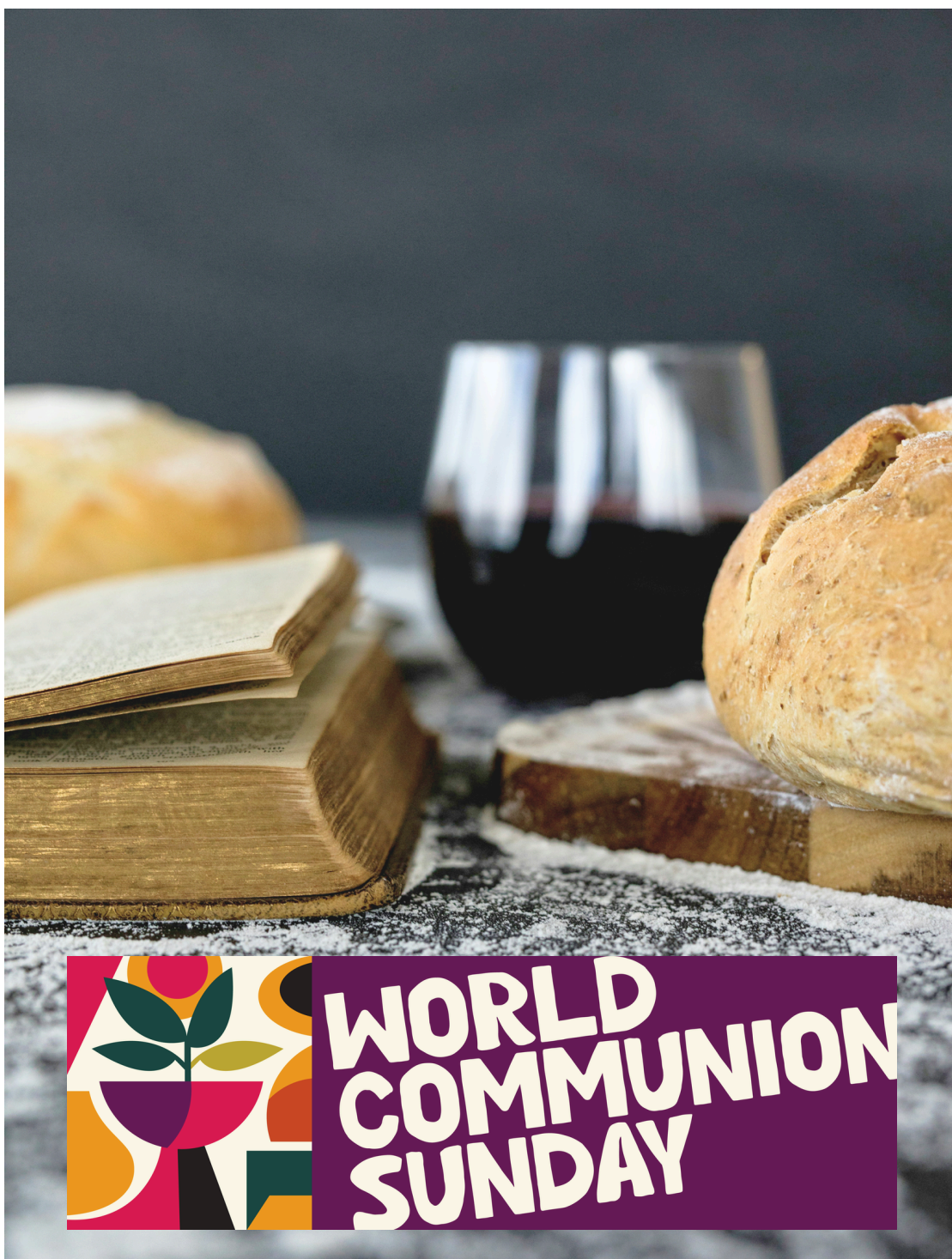


Oct 4, 2026, 10:15 am | World Communion Sunday | Rescue at Sea



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October 4th, 2026

Rev. Anthony Spearhart
Pastor

Corey Nieman
CYF Minister

Natalie Nolte
Dir. Vocal Music

Irina Hall
Dir. Instr. Music

Ministers
All People

IMPORTANT INFO

Connecting

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

Childcare

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

Restrooms

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

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

Prelude

Irina Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Irina Hall

Call To Worship

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Many: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

One: What do we find at today's table?

Many: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

One: What is not at today's table?

Many: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

One: Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

ALL: *Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.*

Opening Prayer (unison)

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers. We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service. We serve our God in this community and throughout every land. Let us serve by working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred. The Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

*Gathering Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

v.1-2

Prayers of the People

One: In the power and presence of God...

All: We share in your prayer.

[*Please stand as you are moved & able]

An Inclusive Lord's Prayer^

Loving God, Holy is your name.
May your love be enacted in the world
May your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors
Save us in times of trial and deliver us from evil.
May all that we do come from love forever.
Amen.

Special Music

Be Still
by Karen Marrolli

Chancel Choir

Hearing the Good News

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29
Matthew 2:13-15

NRSVUE

Sharing the Good News

The Story Fear Tries to Tell

Rev. Anthony
Spearhart

Meditation Hymn

Lord, Please Lead

Jerry Salt(er)



Lord, please lead me now and I will fol-low to a fu-ture I don't know.

I know that you are there to help and guide me. Lord, please lead and I will go. And like

Mo - ses knew, when hope is gone, you're the one that we turn to.

You are the light that casts a - way my dark-ness. Lord, please lead and I will go.

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A Word About Giving

Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger

[Unmarked gifts will be designated for our general operating fund. If you are making a gift to the mission of the month or any other option, please note that on your check or giving envelope (available in the pews).]

Offertory

Irina Hall

Celebration of Communion

Welcome and Invitation

Prayer of Transformation & New Life

One: When we fail to feel the suffering of others, and grow too comfortable with injustice,

Many: Transform us, O God, and awaken compassion within us.

Two: *When self-righteousness blinds us to our own need for grace, and self-interest closes our hearts,*

Many: Transform us, O God, and teach us the way of love.

One: When we settle for easy peace while others are hurting, when we turn away from what is difficult or inconvenient,

Many: Transform us, O God, and make us people of courage and peace.

Two: *When community is strained by misunderstanding, impatience, or indifference,*

Many: Transform us, O God, and draw us again toward one another.

One: When we are too eager to be right, too rushed to care, too tired to notice, too quick to speak, or too slow to listen,

All: *Transform us, O God. Breathe new life into us. Shape our hearts toward compassion, our lives toward justice, and our choices toward love. Amen.*

Words of Grace

Communion Hymn *O God, By Your Mercy, We Come to This Place* v.1-3

(Communion ushers please come forward during verse 3)

Remembrance & Blessing

Coming to the Lord's Table

Please come forward using the center aisle, and after communing, return using one of the side aisles.
If you would like communion brought to you, stay in your seat, and someone will come to you.
We use gluten-free bread and grape juice (& water).

Special Music

Irina Hall

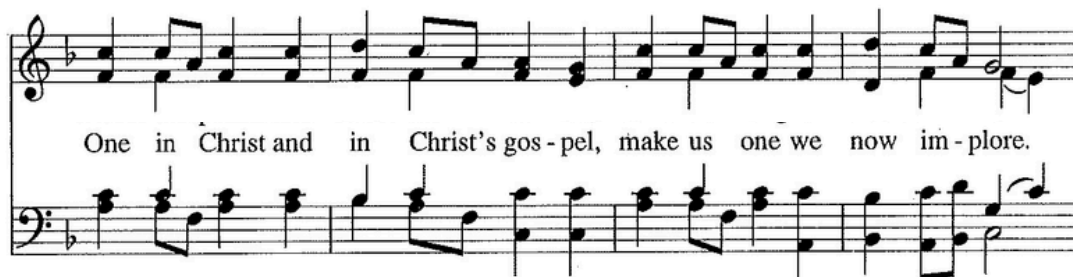
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

One: ...Receive not only these gifts we offer, but our lives as well.
Use what we give, and use who we are, for the healing of your world and the building of your beloved community.

ALL: *We have touched. We have tasted. Now send us to live what we have received.
Amen.*

*Hymn of Sending Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

Roger Powell, 1948; alt.



This hymn was written for a Union Thanksgiving service in 1948 by the Rev. Roger Powell of Camillus, New York. It served as a

*Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR 8.7.8.7.D.
Melody from The Christian Lyre, 1831*

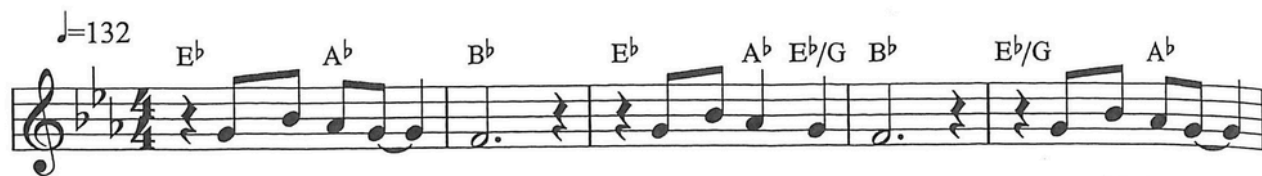
*Benediction

Postlude

Irina Hall

^This inclusive version of The Lord's Prayer was created by our Lakeview CYF Sunday School Youth. <https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/9/28/world-communion-sunday-hymn-assures-were-global-connected-and-shaped-gods-love>; Additional music public domain or licensed through OneLicense or CCLI; Photo by [Nathan Dumlao](#) on [Unsplash](#); *Liturgy used from the 2026 World Communion resources of the Global Ministries of the UCC & Disciples of Christ

Draw the Circle Wide



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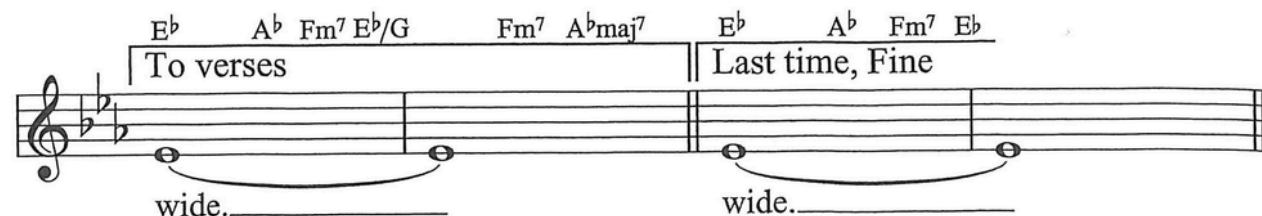
Draw it wid - er still.

Let this be our_



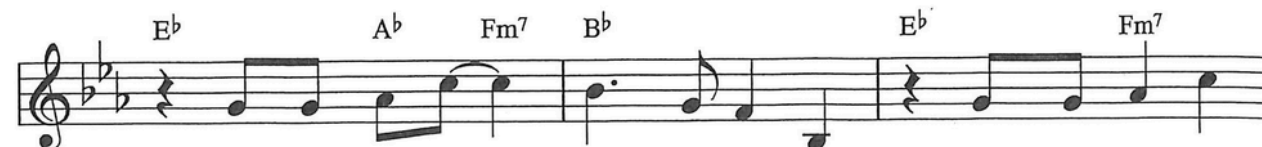
song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side,

draw the cir-cle_



wide._____

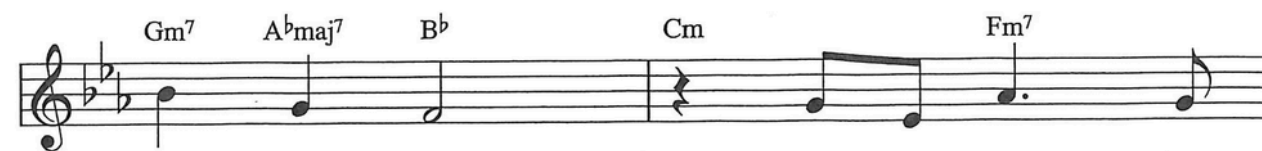
wide._____



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -

2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en-com-pass

3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er



- a - tion turns;
great and small;
dreamed be - fore;

noth - ing lost, but
let our lov - ing
let the dream of



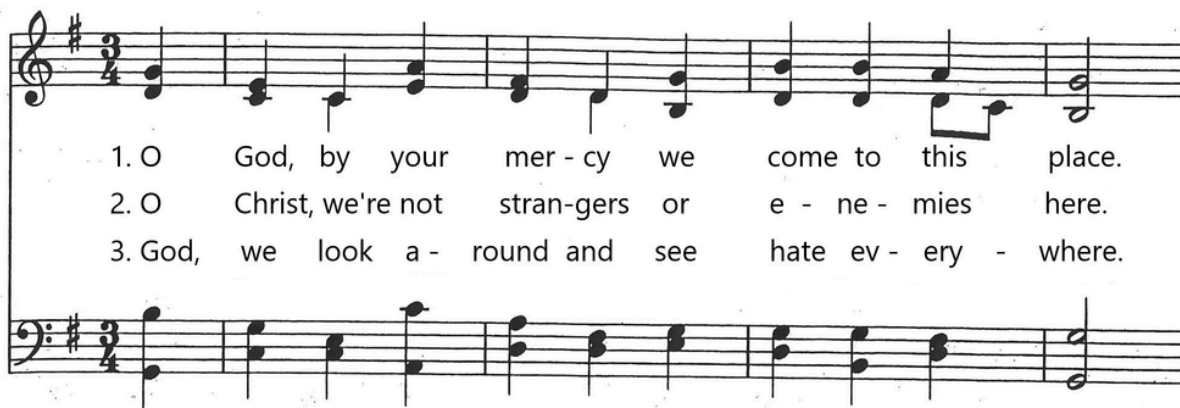
held for-ev - er in God's gra - cious arms._____

know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call._____

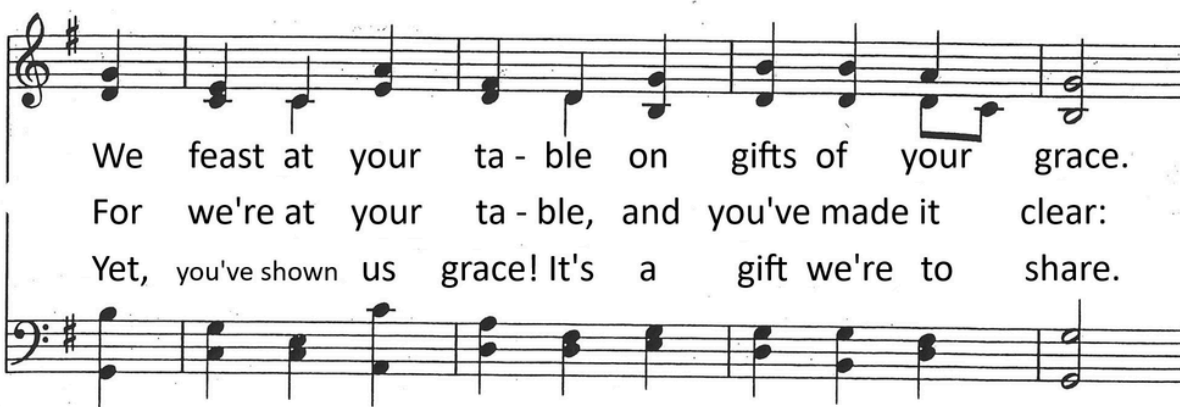
Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door._____

O God, by Your Mercy, We Come to This Place

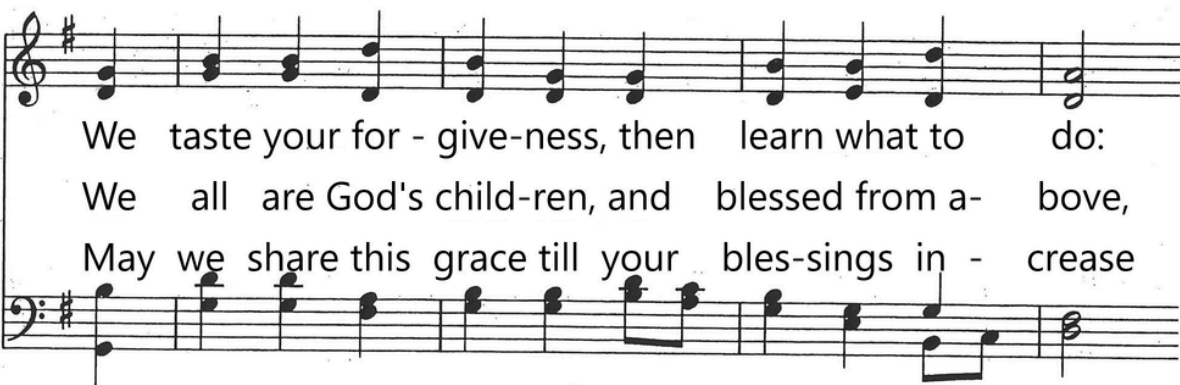
Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.



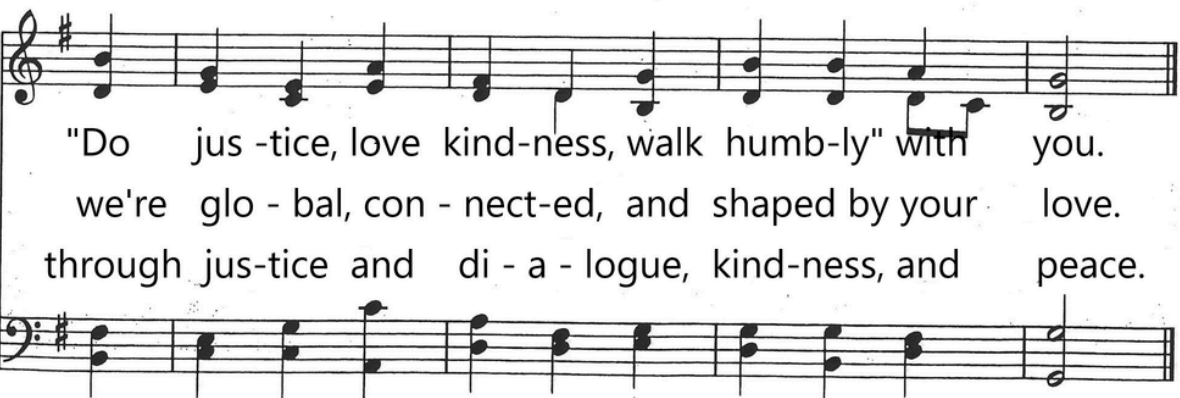
1. O God, by your mer - cy we come to this place.
2. O Christ, we're not stran-gers or e - ne - mies here.
3. God, we look a - round and see hate ev - ery - where.



We feast at your ta - ble on gifts of your grace.
For we're at your ta - ble, and you've made it clear:
Yet, you've shown us grace! It's a gift we're to share.



We taste your for - give-ness, then learn what to do:
We all are God's child-ren, and blessed from a - bove,
May we share this grace till your bles-sings in - crease

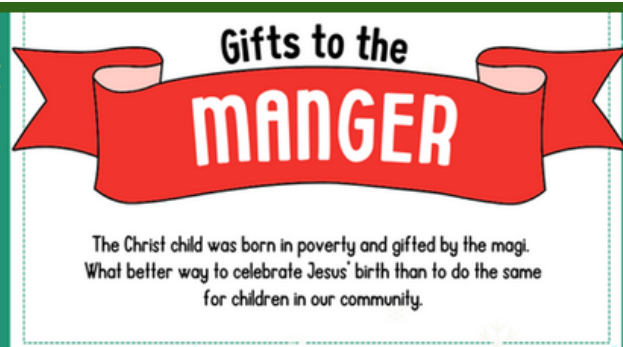


"Do jus - tice, love kind-ness, walk humb-ly" with you.
we're glo - bal, con - nect-ed, and shaped by your love.
through jus-tice and di - a - logue, kind-ness, and peace.

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Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts'

OCTOBER
Mission of the
Month:
Washington UCC
Gifts to the
Manger



The October mission is Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger program. Gifts to the Manger will use our donated funds to purchase clothes and toys for kids in the Camp Washington area. Parents will be able to “shop” at the church and provide a nice Christmas for their children. In 2026, 100+ families are expected to receive food boxes, and 290 children will receive gifts, thanks to contributions from many generous donors, including our congregation.

Lakeview members and friends will have the opportunity to help sort and set up gifts and/or assist shoppers in picking out gifts for their children in December (details to come later). Let us share our blessing with others during this holiday season!



DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

URGENT NEEDS : Personal Care Items. These items cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits, so the pantry must use cash donations to stock them. Our assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please remember the pantry can't accept outdated or perishable items. Even though we provide a list of most needed items, any other items are welcome at all times.

Personal Care Products:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Soap



Common Grounds



with
Pastor Anthony

Mondays, 10:00–11:00 AM — Common Grounds

This Monday, October 5, we'll gather at Mile 42 Coffee
133 Broadway St., Loveland, OH 45140

Come grab a cup of coffee, stay for ten minutes or two hours, and simply spend some time together.



FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Family Promise provides temporary housing to homeless families while assisting them in securing permanent housing, employment, and other needed services. Lakeview assists host church St. Pat's Episcopal Church in Lebanon during their rotation week, and Lakeview handles Monday nights. This happens 4 times a year at the renovated facility on 600 Cincinnati Ave. in Lebanon.

Next Date: Monday, Oct. 19, 2026

Volunteers are needed to:

- Provide a dish for the evening meal (4 volunteers).
- Host the families during evening hours (about 5 p.m. to about 8:45 p.m.)—2 volunteers needed.
- Spend the night—2 volunteers needed.



Please let Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) know if you can help out, or sign up in the narthex! Support will be provided for those who have and have not done this before. It is a great and eye opening experience, allowing you to put your faith and values into action.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission!



Sunday, October 11th: Sandwich Making for Our Daily Bread

The Lakeview community is once again going to make 300 sandwiches for Our Daily Bread, a ministry in Over the Rhine that provides meals for those in need. The date is Sunday, October 11th. This event will be held in our Fellowship Hall after the church service. We need as many volunteers as possible to make sandwiches as efficiently as possible.

This event will replace Lunch & Learn for October, but after we finish, we will share pizza. Please bring your own drinks or drinks to share. Look for a signup sheet in the lobby. It's not necessary to sign up in advance to help out, but it will help with planning. Children are welcome, but must be supervised. Because a child who attends Harmony has peanut butter allergies, we must be careful not to leave any peanut butter on the tables or floor.

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



We make a point to say this from the pulpit most Sundays. We like saying it. We like what it means.

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

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



THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

10:00 AM Harmony UU
10:15 AM Sunday Worship
11:30 AM HUU Mtg. - rm 8

Monday, October 5

10:00 AM Common Grounds
12:00 PM AA- FH
6:00 PM Girl Scouts - rm 8
6:30 PM BSA Scouts - FH
7:30 PM AA - 12&12 Study -rm 8

Tuesday, October 6

5:30 PM Cub Scout- Pack Mtg- Sanct
8:00 PM AA - FH

Wednesday, October 7

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal- Sanct.
6:30 PM Irina- rehearsal - CR
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 8
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Sanct.

Thursday, October 8

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, October 9

11:30 AM Soccer Shots- FH (rain location)
7:00 PM AA - rm 8

Saturday, October 10

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8

In Our Prayers

Mac McKenzie
Eric K (Joyce's friend)
Karen Baumann & Larry
Harry, Ernie, Karen (Pam's friends)
The Paul Family
Lynn Potts
Mike Maile
Tom & Ruthie McCormack
Linda Crawford & family
John & Kathy
Patsy (friend of Pam)
Trinity UCC in Dorseyville PA
Jean McEleney
Bob Barrows
Landa (Pam's friend)
Bob W. (Bill O's Cousin)
Gary S. (friend of Linda F.)



Birthdays this Week

Dave Maile (7)
Ruthie McCormack (8)



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Pastor Office Hours this week

Mon: 11:30-2:30; Wed: 2-4p; Thur: By Appt.
Email: lakeviewuccpastor@gmail.com
Cell: (419)773-0379

Office Hours this week:

Sun 1-4p; Tues 10-2; Thur 10-2; Fri 12-4
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