

L A K E V I E W



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FROM TODD'S DESK

*"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:
 Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating,
 going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it
 before God as an offering. ...fix your attention on God.
 You'll be changed from the inside out...God brings the best out
 of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."
 -Roman 12:1-2 The Message*

Greetings to you all!

As you read this, we have finished the preparation and reflection of the Season of Lent, we have journeyed together through the service and shadows of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and we have rejoiced together as we celebrated resurrection and God's call to newness of life on Easter Sunday morning.

We spent six long weeks anticipating the joy of Easter Sunday, and as we often find after waiting and preparing for something big in our lives, we may not quite know how to feel about it once it arrives. We're not quite sure what to do about it now that its here. How do we live out this celebration of new and renewed life?

The above section from the epistle of Romans speaks of ways to live into a life filled with 'little resurrections'? May we continue to be transformed as followers of Jesus!

I hope you are inspired by this excerpt from a piece by Gerard Kelly called *Because He Is Risen**:

Because He is risen,
 Spring is possible in all the cold hard places gripped
 by winter
 And freedom jumps the queue to take fear's place as
 our focus

Because He is risen
 Because He is risen,

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Church Office Hours:

April office hours include Thurs & Friday 9:30-2:00 plus additional hours to vary weekly. 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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FROM TODD'S DESK.....continued

My future is an epic novel, where once it was a mere short story
 My contract on life is renewed in perpetuity
 My options are open-ended and my travel plans are cosmic
 Because He is risen
 And because He is risen,
 A fire burns in my bones and my eyes see possibilities
 and my heart hears hope like a whisper on the wind
 and the song that rises in me will not be silenced
 As life disrupts this shadowed place of death like a butterfly under the skin
 And death itself runs terrified to hide,
 Because He is risen

Peace,
 Pastor Todd

**Because He Is Risen* by Gerard Kelly posted on <http://third-space.org.uk/>

2 Frankie Daily

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PRAYER REQUESTS

H-Health Issues **L**-Life Decisions **M**-Military **R**-Recovering **G**-Grieving

The Anderson Family (G)

The Westpfahl & Guay Families (G)

Chris Bilyeu and Family (H)

Melissa (Pam's friend)

The Alkire Family

The O'Brien Family

Louise (Pam's MIL)

Dave Schwab (H)

Mac McKenzie (H)

Chris & Family (Friends of Corey & Pat)

Deb Rufner

Ernie & Karen (friend of Pam's)

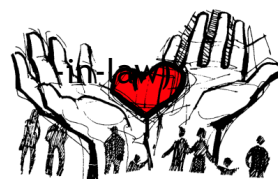
Ed McEleney

John Meek (Linda's brother

Karen Baumann

Esther Friedhoff (H)

The Paul Family (G)



CYF (Children, Youth and Family Ministry)



Happy Spring, Friends!

We want to start with a quick, but very sincere “Thank you!” to everyone who helped with this year’s Easter Egg Hunt! We truly appreciate everyone’s help and even if you feel like it was “just filling a few eggs” please know it feels like so much more to us! So thank you again.

The big celebration of Easter Sunday is behind us now, but as we live in this extended Season of Easter our Sunday School classes will start to build off of our Lenten discussions of Talents and Gifts into how we use those talents and gifts to Care for Creation, for Self, for Family and for Community. We are really looking forward to watching how our understanding of each of these topics grows and really discovering what it means to care for something or someone.

We are constantly trying to find the best ways to connect with our children, youth and families and looking at our current breakdown of ages and interest in programming; we are going to be making a shift in Youth Group ages and activities. The teen programs will continue to be an option, but we will also offer a Junior Youth Group for ages 9-13. This will allow our 13 year olds some time to transition between the groups in a way to maximize their comfort and give this new ages group a time outside of Sunday School to foster their relationships with each other and Lakeview. More information will be coming next month - so stay tuned!

Mark your calendars - Compassion Camp returns this summer for the week of July 15-19th at the church from 10am-12:30pm. Our theme this year is Compassion Camp: Every Living Thing Needs and will be centered around Psalm 104. There are flyers in the Lobby with more information.



Coming next September - Confirmation Classes are back. More details for this will be coming soon. Parents and Caregivers of our Youth ages 12 years and up, we will be contacting you soon.

As always, thank you for your continued support and love for the Children, Youth and Families at Lakeview and for our ministry programming for them. Your love is known, felt and so deeply valued by all of us.

Corey McOsker-Nieman
Faith Colwell



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



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. If you have questions about how you can help, contact Pastor Todd, Carol Peterson or Linda Overholt. We are happy to work with you and provide any training you might need. (Especially for providing/serving refreshments, feel free to sign up with someone else, to share the load.)

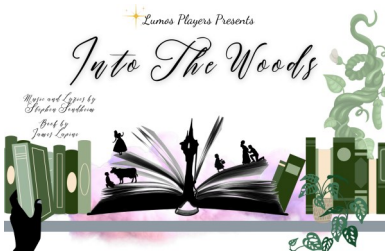


Mark your calendars for Lunch n Learn on April 14th, when we will be joined by Gloria Hurwitz from United Church Homes.

There is a signup sheet in the lobby and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this event or would like to be involved in planning future Lunch & Learns.



Mark your calendar and don't forget to sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office (or call Katha at 513-319-8337): Monday April 15th, 12:30 Scramblers on Hauck Rd., Sharonville



Lumos Players Presents: Into the Woods

Lakeview United Church of Christ, April 19, 20, 26, & 27th.
Check out their website for more information:

<https://www.lumosplayers.com/upcoming-shows/event-two-pdg43>

Tickets available online: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lumosplayers> or at the door.



"Give a book to hear a book!"

Suggested donation is a BOOK!

Lumos Player's current production of INTO THE WOODS will be running a book drive for Adopt A Book Ohio

"Adopt a Book is a Cincinnati-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing at-risk kids with books of their own."

<https://adoptabookohio.org>

ACTION IN MISSION—(A.I.M.)

Childhood Food Solutions-- April Mission of the Month

Childhood Food Solutions is Lakeview's mission for the month of April. This small local program provides food for hungry children in the Roll Hill neighborhood and surrounding areas on Cincinnati's West Side. The focus of food distribution is on weekends, holidays, and summer breaks, when school nutrition programs are typically not available. Public school food programs only account for 178 days a year, leaving 187 days when many children miss meals and go to bed hungry. The program was started by Executive Director, Tony Fairhead, Lisa Hyde-Miller, Board Chair, and Angela Anno in 2007, by focusing on a couple of schools in a single zip code, 45225. Lakeview has supported this program through our mission giving for several years.

The program expanded over the years, but the Covid 19 Pandemic caused a change in the program model. While sacks of food are still sent home weekly with students in the immediate Roll Hill area, since 2020, shelf-stable boxes of food have been *delivered* to the homes of students in a wider area. This enables those delivering the food to ask families if more food is needed. When this is the case, arrangements are made for additional boxes of food to be delivered. This model of food delivery has increased the costs of the program but has been more helpful in meeting the food needs of children and their families in a very low-income area of Cincinnati. The program contracts with Goodwill to have their clients pack the food boxes, for a modest fee. The food boxes are filled with a standard list of foods, purchased through donations and grants, with occasional supplementation of fresh fruit, when available.

The overall mission of the program has not changed: To find solutions for children running out of food, with the hope that these solutions can and will be duplicated by other organizations locally, statewide, and beyond.

The problem of childhood hunger is immense and has worsened post-pandemic with a reduction in SNAP (food stamp) benefits and inflation. Since 2022 CFS periodically surveys those receiving the food boxes. Survey results show that over 60% of respondents report "less stress" in their family lives since receiving the food boxes. CFS recently received an award from Cincinnati Children's Hospital for "the most innovative problem solving" among a group of poster presenters. We are privileged to continue to monetarily assist Childhood Food Solutions in meeting the nutritional needs of children.

To learn more about this mission, you may contact **Linda Overholt**.



Childhood Food Solutions seeks to develop solutions for childhood food insecurity. We apply it in a community, test it for effectiveness, and hope to duplicate it in other communities.



EACH BOX
contains more than 20,000
calories for children and
their families.

**FROM OCTOBER
TO JANUARY,**

CFS provided over 8,000 boxes worth of food to 50 schools through drops and home deliveries!



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

APRIL URGENT NEEDS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

- Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Biscuit/Cornbread Mix
- Canned Meats
- Brownie Mix
- Jelly
- Ketchup
- Applesauce
- Canned Peaches



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.

Family Promise Volunteers Needed



Lakeview’s next hosting date for Family Promise is on **Monday, April 8, 2024**. Once again, in-person hosting has been delayed because training sessions are still ongoing. Volunteers who are willing to prepare a dish are needed so that Lakeview can provide a meal for homeless families on that evening. Meals will be delivered to the church and brought to the guests, as has been the case for the last couple of years. Please let Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) know if you can help out! Thank you for your continued support of this mission.



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 Easter goodies 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/community-rewards>

The Lakeview App is the easy way to send a prayer request, receive notifications, make a donation, or check out the scripture reading for the week. Scan the QR code to download and use our keyword



February Mission Total:

Caracole \$ 1728.00

Getting to Know You

Continuing to introduce those who joined LUCC in October, 2023. . .

On the Sundays when the Chancel Choir sings, you will see **John and Kathy Baughman** (pronounced “Bauf-man”) adding their lovely voices to the choir. When they joined LUCC they declared a desire to just sit quietly in the congregation and to enjoy worship and fellowship together, for a change. After a bit of arm twisting from an unnamed source, they agreed to join the choir in 2024.



They had been active members of the Disciples Christian Church in Hamilton since their move to West Chester in 1977. Sadly, that congregation chose to disband in the spring of 2023, with **John** serving as President of the congregation at that time. With the many requirements of closing a church mostly behind them, although still grieving, they began to visit other area churches and found themselves at Lakeview in June, 2023. They had some familiarity with our denomination, not only because of several shared ministry activities with the DOC, but also because two of John’s cousins are married to UCC ministers. They were impressed by the diversity of ages at LUCC, especially seeing children in worship, and liked meeting members who live in West Chester. One of the first Sundays they visited was also the day **Bob Sandman** was commissioned for his role as Moderator of the upcoming UCC General Synod. That struck them as a positive indicator of our church’s involvement with the wider UCC. As they continued to worship with us, getting to know **Pastor Todd** as well as others in the congregation, they were appreciative of being respected for their needs for space, while at the same time experiencing a warm welcome.

John and Kathy are both Hoosiers, with **John** growing up near Seymour and **Kathy**, in Greenfield, near Indianapolis. They met at Purdue where both participated in band activities and a music-related sorority/fraternity.

John was an aeronautical engineering major and **Kathy**, a mathematics/computer science major. **John’s** first engineering job was in St. Louis, where he worked as a civilian for the Army Aviation Systems Command. At the same time, he served with the Army National Guard in IN. He later transferred to the Air National Guard Band in St. Louis. **John and Kathy** were married in 1971. **Kathy’s** first professional job was for a time-share mainframe computer company in Kansas City. When **John** took a LOA from his Army job to return to Purdue to get his Master’s in aeronautical engineering, **Kathy** found employment in the Purdue Data Processing Department. Their first daughter was born in Lafayette in 1975, not long before they returned to St. Louis for **John** to continue his work with the Army.

In 1977 **John** was hired by GE Aviation where he worked in preliminary design and advanced performance analysis of jet engines. He retired from GE in 2014.

Two more daughters joined the family in 1980 and 1984, with **Kathy** changing her career focus to that of motherhood.

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2024 Lakeview Capital Campaign AS WE LIGHT THE WAY—APRIL 2024



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. If you are new to Lakeview, there is an opportunity for you to pledge on the 2024 pledge cards.**

There is good news as the actual amount of the loan now stands at **\$65,268.42** (as of March 1st) since we have been making a monthly payment of \$1,043.29 and we borrowed less than the anticipated amount. Also, Lakeview has **received \$129,66.17** in gifts to the campaign as of March 18th. **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. That investment matured earning \$98.74 interest and has been deposited in the checking account to make part of the balloon payment in April. **The 2023 balloon payment of \$40,000 was sent to Cornerstone Fund on April 5, 2023.**

So now it is 2024 and the time is drawing near to make the \$40,000.00 annual balloon payment. We have received pledges of \$21,000.00 in stock and gifts which should enable Lakeview to meet its commitment for this year. Thank you all!

Each month in the LINK we will be giving you an update on our progress. You can also look for the Lamp post. The small white board attached to it shows the total amount collected. The total amount pledged as of October 10th 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

Their three daughters now live in PA, NC and CA. They have five grandchildren. Four are young adults, living in PA; their youngest is a five-year-old in CA. Their travels mainly focus on visits to their children and grandchildren.

For the past sixteen years **John and Kathy** have enjoyed ballroom dancing, sometimes competitively, with the Arthur Murray Studio in Montgomery.

While it is disheartening when a church closes, we are so glad that **John and Kathy** found their way to Lakeview UCC!

Submitted by Linda Overholt

TREASURER’S REPORT

Lakeview United Church of Christ Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through February 2024

	<u>Jan-Feb 2024</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>45,426.87</u>	<u>38,811.30</u>	<u>6,615.57</u>	<u>117.0%</u>
Total Income	45,426.87	38,811.30	6,615.57	117.0%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	22,352.59	22,764.22	-411.63	98.2%
50000—Operating Expenses	5,048.92	12,983.30	-7,934.38	38.9%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>10,278.08</u>	<u>10,278.08</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Expense	37,679.59	46,025.60	-8,346.01	81.9%
Net Ordinary Income	<u>7,747.28</u>	<u>-7,214.30</u>	<u>14,961.58</u>	<u>-107.4%</u>
Net Income	7,747.28	-7,214.30	14,961.58	-107.4%

Checking Account Balance as of 2/29/24 \$30,156.71*

Savings Account Balance as of 2/29/24 \$16,116.23

Cornerstone Mortgage #1 Balance as of 3/1/24: \$606,604.63

Cornerstone Mortgage #2 Balance as of 3/1/24: \$65,268.42

*Capital Campaign as of 3-17-24: \$20,562.79



It is good to be back and able to worship in person again! Please note, funds are running low, so if you can, it would be great to have some extra gifts to Lakeview if possible at this time.

Karen Baumann, Treasurer

DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

Position	Name	Primary Contact	Secondary
Pastor	Todd Peterson	513-283-3425	pastor@lakeviewucc.com
Admin/Dir. of Music	Natalie Nolte	513-683-2073	info@lakeviewucc.com
Director of Instr. Music Children, Youth & Family Ministry	Irina Hall	513-753-0377	
Child Care	Corey Nieman	513-262-9381	cyfministry@lakeviewucc.com
	Faith Colwell	513-320-3255	

Executive Committee

Moderator/President	Steve Mays	scmays1@gmail.com	
Vice Moderator/V.P.	Adam Paul	adampaul.ap@gmail.com	
Past Moderator/Past Pres	Fred Wood	484-881-2297	
Treasurer	Karen Baumann	513-732-6880	
Assistant Treasurer	Rosemary Ennis	513-265-2579	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Huber	sarah.nicole.huber@gmail.com	
Financial Secretary	Janet & Steve Friedhoff	513-235-5066	
Facilities Coordinator	Vacant		

Additional Elected positions

PACT Comm. Members:	Bob Sandman	513-473-6092	
	Rob Schorry		
	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		





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

APRIL 2024 LUCC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30P-BSA-FH 6:30P- Cub Scout Den- CR 6:30P-Girl Scouts -Rm8 7P- Lumos Reh.-rm7	2 5:30- Cub Scouts-CR/FH/8 8P-AA -FH	3 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:15P-Girl Scouts-rm8 7:00P-NARAnon-rm7 7:30P-12 Step -CR	4 6:30- BSA Cmt Mtg- rm 7 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -8 7P-Lumos Reh.- Sanct.	5	6 8:30A-AA- FH 10:30AM- Lumos Presents Drag Storytime-Sanctuary
7 10:15A-Worship Service 10A-Harmony-Rm8/9, CR, FH 11:30A- Harmony-rm 7 1:00P- Lumos rehearsal	8 6:00P-Girl Scouts -Rm8 6:30P-BSA-FH 6:30P- Cub Scout Den- CR 7P- Lumos Reh.-rm7	8 5:30- Cub Scouts-CR/FH/8 8P-AA -FH	10 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:45P-Girl Scouts-rm8 6:30- Handbells 7:00P-NARAnon-rm7 7:30P-12 Step -CR 7:30- Chancel Choir	11 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -8 7P-Lumos Reh.- Sanct.	12	13 8:30A-AA- rm 8
14 10:15A- Worship Service 11:30A- Lunch n Learn 1:00P- Lumos Rehearsal- Sanct.	15 12:30P- Just for Lunch 6:00P-Girl Scouts -Rm 8 6:30P- Cub Scout Den- CR 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- Lumos Reh.-rm7	16 5:30P- Cub Scouts-Pack Mtg- Sanct.FH/CR/Lobby/rm 8 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	17 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:45P- Girl Scouts-rm8 6:30P- Handbells 7:00P-NAR-Anon-rm 7 7:30P-12 Step -CR 7:30P- Chancel Choir	18 5PM- Preschool Art Show 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm8 7P-Lumos Reh.- Sanct.	19 7:30P-Lumos Presents: <i>Into the Woods</i>	20 8:30A-AA- rm 8 7:30P-Lumos Presents: <i>Into the Woods</i> 
21 10:15A-Worship Service 10A-Harmony-Rm8/9, CR, FH 1P- Lumos Rehearsal- Sanct.	22 6:30P- Cub Scout Den- CR 6:30P-BSA-FH 7P- Lumos Rehearsal- Rm7	23 5:30P-Cub Scout Den mtgs-Cr/ FH/8 7:00- EC mtg-zoom 7:30P-Cub Scout Cmmtee Mtg-CR 8P-AA-Narthex 8P-AA -FH	24 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 6:30P- Handbells 6:45P-Girl Scouts-rm 8 7:00P-NARAnon-rm7 7:30P-12 Step -CR 7:30P- Chancel Choir	25 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon -rm8	26 7:30P-Lumos Presents: <i>Into the Woods</i>	27 8:30A-AA- rm 8 2P-Lumos Presents: <i>Into the Woods</i> 7:30P-Lumos Presents: <i>Into the Woods</i>
28 10:15A-Worship Service 2P- 4H Crusaders-FH	29 6:30P- Cub Scout Den- CR 6:30P-BSA-FH	30 5:30- Cub Scouts-CR/Lobby/ FH/8-9 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR				

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