

L A K E V I E W



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FROM TODD'S DESK

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

-1 Cor 13:1-3 The Message

Happy November to you all! It's a busy time of the year with All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving, the major sports are all playing... And, as we all know from the glut of TV commercials and stories in our news feeds, there is also an election taking place.

And as we find ourselves in the midst of a harsh and divisive election season, we have to remember that when the votes are counted and the winners and losers are named, "We are not red people or blue people or green people or purple people, we are God's people!" Because no matter what happens, we are first and foremost children of God, and that is bigger than country or party.

As I write this, the election hasn't happened yet and we don't know how it's going to turn out, but no matter what, we are still called to come alongside God at work in the world. To be a people of extravagant welcome, of compassion and generosity, a people of love and grace. While we might have a real passion about who is elected and how the issues are voted on, we are called to do what we do in love.

Paul reminds us in this familiar and challenging portion of his letter to the Corinthians that no matter what we do, if we do it without love it is 'nothing' 'nowhere' and 'bankrupt.' Because we are part of something more, we are the church and as Paul tells us at

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Church Office Hours:

November hours will include
 Sunday (after service) 1-3pm;
 Thurs. & Friday 9:30a-3:00p, 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)

Wow. This year has been... a lot. My original plan for this article was to tie together our last series about Acts of Kindness, this month's main topics of gratitude and thankfulness and start to tease about all the fun activities we have planned for Advent this year, but I found I was really struggling with it. For so many people this past year has been absolutely brutal - around the globe and in our own communities, the suffering is deafening and overwhelming. So what do we do? How do we not just continue to make it through the day, but to make a difference?

We keep showing up. We show up for ourselves and for others. Our faith is constantly calling on us to be there for each other, to see the good - and the God - in all of creation. We talk in Sunday School a lot (seriously, all the time... the kids are likely sick of hearing this from us) that God does not call us to be perfect. God calls us to be open and loving - and while that sounds straightforward on paper, we all know it can be so hard in reality.

So this month let's focus on finding a deeper (probably quieter) gratitude in the small moments of connection. At the end of the day, can you think of a moment that you connected with yourself? (You can totally count doing this daily reflection as that moment - so check that box. Yay!) Can you think of a moment you connected with someone else? With God or your faith? That's it. That is all there is to this year's suggested gratitude practice. Let's give ourselves some space this year to recognize that life has been heavy for a while and that there is no clear end to that weight, but that together we can do this.

So we will start - we are so deeply grateful for YOU - all our Children, Youth and Families here at Lakeview. You bring us such joy, hope and laughter. Throughout the year you have been open and allowed us to have some fantastic conversations both in and out of Sunday School and we look forward to that continuing as we close out this year and move onto whatever the future has in store. The hugs, pictures, silly text messages, pillow fights, brilliant questions, stories about what happened during the week, and so much laughter make it all worth it. So, yeah, this year.... We are incredibly thankful for you.

Corey McOsker-Nieman (CYF Minister)
 Faith Colwell (Nursery Care Leader)

| Important Upcoming Dates | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Date | Topic | Notes |
| 11/3 | All Saints Sunday CYF serves Communion | Communion in Sanctuary |
| 12/1 | CYF Handbells | We will practice in Sunday School & perform the Postlude in the Sanctuary |
| 12/22 | Family Service & Nativity Play | Practices for the Nativity play will take place in Sunday School and after church on 12/15. (If needed - we may add a practice on 12/21.) |
| 12/24 | Christmas Eve Service (7pm) | Lessons & Carols Service (childcare not provided) |

- 4 Janet Friedhoff
- 5 Austin Feucht
- 6 Kathy Baughman
- 9 Donald Madden
- 9 Tom MacFarland
- 9 Gabby Maraucci
- 12 Ed McEleney
- 12 Jeanne Bilyeu
- 13 Amabel Traylor



- 15 Teresa Watts
- 19 Noah Daily
- 21 Cece Kronenberger
- 22 Lucy Yazell
- 22 Karen Cromack
- 25 Clara McOsker
- 25 Colin Friedhoff
- 26 Paul Seward

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

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



FROM TODD'S DESK.....continued

the end of the chapter, "we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love"

You are always welcome at Lakeview UCC!
We are so thankful to be on this journey with you!

God's Peace to you all,
Pastor Todd

BE A BLESSING
 PRAY OFTEN. PRACTICE PEACE. LEAD WITH LOVE.
 BE JOYFUL. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.
 DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE. WORK FOR JUSTICE.
 BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



November Lunch and Learn

Update on the Missions of Washington UCC will be the topic for the November Lunch and Learn on Sunday, November 10. Our speaker will be Rev. Melissa Stephens, Pastor of Washington UCC, located in Camp Washington in Cincinnati. Lakeview has been a long-time mission partner of this inner-city missional church, most recently monetarily assisting with their Back to School mission in the summer as well as their Gifts to the Manger program, the focus of our October Mission of the Month. Plan to come and meet Rev. Stephens who will give us updates on their December Gifts to the Manger program as well as the many other programs offered to the community by this small, dedicated and hard-working congregation. Sign up is in the lobby. Bring some food to share, if you can; but always remember that All Are Welcome, even if it is a last minute decision. For questions, please contact Linda Overholt.



The November **Just for Lunch** will be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 12:30pm at Barrel House Kitchen & Bar on Mason-Montgomery Rd. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Questions? Call Katha: 513-319-8337. All are welcome, but space is limited!

In November and December, Just for Lunch will be held on Wednesdays! We hope that those of you who haven't been available on Mondays will be able to join us on one (or both) of these Wednesday dates.



Many thanks to Dave Maile and Sandee McAlpine for hosting Family Promise families with me at the new location on 10/14. Also thanks to Ann Tsui and Natalie Brown and her daughter for spending the night at the facility in their "hotel suite". And finally, thanks to Rosemary Ennis, Joyce Anderson, Lisa Barrows, Barb Hobe, Ruthie McCormack, and Ralph Abel for providing dinner to the guests. Everyone loved the dinner, and they expressed their appreciation for the work that goes into making this happen, so cheers to everyone who contributed!

- Ellen Abel



Lumos Players presents: *THE REVOLUTIONISTS* by Lauren Gunderson

Friday, Nov. 15th, 7:30pm; Saturday Nov. 16th, 7:30pm; Friday Nov. 22nd, 7:30pm; Saturday Nov. 23rd, 7:30pm, at Lakeview United Church of Christ. Tickets \$10, available online or at the door.

For tickets or more information: <https://www.lumosplayers.com/upcoming-shows/the-revolutionists>

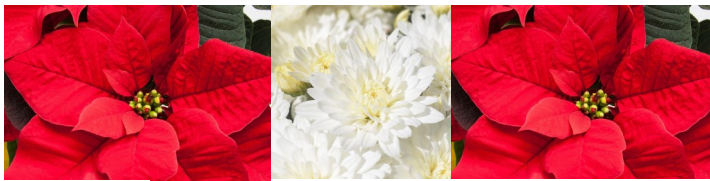
ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS.....Continued



Please mark your calendar to come out and pitch in with the Scouts on **Saturday, November 16th at 9:00am** as we work together to clean up the church grounds in preparation for the Winter months. There will be no shortage of leaves, so bring your rakes, gloves, etc. Thank you all for your support!



Christmas Flowers



*Deadline to Order:
Sunday, November 10th*

**6" Red Poinsettias or
White Christmas Mums: \$13 ea.**



Order forms are available in the narthex, or use the QR code and email your order to info@lakeviewucc.com



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.



OurFaithOurVote.Org



Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day!!
Lakeview is a polling place and both the pre-school and office will be closed for the day.
Don't forget to VOTE!
<https://www.rockthevote.org/how-to-vote/ohio>



Don't forget to Fall Back!
(2:00am Saturday, Nov. 2nd)

ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

The Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund is Lakeview’s November mission of the month. 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 Christmas Fund:

- Provides bonus checks at Christmas to low-income retired clergy families and widowed spouses.
- Supplements pensions of low- income retired clergy and widowed spouses.
- Provides emergency grants for financial crises in the lives of active and retired clergy.
- Pays or subsidizes some health plan and insurance costs for low-income retired and disabled clergy and lay employees of the Church.

Please consider donating to our November mission. Your contributions to this fund allow you to be a blessing for those who have served or are currently serving us in the United Church of Christ’s ministry. Join with others in the United Church of Christ to return 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.**



Lakeview United Church
 Christmas Fund (Dec)
<https://ppay.co/bXPMYVIGwc>



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|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| September Mission Totals: | <i>Shared Harvest:</i> | \$751.50 |
| | <i>Neighbors in Need:</i> | \$801.50 |
| 5th Sunday Mission (Sept): | <i>MARCC:</i> | \$277.00 |

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

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY

For November and 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 (and cream of mushroom soup for casseroles)
- Pumpkin Pie filling (& evaporated milk)
- Roll or Muffin mix
- Gravy- mixes or canned



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



Christmas Giving: Sponsor a Resident from REM Homes

As part of Lakeview's Christmas giving mission, we would like to continue our tradition of sponsoring the four ladies residing in the group home next door to our church (REM Homes).

For some who are new to Lakeview, the ladies used to attend our church on a semi-regular basis. Two of the ladies at the group home are mostly older and are not getting out much (however, there are now two additional younger residents, ages 24 and 38), and it would be a loving gesture if we can continue to provide a little joy to the ladies

this holiday season.

Those who sponsor an individual will provide gifts (from a list of suggestions) for that person. It is also a great idea for people to share a name and go in together to provide a nice Christmas for that individual. Please contact Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) if you would like to sponsor a R.E.M. resident. Thank you!



2024 Lakeview Capital Campaign

AS WE LIGHT THE WAY– NOVEMBER 2024

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

There is good news as the actual amount of the loan now stands at **\$118,946.27** (as of October 4th) since we have been making a monthly payment of \$1,043.29 and we borrowed less than the anticipated amount. Also, Lakeview has **received \$156,914.00** in gifts to the campaign as of October 7th. **THANK YOU!!**

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

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

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to the committee: Karen Baumann, Corey Nieman, and Pastor Todd. Together we can do this, Lakeview friends and family. Help light the way!

It is our hope that we can pay off the remaining balance on this loan early in 2025. Prayerfully consider a gift to The Capital Campaign Fund to make this happen.



MUSIC MINISTRY

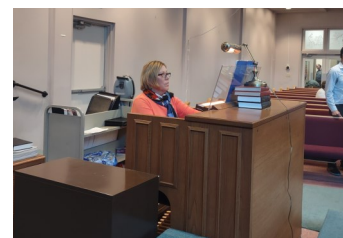
We’re so grateful for all of those who share their gifts with us each week. If you are thinking of joining the chancel or bell choirs this year, we’d love to have you with us!

We’re always looking for individuals and small groups interested in blessing us with special music performances as well, especially as we are moving into the season of Advent.

Email Natalie at: info@lakeviewucc.com



Gavin McQueen & Irina Hall
09.29.24



Susan Herman
09.29.24



Bill Overholt & Irina Hall
10.13.24

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

| | <u>Jan-Sep 2024</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>\$ Over Budget</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense Income | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| 40000—Operating Income | <u>239,875.94</u> | <u>224,750.99</u> | <u>15,124.95</u> | <u>106.7%</u> |
| Total Income | 239,875.94 | 224,750.99 | 15,124.95 | 106.7% |
| Expense | | | | |
| 60000—Employee Expenses | 102,812.30 | 102,638.71 | 173.59 | 100.2% |
| 50000—Operating Expenses | 50,741.93 | 59,124.99 | -8,383.06 | 85.8% |
| 72070—Cornerstone Mortgage | <u>86,251.36</u> | <u>46,251.36</u> | <u>40,000.00</u> | <u>186.5%</u> |
| Total Expense | 239,805.59 | 208,015.06 | 31,790.53 | 115.3% |
| Net Ordinary Income | <u>70.35</u> | <u>116,735.93</u> | <u>-16,665.58</u> | <u>0.4%</u> |
| Net Income | 70.35 | 116,735.93 | -16,665.58 | 0.4% |

Checking Account Balance as of 9/30/24 \$29,349.75*

Savings Account Balance as of 9/30/24 \$16,117.15

*Contains \$1,119.71 in Capital Campaign funds



Cornerstone Mortgage #1 Balance as of 10/1/24: \$594,874.41

Cornerstone Mortgage #2 Balance as of 10/1/24: \$ 18,946.27

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, I am grateful to all of us for your gifts and pledges to Lakeview UCC.

Karen Baumann, Treasurer

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!

DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

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

Executive Committee

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

Additional Elected positions

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

Standing Committees (contact person) / Delegates

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



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

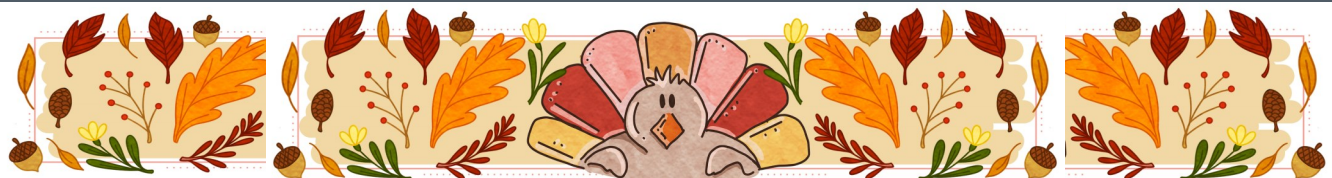
<https://openandaffirming.org/about/>

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

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

November LUCC Calendar of Events

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 8:30A-AA- rm 8 2:00pm- Recital Toedtman School of Music- Sanct.  |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10:15A-Worship Service- <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 10A-Harmony- rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmony- rm 7 1p-Lumos Rehearsal | 11:00A- AA- FH 6:30P-Girl Scouts -Rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- Lumos- rm7 7:00P- AA - CR | ELECTION DAY  8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR <i>Preschool & Offices Closed</i> | 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir | 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm8 7P- Lumos Rehearsal | | 8:30A-AA- rm 8 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 10:15A- Worship Service 11:30- Lunch n Learn 1P- Lumos Rehearsal | <i>Veterans Day</i> 11:00A- AA- FH 6:00P-Girl Scouts -Rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- Lumos- rm7 7:00P- AA - CR | 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Pack Mtg- Sanct. 8P-AA-CR 8P-AA -FH | 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30- Handbells 6:30P- Girl Scouts- rm8 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir | 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm8 7P- Lumos Rehearsal | 7:30- Lumos Production <i>The Revolutionists</i> | 8:30A-AA- rm 8 9:00A- Fall Clean-up w/ Scouts 7:30P- Lumos Production <i>The Revolutionists</i> |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 10:15A-Worship Service 10A-Harmony- Rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmo ny- rm 7 | 11:00A- AA- FH 6:00P-Girl Scouts -Rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR | 5:30P- Cub Scouts 7:00P- EC Mtg. 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-narhex | 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 12:30P- Just for Lunch 6:30- Girl Scouts- rm 8 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P-Chancel Choir | 7P-AA-CR 7P-Al Anon -rm8 | 7:30- Lumos Production <i>The Revolutionists</i> | 8:30A-AA- rm 8 7:30- Lumos Production <i>The Revolutionists</i> |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 10:15A- Worship Service 11:30A- Hanging of the Greens | 11:00A- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR | 5:30- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR | 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30P- Girl Scouts- rm 8 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 | Happy Thanksgiving! 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm8  | | 8:30A-AA- rm 8 |



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