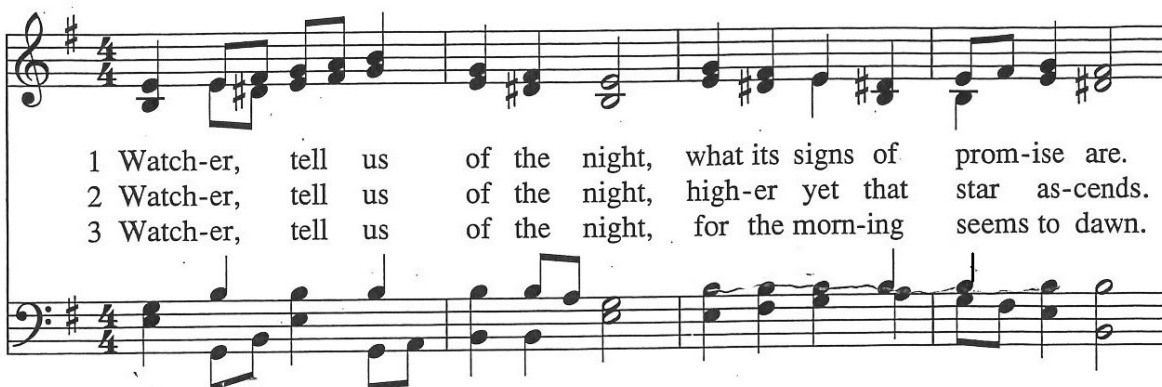



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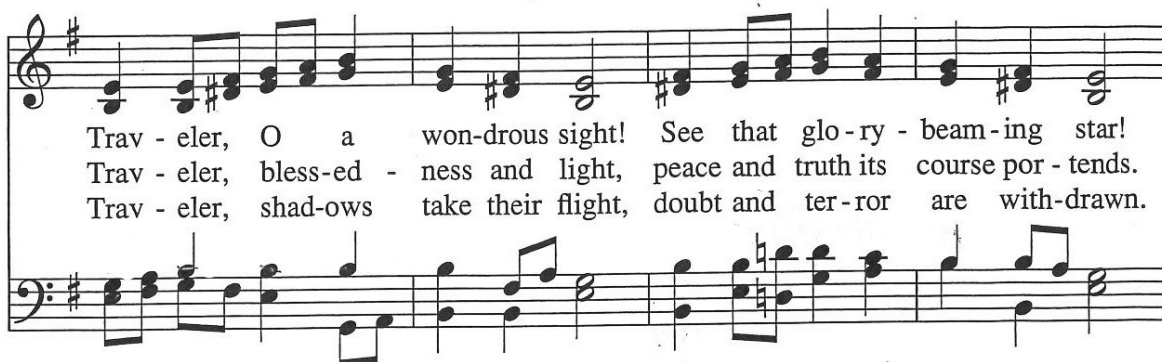


Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

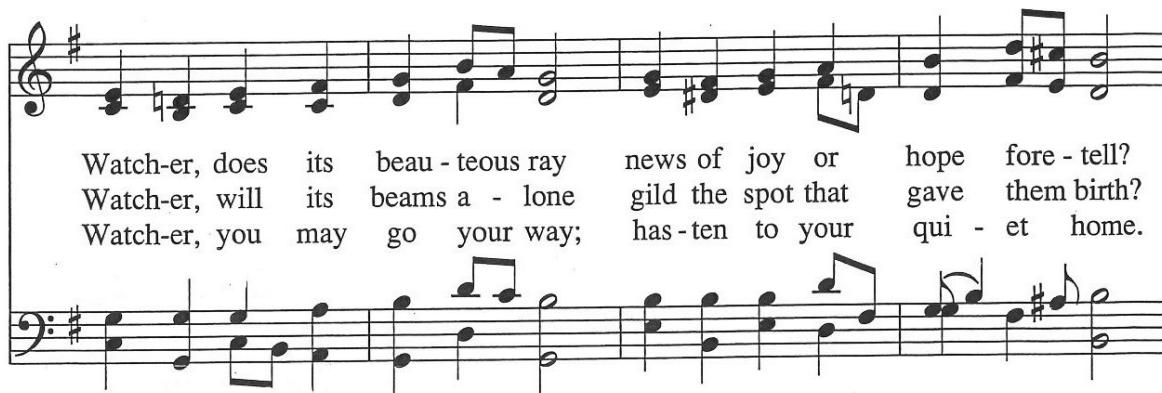
Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)

*Isa. 21:11-12**John Bowring, 1825; alt.*


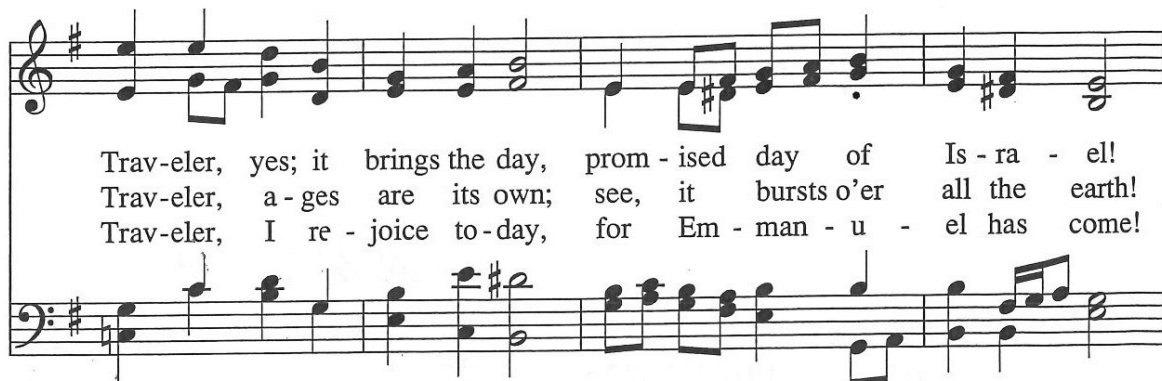
1 Watch-er, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-er, tell us of the night, high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-er, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav - eler, O a won-drous sight! See that glo-ry - beam-ing star!
 Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
 Trav - eler, shad-ows take their flight, doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-er, does its beau - teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?
 Watch-er, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-er, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui - et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el!
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth!
 Trav-eler, I re - jice to-day, for Em - man - u - el has come!

This hymn, a dialogue between watcher and traveler, was suggested by the dialogue in Isaiah 21:11-12. John Bowring was a gifted linguist, worker for political and social reform, member of Parliament, and governor of Hong Kong.

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.7.D.

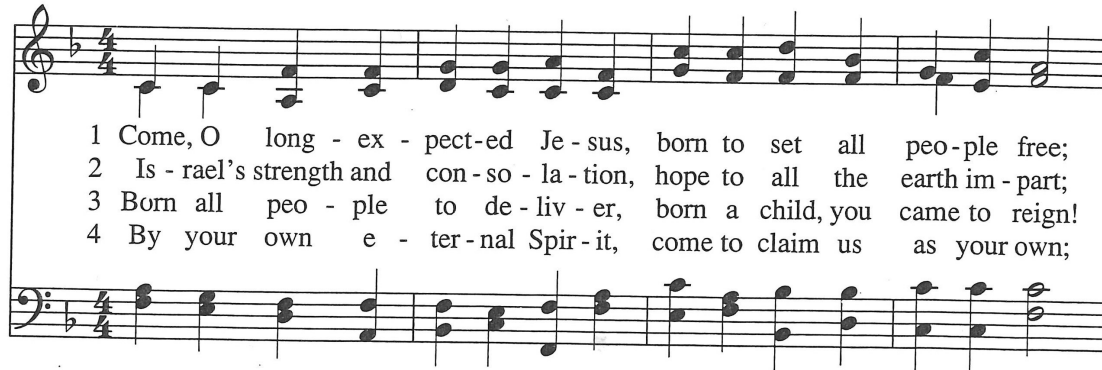
Joseph Parry, 1879

Alternate tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

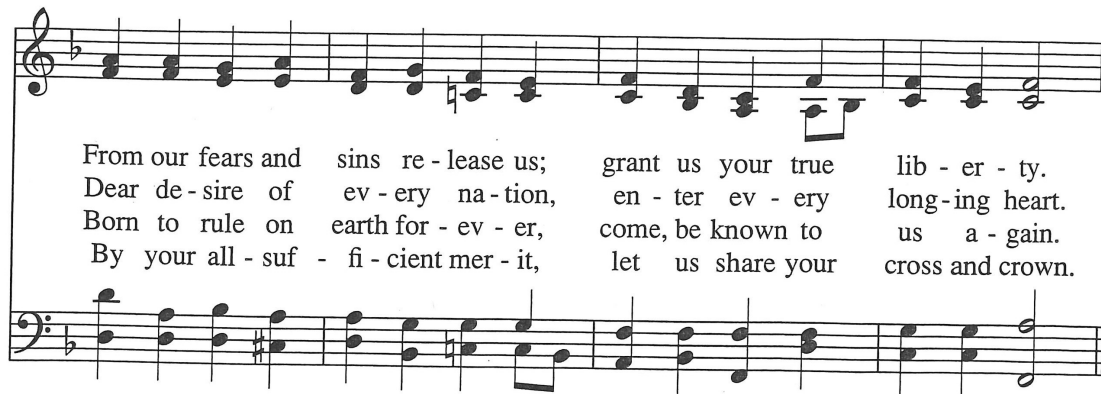
Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

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Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.



1 Come, O long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set all peo-ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope to all the earth im - part;
 3 Born all peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, you came to reign!
 4 By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it, come to claim us as your own;



From our fears and sins re - lease us; grant us your true lib - er - ty.
 Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, en - ter ev - ery long - ing heart.
 Born to rule on earth for - ev - er, come, be known to us a - gain.
 By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, let us share your cross and crown.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Melody attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)
 from Psalmody Sacra, Göttingen, 1715
 Alternate tune: IN BABILONE

Charles Wesley, the brother of John, was one of the students known as "Methodists" at Oxford University. He wrote hymns for every occasion. This is from his small collection Hymns for the Nativity.

Born from a Star

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Now let them gath - er, from near and far. _____
 Cir - cle to - geth - er, no need to fear. _____



God's ho - ly chil - dren, dust of a star. _____
 Sing - ing God's prais - es, for all to hear. _____



Shine with great bright - ness, pure as the light. _____
 Re - claim God's pow - er, be who you are. _____



Join with each oth - er, dance in the night. _____
 God's own cre - a - tion, born from a star. _____

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THE CHRISTMAS FUND is Lakeview's mission of the month for December.

This UCC fund provides financial aid to retired and active ministers, as well as retired lay employees, their surviving spouses and children. This mission is one of the five all-church missions of the UCC that we support annually. The 2023 theme for this offering is Grace Upon Grace: *"From Christ's fullness we have received grace upon grace."* -John1:16. Please join with others in the United Church of Christ to return "grace upon grace" to those who have given so much to each of us and to our churches. If you have questions about this mission, please direct them to Pastor Todd or Linda Overholt.



For December's 2nd **Sunday FUNday** next week (**December 10th**), **ALL** are invited to gather for fun and fellowship as we decorate Christmas **COOKIES!**

Please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the lobby (so we are sure to have enough cookies and supplies for everyone).

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Lakeview's next hosting date for Family Promise is on **Monday, January 15**. Volunteers who are willing to prepare a dish are needed so that Lakeview can provide a meal for homeless families on that evening. Please let Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) know if you can help out! Thank you for your continued support of this mission!

DECEMBER DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

For December Holiday Meals : *To help struggling families enjoy Holiday feasts, please consider donations of holiday favorites*

- Potatoes- instant or boxed
- Stuffing mix
- Jello & Pudding
- Cranberry Sauce
- Boxed pie crust mix
- canned fruits
- Canned veggies (& Cream of Mushroom soup for casseroles)
- Pumpkin Pie filling (& evaporated milk)
- Roll or muffin mix
- Gravy- mixes or canned



Just look for the barrels in the church lobby.
Thank you for your generosity and the positive impact you continue to make in our community for those in need.



Lakeview Children, Youth and Families are once again invited to join in song!

There is a sign up sheet, along with copies of the music, available in the Sunday school classroom for all those who would like to participate (kids, teens, and their grown-ups, too!). Be sure to include your email address so we can send you recordings to listen to at home. We will be singing during the



December Just for Lunch will be held on Monday, December 18th at 12:30pm, at deSha's (11320 Montgomery Rd). There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited. Call Katha if you have any questions: 513-319-8337

Electronic Stewardship Pledging Still Available



<https://form.jotform.com/232774737198168>

Electronic and paper Stewardship Pledge cards for 2024 are still available. You can fill out your 2024 Stewardship Pledge using either the QR code or the link above. Paper pledge cards can be found in the lobby, or request one via mail by calling or emailing the church office at any time.

QUILTS WITH BASKETS RAFFLE

The Lakeview Quilters group made 5 one of a kind, hand quilted lap/ children's quilts and are raffling them, each with a corresponding gift basket! Tickets will be available during Sunday church services, and the Preschool Christmas programs now through Dec. 19th. The drawings will be held on December 20. Proceeds will be shared by Lakeview UCC and Lakeview Preschool (who will be donating their portion to Kings Food Pantry).



\$2/ticket, 3 tickets for \$5, 7 tickets for \$10. For more information and additional quilt photos, see [the December issue of the LINK](#).

Music in the Community this Weekend

**Jubilant
Singers**



Julie Peterson & Dave Schwab will be performing with Jubilant Singers TODAY!

2:00 pm, Batavia Armory, 65 Second St. Batavia
5:00 pm, All Saints Lutheran Church, 445 Craig Rd. Cincinnati, 45244

**Christmas in Mason
Festival Concert**
Great Wolf Lodge
December 3, 2023
4:00 pm

Featuring
SINGERS
RINGERS
CLOGGERS
& SANTA!

For more information and tickets:
masonsymphonyorchestra.org

Check out our App! Scan the QR code to download and use our keyword
"GIVE2LAKEVIEW"



Christmas at Lakeview

Thursday December 21st

Blue Christmas Service - online service-available starting at 7:00 PM

During the holiday season, there are many folks who don't feel so "merry and bright." Often we find we are struggling with anxiety, depression, loneliness, or the grief faced when living with loss.

So we invite everyone to a time of peaceful worship, filled with reflective liturgy, beautiful music, and words of lament and compassion as we take moment to rest in God's love on this, the longest night.

Please see the Lakeview App, website, or Facebook page for the link.

Sunday December 24th

This is one of those rare years when December 24th falls on a Sunday, which means the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day! Here at Lakeview, there are a number of opportunities to worship and celebrate, so please plan on joining us!

10:15 AM-Family Centered Worship Service

We will be celebrating the last Sunday of Advent as we light the fourth candle in our Advent Wreath, sing, pray, and worship- all with a family friendly focus! There will be a Christmas Play, music from the Kid's Handbell Choir, a number from our Kids and Family Choir, and the Chancel Choir will join with the Kid's choir for a wonderful song! We hope the whole family will join us for this time of worship and rejoicing!

7:00 PM -A Service of Lessons and Carols at Lakeview-

At 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve we will be gathering in the Sanctuary for a service of 'Lessons and Carols'. It will be a moving time of music, prayer, and candle light as we hear again the Nativity story. Come and be part of this time of worship and rejoicing!

The service will also be recorded and available for online worship later in the evening.

11:00 PM -A Time of Meditation -

Our late service this Christmas Eve will be meeting via ZOOM for an intimate and casual time of guided silent prayer, meditation, and candlelight. Please join us at 11:00 PM for a time of peaceful and quiet reflection and rejoicing. The Zoom link for the service will be posted soon.

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day

A Christmas Reflection

Take a few minutes during your busy Christmas morning to center and consider the joy of the Christmas celebration. We will be offering an online time to reflect and rejoice. The link will be provided on the Lakeview App, website, and Facebook page when it becomes available.



In Our Prayers

Jason Daily, Chris Bilyeu and Family, Lois Westpfahl, Tom & Denise MacFarland;
Heidi Maraucci; The Anderson Family; The Hogue Family; Def Rufner; The Alkire Family;
Ed McEleney; The O'Brien Family; Louise (Pam's Mother-in-law); Teresa Guay;
Mac McKenzie; Tessa (Pam's friend); Melissa (Pam's friend); The Paul Family;
John Meek (Linda's brother-in-law); Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends);
Chris and family (Frnds of Corey & Pat); The Prows family

Birthdays this Week

Denise MacFarland (4)

This Week at Lakeview

Today

10:00 AM Harmony UU- FH, rm8, CR
10:15 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 AM Harmony study mtg- rm 7

Monday, December 4

6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg - CR
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
6:30 PM Girl Scouts #4059- rm 8

Tuesday, December 5

5:30 PM Cub Scout Den Mtgs - FH/CR/rm 8
7:30 PM PACT Meeting- Todd's Office/Zoom
8:00 PM AA Meeting - FH/Narthex

Wednesday, December 6

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters—CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
6:15 PM Daisy Scouts- #4594- rm 8
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 PM NAR-Anon rm 7
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary

Thursday, December 7

6:30 PM BSA Committee mtg. - rm 7
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon Family Group— rm 8

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

8:30 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - rm 8