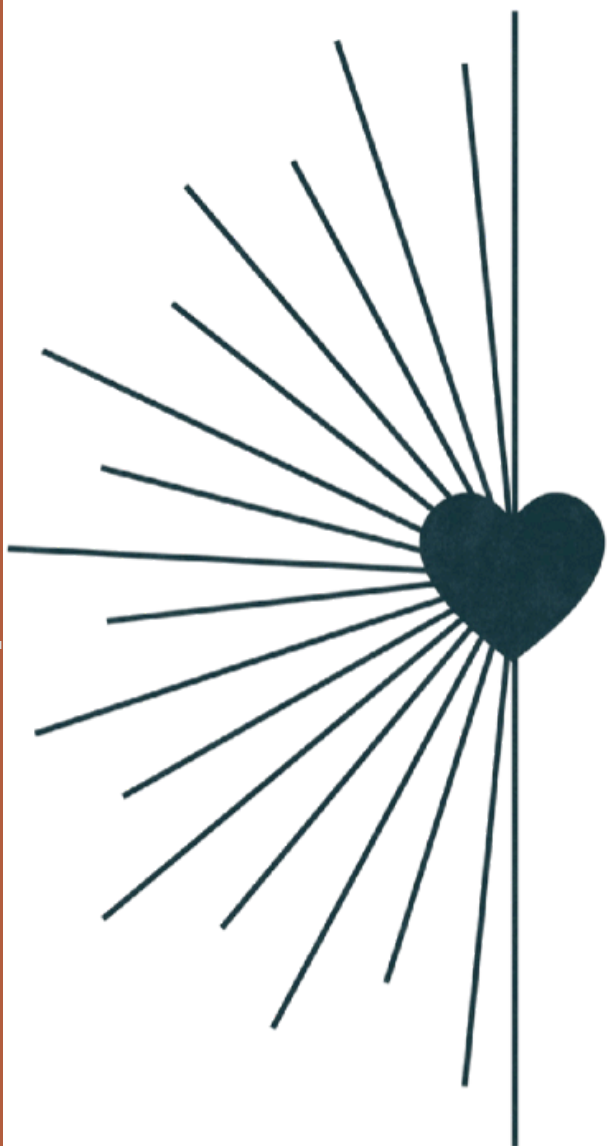




THERE
OUR
HEARTS
WILL BE

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- Matthew 6:21



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October 25th, 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

Stewardship 2027 Kick-Off

Karen Baumann

Time of Centering

Ave Maria
by Camille Saint-Saëns

Laura Malarkey
& Irina Hall

Call To Worship¹

One: There is a richness here -

Many: **A richness that greets and grows.
That holds, challenges and keeps.**

One: There is a richness here -

Many: **A richness that surrounds and brings.
That delivers and gives.**

One: There is a richness here -

Many: **A richness that says "Yes," and "Now is the time."**

One: There is a richness here -

All: **And now is the time to build something new.**

***Gathering Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* v. 1-3

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. You have shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation. Your overflowing love calls us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents and our giving.

We come to you with excitement, eager to embark on a new journey with you and each other. Ready to see what will unfold ahead of us and how we will join together to meet it. We come to you with quiet concerns weighing on us. Will there be enough?

What new challenges lie ahead? Help us to trust in you, God. In your timing, in your abundance, and in your people. There is, indeed, a richness here - and we are sitting among it.

Amen.

*[*Please stand as you are moved & able]*

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also with you.

[please be seated]

Call to Prayer

Spirit of Gentleness (refrain)

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

Prayers of the People

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

All: We share in your prayer.

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

Voluntary on a Moravian Hymn
by A. Ritter

Richard Densmore

Hearing the Good News

Living Psalm 98
by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

Sharing the Good News

Holy What Ifs

Rev. Anthony Spearhart

*Hymn

Church is the Way We Live v.1 & 3

[please be seated]

A Word About Giving

Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger

Ellen Abel

[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

*Doxology

*For time to savor God's good gifts
For space to breathe and hearts to lift
For ways to reach out and to give
We offer thanks and vow to live!
Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

God of enduring love, receive our time, our treasures, and the care with which we offer them. May these gifts help us keep the promises we make together: to welcome generously, to stand beside our neighbors, and to work for justice and peace. Guide us in their use, that our covenant may bear fruit beyond these walls. In all we give and all we do, may your love become the promise we live. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending**

Eagles' Wings

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Irina Hall

^This inclusive version of The Lord's Prayer was created by our Lakeview CYF Sunday School Youth. Additional music public domain or licensed through OneLicense or CCLI;

1 1 Adapted from Prayers written by the Rev. Kaji S. Douša, Senior Minister of Park Avenue Christian Church (DOC), New York City. 2020. https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost_24_november_15

**"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!

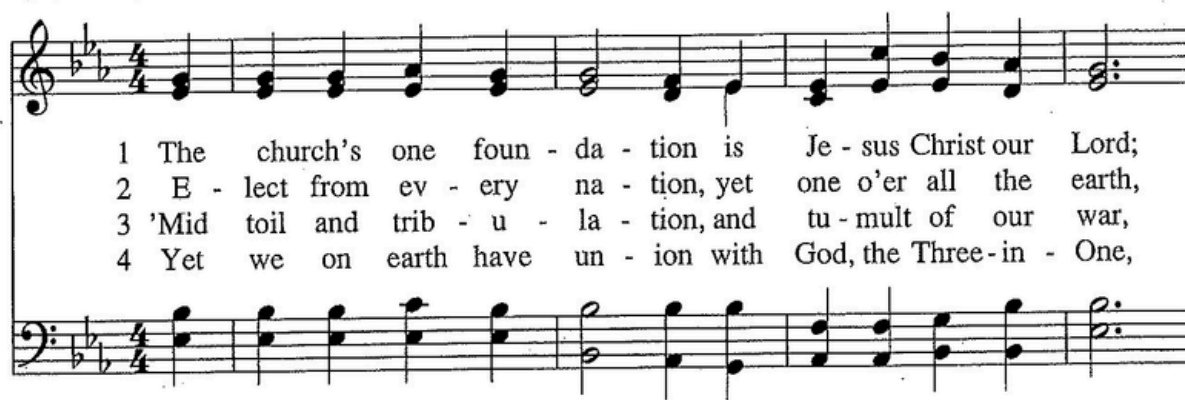
If you have found yourself excluded and alienated, spiritually homeless or questioning, you are welcome here. If you have ever felt there is no room for you within Christianity or the Church, you are welcome here. We are a community of faith that celebrates diversity and strives to fulfill our mission 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!



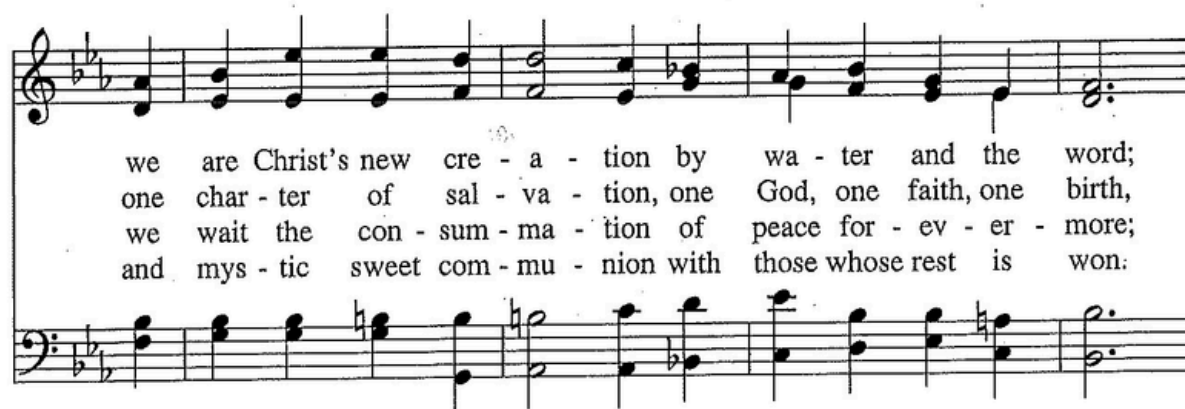
The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

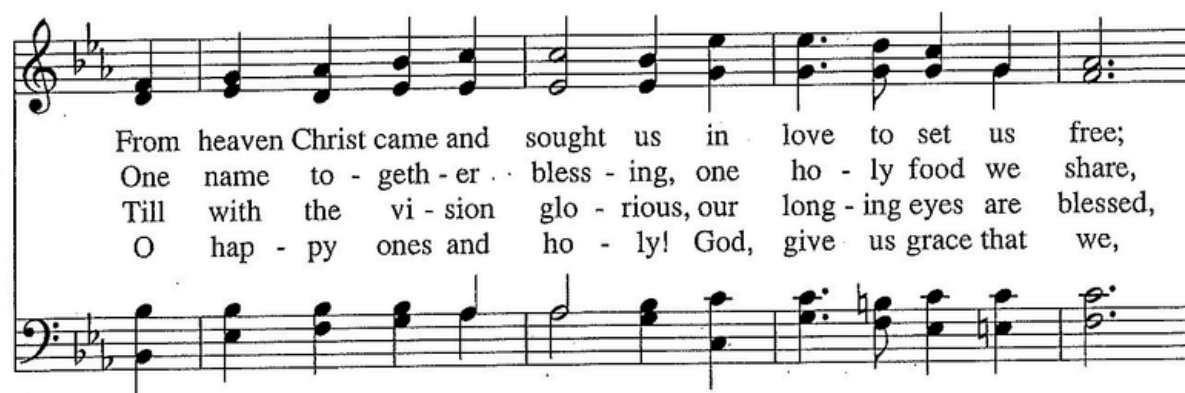
Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.



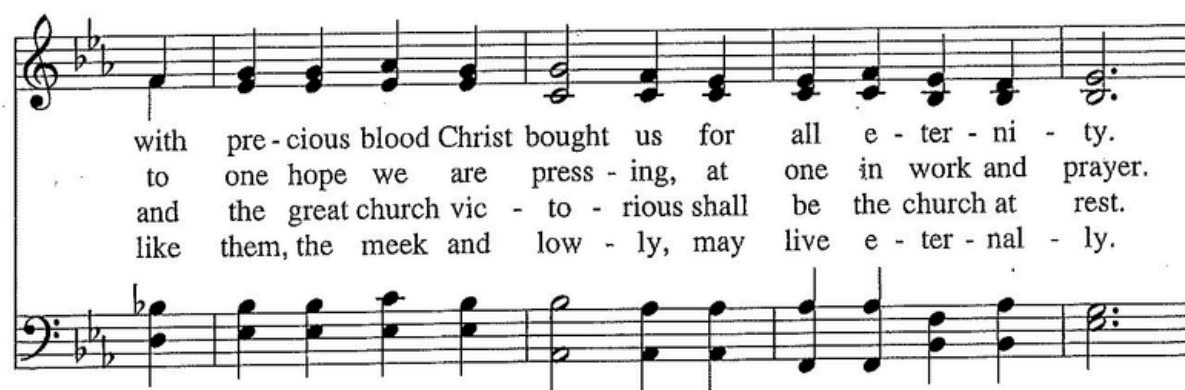
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three-in - One,



we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
 One name to - geth - er - bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,



with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the

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 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

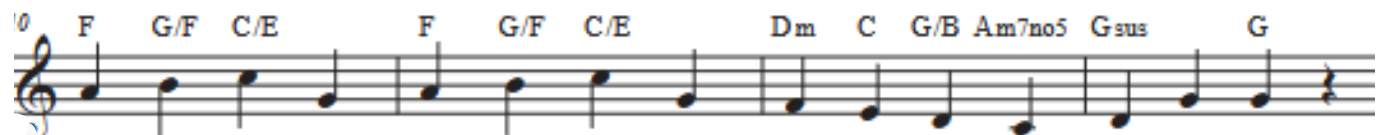
Church is the Way We Live

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Amanda Udis-Kessler



Church is the way we live. _____ Church is the way we care. _____
 Church is the time we take. _____ tend - ing to those in pain. _____
 Church is the choice we make, _____ year in - to joy - ous year _____



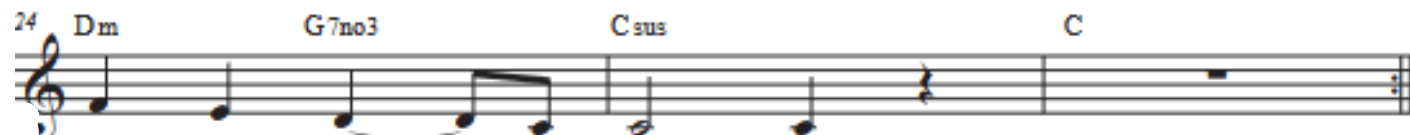
Church is o - pen. Church is ga - thered all the time and e - very - where.
 Church is joined in ho - ly wor - ship when the bound are free a - gain.
 as we seek to love and trust, sur - ren - der - ing our hate and fear.



Church is the hun - gry fed. _____ Church is the wound - ed healed. _____ In the work we
 Church is the pained at ease. _____ Church is the peace they find. _____ In the wel - come
 Church is the world re - stored. _____ Church is the feast be - gun. _____ In the ten - ding



do for jus - tice, in the hope we bring the hope - less, all the best that church can be is
 of the stran - ger, in the cloth - ing of the na - ked, all the best that church can be is
 of our neigh - bors, in the mend - ing of our pla - net, all the best that church can be is



fi - nal - ly _____ re - vealed. _____
 burn - ing in _____ our lives. _____
 shin - ing like _____ the sun. _____

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In Matthew 6, Jesus calls us to a way of living that resists the temptation of “showy religion.” He cautions against practicing faith merely to be seen, warning that such attention-seeking empties the act of its power. Instead, he points us toward the “secret place,” the quiet intimacy where trust in God shapes our hearts and where generosity takes root.

This invitation is not a rejection of religious practice but a re-orientation of it. Jesus expects his followers to give, pray, and fast: not if, but when. These are regular, disciplined acts of faith. What matters is the intent: whether these practices reflect genuine trust in God or simply seek human approval.

Like the Puerto Rican yagrumo leaf that turns toward the heavens before the rain, our generosity turns us toward the Source of all life. The tree’s silver side catches the light, not to boast of its brilliance, but to signal expectancy: a quiet trust that nourishment is coming.

In the same way, **our hidden acts of generosity and prayer reflect God’s light, not our own.**

Jesus’ words also challenge our understanding of value and reward. We often want recognition, but Jesus urges us to trust God with the timing of the reveal – or whether it is revealed at all. In God’s economy, the real reward of generosity is transformation, not applause. “Where your treasure is,” Jesus says, “there your heart will be also.”

Our giving, praying, and fasting are ways of training our hearts to desire what God desires. Generosity, then, becomes both inward and outward, rooted in the secret life with God, yet shining in compassion and justice. It is the overflow of love, not the performance of piety.

CONSIDER YOUR GIVING AS A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of our annual income would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in God’s world. Thank you for prayerfully considering your commitment!



<https://form.jotform.com/232774737198168>

The link or QR code above can be used to make your 2027 commitment via digital pledge card, or use the printed cards found in the narthex. Thank you!

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

**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



Save the Date: Sunday , November 22nd

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign will wrap up with the dedication of pledges on Sunday, Nov. 22nd and we hope you will plan to spend the early afternoon with your Lakeview family as we anticipate the Advent season with our traditional "Hanging of the Greens", followed by our church Thanksgiving meal, the *GIVING THANKS LUNCH*. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex in early November.



On **December 5th** from **9a to 12p**, BSA Troop 617 will be helping us with our Fall clean-up. Hopefully all the leaves will be down and all of the garden plants will be ready for the annual pruning and removal of dead leaves, limbs, etc. Please bring your rakes, tarps, gas leaf blowers, gloves, pruners, etc. to help the BSA Scouts get OUR HOUSE ready outside for the fall and winter seasons. If you have any questions please contact Steve Friedhoff 513-247-0933.

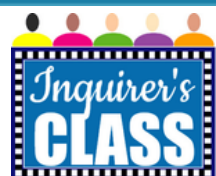
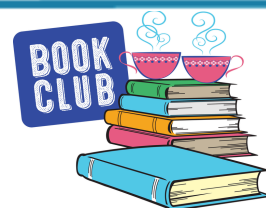


The October Just for Lunch will be **Wednesday, October 28th** at **12:30 pm** at **Mac's Pizza Pub**, 2920 US-22, Maineville.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited.

Book Group – Starting November 5th!

If you're interested in our upcoming book group, please add your name to the list on the Pastor's bulletin board and order a copy of our first book! Our first meeting will be Thurs, Nov. 5th at 6pm. More info coming in the November LINK & in your email.



If you would like to know more about Lakeview or the UCC, if you would like to be more involved in the congregation, or even become a member, you are invited to our 'Inquirer's Class'.

The classes will be held after worship on **Sunday, November 1st & 15th** in the conference room. If you are interested in learning more or have questions, please contact Pastor Anthony or Linda Overholt.

All Saints' Sunday

Will be observed next Sunday, November 1st. Those of you who have loved ones that have passed, that you wish to honor, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex, or email the church office at info@lakeviewucc.com by **5pm today**.



This week, Common Grounds with Pastor Anthony will be **Monday, 10/25 9:30-10:30 am** at Panera Bread - 5095 Deerfield Blvd. Mason, OH 45040. Come grab a cup of coffee, stay for ten minutes or an hour, and simply spend some time together.

Our **Lunch & Learn on November 8th** will feature a guest speaker, Hank Stonerook, who will share information with us on climate change. Hank was an organizer at the Heartland Conference Climate Summit held in October. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Lakeview UCC - Leadership Opportunities



We are searching for a vice-moderator candidate to begin in 2027, & those who are interested in training this year for a future Treasurer/ Assistant Treasurer position. Please reach out to Adam Paul if you have any questions or would like to be nominated.

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

10:15 AM Sunday Worship
11:30 AM CYF Play Practice
3:00 PM Girl Scouts - rm 8

Monday, October 26

9:30-10:30 AM Common Grounds
12:00 PM AA- FH
6:00 PM Girl Scouts - rm 8
6:30 PM BSA Scouts - FH
7:00 PM Exec.Council Mtg- Zoom
7:30 PM AA - 12&12 Study -rm 8

Tuesday, October 27

Pastor Anthony will be unavailable during vacation 10/27-10/31

5:30 PM Cub Scout- Den Mtgs
8:00 PM AA - FH

Wednesday, October 28

9:00 AM Preschool Halloween Parades- Sanct
10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
12:30 PM Just for Lunch
5:00 PM Troop 617 Merit Badge- FH
6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal - Sanct
6:30 PM Irina- rehearsal - CR
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 8
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanct

Thursday, October 29

9:00 AM Preschool Halloween Parades- Sanct
7:00 PM AA Meeting— rm 8
7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, October 30

9:00 AM Preschool Halloween Parades- Sanct
7:00 PM AA - rm 8

Saturday, October 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8
2:30 PM Toedtman School Recital

In Our Prayers

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



Birthdays this Week

Richard Densmore (25)
Alan Watts (27)



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Pastor Office Hours this week

Mon 1-4pm; On Vacation 10/27-10/31
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