

L A K E V I E W



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## FROM TODD'S DESK

*By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

-Luke 1:78-79 NRSV

It's December and we all know what that means! That's right, it's 'National Pear Month' and on top of that, December 16<sup>th</sup> is 'National Chocolate Covered Anything Day'!

However, in our faith community, December also brings with it the season of Advent and the celebration of Christmas! There are lots of traditions during this time of year that warm us and bring us great comfort; lighting the candles on the Advent wreath, putting up the Nativity set, hearing familiar old Christmas songs, the joy of being with family, and re-watching *It's A Wonderful Life...*

While these memories and celebrations are familiar and cozy, the truth found in and around the Christmas narratives are far less nostalgic- it challenged the world then, and continues to challenge it today. For as we consider these Christmas stories, we find a family targeted by a violent political system that was forced to flee their home and seek safety and welcome in a foreign land. We find a couple without a home being turned away as they seek shelter. We read titles like 'Prince of Peace' and 'Light of the World'-and while this verbage has become familiar to us in the church, in its original context it was radical language in an empire where those titles were reserved for the Roman Emperor.

The stories may be quite familiar to us, but we dare not let them become dull to us because they still have the power to shake the very foundations of the world. This is not just the same old story, but is part of THE STORY and if God is still speaking, we must keep listening and asking 'What new images and understandings

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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 1:00 pm via Facebook
- Communion is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

## CYF (Children, Youth and Family Ministry)

Advent is a time in the church year full of anticipation, preparation and excited waiting. It is that last idea of waiting with excitement and action that we are really focusing on in Sunday School this month. Each week we will be tying together the Advent theme of the week (Hope, Peace, Joy and Love) to an individual or group in the Advent and Christmas story that shows how we can wait in action.

This month our Sunday School groups will get a chance to learn the basics of our kid's handbells, do some yoga and even walk an Advent Labyrinth. We are so excited with the program we are creating with our Families here, at Lakeview and would love to have a few additional adults helping to lead some of our activities. If you have any questions or are interested in helping out please reach out to us through the church office or find Corey or Faith after worship.

Our 2nd Sunday Funday for the month of December is one for everyone!!! Please meet in the Narthex after worship to join us as we go caroling! We are planning to walk, but will have regular checkpoints for anyone who may need to head out or prefers not to walk the entire time. We would love to have you join us!

Our Youth Group is meeting on the 18th this month - please mark your calendars. We will be having our first Youth Group Christmas party! We will use our Band app to vote on a Holiday movie, have popcorn and Christmas cookies and be rocking our favorite holiday PJs or ugly Christmas sweaters! We hope to see all our teens there!

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

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to join us in the CYF program- either as a Sunday School teacher or to help with Youth Group outings.

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

Corey McOsker-Nieman (CYF Minister)

Faith Colwell (Nursery Care Leader)

December 2022		
Sunday	Topic	Notes
4th	Advent 2 - Peace: Mary (Jesus's Birth Fore-	Communion in Sanctu-
11th	Advent 3 - Joy: Shepherd's Journey	2nd Sunday Funday!
18th	Advent 4 - Love: Jesus is Born	
*18th	<i>Youth Group Christmas Party - ON WEEK 3</i>	<i>@ Lakeview (Room 7)</i>
25th	Merry Christmas!	No Sunday School

### FROM TODD'S DESK.....continued

might await us?' 'What light is waiting to be shown forth and to guide our feet in the way of peace?'

As you celebrate 'National Oatmeal Muffin Day' (December 19<sup>th</sup>) or as you gather on Sunday morning during the Advent season; as we lift our voices and proclaim "Joy To the World" or as we quietly pass the flame on Christmas Eve during the candlelight service, may we be open and ready to hear and see where the light leads us.

It is with great thanks that we journey with you all. May you have a meaningful and joyous Advent and Christmas season.

God's Peace to you,

Pastor Todd

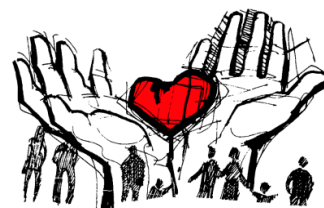
4 Denise MacFarland		28 Jason Daily
12 Jan Gaalaas		29 Linda Crawford
13 Kay Alkire		30 Rob Schorry
14 Harold Hamblin		31 Chuck McOsker
15 Ralph Abel		
24 Jean McEleney		

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Chris Bilyeu and Family (H)
- Jason Daily (H)
- Tom & Denise MacFarland (H)
- Lois Westpfahl (H)
- The Campbell Family (friend of Natalie)
- Heidi Maraucci (H)
- The Anderson Family
- The Rheinfrank Family

- The Krommer Family
- Irina Hall
- The Alkire Family
- The O'Brien Family
- Wendy Motsinger
- John Wyatt (son of Donna & Paul)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



**December Just for Lunch** will be held Monday **December 12th** at 11:30am at The Golden Lamb in Lebanon.

There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office, or call Katha at: 513-319-8337. Space is nearly full at the time of this publication, but there will be a waiting list in case of cancellation.

### 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.

## *A Christmas Carol*



RICHMOND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Looking ahead to a poignant Advent worship series and book group, both based on Matt Rawle's *The Redemption of Scrooge*, we are planning a trip to see the Richmond Shakespeare Company's production of **A Christmas Carol** on Saturday, December 10th at 2pm. Group tickets have already been purchased, but if you would still like to attend, individual tickets are available on their website: [richmondshakes.org](http://richmondshakes.org)

**Children ages 6-12 are free with adult ticket (one child per adult). Per the theatre, this show is not recommended for children under 6.**

We are planning a carpool- departing from Lakeview @ 11:00am with a planned lunch stop on the way.

### DECEMBER DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

December is for protein items:

- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Beans
- Canned or powdered milk
- Canned Meats
- Canned Chili/Pasta



Just look for the barrels 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.)

## The Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund, Lakeview’s December mission of the month, provides financial aid to retired and active ministers, as well as retired lay employees, their surviving spouses and children. This mission is one of the five all-church missions of the UCC that we support annually.



### The Christmas Fund:

- Provides bonus checks at Christmas to low-income retired clergy families and widowed spouses.
- Supplements pensions of low- income retired clergy and widowed spouses.
- Provides emergency grants for financial crises in the lives of active and retired clergy.
- Pays or subsidizes some health plan and insurance costs for low-income retired and disabled clergy and lay employees of the Church.

Please consider donating to our final mission of 2022. Your contributions to this fund allow you to be a blessing for those who have served or are currently serving us in the United Church of Christ’s ministry. **If you have questions about this mission, please direct them to Pastor Todd or Linda Overholt.**

## FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Warren County Family Promise guests are being housed in a motel during the coronavirus pandemic. Volunteers churches have been preparing meals and dividing the meals by family. These meals are then taken to the motel by a driver and delivered to the families.

Our next hosting date is Monday, January 9, 2023. If anyone is willing to help me to put some meals together (bake or donate dessert; provide a side or two), please contact me.

Thank you all!

Ellen Abel  
[ellenabel1016@gmail.com](mailto:ellenabel1016@gmail.com)  
 513-967-5022

<u>October Mission Contribution Total:</u>	<i>Shared Harvest</i>	\$1475.00
	RISE	\$205.00

## Advent at Lakeview

### Wednesday December 21—Blue Christmas Service

Online Service- available starting at 7:00 pm

During the holiday season, there are many folks who don't feel so "merry and bright." Often we find we are struggling with anxiety, depression, loneliness, or the grief faced when living with loss.

So we invite everyone to a time of peaceful worship, filled with reflective liturgy, beautiful music, and words of lament and compassion as we take moment to rest in God's love on this, the longest night. Please see the Lakeview App, website, or Facebook page for the link.

### Saturday December 24th Christmas Eve-A Service of Lessons and Carols

At 7:00 pm on Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary we will be gathering for a service of 'Lessons and Carols'. It will be a moving time of music, prayer, and candle light as we hear again the Nativity story. Come and be part of this time of worship and rejoicing! The service will also be recorded and available for online worship later in the evening.

### Christmas Eve-11:00 pm -A Time of Meditation

Our late service this Christmas Eve will be meeting via ZOOM for an intimate and casual time of guided silent prayer, meditation, and candle light. Please join us at 11:00 PM for a time of peaceful and quiet reflection and rejoicing. The Zoom link for the service will be posted soon.

### Sunday December 25th—Christmas Day

10:15 am -A Christmas Morning Together

Come and worship at 10:15 AM for a casual and comforting gathering as we get together to sing, pray, and rejoice on this blessed Christmas morning . We will having a casual time together with joy, singing, prayer, hot chocolate, snacks, and you can even wear your pajamas if you would like! Let's get together for a relaxed and cozy time of celebration.

### Sunday January 1st—10:15 am

Come and join us at 10:15 am as we kick off the New Year with joy, prayer, fellowship and more of those wonderful Christmas carols. We will also be coming to the Communion table, and at Lakeview all are welcome at the Lord's Feast. Please come and be part of this time of worship and rejoicing!

The service will also be recorded and available for online worship at 2:00 PM.

### Sunday January 8th—10:15 AM

Arise our light has come! It is Epiphany Sunday, so come join us at 10:15am in the Sanctuary as we pray, sing, and delight together on a morning filled with light, rejoicing, and worship



## 2022 Lakeview Capital Campaign

### AS WE LIGHT THE WAY– DECEMBER 2022

Greetings from the Capital Campaign Committee! As you may be aware, we “lit the lamp” on January 16th to officially begin the Capital Campaign to pay for the second mortgage from the Cornerstone Fund. By this time you have received your attention getting yellow Intention-to-Give card. If not, please contact the church office and Natalie will get one to you. Remember, it is never too late to complete an Intention-to-Give card. Every single one counts toward our goal! **So far 14 cards have been received.**

There is good news as the actual amount of the loan now stands at **\$116,593.62** (as of November 1) since we have been making a monthly payment of \$1043.29 and we borrowed less than the anticipated amount. Also, Lakeview has received \$94,028.03 in gifts to the campaign as of November 6th. **THANK YOU!!**

There was an additional balloon payment of \$20,000 paid toward the principal on May 3rd 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<sup>st</sup>. 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 as the Intention-to-Give cards are tabulated. You can also check out the bulletin board in the narthex. Each lamp post represents \$1,000 received in pledges and the small white board will show the actual amount collected. The total amount pledged as of November 21st is \$134,180.18. **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!**



# TREASURER’S REPORT

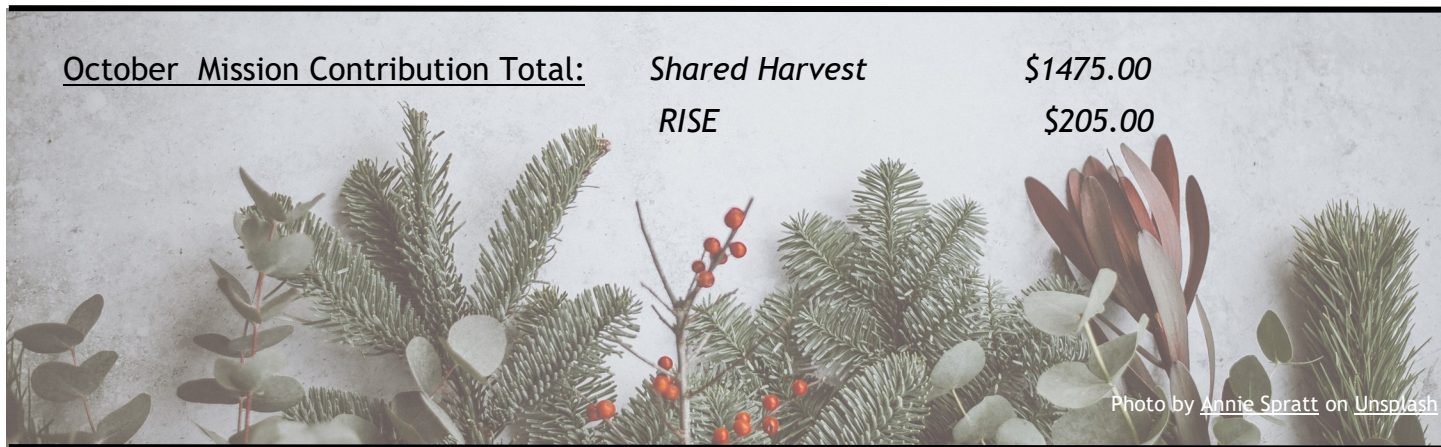
## Lakeview United Church of Christ Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through October 2022

	<u>Jan-Oct 2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
Income				
40000—Operating Income	<u>271,093.89</u>	<u>258,723.34</u>	<u>12,370.55</u>	<u>104.8%</u>
Total Income	271,093.89	258,723.34	12,370.55	104.8%
Expense				
60000—Employee Expenses	108,058.55	113,943.68	-5,885.13	94.8%
50000—Operating Expenses	69,437.01	66,573.74	2,863.27	104.3%
72070—Cornerstone Mortgage	<u>91,390.40</u>	<u>71,390.40</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>128.0%</u>
Total Expense	268,885.96	251,907.82	16,978.14	<u>106.7%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,207.93</u>	<u>6,815.52</u>	<u>-4,607.59</u>	<u>32.4%</u>
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Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/22: \$23,710.85  
 Savings Account Balance as of 10/31/22: \$20,112.56  
 Cornerstone Mortgage Balance #1 as of 11/1/22: \$632,888.80  
 Cornerstone Mortgage Balance #2 as of 11/1/22: \$116,593.62  
 Cornerstone CD to pay Mtgl Balloon 4/1/23: \$20,000.00

Thank you all for your continuous support of LUCC. All gifts to the church help our larger community. Merry Christmas to All!

Karen Baumann, Treasurer





### DO YOU KNOW LAKEVIEW'S LEADERSHIP TEAM?

Position	Name	Primary Contact	Secondary
Pastor	Todd Peterson	513-283-3425	pastor@lakeviewucc.com
Director of Vocal 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	Debbie Kumararaj	309-236-2546	
Vice Moderator/V.P.	Fred Wood	484-881-2297	
Past Moderator/Past Pres	Jody McOsker	513-583-1904	
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:	Sarah Huber, <i>Chair</i>	614-579-3468	
	Bob Sandman	513-473-6092	
	<i>Vacant</i>		
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#### 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	Ruth McCormack	513-563-0473	513-309-4679
Music	Chris Ennis	513-459-9504	513-404-2272
Publicity	<i>Vacant</i>		
Worship	<i>Vacant</i>		




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

# DEC 2022 LUCC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30P- BSA Comm. Mtg -7 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- 8/9	2	3 8:30A-AA- rm 8
4 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 10:15A-Service 10A-Harmony- Rm8/9, CR, FH	5 6:30P-BSA-FH 6:30P-Girl Scouts -8/9	6 5:30- Cub Scouts -CE/7-9/FH/ CR 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	7 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	8 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - 8/9	9	10 8:30A-AA- rm 8
11 10:15A-Sanctuary Service	12 6:30P-BSA-FH 11:30- Just for Lunch	13 5:30- Cub Scouts -CE/7-9/FH/ CR-Sanctuary 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	14 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	15 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon- 8/9	16 5:00P- Irina's Student Piano Recital 6:30P- BSA Over- night Lock-in- FH	17 8:30A-AA- rm 8
18 10:15A-Sanctuary Service 10A-Harmony- Rm8/9, CR, FH 2pm- Youth Group Christmas Party	19 6:00P- Um- lang Piano Recital 6:00P-Girl Scouts -8/9 6:30P-BSA-FH	20 5:30P-Cub Scouts-Pck Mtg - Sanct/ CE/7-9/FH/CR/ Lobby 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	21 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:30-Daisy Scts-8 5:30-Cub Scts-FH 6:30- Handbells <b>7:00P- Blue Christmas Service- Online Only</b> 7:00P-NAR-Anon- rm 7 7:30P- Choir 7:30P-12 Step -CR	22 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - 8/9	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 8:30A-AA- rm 8 <b>7:00P - A Service of Lessons and Carols</b> <b>11:00P- A Time of Meditation - Service via Zoom</b>
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 10:15A-Christmas Morning Together - Service	26 6:30P-BSA-FH	27 5:30P-Cub Scouts: CE/7- 9/FH/CR/ Lobby 7:30-Cub Scout Comm mtg-CR 8P-AA -FH 8P-AA-CR	28 10A-Quilters-CR 12:00P-AA-FH 5:30-Cub Scts-FH 6:30- Handbells 7:00-NAR-Anon- 7 7:30P- Choir 7:30P-12 Step -CR	29 7P-AA-FH 7P-Al Anon - 8/9	30	31 8:30A-AA- rm 8

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