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FROM TODD'S DESK

"Abram set out for Canaan. He took along his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the servants they had acquired in Haran."

-Genesis 12:5 God's Word Translation

Happy March!

This is a busy and exciting month here at Lakeview as we hope for Spring's return, continue our Lenten journey, and prepare to celebrate the newness of life and resurrection proclaimed on Easter morning!

The season of Lent is a time when we are invited to find ways to enter into reflection and contemplation, and take part in a spiritual journey. Perhaps part of your journey is to deliberately set aside time each day for prayer, study, and spiritual enrichment, or maybe it's to take time from your busy schedule to intentionally 'do good' for others beyond the normal giving and sharing of your time, talent, and treasures. Maybe you have decided to make some sacrifices in your life to remind you of the sacrifice and 'less' in others lives.

It could be that you have decided to weave a combination of these things, a sort-of patchwork of spiritual practices, to make up your Lenten journey. That kind of individual roadmap can be a great way to see transformation and growth, but it is also challenging to maintain. The good news is that by starting, we are already on the journey! As we travel this journey of Lent and beyond, I'd like to offer to all of us a portion of a "Blessing For

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Church Office Hours:

Wed. 12:30-5pm, Thurs & Fri 9a-2p
Additional hours will vary—
please call or email.

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.

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CYF (Children, Youth and Family Ministry)

How is it already March?! This year is flying by in our Children, Youth and Family Ministry. This month we continue to follow Jesus through his adult ministry and dive into his humanity for our Lenten study. Just as Advent is a time used to prepare for the birth of Jesus, Lent gives us a chance to prepare for his death and resurrection. It is a time for us to intentionally slow down and find connection with each other and with Jesus. Family Lenten Devotionals have been sent home with our Sunday School kiddos and are available in the Narthex. If you prefer a digital copy we are happy to send it to you via email.

Our 2nd Sunday Funday for March will be focused on Earth Day and be on March 12th following regular worship (during the Lunch & Learn)! So wear green and get ready to make some homemade birdfeeders. Please let us know if anyone has a peanut allergy! We will be talking about how caring for the Earth is a part of our faith and what some big phrases like "Creation Care" mean to each of us.

Our Youth Group is meeting twice this month! On Saturday, the 4th we will be venturing out to Escape Room Family in Sharonville to test our quick thinking and teamwork skills and then on March 26th we will be working a bit closer to home as we help out around Lakeview - everyone is welcome to join us for what is sure to be a fun and productive afternoon!

Our March schedule is below - if you have questions please reach out. We LOVE talking about this stuff!

Thank you again for all your love and support for our Children, Youth and Families here at Lakeview!

Corey McOske-Nieman (CYF Minister)

Faith Colwell (Nursery Care Leader)

March 2023		
Sunday	Topic	Notes
5th	Let Them Come to Me (Jesus & the Children)	Communion in Sanctuary
12th	Up the Tree (Zacchaeus)	2nd Sunday Funday!
19th	Greater Gifts (Widow's Offering)	
26th	A Gathering of Friends (Last Supper)	
*26th	Youth Group: Caring for Our Church - LUCC	@ Lakeview

1 Jak Kronenberger
 2 Heidi Maraucci
 3 Sean Massung
 8 Alicia Peterson
 12 Benny Anderson
 13 Arwen Huber
 15 Bob Barrows



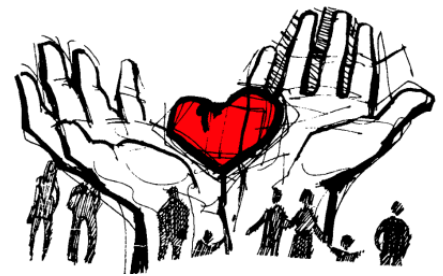
17 Katie Madden
 18 Terry Feucht
 21 Giuliana Cange
 23 Aubree Friedhoff
 25 Dale McOsker
 26 Ann Tsui
 30 Julie Peterson

PRAYER REQUESTS • H-Health Issues • L-Life Decisions • M-Military • R-Recovering •

Chris Bilyeu and Family (H)
 Jason Daily (H)
 Tom & Denise MacFarland (H)
 Lois Westpfahl (H)
 Heidi Maraucci (H)
 The Anderson Family (H)
 Cindy & Fred Wood (H)
 The Crawford Family (H)

G-Grieving

Irina Hall (H)
 The Alkire Family
 The O'Brien Family
 Wendy Motsinger
 Louise (Pam's MIL)



FROM PASTOR TODD'S DESK (Continued)

Starting New Spiritual Practices” from the book *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie:

Blessed are we who are trying a new thing, though we can't quite see the whole of it. That's the beauty of the life of faith. We start in the middle, at the heart center of an unspoken desire to live into the glimpse we've had of God and God's goodness.

Blessed are we who remember that we will fall short. We will fail, but that doesn't mean we are ruined. We simply pick up and begin again.

Blessed are we, willing to be beginners all over again.¹

God's Peace,
 Pastor Todd

¹ Bowler, K., & Richie, J. (2022). In *Good Enough* (pp. 6-6). essay, Convergent.

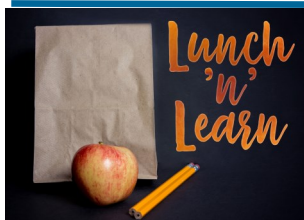
ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

The Lakeview Foundation



The Foundation Of
Lakeview United Church of Christ

The Lakeview Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization whose funds are used for charitable and religious purposes. The Foundation has recently helped fund continuing education for Pastor Todd and will be helping fund the replacement of much needed heating units for the education wing of the church. Unlike previous years, the Foundation has not received any donations during 2022. We would encourage Lakeview members to consider making donations to the Foundation. In the past donations have been given to the Foundation in lieu of purchasing flowers for the sanctuary. Perhaps you can think of other creative ways to make donations. Any amount would be greatly appreciated to allow continued opportunity to provide help where needed and requested.



Sunday, March 12th, is the date of our March Lunch and Learn. Our guest speaker will be Paul Shuler from Hope's Closet. Hope's Closet is a new mission for Lakeview. In April, we will be assembling Toiletry Bags for foster children, to be passed on to foster families as needed. Please plan to join us on March 12th to learn more about the foster care system and what Hope's Closet does to help.

A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby, but as always everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there.



March's Just for Lunch will be held Monday March 13th at 12:30pm at deSha's, 11320 Montgomery Rd.

There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office, or call the office or Katha to sign up. All are welcome, but space is limited.

Lakeview Cooks!

A Fellowship Opportunity

Join us on Thursday, April 20, when Chef Jamie guides us as we prepare our meal and then enjoy dinner together. Everyone welcome.

When: Thursday April 20

Starting time: 6pm

Location: 11915 Montgomery Rd

Website: OutofThymeChef.com

Cost: \$60 per person*

RSVP to Jody McOske 513-884-2285

or the church office: info@lakeviewucc.com

*Scholarship funding available for would be chefs!



ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

The March mission is **One Great Hour of Sharing**, in which we join with Christians in seven other denominations to support relief services wherever and whenever disaster strikes in the U.S.A. and abroad, and also to provide long-term, sustainable development assistance, refugee resettlement, and social services. Tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes ravaged communities worldwide, leaving behind devastation and extreme stress. Drought, violence and COVID wreaked havoc in communities, often leaving people without food and resources for themselves and their family. The UCC responds to disasters such as these through our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Programs and grants help communities launch long-term recovery following disasters such as Hurricane Harvey back in 2017 (a grant helped 14 families repair their homes and remain intact), recent flooding near Yellowstone in Montana, and 2020 flooding in Pennsylvania, and provide relief for South Sudan families suffering from increasing violence, flooding and desert locusts.

A portion of our OGHS offering also goes to refugee relief and resettlement across the world. 55 UCC churches are actively hosting one or more Afghan families, often in coordination with churches of other denominations. Countless other churches have collected supplies and funds toward this effort. Grants, tool kits and online training sessions are available through the UCC for churches supporting Afghan refugee families, all because of offerings to One Great Hour of Sharing.

OGHS will continue to help other poor communities find and develop new sources of food and clean water, and improve health standards. In CIEETS, a holistic food security program in Nicaragua, farmers are trained in diversity farming—growing many different crops so that one failed harvest doesn't have a devastating impact on their livelihoods. Nutrition is improved as a result. CIEETS also assists with water safety, proper irrigation, sanitation and hygiene for an overall improved quality of life for participants. See the United Church of Christ website (search One Great Hour of Sharing) for more information on this and other ways OGHS helps those in need.



MARCH DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

Protein Items:

- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Beans
- Canned or Powdered Milk
- Canned Meats
- Canned Chili, Pasta



Just 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.

ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)Continued

Family Promise Update



Renovation of the old Shaker Inn in Lebanon is almost complete. This inn will serve as a new location for Family Promise hosting as well as being the offices and day center for Family Promise. Volunteers have worked tirelessly to make the changes needed to accomplish this mission. Eventually, the goal is to still have the churches hosting for a week at a time and also to use the Inn for new families who need a roof immediately, but that is down the road.

Linda Rabolt, Family Promise Executive Director, and her staff will be offering tours and training sessions once in person hosting is soon to begin. If you think you might be interested in helping down the line, let Ellen Abel know and she will provide detailed information and will let everyone know when training sessions will be held. We can also set up a date for Lakeview volunteers to see the Inn and have a little training as a group. It has been 3 years since we have hosted in person, so we all could use a refresher. For new volunteers, it is rewarding and not difficult at all!

There were some questions about overnight hosting. The new setup offers a separate room for overnight volunteers. This is ideal for a couple to host together. There will also be some kind of pull out sofa in the office space if a volunteer wants to sleep separately from the other volunteer.

For our hosting date on March 20, we will still be providing dinner only. After that date, we will most likely host in person. Stay tuned, and thank you for your support of this important mission!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lakeview's next hosting date for Family Promise is on Monday, March 20. It was originally thought that we would be hosting in person on this date, but the latest word is that the Shaker Inn site will not yet be ready by then, so we will provide dinner only in March. Please let Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) know if you can provide a dish for the guests on March 20. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!

January Mission Total:	<i>Queen City Kitchen</i>	\$ 1450.00
	<i>Maundy Thursday packets (5th Sunday)</i>	\$ 275.00

PRESCHOOL

Lakeview Preschool is currently enrolling for 23/24 Preschool. Call 513-677-2288 for information and tours.



Getting to Know You- Corey's Lay School Experience

Over a year ago Corey McOsker Nieman, our CYF (Children, Youth and Family) Minister, quietly graduated from SONKA Lay School, after 3 ½ years of study. This accomplishment was officially recognized at the Lakeview Annual Meeting in January. Please read on to learn more about Corey, her role at LUCC, and her experiences in Lay School.



Corey has been in her current position as CYF Minister at Lakeview since January, 2017; but her involvement with our congregation goes back many years, beginning when the McOsker family moved to Loveland from NY when Corey was about to enter 6th grade. After graduation from Loveland High School, Corey attended Wittenberg University, graduating with a degree in History and Women's Studies and a minor in English. After moving around a bit, doing various jobs, Corey took on the role of Nursery Care Provider at LUCC which expanded into teaching Sunday School. When Lakeview made the decision to hire someone as a permanent, part-time CYF minister in 2016, Corey applied and was hired. About a year before this she became a full-time nanny, a position she still holds, with the original family as well as a second family. The three children she cares for currently range in age from 8 years to 3 years. Corey has had a long-term love affair with theater and music and met Patrick, whom she married in 2014, while both were involved with a theater company in Cincinnati. Corey became a co-owner of Lumos Players in 2016 and serves as the primary director of the shows performed by this company at LUCC. (Mark your calendars for "Children of Eden," a musical based on the book of Genesis which will be performed the first two weekends in May.) As if all this were not more than enough to keep her busy, Corey has been serving as the Youth Group Leader at Immanuel UCC in St. Bernard since 2021.

Corey describes her primary role at Lakeview as focusing on the faith and community formation of our younger members and their families. Corey's role goes beyond this specific focus, as she and Pastor Todd collaborate a great deal on designing and implementing worship services. She served as the lead minister during Pastor Todd's recent sabbatical leave. When asked how this responsibility was for her, she replied, "I was very nervous going into it, and it was a ton of work; however, my work with Natalie (our Administrative Assistant), made it ultimately enjoyable, and I liked seeing members come together to assist me and support the church."

The SONKA (Southwest Ohio Northern KY Association of the UCC) Lay School is an ongoing educational program designed to enrich, equip and empower lay leadership and provide professional development for pastors and those seeking ordination through various paths. Corey is highly enthusiastic about her studies in Lay School and believes that more church members should avail themselves of the program. Among the comments she made during this interview, "I learned so much, and my faith is so much stronger because I had to think deeply about it." "I learned to trust the value of my voice." "I learned how to ask questions of faith in a positive light." "It widened my knowledge of the UCC community."

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2023 Lakeview Capital Campaign AS WE LIGHT THE WAY— MARCH 2023



Greetings from the Capital Campaign Committee! As you may be aware, we “lit the lamp” on January 16, 2022, to officially begin the Capital Campaign to pay for the second mortgage from the Cornerstone Fund. Remember, it is never too late to complete an Intention-to-Give card. Every single one counts toward our goal! **So far 15 cards have been received.**

There is good news as the actual amount of the loan now stands at **\$114,852.87** (as of February 1) since we have been making a monthly payment of \$1,043.29 and we borrowed less than the anticipated amount. Also, Lakeview has **received \$106,566.46** in gifts to the campaign as of February 15th. **THANK YOU!!**

There was an additional balloon payment of \$20,000 paid toward the principal on May 3, 2022, through funds we receive from the Burgett Estate. Also, Executive Council authorized an additional balloon payment of \$40,000.00 which was credited to the mortgage on September 1, 2022. An additional \$20,000.00 was invested with the Cornerstone Fund to be used for the next balloon payment (\$40,000.00) due in the spring of 2023.

Each month in the LINK we will be giving you an update on our progress. You can also check out the bulletin board in the narthex. Each lamp post represents \$1,000 received in pledges and the small whiteboard will show the actual amount collected. The total amount pledged as of February 15th is \$145,120.18. **AWESOME!**

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to the committee: Karen Baumann, Corey Nieman, and Pastor Todd.

Together we can do this, Lakeview friends and family. Help light the way!

Getting to Know You.....continued

Pastor Todd encouraged her to attend Lay School soon after she was hired as the CYF Minister. LUCC paid her tuition of \$175 per course. She took two courses per semester for the 3 ½ years, a total of twelve courses. For each class there was a lot of reading and paper-writing. The classes were taught by ordained or licensed ministers from the churches of SONKA, including Pastor Todd. Corey's favorite classes were “Introduction to Old Testament” and “Introduction to New Testament,” as well as “History of Christianity.” (For those who might be interested in the program, classes are taught on Saturdays, now totally on Zoom.)

What might the future hold for Corey? “I love school, and I am interested in attending seminary but don't think I could afford it.” “I feel like church ministry is where I'm supposed to be, but I have no intention of being a ‘lead pastor’—I like working with youth. I want to stay at Lakeview.” (Yay for us!!)

~Submitted by Linda Overholt

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lakeview United Church of Christ Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January 2023

	<u>Jan 2023</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>23,984.34</u>	<u>22,439.33</u>	<u>1,545.01</u>	<u>106.9%</u>
Total Income	23,984.34	22,439.33	1,545.01	106.9%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	11,129.00	11,250.90	-121.90	98.9%
50000—Operating Expenses	6,725.94	6,765.68	-39.74	99.4%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>5,139.04</u>	<u>5,139.04</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Expense	22,993.98	23,155.62	-161.64	<u>99.3%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>990.36</u>	<u>-716.29</u>	<u>1,706.65</u>	<u>-138.3%</u>
Net Income	990.36	-716.29	1,706.65	-138.3%

Checking Account Balance as of 1/31/23: \$38,156.74*

Savings Account Balance as of 1/31/23: \$20,113.57

*includes \$30,917.11 in Capital Campaign

Cornerstone Mortgage Balance #1 as of 02/1/23: \$628,160.54

Cornerstone Mortgage Balance #2 as of 02/1/23: \$114,852.87

Thank you all for your faithfulness to Lakeview UCC. It is greatly appreciated by so many.

Karen Baumann, Treasurer



YOUR GIVING MATTERS

DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

Position	Name	Primary Contact	Secondary
Pastor	Todd Peterson	513-283-3425	pastor@lakeviewucc.com
Admin/Dir. of Vocal 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	Fred Wood	484-881-2297
Vice Moderator/V.P.	Steve Mays	
Past Moderator/Past Pres	Debbie Kumararaj	309-236-2546
Treasurer	Karen Baumann	513-732-6880
Assistant Treasurer	Rosemary Ennis	513-265-2579
Recording Secretary	Deb Rufner	513-683-2137
Financial Secretary	Janet & Steve Friedhoff	513-235-5066
Facilities Coordinator	Dave Maile	513-250-0336

Additional Elected positions

PACT Comm. Members:	Bob Sandman	513-473-6092
	Molly Miller	
	Sarah McOsker	

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		

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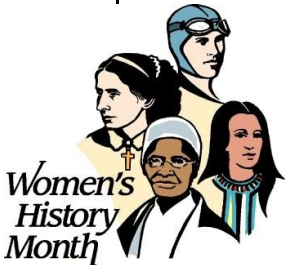
The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the UCC, and equips UCC congregations to become effective witnesses to Christ's extravagant welcome.

<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

MARCH 2023 LUCC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:30-Cub Scts-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-rm 7 7:30P- Choir 7:30P-12 Step -CR	2 6:30P- BSA Comm. Mtg-7 6:30P-Al Anon-8/9 6:30P-Lumos-Sanctuary 7P-AA-FH	3	4 8:30A-AA- rm 8
5 10:15A-Service 10A-Harmony-Rm8/9, CR, FH 1:00P- Lumos-Sanctuary	6 5:00P- Kindergarten Info Night- Sanct 6:30P-BSA-FH 6:00P-Girl Scouts -Rm8 7P- Lumos -rm 7	7 5:30- Cub Scouts -CE/7-9/FH/CR 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	8 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:30-Cub Scts-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-rm 7 7:30P- Choir 7:30P-12 Step -CR	9 6:30P-Lumos-Sanctuary 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -8/9	10	11 8:30A-AA- rm 8
12 10:15A-Sanctuary Service 11:30A- Lunch n Learn 1:00P- Lumos-Sanctuary 3:00P- 4H Crusaders- FH	13 12:30- Just for Lunch 6:30P-BSA-FH 6:30P-Girl Scouts -Rm 8 7P- Lumos -rm 7	14 5:30- Cub Scout-Pack Mtg-CE/7-9/FH/CR-Sanctuary 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	15 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:30-Cub Scts-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-rm 7 7:30P- Choir 7:30P-12 Step -CR	16 6:30P-Lumos-Sanctuary 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- 8/9	17	18 8:30A-AA- rm 8
19 10:15A-Sanctuary Service 10A-Harmony-Rm8/9, CR, FH 1:00P- Lumos-Sanctuary	20 6:00P-Girl Scouts -Rm8 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- Lumos -rm 7 <i>Natalie vacation through 3/26</i>	21 5:30P-Cub Scouts-CE/7-9/FH/CR/Lobby 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	22 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:30-Daisy Scts-8 5:30-Cub Scts-FH 7:00P-NAR-Anon-rm 7 7:30P-12 Step -CR	23 5:00P-Preschool Art Show 6:30P-Lumos-Sanctuary 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -CR	24	25 8:00A- Queen City Kitchen Breakfast 8:30A-AA- rm 8
26 10:15A-Sanctuary Service 1:00P- Lumos-Sanctuary	27 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- Lumos -rm 7	28 5:30P-Cub Scouts: CE/7-9/FH/CR/Lobby 7:00 EC Mtg-Zoom 7:30-Cub Scout Comm mtg-CR 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-Sanctuary	29 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:30-Cub Scts-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-rm 7 7:30P- Choir 7:30P-12 Step -CR	30 6:30P-Lumos-Sanctuary 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- 8/9	31	

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