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RUTH'S CORNER

As I write this, I am preparing for out of town relatives and a big family wedding weekend. At least I have my new shoes to gaze at while chaos commences. Fall is always a busy time, but I like it, and a weekend filled with family is a blessing.

I am getting to know many of you better, and I hope you are feeling good about all the things going on around Lakeview this season. Your search team meets every week, finishing up the profile. They are a dedicated, prayerful group of saints who are working so hard for the congregation and its future. When you see one of them, give them a "thank you." Make sure you come to the Lunch and Learn, when they will be available to answer questions and give more information about all the work they are doing.

October at Lakeview starts with World Communion Sunday on the 5th. This is when we join with Christians all over the world to celebrate communion together in all our varied ways. This year, we will have a special world communion table filled with bread and grain products from around the world.

As you come up for communion, you are welcome to take any bread that you would like as your communion bread. Just don't take the rice - it won't be cooked! Of course, we will have our usual gluten-free bread and dye-free juice and water. Natalie has great music planned, and it should be a great harvest celebration of God's table of Love.

Please reach out to me if things are getting you down, or if you feel anxious. Interim times can bring out fears of picking the wrong pastor, or the future of the church, and it can be hard on church leadership as well as the congregation. To what future is God calling Lakeview? It is the primary and most important question. All the others things will work out when that comes into view.

I want to assure you that you are a fine, strong congregation, your future looks bright. Look forward in anticipation. I also want to remind you that the past is done. Forgive and bless it. God is doing a new thing - we just don't know what it looks like

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Church Office Hours:

October 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.

RUTH'S CORNER.....continued

yet. The world seems to change so fast, but the love of God stays constant, in fact, it is the only constant. Let that calm our hearts, open our eyes in love, and find ways to work for love in all that we do.

Enjoy this season, come to church, pray for us and the world, and live your best lives, always!

Blessings,

Rev. Ruth



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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM ON ZOOM



OCTOBER Interfaith Forum Pastor Emily Phillips and Friends

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

CYF

(Children, Youth and Family Ministry)



**Sunday School is
GROWING,
and we need YOU!**

We are so excited for the increase in the number of youth we are seeing on Sunday mornings, and we need volunteers to help us provide the best possible program for them. If you are interested in helping out- whether it's one Sunday a month, every Sunday, or anything in-between, please reach out to the office, or contact Corey directly: cyfministry@lakeviewucc.com



- 1 Ray Bilyeu
- 3 Gary Crawford
- 7 Dave Maile
- 8 Ruth McCormack
- 13 Fred Wood

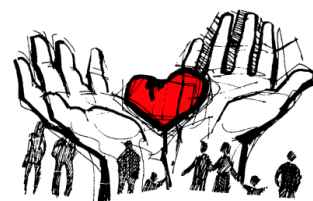


- 16 Ellen Abel
- 17 Sue Anderson
- 22 Rosemary Ennis
- 25 Richard Densmore
- 27 Allen Watts

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



The October **Just for Lunch** will be held on Monday, October 20th at 12:30pm, at Barrel House Kitchen, 9640 Mason Montgomery Rd . There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Questions? Contact Rosemary. All are welcome, but space is limited!

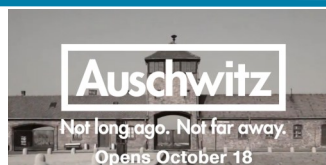


**ADULT
 FAITH
 FORMATION**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION- continues through October, 9:00-9:45 am in the conference room. The Series is *"Living Into"*- with each week being a value we are challenged to live into. Each class stands alone - but you are invited to attend one or all meetings of this Adult Faith Formation Opportunity.

October 5-	Living Into: Interfaith Issues
October 12-	Living Into: Radical Hospitality
October 19-	Living Into: Keeping Sabbath
October 26-	Living Into: Faith Formation

Childcare will not be provided for this offering.

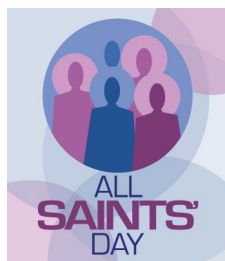


Auschwitz Exhibit and the Museum Center

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:

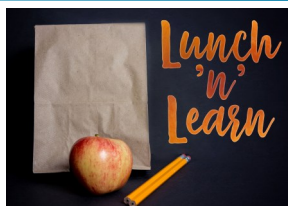
Sandeemc8@gmail.com. Dates and carpooling TBD based on interest and availability. Tickets range in price from \$26 to \$37 depending on age and how many are in our group.

<https://www.cincymuseum.org/auschwitz>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS.....continued**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.

**Lunch and Learn on October 12!**

Plan to stay after the service on October 12th and join us for a pot-luck lunch in the Education Wing. Our Settled Pastor Search Team will be giving us an update on their progress toward posting our Church Profile in search of a Settled Pastor. Come and see the slide show of Lakeview people, places, and events that they have been preparing as part of the Profile. Maybe you will catch a glimpse of yourself! Please sign up in the lobby and indicate what food you might bring to share. (If you decide to attend at the last minute, please come anyway—whether or not you bring food to share. We always have plenty!) Come and enjoy the food and fellowship as well as the opportunity to learn more about the work of our Settled Pastor Search Team.



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!

**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, Kristin Jordan, and Linda Overholt are current members of the team, but not all of our members are available every month.



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 need more help if we are to be able to continue.

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

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"



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS.....continued

Matthew 25 Volunteer Event

On September 13th, about 20 Lakeview members joined a group from Harmony to work a volunteer shift at Matthew 25. For two hours, we sorted feminine products that were donated to Matthew 25. They arrive in huge bundles. We sorted them into smaller bags, throwing away any that were damaged. We were told the products would mostly be shipped overseas where they are desperately needed.

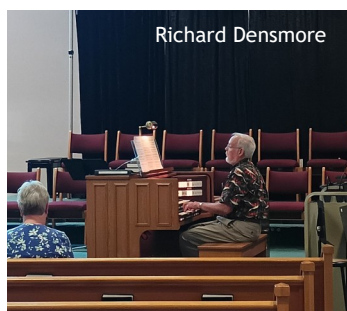
Our thanks to Chuck Wiggins at Harmony for organizing this event, and thanks to everyone who attended! Many of us stayed for lunch afterwards to enjoy fellowship at Matthew 25's cafeteria.



September was a busy month for our Music Ministry!

We welcomed back both our Chancel and Handbell choirs, and we were thrilled to host Freeway Brass, both during a Sunday service, and for their afternoon recital. Melissa Toedtman returned to the piano as our accompanist while Irina is recovering, and Richard Densmore treated us to some exhilarating organ pieces.

The handbell choir put in some extra "elbow grease," giving all of those bells a much-needed polish. Thanks to Pam for facilitating that project. Just check out those before and after pics!



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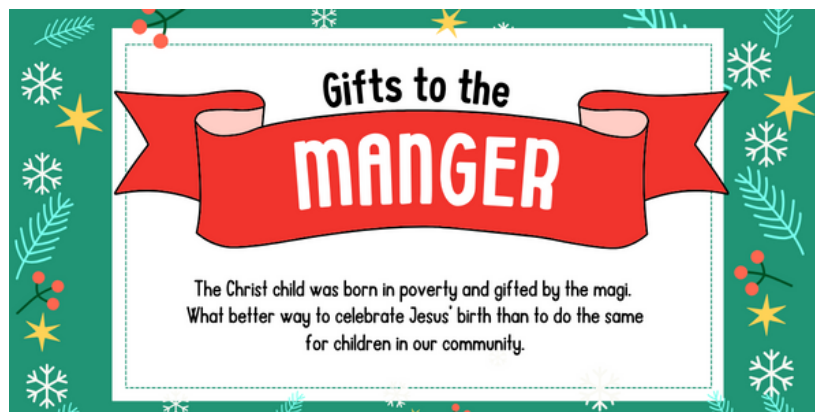
After Polishing



Looking super-shiny!

ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

October Mission of the Month



The October mission is Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger program.

At Christmas, Washington UCC provides new toys, clothing, socks, underwear, hats and gloves for children in the 45225 and 45214 zip codes (the 2 poorest zip codes in Cincinnati). Each family also receives a large food box with a frozen chicken or turkey. In 2024, 333 children from 89 families were blessed to receive gifts through this ministry! This is done through the support of many organizations: churches (such as Lakeview), businesses, individuals and generous financial donors. Let us share our blessings with others during this holiday season!

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

October BREAKFAST NEEDS!

- Kids' Cereal (the stuff kids like)
- Pancakes mixes, Syrups
- Martha White Muffin Mix
- Granola Bars



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.



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Greater Cincinnati

Don't forget, we are still collecting aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. There is a container in the narthex on the table by the Search Team/VBS bulletin board.

"By collecting the aluminum tabs from your soda and other cans and turning them in to our House, you help care for families while their children receive much-needed medical treatment." - <https://www.rmhcincinnati.org/get-involved/donate/donate-items/pull-tabs/>



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

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lakeview made a commitment several years ago to assist 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. 20, 2025

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. This involves helping to set out dinner and clean up, as well as hanging out with the guests and maybe doing activities with the kids (bring a craft or art project if you wish, depending on the ages of the children).

—Spend the night—2 volunteers needed. You will have your own space to sleep. There are no real duties except to make sure everyone is accounted for, turn off lights and lock up the common area, and be there in case any emergencies occur (you will have emergency contact numbers). In the morning you are free to leave as soon as you need to.

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!

PRESCHOOL



Lakeview Preschool is selling cookie dough, popcorn, and gluten free granola bites. If you are interested in supporting the preschool, please contact the director, Kim Goodwin at 513-677-2288. The sale ends on October 12. The products will be delivered the week of November 3.

Monies raised from our sale will be used for play equipment and books for our library.



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 groceries 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/>

2025 Lakeview Capital Campaign



PAVING THE WAY– OCTOBER 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 September 14th, we have \$7,411.04 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.

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

Karen Baumann, Treasurer

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.



TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	<u>Jan-Aug 25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>230,076.57</u>	<u>202,354.04</u>	<u>27,722.53</u>	<u>113.7%</u>
Total Income	230,076.57	202,354.04	27,722.53	113.7%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	63,923.16	105,496.16	-41,573.00	60.6%
50000—Operating Expenses	93,120.12	56,597.08	36,523.04	164.5%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>49,943.11</u>	<u>50,319.19</u>	<u>-376.08</u>	<u>99.3%</u>
Total Expense	206,986.39	212,412.43	-5,426.04	<u>97.4%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>23,090.18</u>	<u>-10,058.39</u>	<u>33,148.57</u>	<u>-229.6%</u>
Net Income	23,090.18	-10,058.39	33,148.57	-229.6%

Checking Account Balance as of 8/31/25 \$42,076.51*

Savings Account Balance as of 8/31/25 \$16,118.58

*Contains \$7,345.04 of capital campaign fund

Cornerstone Mortgage Balance as of 9/1/25: \$575,188.00



Thank you all for your generous support of our August (and all) missions. We do make a positive difference.

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
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July Mission Total- Washington UCC Back to School: \$ 2128.00
August Mission Total- Refugee Resettlement: \$ 5132.00



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	Vacant	

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	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



October LUCC Calendar of Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30PM Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-CR 7:30PM- Chancel Choir	2 6:30P- BSA Cmmtee Mtg 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - rm8	3	4 8:30A-AA- rm 8
	5 9:00A- Adult Faith Formation- rm 8 10:15A-Service 10A-Harmony- Rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmony mtg- rm 7 1:00p- Lumos Rehearsal	6 12P- AA- FH 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom	7 5:30- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	8 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30PM Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-CR 7:30PM- Chancel Choir	9 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - rm8	10 8:30A-AA- rm 8 2:00P- Toedtman School of Music Recital- Sanctuary
12 9:00A- Adult Faith Formation- rm 8 10:15A-Service 11:30A- Lunch 'n Learn 1:00p- Lumos Rehearsal	13 12P- AA- FH 6P- Girl Scouts- rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	14 5:30- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	15 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30PM Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-CR 7:30PM- Chancel Choir	16 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- 8/9 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	17	18 8:30A-AA- rm 8 6:00P- Luba Federov Student Piano Recital
19 9:00A- Adult Faith Formation- rm 8 10:15A-Service 10A-Harmony- Rm8/9, CR, FH 1:00p- Lumos Rehearsal	20 12P- AA- FH 12:30P- Just for Lunch 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	21 5:30- Cub Scouts 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	22 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:00P- Preschool Carving Night- FH 7:00P-NAR-Anon- rm 7	23 5:00P- Pre-school Carving Night- FH 7P-AA- Sanctuary 7P-Al Anon - rm8 7P- Lumos via Zoom <i>Office Closed</i>	24	25 8:30A-AA- rm 8
26 9:00A- Adult Faith Formation- rm 8 10:15A- Sanctuary Service 1P- Lumos Rehearsal 3P- Girl Scouts - rm 8	27 12P- AA- FH 6P- Girl Scouts- rm 8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- AA- CR 7P- Search Team mtg- Zoom 7P- Lumos Rehearsal	28 5:30- Cub Scouts 7P- EC mtg- Zoom 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	29 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5P- Preschool Carving Night- FH 7:00P-NAR-Anon- rm 7	30 5P- Preschool Carving Night - FH 7P-AA- Sanctuary 7P-Al Anon - rm8	31 Halloween 	

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