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FROM THE MODERATOR

Lakeview UCC: Moving Forward with Strength and Purpose

Lakeview United Church of Christ stands strong, grounded in faith, and committed to its mission. We are making great strides in securing our church's future, and I am excited to share the progress we've made.

We are close to welcoming our interim pastor, ensuring that we continue to have strong leadership as we navigate this transition. At the same time, we have now officially formed our Settled Pastor Search Committee, a dedicated team entrusted with the important task of finding the right person to lead Lakeview into its next chapter. Their work will require patience, discernment, and commitment, but I have no doubt they will serve with wisdom and care.

I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work. Your time, energy, and unwavering faith have been instrumental in keeping our church thriving. Whether it's through serving on committees, volunteering, or simply being present in our worship and fellowship, your contributions do not go unnoticed.

A special thank you to the congregation for approving the Capital Campaign Extension. Your commitment ensures that we can take care of critical projects like the parking lot and roof repairs, making our church a welcoming and safe space for all. Your generosity and willingness to invest in Lakeview's future reflect a deep love for this community and its mission.

As we move forward, let us continue to lean on each other, embracing both tradition and progress. Lakeview UCC is strong because of the people who make up this congregation, and with faith, hope, and perseverance, we will continue to grow, serve, and shine as a beacon of love and inclusivity.

Blessings,
Adam Paul, *Moderator*, Lakeview UCC

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Church Office Hours:

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

Email for quickest response or call
during office hours above.

Sunday Worship Services

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

CYF (Children, Youth and Family Ministry)



Happy Spring, Friends! The days are longer, the plants are blooming, the allergies are kicking... and the Children, Youth and Families at Lakeview are loving the warmer days. We will have some lessons outdoors, as weather allows, so please send coats/sweatshirts/rainboots back to Sunday School with your kiddos. Please let us know if any of our kids have any outdoor allergies we should be aware of and what preventative measures and care in case of an incident (Benadryl, EpiPen, etc.) should be taken. Thank you for helping us take the best care of our younger members as possible!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt returns this year on Easter Sunday (April 20th) following the Worship Service. In preparation for the Egg Hunt empty plastic eggs will be in the lobby. If you are able to take a bag or two home, fill them with Easter Treats and return them by April 13th we would really appreciate the help. A reminder that some of our kiddos do have food allergies so some non- food treats would be wonderful! (Erasers, stickers and temporary tattoos are always big hits.)



We are already planning for this year's VBS Program. There is no fee for this program, but we will be accepting donations. If you are interested in helping out with our VBS camp we would love to have you! Please find us after church or email us at Lakeview.CYF@gmail.com. We will be announcing dates and theme soon - so watch this space!

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 (Child Care Leader)

2 Frankie Daily

2 Lilly Daily

6 Cindy Wood

7 Darlene Bierkan

13 Sarah Huber



14 Diana Watson

22 Craig Cange

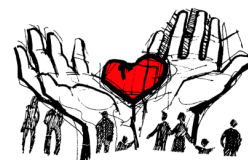
25 Natalie Brown

28 Irina Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Alkire Family
 Louise (Pam's MIL)
 Mac McKenzie
 Ernie & Karen (friend of Pam's)
 Ed McEleney
 Esther Friedhoff
 The Paul Family

Adrienne (friend of Lisa Barrows)
 Karen Baumann & Larry
 Katha Kievit
 Cindy Wood
 The Bierkan Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Please consider joining the Lunch and Learn team!

Team members help to set up and clean up for these monthly events (usually held September through April, with time off for the December holidays.) Team members help to choose a topic/speaker and publicize in bulletins and newsletter leading up to the event. Team members also keep an inventory of paper products and other supplies needed, making purchases and requesting reimbursement or asking Natalie to order needed items. Sandee and David McAlpine and Kristin Jordan, along with Linda Overholt, are current members of the team. Corey is having to step back from this responsibility, with a period of interim ministry and pastoral search upon us. Sandee and David enjoy travel and find themselves out of town periodically. Linda is trying to clear some items from her plate but will still assist from time to time, especially with publicity and obtaining speakers.



After the Pandemic when we surveyed members about a "Path Forward" for Lakeview, Lunch and Learn gatherings were one of the things most often mentioned as a wished for resumption. We all seem to enjoy and learn from these gatherings, generally held the second Sunday of the month; but we cannot continue to offer them without more help.

Please contact Linda Overholt if you are willing to help us out! Free training offered!!



April's Second Sunday Lunch 'n Learn returns on Sunday, April 13th, following worship service. We are looking forward to hearing from Tony Fairhead from Childhood Food Solutions, about the organization's continuing efforts to provide meals for children when schools are not in session. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those who can bring a dish to share, but as always, everyone is welcome.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

PLEASE HELP WITH FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES AFTER CHURCH!
Many hands make light work!!



For years, Carol Peterson took the lead on making coffee, bringing in refreshments, and doing clean-up after “coffee hour.” She has also purchased supplies or asked Natalie to order them. **Great thanks to Carol for filling this role!!** It’s just one of many, many ways that Carol and Todd will be missed.

Kristin Jordan has taken up the reins of coordinating the preparation of coffee and refreshments on most Sunday mornings, but she cannot be there every week; and we should not expect one person to fill this role. Thank you, Kristin, for stepping up! Great thanks to those who have signed up to bring in refreshments in recent months, but we need more people to sign up to assure we always have something to offer children and adults after the service.

If it is your Sunday to provide the refreshments, please check to be sure that the refreshment table is being set up and coffee is made before church begins. Remaining after church, if possible, to help clean up and wash cups and coffee pots would be greatly appreciated as well. (Even if Kristin is there, she would greatly appreciate help with both set-up and clean-up.) And PLEASE, if something needs to be purchased, leave a note for Natalie to be sure items are ordered.

Refreshments can be anything you might choose to provide! Sugar content is not always necessary—at least from an adult point of view.

-Submitted by Linda Overholt



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.

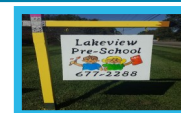


If you aren’t a Kroger rewards member, or haven’t set up your community rewards partner yet, it’s very easy and free to do! When you think of Kroger for your Easter goodies you can contribute to LUCC at the same time. It really **does** make a

difference! Step-by-step instructions found here: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

PRESCHOOL

<https://lakeviewpreschoolohio.com/>



The preschool is getting ready for a busy month. In April we will celebrate Reds Opening Day. We are also getting ready for our spring fundraiser, our Art Show and Basket Raffle.

The Art Show is on April 10 from 5:30-8. There will also be a bake sale in addition to the basket raffles.

If any church member would like to make a donation to our baskets, please contact Kim in the preschool office.

We will celebrate Easter on April 16 and 17. The Bunny will be visiting the children, and there will be an egg hunt. Happy Spring!

ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

Childhood Food Solutions is Lakeview's mission of the month for April.

This small local program provides food for hungry children in the Roll Hill neighborhood and surrounding areas on Cincinnati's West Side. The focus of food distribution is on weekends, holidays and summer breaks, when school nutrition programs are typically not available. Public school food programs only account for 178 days a year, leaving 187 days when many children miss meals and go to bed hungry. The program was started by Executive Director, Tony Fairhead, Lisa Hyde-Miller, Board Chair, and Angela Anno in 2007, by focusing on a couple of schools in a single zip code, 45225. Lakeview has supported this program through our mission giving for several years.



The program expanded over the years, but the Covid 19 Pandemic caused a change in the program model. While sacks of food are still sent home weekly with students in the immediate Roll Hill area, since 2020, shelf-stable boxes of food have been *delivered* to the homes of students in a wider area. This enables those delivering the food to ask families if more food is needed. When this is the case, arrangements are made for additional boxes of food to be delivered. This model of food delivery has increased the costs of the program but has been more helpful in meeting the food needs of children and their families in a very low-income area of Cincinnati. The program contracts with Goodwill to have their clients pack the food boxes, for a modest fee. The food boxes are filled with a standard list of foods, purchased through donations and grants, with occasional supplementation of fresh fruit, when available.

The overall mission of the program has not changed: To find solutions for children running out of food, with the hope that these solutions can and will be duplicated by other organizations locally, statewide, and beyond. Specifically, it is the goal of the program to find organizations that can fund hunger reduction programs because of their financial gains.

The problem of childhood hunger is immense and undoubtedly will increase due to the recent passage of a federal budget that is slated to make cuts in SNAP benefits and other social assistance programs!! Since 2022 CFS periodically surveys those receiving the food boxes. Survey results of those receiving the home delivered food boxes show that over 60% of respondents report "less stress" in their family lives since receiving the food boxes.

We are privileged to continue to monetarily assist Childhood Food Solutions in meeting the nutritional needs of children. Tony Fairhead, Executive Director of CFS, will be with us in worship and for Lunch and Learn on April 13.

Please contribute to this mission during April, as you are able, and plan to come and learn more on April 13.

-Submitted by Linda Overholt

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

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

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

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



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

2025 Lakeview Capital Campaign

PAVING THE WAY—APRIL 2025

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

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

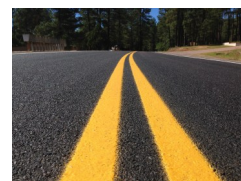
Second, in a few years, the church will need the roof shingles replaced and that will also be a major expense.

So, prayerfully consider extending your commitment to the capital campaign. As of now, we have \$1,005.79 already. Any gift is gratefully appreciated. Please remember to mark your gift "Capital Campaign" so the Financial Secretary, Julie Peterson, can place it in the proper designation.

Remember, we paid off the second mortgage in 3 years because of the generous and faithful gifts of Lakeview folks. The original term of the mortgage was 4 years, so it was completed early.

I will keep you informed about the progress each month in The Link.

Karen Baumann, Treasurer



February Mission Total- Caracole: \$1410.00



Getting to Know You

We continue to introduce those who joined in membership covenant with Lakeview UCC in November, 2024.

Natalie Brown, along with daughter, April, joined Lakeview by letter of transfer from Bethany UCC in Lebanon. Natalie and April live with Natalie's mom in Lebanon. Natalie grew up in Lebanon, the only child of her divorced parents, and graduated from Lebanon High School in 2007. As an adult she lived in Preble County for about 10 years but moved back to Lebanon before April was born.



Natalie's career has been varied since high school, with many jobs in customer service and food service, as well as some factory work. She worked in some restaurant management positions. She attended Sinclair Community College for a while. For the past eighteen months she has held the position of "Lead Relationship Banker" (AKA Head Teller) at the Union Village Branch of LCNB, near Otterbein in Lebanon.

April is in kindergarten this year. When not in school, April attends the childcare program at the Y and is excited to begin gymnastics classes soon. April enjoys spending time with her maternal grandpa who lives in Dayton and doing various activities with her mom and grandma.

Natalie enjoys spending time at the Y, swimming and attending yoga and pilates classes. She has a 9-year-old hound mix named Mike, who takes Natalie for frequent walks. She enjoys attending festivals with April and feels like April is her primary "hobby."

Natalie's father took her to a Pentecostal/Apostolic church when she spent weekends with him in her youth. She also attended a Presbyterian church in Eaton when visiting family in that area while growing up. She gave up on religion for several years as a young adult but decided to seek another church when April was a baby. That search took her to Bethany UCC for several years. Natalie discovered the LUCC booth at Lebanon Pride Festival in July, 2024 and visited Lakeview a couple of weeks later. She and April were both happy to find a church with children's programming. They felt very comfortable and welcomed at LUCC and have attended regularly since then.

Natalie has volunteered to bring after-church refreshments several times, and she and April have been overnight hosts at Family Promise in recent months. Natalie hopes to be a volunteer as Lakeview participates in Cincinnati and Lebanon Pride festivals this coming summer. She has also been inspired to

donate clothing to Washington UCC, after learning about their community programming at a Lakeview Lunch and Learn in December.

We love having Natalie and April be a part of our family of faith and appreciate how they have jumped in to assist with our ministry!

~Submitted by Linda Overholt

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Feb 2025</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>68,066.97</u>	<u>54,338.57</u>	<u>13,728.40</u>	<u>125.3%</u>
Total Income	68,066.97	54,338.57	13,728.40	125.3%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	21,638.26	33,778.40	-12,140.14	64.1%
50000—Operating Expenses	20,531.12	14,551.13	5,979.99	141.1%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>25,368.61</u>	<u>25,368.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Expense	67,537.99	73,698.14	-6,160.15	91.6%
Net Ordinary Income	<u>528.98</u>	<u>-19,359.57</u>	<u>19,888.55</u>	<u>-2.7%</u>
Net Income	528.98	-19,359.57	19,888.55	-2.7%

Checking Account Balance as of 2/28/25 \$32,895.14*

Savings Account Balance as of 2/28/25 \$16,117.80

*Contains \$430.79 left in capital campaign after completion of mortgage #2

Cornerstone Mortgage #1 Balance as of 3/3/25: \$585,918.83

Thank you for voting to extend the Capital Campaign to help fund our property's needs.

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!



Lakeview United Church
Operating Fund
<https://www.lakeviewchurch.org>

DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

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

Executive Committee

Moderator/President	Adam Paul	adampaul.ap@gmail.com	
Vice Moderator/V.P.	Rob Schorry	rschorry@gmail.com	
Past Moderator/Past Pres	Steve Mays	scmays1@gmail.com	
Treasurer	Karen Baumann	513-732-6880	
Assistant Treasurer	Rosemary Ennis	513-265-2579	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Huber	sarah.nicole.huber@gmail.com	
Financial Secretary	Julie Peterson	julie.kay258@gmail.com	
Facilities Coordinator	Vacant		

Additional Elected positions

PACT Comm. Members: PACT is currently on hiatus during this time of search and call

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		

**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

APRIL 2025 LUCC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Den Mtgs-FH/CE 8P-AA-CR 8P-AA -FH	2 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30 Handbells 6:30P- Girl Scouts-rm8 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30- Chancel Choir	3 6:30 BSA Cmmmt mtg- rm 7 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm 8	4	5 8:30A-AA- rm 8
6 10:15A-Worship Service 10A-Harmony-rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmony mtg- rm 7 3P- 4H Crusaders-FH	7 11:00A- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR	8 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Pack Mtg- Sanct. 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-narthex	9 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30 Handbells 6:30P- Girl Scouts-rm8 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30- Chancel Choir	10 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm 8 7P- Lumos -rm 7	11	12 8:30A-AA- rm 8
13 10:15A-Worship Service 11:30P- Lunch n Learn- CE	14 11:00A- AA- FH 6p- Girl Scouts-rm8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR	15 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Den Mtg- FH/CE 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-narthex	16 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30P- Girl Scouts-rm8 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir	17 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -CR 7:30P- <i>Maundy Thursday Service of Service-</i> rm 8 	18 <i>Good Friday</i> online service TBD 	19 8:30A-AA- rm 8
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 10:15A-Worship Service 10A-Harmony-rm8/9, CR, FH 	21 11:00A- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR	22 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Den Mtgs-various 8P-AA -rm8 8P-AA-rm 7	23 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30- Handbells 6:30P- Girl Scouts-rm8 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir	24 7P-AA-CR 7P-Al Anon -rm8	25	26 8:00A-AA- rm 8
27 10:15A- Worship Service 3P- 4H Crusaders-FH	28 11:00A- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7:00P- AA - CR	29 5:30P- Cub Scouts- Den Mtgs-various 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	30 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30- Handbells 6:30P- Girl Scouts-rm8 7:00P-NarAnon-rm7 7:30P- Chancel Choir			

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