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God is Still Speaking,

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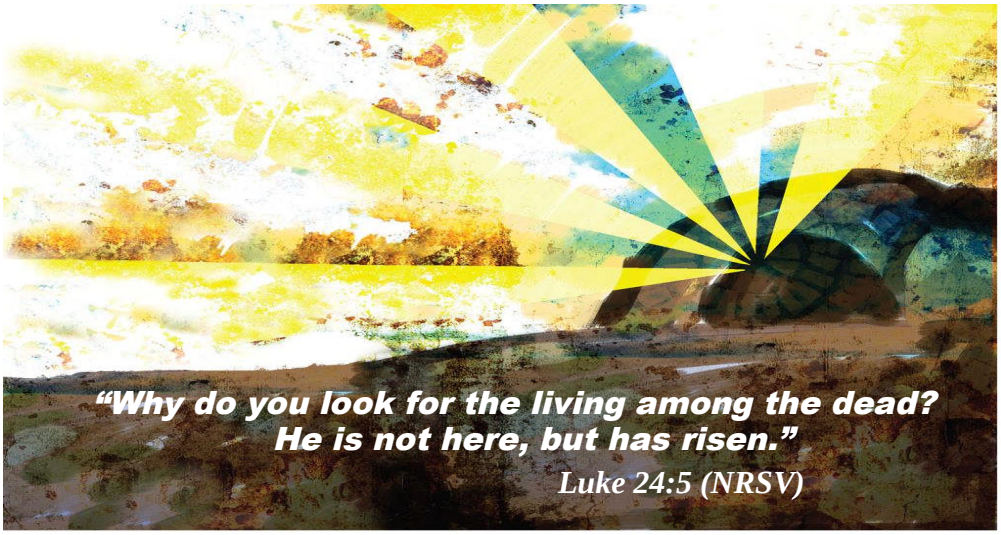
FROM TODD'S DESK



Greetings to you all and happy May!

I pray you are having a wonderful Easter season! While many of us tend to think of Easter as a one day event, the power of resurrection and newness of life is a recurring theme in our sacred story, our faith history, and in the church's traditions and calendar.

The Easter season isn't just about THE Resurrection Story, it is about all the resurrection stories, both big and small. Those places and times in our journey and in our community when God's love and goodness brings forth life—even when we thought that fear and pain and bitterness had left only bareness. Those times when we walk by faith and not by sight as we live into God's realm and come alongside God at work in the world. As noted by N.T. Wright in his book, *Surprised By Hope*, "Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness...will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will one day make."

As we dry off from the April showers and as the colors of the May flowers delight us, may we revel in the life-giving power of God's love!

God's Peace to all of you,

Pastor Todd

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Church Office Hours

- Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sunday Worship Services

- Worship services are held at 10:0 am; Sunday School at 10:00 am.
- Communion is held on the 1st Sunday of each month

A.I.M.

For May, we have two missions:

Strengthen the Church and United Church Homes

Your mission offerings will be split 50/50 between the two missions this month unless you indicate otherwise on your offering check or envelope.

Strengthen the Church is one of the five national United Church of Christ offerings in which we participate annually.

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

In 2017, support of this offering helped make possible:

- The addition of 24 new faith communities in the UCC
- 12 awards totaling almost $350,000 through the New and Renewing Spiritual Communities grant program

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering.

UNITED CHURCH HOMES®
Celebrating the Spirit®

United Church Homes shares a vision with the United Church of Christ that hospitality should be radical. United Church Homes extends hospitality to people of all faiths, gender expression and sexual orientations. Their communities provide affordable housing to older adults who meet federal income qualifications. They own or manage communities in 13 states so seniors are never too far from loved ones and rent in their communities is based on 30 percent of adjusted monthly income.

The UCC puts it well: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. United Church Homes applies this principle to their senior living communities.

During the month of March $1066.50 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing, $1,021.50 for Queen City Kitchen and for the 5th Sunday Mission $197.43 was collected for Sweet Cheeks in addition to the donations of diapers, pull ups and wipes. Thank you for your generosity!

"Kindness is like a garden of blessings." ~Sirach 40:17

CYF *(Children, Youth and Family Ministry)*

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

Hello, Friends! Whew! The last few weeks have been full. In Sunday School we have been looking at what Lent really means to each of us and how we can find meaning in it, while the Nursery kiddos have been hearing many of Jesus's parables. We had our annual Easter Egg Hunt following Easter worship and we kicked off our first sessions of our Reach Program. It has been a busy time that would not have been possible without the time, effort and passion of so many people.

With that in mind I want to do a little something different in this article. This month, I really want to take a moment to say "Thank you!" to some members of our Lakeview family who have been instrumental as we have tried some new ways of teaching, new ways of gathering and connecting in an effort to really connect with the Family aspect of our role here at Lakeview.

A Reach Group Activity

My biggest thanks go to **Faith Colwell** for all her insight, support and time. Our nursery program would not be what it is without you; for your help in flushing out and building the Reach Program and for the emotional and spiritual support that you give. Thank you!

To **Pastor Todd** for his constant support—in faith, understanding and friendship. Your unending support of our younger members—their needs and their gifts—is so special to all of us. For your encouragement to us to create the Reach Program… we appreciate it and you so much.

To our kiddos, without you all there would be no CYF Program. You are so vital to who and what Lakeview is—we love you! To the Lakeview Parents, we know getting to church can be a lot some mornings, but we love getting to see your kids and be a part of their lives (and you too!), so thank you!!!

Thanks and Blessings to you all!

Corey Nieman

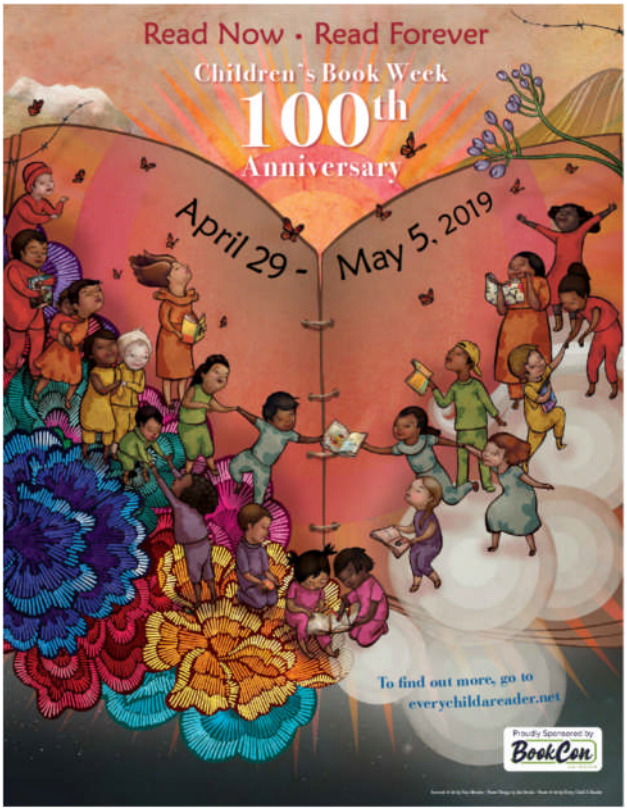
Reach Group doing a SOAP Scripture Study

Contact **Corey** at
cyfministry@fuse.net

PRESCHOOL

May is here and with it comes the end of Lakeview Preschool's school year. The month will be a short but busy one. Our children will be hosting "Rumble in the Jungle," for our Mother's Day Tea this year. Each student has worked hard creating a present and practicing their songs to sing to their mothers. The children will also bake brownies for this extravaganza!

The week of April 29-May 5 is the 100th Anniversary of Children's Book Week! Lakeview Preschool will be accepting children's books to share the joy of reading. A box will be put in the Lobby.



All of the students that will go on to Kindergarten next year will graduate in May! The children will perform a short musical program of all of this year's favorite songs for their families. And then, the children will receive their 'ticket to Kindergarten' (Diploma). A reception will follow with cookies and punch.

The preschool will offer 2 weeks of Summer Camp in June! The children and teachers love their camp! The themes this year are "Disney" and "Superheroes!"

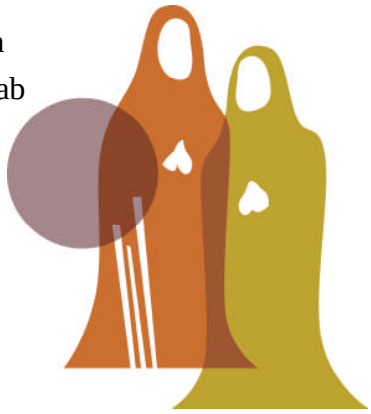
As our year winds down, I wish to thank everyone for their support! Have a great summer!

Kathy Abrell,
Director, Lakeview Preschool

BIBLE QUIZ

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, to what two women is Boaz connected?

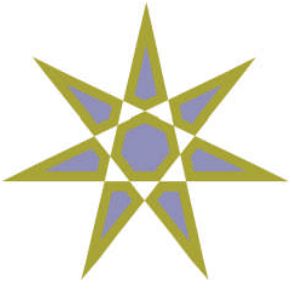
A. Rahab and Ruth
B. Tamar and Rahab
C. Ruth and Bathsheba
D. Bathsheba and Mary



Answer: A (See Matthew 1:5.)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

7-POINTED STAR



This star represents Isaiah's list of the gifts of the Spirit to be revealed in the Branch of Jesse — that is, Christ: "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD — and he will delight in the fear of the LORD" (Isaiah 11:2-3, NIV). Some baptism and confirmation liturgies pray for God to "stir up in" the newly baptized or confirmed "the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in [God's] presence."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Committee Meeting
March 24, 2019

Present: Mike Williams, Karen Baumann, Fred Wood, Steve Friedhoff, Donna Maile, Todd Peterson, Katie Madden, Donny Madden, Will Huber, Karen Cromack

Opening Prayer offered by **Will Huber**

Discussion

1. **Acceptance of last Executive Meeting Minutes -** Motion to accept: **Karen Baumann;** second **Donny Madden;** Motion passed.
2. **Treasurers Report by Karen Baumann** Resolution for **Terry Feucht** or **Karen Baumann** to originate sale of stock. Update of previous stock sale and income. The Preschool has submitted the paperwork for insurance. Harmony has paid for their share of the snow removal costs for this winter. There was more snow on weekends this year. **Karen Baumann** shared the report on SONKA for our contributions to five missions. She also noted that we gained a major savings from the Fire contract which was renegotiated by **Linda Overholt** last year. **Steve Friedhoff** requested that we get the amount of our total savings from the consulting firm monitoring our utilities. Motion to accept the treasurer's report: **Fred Wood;** second: **Donny Madden;** motion passed. Motion to accept the resolution for **Karen Baumann** and **Terry Feucht** to sell stock: **Fred Wood;** second: **Donny Madden;** motion passed.
3. **Exterior Work Day—**Projected $975 Expense—April 6 by **Steve Friedhoff**
   a. Date April 6, 2019. Resources needed—mulch $950 for bulk or $975 for approx. 540 bags. **Steve** recommended we use bags (easier than bulk mulch for volunteers—last year the scouts assisted with mulch) **Steve** estimated we would need 200-300 bags and Menards has them on sale for $2/bag. Cleaning out dead wood and leaves from lot. Motion to purchase 250 bags of mulch: **Karen Baumann;** second: **Will Huber;** motion passed.
   b. Shed Rebuild project. Eagle Scout project needs $2000 as of last fall for materials. The Church would have an additional cost to rent a pod for two months and the cost for the old shed removal. Would theater groups contribute and store some equipment in the shed? **Fred** recommended the church fund as much as possible of the project. Motion to fund the project: **Karen Baumann;** second: **Fred Wood;** motion passed.
   c. Future Eagle Scout Project ideas? **Fred Wood** suggested the front of Fellowship Hall landscaping needs work.
   d. **Steve Friedhoff** did a building walk-around and noted that there is much work that needs to be done. He reported that mold remediation and board replacement in several locations is needed, and removal of downspout and rebuild of a corner of the building. **Mike Williams** suggested we have a contractor do an evaluation of our building needs. **Donny Madden** can do some replacing of boards. Motion to accept getting repair work done: **Fred Wood;** second: **Donny Madden;** motion passed.
   e. Ushers – **Steve Friedhoff** noted he is tired of ushering and would like those on council to usher more often.
4. **Interior Work Day – Mike Williams** Exterior Air Ducts – The Preschool has request cleaning of the air ducts. Ceiling tile replacement – **Donny Madden** will schedule for a Thursday and Friday, Apr. 4 & 5, 2019. The interior work will be led by **Linda Overholt** for April 5 and 6. We are soliciting volunteers to assist. Light bulb replacement – **Donny Madden** noted an electrician should replace the bulbs with a ballast to cover our insurance liability. Items for an interior workday to include cleaning of pew seat/back and woodwork and trim cleaning around

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

doorways. We need a call to the exterminators to check on pests. **Mike** will check on exterminator and contractor for bulbs. Motion to schedule the interior work day with a list of items to complete: **Will Huber;** second: **Karen Baumann;** motion passed. **Donny Madden** will create a "to do list" for items that need attention.

5. **Corporate Resolution Vote—** New Chase signature documents and schedule: New corporate resolution authorizing **Mike Williams, Fred Wood, Will Huber, Karen Baumann, Donna Maile** and **Karen Cromack** as officers of LUCC to conduct business for the church. Motion to proceed with new corporate resolution: **Karen Baumann;** Second: **Mike Williams;** motion passed. **Mike** will organize printing from **Lois** and arrange a signing time. This is now awaiting signatures from **Fred** and **Karen** in the mailboxes.
6. **Lawn Care Planning**—Brief discussion regarding keeping our current or looking for a new vendor. Move to keep our current vendor: **Karen Baumann;** second: **Fred Wood;** motion passed.
7. **Intercessory Prayer status –** This item was taken care of by **Todd Peterson.**
8. **Interior Spaces Committee Update –** no update at this time**.**
9. **Staff Review Status – Todd Peterson** reported that all are completed and signed.
10. **Sunday Service Web Streaming Potential – Todd Peterson** shared that the Social Media group is looking into several ideas and web streaming is part of that discussion along with including a brief message, a "teaser" from Todd Peterson that would be posted on the Facebook page.
11. **Pride Festival—**June 22, 2019 **Corey Nieman** has volunteered to coordinate for Lakeview UCC. **Rob Fite** booked our space for the booth. We may be able to march in the parade under UCC Churches of Cincinnati.
12. **National Honor Society (NHS) sponsorship – Jeremy Massung** has a community service project for NHS to collect pop can tabs for The Ronald McDonald House and to collect empty med containers for Mathew 25 Ministries. Motion to accept the request to collect containers: **Karen Baumann;** Second: **Mike Williams;** motion passed.
13. **Lakeview Internship for Katie Madden** - $1500 annual contribution – The Internship begins in August. **Todd Peterson** explained that for the intern the school pays half of the stipend and there is an off-site coordinator from Bethany who meets with the intern. Motion to accept **Katie Madden** internship of $1500: Mike Williams; Second: **Donna Maile;** motion passed.
14. **New Business—**Date of next meeting**—**May 19, 2019. **Todd Peterson** noted he will be on vacation from April 22-28.
15. **Motion to adjourn the meeting**: Mike Williams; Second: Will Huber; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 12:31 p.m.

Respectively submitted by
Karen Cromack
Recording Secretary

"In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together and the music that brings harmony." ~Eva Burrows

"To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world." ~adapted from Dr. Seuss

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2019 (Jan 1—Mar. 31, 2019)

For a detailed report please see the posting on the wall by **Pastor Todd's** office.

INCOME:

Envelope income: $45,401.39

Special Projects: 953.40 *(Interior Spaces and Chairs, after 639.60 paid for chairs)*

All Rents: $17,872.00
- Preschool: $10,827.00
- Harmony: $5,550.00
- Other Rents: $1,495.00 *(AA groups, WW, etc.)*

TOTAL INCOME: $85,825.18 *(includes Kroger, loose offering and sale of 200 share P&G stock $19,710.87))*

EXPENSES

Employee Expenses: $28,780.63 *(salaries for Pastor, CYF minister, keyboardist, music director, secretary, pension for Todd, social security, mileage, cell phone, etc.)*

Office administration: $2,643.20 *(copier leases, copies, postage, office supplies, software support)*

Building Administration: $20.646.41
- Insurance: $1,660.00
- Electricity: $9,340.97
- Telephone: $414.03
- Utilities Consultant: $647.28
- Utilities: $1,189.05 *(Waste, water, fire alarm monitoring)*
- Janitorial: $5,544.56 *(wages & supplies)*

Repairs & Maintenance: $3,966.52 *($1,657.50 snow removal-Harmony UU pd. $596.25 snow removal) ($515 for lawn mowing in 2018-bill received in January.*

Committees: $321.72

Mortgage: $12,641.70
- Principal $3,945.95
- Interest: $8/695.70

TOTAL EXPENSES: $68.628.68

NET INCOME: $17.196.50

Checking Account as of 03/31/19 = $47,755.50

Savings Account as of 2/28/19 = $28.081.61

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Baumann, Treasurer

ECHOES OF EASTER

The Resurrection wasn't a "one-off"; it was a spark that lit a flame that continues burning even today, especially where people minister in the Risen One's name. One such outreach, Camp Noah, serves children traumatized by disaster. Nationwide, volunteers offer week-long experiences of kindness, love, listening and safety to kids who've recently survived a tornado, flood, hurricane, wildfire or shooting. Kids often open up for the first time to share their "storm stories" and begin a journey of healing.

Leaders at Camp Noah attest to God's power to bring joy out of sorrow, trust out of fear and life out of death. A boy who initially was aloof dances with another camper at the closing worship; kids who arrived with uncertain expressions leave with smiles and regained confidence. Mental health counselors are part of camp teams, and referrals are made to continue care afterward.

Resurrection often happens in steps, not overnight. But wherever "ordinary" daily ministry takes place in Christ's name, extraordinary echoes of the first Easter are evident.

~Heidi Mann

APPRECIATION

♥ **Special thanks to those who purchased flowers in celebration of Easter:**

Virginia Bishop *(in honor of the Couch family);* **Tom & Robin Bresko** *(in honor of our friends at Lakeview UCC);* **Dr. Karen Dinsmore** (in memory of Rev. Rudolf E. Gruenke II); **Jan Gaalaas** (in honor of Korinne, Kameron, Alice, & Cecily; in memory of Scott Gaalaas); **Tom & Denise MacFarland** *(in honor of our family);* **Dave & Donna Maile** *(in memory of our parents);* **Chuck & Jody McOsker** *(in honor of our grandchildren);* **Trent Miller** (in memory of Carl Miller; in memory of Tom Miller); **Bill Nichols** *(in memory of Gary Nichols);* **Bill & Linda Overholt** *(in memory of our parents: Norm & Barb Reeder and Jerry & Elsie Overholt);* **Cindy Prows** *(in honor our family & friends, and our supportive village);* **Deb Rufner** *(in honor of Gio & Luke DeNuzio; in memory of Don & Peg Rufner);* **Betty & Rob Schorry** *(in honor of Jacob & Olivia Brightman; in memory of our parents);* **Julie Schwab Peterson and David Schwab** *(in memory of Bonnie Schwab);* **Fred & Cindy Wood** *(in honor our family and friends; in memory of family and friends)*

♥ **Special thanks to those who donated to the Lakeview Foundation in celebration of Easter:**

Karen Baumann *(in memory of my parents & grandparents);* **Virginia Bishop** *(in honor of the Couch family);* **Tom & Robin Bresko** *(in memory of our nieces Stacey & Amy);* **Barb Hobe** *(in memory of Hal Hobe;* **Bill Nichols** *(in memory of Gary Nichols);* **Fred & Cindy Wood** *(in honor of Anne Wood; in memory of friends and family)*

♥ We would like to give a big THANK YOU for the following known members who helped make our yard look beautiful this spring Saturday, April 6. **Bill Nichols, Fred Wood, Linda Overholt,** and **Steve Friedhoff.** Thank you to all who came and helped take care of our yard outside of the scheduled work days.

Also, THANK YOU to the Boy Scout troop that meets in Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings. On Saturday, April 6, 22 boys and 9 adults helped remove leaves, picked up sticks and other garbage, AND they helped with placing of 600 cubic feet of mulch, or 300 two cubic ft. bags of mulch. They started at 9 a.m. and were finished by 11:30. What would Lakeview's grounds look like without their help?!

APPRECIATION CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

MIXED BLESSING

Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After 22 years of child-raising, they are unemployed.

—Erma Bombeck

APPRECIATION *(continued)*

♥ In March Lakeview collected 1326 diapers and 1596 wipes! Then for Lakeview's 5th Sunday Mission we collected $197.43 for Sweet Cheeks! Thank you to everyone who participated!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

FYI
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Kevin Rheinfrank
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Mason, OH 45040
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Joan Vitek
209 Oneida Drive
Loveland, OH 45140

"Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease."

~Lisa Alther

BEHIND THE SCENES

Have you ever noticed something that needs to be done at church and wondered if it is anyone's responsibility? The chances are it is one of hundreds of "unassigned tasks." The Lakeview UCC budget is small and stretched thin. We are heavily dependent on volunteers. There are many things that get done by those who quietly do them, most likely having never been asked by anyone or acknowledged by anyone. If you are aware of people who do things like this, please let Lois know so we can make others aware in The Link.

Spring cleaning time at Lakeview has found many people working behind the scenes—so many, in fact, that they will not all be mentioned specifically this month. Stay tuned!

In addition to our Scouts and their parents, April 6 found **Steve Friedhoff** and **Fred Wood** cleaning up our grounds and helping to spread mulch. Several bags of mulch and many weeds were left around the Lakeview sign that day. . .**Pam and Jeremy Massung** and **Linda Overholt** subsequently spent several hours weeding and mulching that area. Thanks to **all** who have worked on the grounds this spring, whether we have acknowledged you or not. Maybe you worked so far behind the scenes that you were never seen. ***Lakeview is certainly an equal opportunity weeding experience. Don't hesitate to participate—whenever you have the opportunity to give a little time!***

"The wise man doesn't give the right answers; he poses the right questions."

~Claude Levi-Stauss

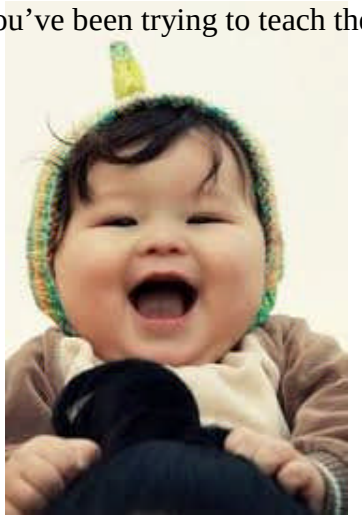
BOY SCOUT TROOP #617

In the past few months, Boy Scout Troop 617 has been up to a lot of fun stuff. Along with our weekly meetings at Lakeview Church, to advance ranks all the way to Eagle Scout, we've done several campouts and service projects. One of these was the Governor Bebb campout at the Governor Bebb MetroPark in February. Here we stayed in a cabin for 2 nights and progressed in skills such as cooking, orienteering, and at the end did some Karaoke! Staring off March, we had the Caesar Creek campout where we hiked and camped out. Also in March, we went indoor rock climbing at RockQuest in Sharonville. There, we climbed large rock walls, a large boulder, and had a great time! For our last event in March, we all gathered at the Church for a few hours and spread new mulch, which looks great!

This month (April) we did a service project, helping with the Symmes Township Easter Egg Hunt at Home of The Brave Park. Here we did things such as setting up boundaries, placing Easter Eggs, and putting hay over the eggs to 'hide them.' We had a great time doing it and were glad to help put it together! Also coming up this month is the Shawnee State Forest campout, where people will either Backpack the trails or stay at the Base Camp and do a day hike. In summary, we have had a lot of fun on these past campouts and events, and we are looking forward to more in the near future!

JOYS OF MOTHERHOOD

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.



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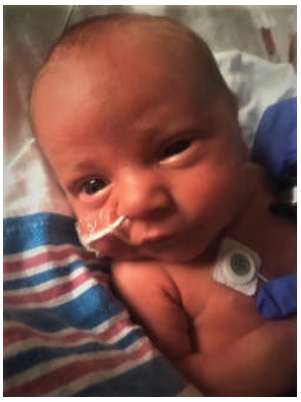
GOOD NEWS PAGE

Congratulations to **Deb Rufner** who became a grandmother on March 30, 2019!

Giovanni Vincent "Gio," weighing in at 5 lbs 6 oz , and Luciano Jerry "Luke," weighing in at 4 lbs 5 oz , was born to Britt and Nick DeNuzio. The Rufner and DeNuzio family has received double the blessings and we wish them much joy, happiness and lots of rest!



Gio

Luke

Our Lunch and Learn on April 14 included a celebration of **Lois Westpfahl's** 80th birthday. Thanks to her daughter, **Terry Guay** for providing the 'quilt' cake.

Happy Birthday, Lois!!

Congratulations to **Deputy Dayne Friedhoff,** Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, on receiving The 2019 Award of Excellence from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. We're proud of you **Dayne!**

(Pictured on left is ***Dayne & Laura Friedhoff)***

A FEW WORDS FROM THE TREASURER AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Thank you to all of you that give so generously to Lakeview United Church of Christ. Through you it is possible for Lakeview to "provide for the public worship of God and to fulfill the functions of a church…" (from LUCC's By Laws).

But what does the Treasurer do? What is the role of the Financial Secretary?

Our church, like many organizations, operates financially under a checks and balances system by having a Treasurer and a Financial Secretary. No one person deals with the finances of the church.

When you give your offering to Lakeview or donate stock or other items for the use of the church, it is first seen by the Financial Secretary. That person records the gift each week and at the end of each quarter, prints a "giving statement" from Church Windows to acknowledge the gifts. If an item is donated that is not in the form of cash, the Financial Secretary writes a letter to the donor on Lakeview letterhead acknowledging the gift. This proves helpful when filing income taxes. The Financial Secretary deposits the cash and checks in the bank each week.

The Treasurer is given a one page Giving Summary each week from the Financial Secretary. Then it is recorded in our Quick Books program. From there the Treasurer can write checks to pay the financial obligations of Lakeview that are authorized by the Executive Committee, or Church Council, or the Standing Committees, or the Congregation. The Treasurer reconciles the monthly bank statements and gives a report to the Executive Committee/Council each month and an annual report to the Congregation each year at the annual congregational meeting held in January. A "Cash Flow Progression" is also performed annually by a volunteer Certified Public Accountant.

By having both a Financial Secretary and Treasurer, one person is not handling both the intake and outflow of the church's finances. This provides a "checks and balances" system.

So, in conclusion, if you have a question regarding your gifts, contact the Financial Secretary. If you need reimbursement for an authorized expense, see the Treasurer. Either will be glad to help.

Donna Maile, Financial Secretary
Karen Baumann, Treasurer
Rosemary Ennis, Assistant Treasurer

THE LIVING WORD

Many know of teacher Annie Sullivan helping young Helen Keller break through barriers of blindness and deafness to discover language: how Sullivan placed one of Helen's hands under running water, spelling *water* in sign language over and over into the other. In Keller's words: "Suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten — a thrill of returning thought; and somehow the mystery of language was revealed to me. I knew that w-a-t-e-r meant the wonderful cool something that was flowing over my hand. That living word awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, joy, set it free."

God's living Word, working through the waters of baptism, also awakens us — to a life of faith anchored in God's unconditional love. Baptism revives in us a "misty consciousness" that we are safe in God and reveals "the mystery of language" that is prayer. In baptism, as water washes over our bodies, the living Word gives us light, hope, joy and true freedom.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month you are invited to get to know better two of our staff members who recently chose to covenant in membership with Lakeview UCC.

Faith Colwell has been our Child Care Provider at Lakeview since December, 2016. We located her through her profile on Care.com and have been so pleased with her dedication to caring for our youngest members, as she works in partnership with our CYF Minister, **Corey**. Some of you may never have actually met **Faith**, but she is at Lakeview, with our children, almost every Sunday of the year.

Faith is a 2013 graduate of Deer Park High School. She has taken some online courses since high school and has certifications in both Event Planning and Car Maintenance, as well as CPR and First Aid.

Faith currently lives in North College Hill where she provides daily childcare for an infant. She is a distributor for "It Works!" a direct marketing company, and she is employed as a leasing agent for an apartment complex.

Faith's upbringing exposed her to both the Catholic background of her mother and the more fundamental "Southern" Christian non-denominational churches where both her father and grandfather have served as "preachers." **Faith** chose to become a member of Lakeview because she appreciates our Open and Affirming atmosphere, coupled with the small size of our congregation which allows the opportunity for personal relationships with church members.

Faith does a lot of volunteering in the community, much of it through Crossroads Church. (She has attended worship services at Crossroads and feels the atmosphere is too impersonal, but she does appreciate the many opportunities provided for volunteerism.) She is eager to volunteer in any capacity at Lakeview and has recently joined the "donut brigade," which provides us with Sunday morning pastries.

Faith recently worked with **Corey** on the Lakeview Reach Program and hopes to be involved in more efforts to connect the children of Lakeview with the adults in the congregation. She says, "Kids are my passion," and further hopes that parents will see her as an ally in helping to understand issues and behaviors of their children.

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Emily Kronenberger, our Music Director since early 2018, recently transferred her membership from Harmony Creek UCC in Kettering. Unlike **Faith, Emily's** position puts her in front of the church every Sunday, directing the choir, leading the congregation in singing and sometimes providing us with lovely solos. She has now become a part of the bell choir as well.

Emily grew up as a "P.K" in North Carolina. She is the daughter of members, **Bob and Lisa Barrows**, who moved to Mason to provide childcare for **Emily** and **David's** children, after **Bob's** retirement from the ministry.

As a teen, **Emily** was a member of the "UCC Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries" and had the opportunity to go to South Africa for a UN Conference on "Racism

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU *(Continued)*

and Discrimination." In South Africa she met some people from the University of Dayton and learned that UD offered a major in "Human Rights." This led her to explore UD for her college education and ultimately led to her meeting and marrying **David Kronenberger**, who grew up in Kettering. **Emily** earned a B.A. at UD in 2006, with a major in Music and a minor in Human Rights. She subsequently earned a Master's degree in Vocal Music Performance at UD and after this returned to UD to obtain a teaching certificate. **Emily** has been a singer with the Dayton Opera for the past 10 years.

Emily spent 6 years teaching K-8 music in several Ohio schools. During that period of time she got married in 2012 and gave birth to two children, **Jak**, in 2015 and **Cece**, in 2016. In 2017 she chose to make a career change and take a job as a "Patient Services Specialist" in a fertility clinic in Centerville. She continues in this position today.

We are so grateful that **Emily** has found time in her very busy schedule to lead our music program at Lakeview and to share her wonderful musical talents with us! We also love having **David, Jak** and **Cece** with us on Sundays and are so appreciative that they all make the trek from their home in Springboro to be a part of our Lakeview family!

~Submitted by Linda Overholt

LAKEVIEW UCC
PRISON MINISTRY

By Sue Anderson

Greetings! And more information on the yarn loom projects from the prison in Marion, Ohio. If you recall last month's article I mentioned that a man (an innocent one, if only it can be proved) told of a project started there allowing prisoners to use yarn on hand looms to weave hats and scarves to be donated to homeless folks. This gives prisoners a 'mission,' something to help them help others and furnishes warmth for those who in need. I heard back from Michael and he says they can use partial skeins (those left from your home projects, in any form—even if in balls or without original wrapping.)

Of course new skeins are also great. They can be any color, or variegated colors. The only size that won't work is size 1—all others will do. He has found sizes 2 and 3 work well on a fancy loom he has, but any yarn, except size 1, can be used in the regular looms. He has used some yarn with a sheen to it and once had some very thick and fluffy yarn that made interesting hats.

His Unit Manager has contacted Joann Fabrics about getting yard at a discounted price, —although that hasn't happened yet. These types of projects aren't in the prison budgets, so the one heading up the project is doing what he can, through his church and other donations.

I will be shopping for new skeins to send, using donations made to our Prison Ministry, but if you have any 'extra or left-over' yarns that you can donate, those may be placed in a marked basket in the church lobby after Easter. Realizing this is a busy Lenten/Easter season, we won't begin collecting the yarn until after Easter, but I hope to mail what we collect by the middle of May. Thanks for any donations of left-over or extra yarn or even new skeins, that will help with this worthy cause!

PRAYER REQUESTS

H-Health Issues • **L**-Life Decisions • **M**-Military • **R**-Recovering **PS**-Personal Safety

Julie Peterson's cousin, Bobby Allmon (H)

Cindy Prows' friend, Emily Blosser (H)

Richard Bryant's family (L)

Linda Crawford (H)

Jason Daily (H)

Terry Feucht's father, Ted Feucht (R)

Kathy Sensel's cousin, Stuart Hauck & family (H)

Pat Heimbrook (H)

George & Marie Hupert (H)

Bob & Phyllis Johnson (H)

Peggy Crews' mother, Amanda Lorig (R)

Pam Massung's friends, Lori Love & Rich Franke (H)

Tom McCormack (R)

Nancy & Ron Miller (H)

Karen Cromack & Paula Seward's friend, Susan Perillo (H)

Pastor Todd's mother, Ruth Peterson (R)

Pastor Todd (H)

Prows' family

Pam Massung's friend, Heather Puerto (H)

Deb Rufner's friend, Janet Pierce (H)

Kathy Sensel

Dorothy Silvis (H)

Jerry & Joan Vitek (H)

Keith Vogler's friend, Mike Wolf (L)

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

May 2
Betty Schorry

May 5
Carol Peterson

May 8
David Schwab

May 12
Faith Colwell

May 13
Liza Daily
Owen Chappel
Derick Michaelis

May 17
Kevin Rheinfrank

May 18
Melina Cange
Lincoln Huber

May 21
Will Huber
Renée Prows

May 22
Tom Bresko

May 25
Paul Wyatt

May 26
Elizabeth Drews

May 31
Teresa McMillen
Phyllis Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

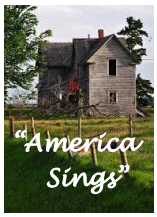
LUCC'S BREAKFAST:
There is a monthly breakfast at the Golden Corral where fellowship is fostered. Every one is welcome. We meet at 8:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the Golden Corral on Mason Montgomery Road by Fields-Ertel.

QUILT WITH US …
We meet every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We finish new quilt tops and also restore well worn quilts. Proceeds go to Lakeview. Need more information? Call 683-2073. Join us, new members are always welcome!

JUST FOR LUNCH:
This month's luncheon will be on **Thurs., May 9** at O'Charley's, located at 5262 Fields Ertel Road. Please sign up on the clipboard in the hallway by the church office, indicating if you wish to carpool. For questions, call the church office at 513-683-2073.

KINGS FOOD PANTRY:
Items for May will focus on Kid's Foods such as kids' cereals, juice boxes, canned or ready to eat pasta, fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola bars, any single serving, easy to fix foods. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK HOSTING:
Where: St. Pat's Episcopal Church, 232 E. Main St., Lebanon, OH 45036
When: Mon., May 20, 2019
Lakeview UCC, along with 35 other local congregations, works with IHN to provide meals, temporary shelter, hospitality and support to homeless families from Warren County as they seek to build a better life. **Volunteers are needed to provide food for dinner. Two volunteers** are needed to **host guests** during the evening hours. Evening hosts report at about 5:30 p.m. and will help set up for dinner and help clean up afterward, and interact with the guests and children. They are encouraged to dine with the guests, and they stay until about 8:45 p.m. And **two volunteers** are needed as **overnight hosts** to report at about 8:30 to 8:40 p.m., and will spend the night and see the guests off in the morning, leaving at about 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. See, call or email **Ellen Abel** if you would like to be a part of this worthwhile mission or if you have never participated before and have questions (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022). Thanks!

JUBILANT SINGERS CONCERT!


Saturday, May 4 at 7 p.m. the Jubilant Singers return to Lakeview to present "America Sings." Then on Sat. May 6 they will be performing at Montgomery Presbyterian Church (9994 Zig Zag Rd, Cinti.) at 3 p.m. Familiar faces are Lakeview members **Julie Peterson** and **Dave Schwab**. Both concerts are free.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!

Looking for 2019 graduates from high school, college, graduate or technical schools. Please call the church (683-2073) or email at lakeviewucc@fuse.net to let us know if you or someone in your family is graduating this year. Lakeview would like to honor our graduates!

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION TEAM MEETING—MON., MAY 20

If you have something you'd like P.A.C.T. to discuss, please reach out to any P.A.C.T. member (wearing blue name tags) or e-mail **Sarah Huber** at sarah.nicole.huber@gmail.com. Please share comments by Monday, May 13 to ensure they are added to the agenda. Suggestions/feedback should focus on Lakeview's vision and improvements that we can make to embody the message: "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU

Breakthrough is a movie about **Dr. Karen Dinmore's** nephew Brian Smith's son named John. In 2015, John and two friends fell through the thin ice on a frozen lake in St. Charles, MO. The two friends were rescued, but John was submerged for 15 minutes before his lifeless body was recovered. This is an amazing true story about faith and the power of prayer and will be at the theater beginning on April 17.

2019 SONKA SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, May 4

9 a.m.—1 p.m. (Sign-in at 8:30 a.m.)

St. Peter & St. Paul UCC

3001 Queen City Avenue, Cincinnati, OH

Theme: 'Collaboration That Meets Spiritual Cravings'

Cost is $25 ($10 for retired pastor)

Register at the SONKA website

Click 'SONKA News' on the homepage and look for 2019 SONKA Spring Gathering

www.sonkaucc.org

LIFE LINE SCREENING AND SILENT AUCTION

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Friday, June 14, 2019** in Fellowship Hall. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body**), Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

LIFE LINE SCREENING®
The Power of Prevention

Lakeview has two complimentary screenings and we are holding a Silent Auction in the church lobby for these passes. Tests will included Carotid Artery Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, PAD Screening & Atrial Fibrillation. Each pass is valued at $149 and can be used at any Life Line Screening event but do EXPIRE 9-18-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

National Honor Society Community Project

Lakeview friends,

As a member of the National Honor Society at Loveland High School, one of my commitments is setting up a short or long term community project. I volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and Matthew 25: Ministries where each organization collects items to benefit their causes. The Ronald McDonald House collects aluminum beverage tabs for recycling. They use the money to help provide the comforts of home to visiting patients and their families. Matthew 25: Ministries uses empty prescription bottles for reuse or recycling. I am also collecting empty cardboard, tray-type boxes (These boxes are shallow and typically hold canned pet food, soda cans, bottled water, usually canned goods, etc.) for OAR, Ohio Alleycat Resource, that will be used as disposable litter boxes at the shelter and clinic.

These items are easy to save. I've set up 2 containers in the church lobby: one to collect aluminum beverage tabs and another for empty prescription bottles. If you save the tray boxes, please contact me at 20massje@students.lovelandschools.org or pkmassung@gmail.com when you are ready to donate them. We can pick a Sunday for me to get them from you at church so they don't stack up in the lobby. For the prescription bottles, the labels should be removed; bottles without lids and lids without bottles are accepted, too. If they are also rinsed and dried out, they'll be reused. Even if you can't or don't want to remove the whole label (because sometimes the backing is difficult to remove), or don't want to bother rinsing them out, donate them anyway! They crush and recycle those for various projects, so they still won't end up in a landfill.

If you have friends or neighbors that would be interested in participating, please add their contributions to your collections! These collections will be on-going; it's not a short term project. If you have any questions, please contact me at the above email address. Thank you for your support!

Jeremy Massung

LUNCH AND LEARN ON HIATUS UNTIL FALL

Lunch & Learn

As we turn the calendar to May, the warm weather and other activities demand our attention on Sunday mornings. While we hope you will still worship with us on a regular basis, our Lunch and Learn series is taking a vacation until fall. We have enjoyed some great speakers and some great food in recent months. Thank you for your participation! If you have any ideas for future topics or speakers, please let **Linda Overholt** know your thoughts.

And many thanks to the **Lunch and Learn Team** consisting of **Dave Maile, Molly, Alex and Ben Miller, Linda Overholt, Carol Peterson, and Donna Wyatt** for your faithfulness in helping to pull these events together each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Narratives of Aging Workshop

Led by Dr. Paula Hartman-Stein

Friday, May 17
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lakeview United Church of Christ
8639 Columbia Road, Maineville, OH 45039

This interactive writing workshop is designed for those in ministry with older adults who will be learning about the technique as well as participating in the session.

Registration cost: $15 (includes lunch)

Register on Eventbrite
narratives-of-aging-lakeview.eventbrite.com

This program is made possible by a grant from the Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ and the Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging, United Church Homes.

Paula Hartman-Stein, PhD, is a nationally recognized clinical psychologist, specializing in aging, and is a healthcare educator, journalist and creative writer. After working as a clinician in northeast Ohio for most of her career, Dr. Hartman-Stein offers seminars on aging issues and narrative gerontology. Broadening her promotion of the poser of the pen to community and professional groups, she uses narrative as a holistic approach to achieve optimal aging.

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

HEART-SHAPED breakfast

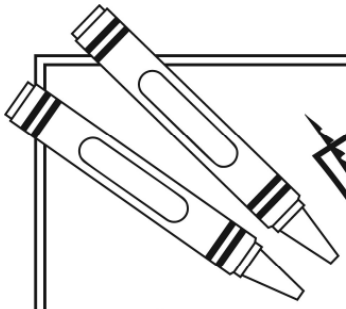
Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.

What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!



PUZZLE

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: *Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.*

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;

she provides _____ for her _____ ....

Her _____ rise _____ and

_____ her blessed.

PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call

May 2019 LUCC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12P-AA-FH & CR 1P-Quilting-Rm 8 5P-Weight Watchers– FH 6P-Bells-Sanctuary 7:30P-Choir-Sanctuary 7:30P-NA –Rm 8/9 7:30P-NAR-Anon-Rm 7	2 6:15P-G.S. Mtg. Rm. 7 6:30P-BSA Comm. Mtg-CR 7:30P-Book Group-Rm 8 8P-AA-FH 8P-Al Anon - Rm 7	3 4:15P-Girl Scout Mtg-Rm 8	4 8A- Bkfst-Golden Corral 8:30A-AA-Rm 8 9A-SONKA Spring Gathering-St. Paul UCC 9:45A-YOGAA-Rm 7 7P-Jubilant Concert-Sanct.. 8P-NA-Rm 8/9
Communion 5 10A-Worship Service /SS 10A-Harmony-Rms 8/9, CR, FH 3P-4-H Meeting—Rm 7-9 & C.E. Kitchen .	6 7A-AA-FH 6P-BSA-FH 6:30P-Cub Scouts-Rm 7	7 6:30P-Cub Scouts-Rm 7, 8, 9, & C.E. Kitchen 8P—AA –FH 8P-AA-CR	8 12P-AA-FH & CR 1P-Quilting-Rm 8 5P-Weight Watchers– FH 6P-Bells-Sanctuary 7:30P-Choir-Sanctuary 7:30P-NA –Rm 8/9 7:30P-NAR-Anon-Rm 7	9 12:30P-Just For Lunch 5:30P-Brownies-FH 7:30P-Book Group-Rm 8 8P-AA-FH 8P-Al Anon - Rm 7	10	11 8:30A-AA-Rm 8 9:45A-YOGAA-Rm 7 8P-NA-Rm 8/9
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DO YOU KNOW WHO'S ON YOUR COUNCIL?

Staff

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Emily Kronenberger
Accompanist*
Irina Hall
Children, Youth & Family Ministry*
Corey Nieman
Child Care*
Faith Colwell

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Worship
Nicole Bucalo

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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

Active Mission
-Meeting the needs of others . . . . . INVOLVING, **SERVING,** LEARNING
Social Justice
-Creating change to serve others . . . . . INVOLVING, **SERVING, LEARNING**
Performing Arts
-Inviting others to the "party" . . . . . **INVOLVING,** SERVING, LEARNING
Spiritual and Life Journeying
-Preparing ourselves and others to live out the benefits and challenges of a Christian life. . . . . INVOLVING, SERVING, **LEARNING**