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RUTH'S CORNER

November begins our busy time, at home with the holidays approaching, and here at Lakeview, with lots of things to do and be a part of. We start out with **All Saints Day** observance, as we remember those near and dear to us that have died. Our **Stewardship Campaign** kicks off this month with a special snail mail brochure. The campaign's theme is *Dream God's Dream*. It's so fitting for the season we are in, as we look at the last year and plan for the future. How can we bring the realm of God here - in our place, in our time?

You will be asked to make a pledge to Lakeview, and to have it into the office or to bring it with you on **November 23**, when we will celebrate all the blessings we have received with a **Giving Thanks Lunch** in the Fellowship Hall! . So bring a dish and then plan to stay to help us beautify the church for Advent. Look for a sign up soon.

Speaking of Advent - it officially starts the last Sunday in November, on the 30th. We enter a new church year. Our theme for Advent is "**Making Room**" - for hope, joy, peace, and love. Each week we will explore how we can make room for Jesus' birth and all it means to us. Look for more information about our Advent plans in the weekly bulletins.

Your Settled Pastor Team has **finished the profile!** They have worked hard to produce a wonderful profile that reflects Lakeview. Please search them out and thank them! Soon your profile will be in the hands of our Association, and I know the next steps will be exciting, as you receive candidates to consider.

In this busy, pre-holiday season, remember to **take some time to rest and enjoy the season**. It goes so fast! I wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving filled with all good things! In the meantime, please keep praying, keep giving, keep showing up for one another. Be the church.

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

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Church Office Hours:

November office hours:

Sun 1:30-3:30; Tues, Wed, Thurs, hours vary, with rehearsals Wed eve & additional remote work hours each week— see Sunday bulletin for weekly schedules.

For quickest response, email:
info@lakeviewucc.com

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)

It's happening! The weather is finally getting crisp, the leaves are changing, extra blankets are getting added to beds and sofas - Autumn is here! As beautiful as this season is, we can often find ourselves rushing through it. There are holidays to plan, football games to attend, school work, plays, leaves to rake - how are we expected to slow down and *enjoy* the season? When you add onto all the normal stress of the season, everything that is happening in this country and in our world right now, this time of cozy feelings and thankfulness can seem a bit out of touch with reality. I am reminded of a quote from Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, about the value of joy and gratitude in a suffering world. *"Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us, giving us moments of joy and wonder. I choose joy over despair, not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift."* So how can we be that joy in the world? All I can suggest is starting small. Find something within 5 feet of you right now that makes you smile and let yourself smile for a moment. If I have learned anything from all these years working with children and teens - the best thing you can do is just let yourself actually FEEL what you are feeling.

Two great practices you can use as an individual or family to find and focus on gratitude and joy this month are below. We encourage you to try them out and let us know your favorite - and share any practices you already do.

1. Three Good Things - The "Three Good Things" exercise is a simple yet profound practice. The concept is straightforward: each family member takes turns sharing positive events from their day and reflects on why those events made them feel good. This practice may sound basic, but it has a profound impact. It's an opportunity to appreciate the often-overlooked daily moments of joy. Instead of the generic "How was your day?" - which usually elicits a one-word response - you can ask, "What's the best thing that happened to you today?" This small change sparks meaningful conversations and encourages deep reflection.

2. Rose-Bud-Thorn - Another gratitude practice is the "Roses, Buds, and Thorns" exercise. This exercise encourages family members to take turns sharing three aspects of their day: The "Rose" signifies something great that happened. The "Thorn" represents a challenging or not-so-great moment. The "Bud" is for something they're looking forward to. At first glance, including the "Thorn" in a gratitude exercise might seem counterintuitive, but it's an essential element. Acknowledging the negative aspects of our lives helps us process them, making us better equipped to experience gratitude once again. It's a reminder that life is a balance of ups and downs, and by confronting our challenges, we become stronger and more appreciative of the good moments.

As always, the thing that Faith and I are most thankful for will always be the kids and teens here at Lakeview and the love and support that we get from our church family.

All our love,

Corey & Faith (Lakeview Children, Youth and Family Ministry)

4 Janet Friedhoff
6 Kathy Baughman
9 Gabby Maraucci
15 Teresa Watts
19 Noah Daily

NOVEMBER

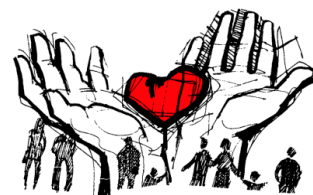


21 Cece Kronenberger
22 Karen Cromack
25 Clara McOske
25 Colin Friedhoff
26 Paula Seward

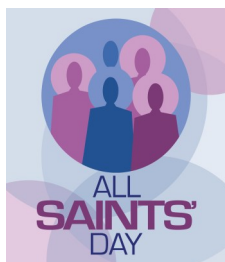
PRAYER REQUESTS

Mac McKenzie
Ernie & Karen (friend of Pam's)
Esther Friedhoff & family
The Paul Family
Tim (Pam's brother-in-law)
Adrienne (friend of Lisa Barrows)
Karen Baumann & Larry
Tom & Ruthie McCormack

Mike Maile
The Anderson Family
The Bierkan Family
The Kievit Family
The McEleney Family
The Huber Family
The Massung Family
Our Pastor Search Team
Irina and Family
The Allemang Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



All Saints' Sunday

Observed on Sunday, November 2nd

Lakeview will observe All Saints' Day on Sun. Nov. 2nd. Those of you who have loved ones that have passed away that you wish to honor, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex, or contact the church office at info@lakeviewucc.com. **Be sure to let us know by October 26th.**

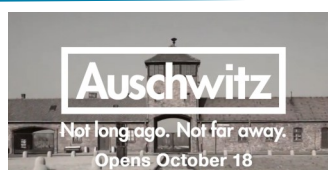


There will be NO Lunch and Learn scheduled in November or December. We will plan to reconvene in January.

Adult Faith Formation-Will take a break in November and December. Thanks to all who participated so far!!

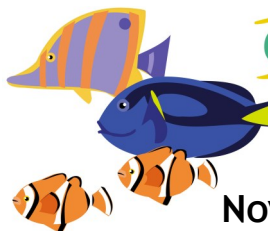


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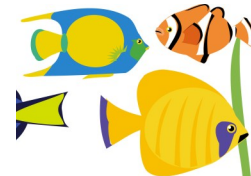
Auschwitz Exhibit and the Museum Center

If you are interested in seeing this temporary exhibit at the Museum Center during the first week of December, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Sandee McAlpine at: Sandeemc8@gmail.com. Dates and carpooling TBD based on interest and availability. Tickets range in price from \$26 to \$37 depending on age and how many are in our group. <https://www.cincymuseum.org/auschwitz>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS.....continued

SONKA Faith Formation Team invites you to
“In The Deep End”!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM ON ZOOM

**NOVEMBER The Twilight Zone**

Rev. Gene Kline

Join Rev. Gene Kline as he takes us into the Twilight Zone. We'll watch some classic episodes and talk about the themes. Not to be missed!

DECEMBER Winter Solstice Traditions

Rev. Ruth Hopkins

Join Rev. Ruth as we explore some winter traditions of the season and find out where they came from. Egg Nog optional.

To register email Pastor Ruth at ruhop@me.com



Please mark your calendar to come out and pitch in with the Scouts on **Saturday, December 6th** 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!



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 23rd**, when we will celebrate a wonderful time of Thanksgiving and Fellowship together with the **Giving Thanks Lunch**, *followed by the Hanging of the Greens.*

**Volunteers Needed!**

We need some hands and hearts for our **Giving Thanks Lunch!** We will be in the Fellowship Hall, so our regulars will need some help with setting up and cleaning up. Can you lend a hand? Please let Linda Overholt or Pastor Ruth know.



On December 13th, we will have an opportunity to help the staff at Washington UCC set up for their Gifts to the Manger event. Watch the bulletin for more details and look for a signup sheet in November.

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.

Moderator's Message

Council Leadership Position Descriptions for Review

As we continue to grow and organize the work of the church, we invite you to review the following leadership roles. These positions are vital to the function and health of our congregation. If you or someone you know feels called to serve, please let us know!

Note: Each position typically involves attending one Executive Council meeting per month, usually held via Zoom on Tuesday evenings. These times can be adjusted based on group availability.

1. Recording Secretary (*Two-Year Term*)

The Recording Secretary plays a crucial role in maintaining accurate records of church leadership meetings. This position includes:

- Attending Executive Council and/or Congregational meetings.
- Taking clear and detailed minutes of each meeting.
- Distributing minutes to leadership in a timely manner.
- Assisting with filing and storing church documents as needed.
- Helping maintain an organized record of official decisions and motions.

This role is perfect for someone who is detail-oriented, reliable, and enjoys supporting the flow of communication in the church.

2. Vice Moderator (*Three-Year Commitment: Vice Moderator ▢ Moderator ▢ Past Moderator*)

The Vice Moderator serves as a key support to the Moderator and helps guide the overall direction of church leadership. Responsibilities include:

- Attending Executive Council and Congregational meetings.
- Stepping in to lead meetings when the Moderator is unavailable.
- Assisting the Moderator with planning, organization, and leadership duties.
- Helping facilitate communication among committees and leadership teams.
- Leading the negotiation of a new preschool contract in spring 2026.
- After serving as Vice Moderator (Year 1), this role transitions into Moderator (Year 2) and then Post Moderator (Year 3) to provide continuity and support for the church's ongoing mission.

This role is ideal for someone with a heart for leadership, a collaborative spirit, and a desire to help shape the church's future.

3. Property and Maintenance Manager (*Two-Year Term*)

The Property and Maintenance Manager oversees the care of the church's physical space and coordinates needed repairs or upkeep. Responsibilities include:

- Monitoring the condition of the church building and grounds.
- Coordinating with volunteers or contractors for maintenance projects.
- Reporting any major facility needs to the Executive Council.
- Helping develop short- and long-term maintenance plans.

This role suits someone who enjoys hands-on work or project coordination and wants to help ensure that Lakeview remains a safe and welcoming space for all.

If you have any questions or are interested in serving in one of these roles, please reach out to a member of the Executive Council.

ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

November Mission of the Month

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 & 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 Ruth or Linda Overholt.**

Our 5th Sunday Mission offering in November supports MARCC, the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati.

For nearly 60 years MARCC has provided a forum for the religious community in Greater Cincinnati to come together to advocate for social justice issues affecting the broader community. MARCC is a coalition of 10 judicatories or denominations including representatives from Jewish, Muslim, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Unitarian Universalist congregations. The United Church of Christ is one of the judicatories, and although smaller in membership than some other denominations, UCC representatives have an equal voice in decisions that are made by consensus. MARCC's financial support for their paid staff of two is generated by annual contributions from each judicatory. The 2025 goal for the collective efforts of UCC churches in greater Cincinnati is \$4500.



Primary targets of MARCC's current advocacy include:

- Safety and legal protection to immigrants, refugees, returning citizens (the formerly incarcerated)
- Community Violence Prevention
- Creating shelter and affordable housing for those experiencing or potentially facing homelessness

Please give as generously as you are able, as this is our one chance to join with our greater Cincinnati UCC congregations to support MARCC. If you have questions, please contact Linda Overholt.

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

November SPECIFIC NEEDS!

- * PASTA SAUCE
- * PANCAKE SYRUP
- * HAMBURGER HELPER



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.



FAMILY PROMISE THANK YOU

Thanks to Ruthie McCormack, Rosemary Ennis, Barb Hobe, and Ralph Abel. These wonderful volunteers provided food for our dinner at Family Promise on 10/20. A huge thanks to Linda Overholt, who had evening hosting duties with me. And big thanks to our faithful overnight volunteers-Ann Tsui and Natalie Brown. This was a very quiet evening after having two very active dates previously. It takes all of us to make these evenings work!

2025 Lakeview Capital Campaign

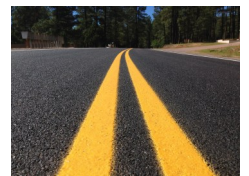
PAVING THE WAY- NOVEMBER 2025

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 it is approximately \$76,000.00. Generous gifts from the Lakeview Preschool and Lakeview Foundation helped with this expense. We also used \$1,166.92 from the Capital Campaign to complete the project. Thank you all!

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 October 12th, we have \$7,841.87 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.



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

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

Karen Baumann, Treasurer

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



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lakeview United Church of Christ Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through September, 2025

	<u>Jan-Sep 25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>245,576.10</u>	<u>222,023.14</u>	<u>23,552.96</u>	<u>110.6%</u>
Total Income	245,576.10	222,023.14	23,552.96	110.6%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	78,157.58	117,399.12	-39,241.54	66.6%
50000—Operating Expenses	99,117.30	63,820.18	35,297.12	155.3%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>54,038.86</u>	<u>54,414.94</u>	<u>-376.08</u>	<u>99.3%</u>
Total Expense	231,313.74	235,634.24	-4,320.50	<u>98.2%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>14,262.36</u>	<u>-13,611.10</u>	<u>27,873.46</u>	<u>-104.8%</u>
Net Income	14,262.36	-13,611.10	27,873.46	-104.8%

Checking Account Balance as of 9/30/25 \$43,231.35*

Savings Account Balance as of 9/30/25 \$16,118.72

*Contains \$7,556.04 of capital campaign fund

Cornerstone Mortgage Balance as of 10/1/25: \$573,262.99



As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the generous gifts given to Lakeview. Please remember to consider gifts for 2026 via our Stewardship campaign pledges.

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
1000 LAKEVIEW AVENUE
LAKEVIEW, ONTARIO M8C 5C6



September Mission Totals- Shared Harvest: \$ 936.25
Neighbors in Need: \$ 1293.25



DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

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

Executive Committee

Moderator/President	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	<i>Vacant</i>	

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
A.I.M. (Action in Mission)	Sandee McAlpine	513-608-0597
Membership/Welcoming	Linda Overholt	513-515-8870
Publicity/Social Media	<i>Vacant</i>	

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



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

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

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

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

November LUCC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Fall back, not behind! CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and join us on time for worship.						1 8:30A-AA- rm 8
2 All Saints Sunday DST Ends 10:15A-Service 10A-Harmony- Rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmony mtg- rm 7 1:00p- Lumos Re- hearsal	3 12P- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	4 Election Day 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR 	5 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30PM Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon- CR 7:30PM- Chancel Choir	6 6:30P- BSA Cmmtee Mtg 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - rm8 7P- Lumos Rehearsal		8 8:30A-AA- rm 8
9 10:15A-Service 1:00p- Lumos Re- hearsal	10 12P- AA- FH 6P- Girl Scouts- rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	11 Veterans Day 5:30- Cub Scouts-Pack mtg- Sanct 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	12 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30PM Handbells 6:45- Girl Scouts- 8 7:00P-NAR-Anon- rm 7 7:30PM- Chancel Choir	13 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- 8/9 7P- Lumos Rehearsal		15 8:30A-AA- rm 8
16 10:15A-Service 10A-Harmony- Rm8/9, CR, FH 1:00p- Lumos Re- hearsal	17 12P- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	18 5:30- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	19 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30PM Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon- 7 7:30PM- Chancel Choir	20 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - rm8 7P- Lumos Rehearsal- Sanct.		22 8:30A-AA- rm 8
23 Stewardship Sunday 10:15A-Sanctuary Service 11:30 Giving Thanks Lunch 12:30 Hanging of the Greens 2P- Lumos Rehearsal 3P- Girl Scouts -rm 8	24 12P- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	25 5:30- Cub Scouts 7P- EC mtg- Zoom 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	26 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 7:00P-NAR-Anon- 7	27 Thanksgiving 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - rm8		29 8:30A-AA- rm 8
30 1st Advent Sunday 10:15A-Worship Service 1:00p- Lumos			 Happy THANKSGIVING THANKFUL - GRATEFUL - BLESSED			

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