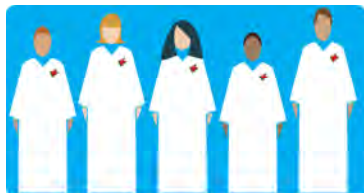


# The Columns

LAKWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (UCC)  
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CHURCH  
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Mission Statement

*We strive to be a welcoming,  
worshipping community of faith,  
helping people discover and deepen  
their relationship with God,  
growing as disciples of Christ,  
and reaching out in faith and loving service.*



Kudos to Our Confirmands

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**  
**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
**UCC CAMP COMMISSIONING**  
**WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES**

**HUNGER SUNDAY**  
**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**  
Celebrating June birthdays



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**FAITH FORMATION LEADERS, HELPERS**  
**& NURSERY CAREGIVERS**  
**RECOGNITION**



THANK YOU TO OUR  
FAITH FORMATION  
LEADERS



Vacation Bible School  
**Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!**  
June 26—30 from 9:30—Noon

## As I Was Saying...

Rev. Mark Thomas

### *My Dear Friends,*

I'm sure than many of you remember your school days when you learned about gravity. We were taught how Newton's law of universal gravitation states that any two bodies in the universe attract each other with a force that is directly proportional to the product of their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them. That was the accepted truth of gravity's nature that had lasted for hundreds of years. But we also learned that Einstein's theory replaced Newton's. Einstein taught us that what we observe as gravity is not due to some force propagated between two bodies, but is an attribute of curved space time.

Einstein's theory has been tested and verified countless times. But I prefer the explanation offered by a young girl. One day a girl was talking to her mother when she announced she had figured out what gravity was. She said, "Mommy, I decided that gravity is God right at the center of the world, keeping people right side up when the world is upside down."

To many it seems the world has been turned upside down! The current political climate would seem to mock the belief that we are one nation, indivisible, and with justice for all. As we approach the coming Sunday, when we will honor our seven high school graduates and offer the Rite of Confirmation to nine confirmands, I find myself heartbroken with the world we are handing them. The climate is too hot even as our hearts are too cold. There is a loss of respect for institutions and too many view politics not as public service but as a path to wealth. We tear each other down even as we build our walls up. Yes, our children will have, on average, longer life spans than those of us who are older, but what will those years be like?

June 4 is the Day of Pentecost in the Christian year. It celebrates the birthday of the Church as thousands joined the "Jesus movement" and followed his teachings. What many remember about Pentecost is that it was the day when the gift of speaking in languages came upon the people as they began to talk to each other in languages they had never learned. We need to find that Spirit once again, allowing us to speak and to listen to each other. We need to find our common ground and work for the common good. Our children and youth need us to find the strength, wisdom and courage, to find our way home to God. And when we do, we will heal both our planet and ourselves as we share, if not a common language, a common hope and vision. Our High School graduates need it! Our Confirmands need it! When we have accomplished that, we will have turned the world right side up once again, and the words we speak will be understood by all. For we will all speak in the languages of justice, of peace, and love. And I say "Amen" to that!

Your brother in Christ,

*Mark*

## SPECIAL MEETING

For all members of LCC will take place immediately following worship on **Sunday, June 11, 2017**. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a contract between LCC and the developers of McKinley Place. The contract will allow McKinley Place to extend their driveway (and retaining wall) into about 28" of part of the northeast corner of our parking lot (not a loss of any parking spaces). In exchange LCC will be granted a permanent easement for the use of the entry/exit of the parking lot from Detroit Ave.

Currently, we do not have any legal standing on the driveway. We can make this agreement with the developer before they turn over the legal decision-making authority to the Homeowner's Association. With the understanding it would not impact the congregation's decision on the contract, the McKinley Place developers used their contractors to replace the broken and dangerous sidewalk leading into the Chapel free of charge to us. In doing this, the contractors created additional parking lot space making up for the space lost in the encumbrance.

## Interim Director of Music

Lloyd Max Bunker

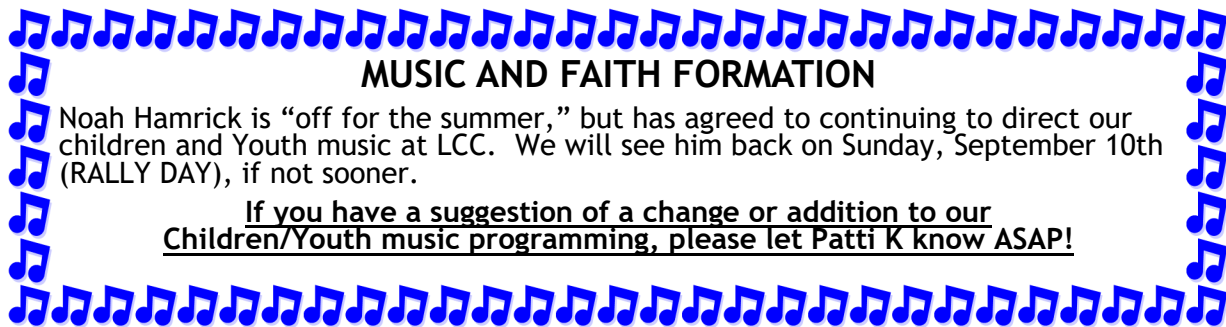
### SUMMER MUSIC AT LCC

The musical year for the various choirs is coming to a close, and, as Music Director, I would like to once more thank all the loyal and hard-working choir members, adult and children, who make this fine music program at LCC possible. Your dedication, week after week, month after month is remarkable and helps set this church and its music apart from so many other churches who do not have this sort of response or interest in their music programs. Having been involved in this church for 10 years, as Music Director and Organist, Handbell Director and player, and sub organist and accompanist during Jeremy's tenure, I can only say that it has been and continues to be a great joy and a wonderful gift to me that I have been able to help provide music for worship over all these years. LCC is an amazing and wonderful congregation!

The chancel choir will continue to sing on Sundays through June 11th and then, as we move into summer mode, music for worship will be provided by solos, ensembles both instrumental and vocal, until the new choir season begins in September. The Children's Choirs did a fine job last Sunday in worship, and we look forward to another year of great music at LCC.

We hope to see all of you in summer worship, and the music groups send their thanks for the congregation's support.

Lots of love and peace to you all,  
Lloyd Max Bunker, Interim Music Director.



### MUSIC AND FAITH FORMATION

Noah Hamrick is "off for the summer," but has agreed to continuing to direct our children and Youth music at LCC. We will see him back on Sunday, September 10th (RALLY DAY), if not sooner.

If you have a suggestion of a change or addition to our Children/Youth music programming, please let Patti K know ASAP!

### What's Next for LCC's Visioning/Search Process?

1. The Vision Steering Team will present the results/findings of the Visioning process to the Executive Team at their June 12th meeting. They will subsequently provide a report for the Congregation.
2. The congregation will begin to respond to the findings of the Visioning process. The suggestions and discoveries will hopefully lead to some new, revamped, or reinvigorated ministries that we will explore and put into action. This work will start very soon, and will continue as we define our long-term congregational goals.
3. The Personnel Committee (Greg Werek, Liz Spahr & Michael Komperda) will appoint a Search Committee for the purpose of finding new pastoral leadership for LCC. The Search Committee is a relatively time-intensive group that will likely work for 6-12 months. The goal is to assemble the group in the next couple months. Members should begin thinking about whether they would be interested in serving on this committee.
4. The Search Committee will use the input from the final Visioning session on leadership and work to complete the church profile (started by Leslie & the Vision Steering Team), submit it to the UCC and begin looking at candidates.

## A Ministry to Serve



Community Meal

### COMMUNITY MEAL THURSDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>

We had 50 guests at the May meal. Thank you to all the volunteers. A great group of the best people!

Our next meal will be June 1st. Sign-up is in the West Clifton hallway.

Thank You! 😊 Lori Waddell

### LCC HUNGER MINISTRY

The first Sunday of each month is “Hunger Sunday.” Food may be left in the church office or in the baskets located in the West Clifton entrance. Envelopes for cash or check contributions will be in the Worship Bulletin. All food donations are given to Lakewood Community Services Center, along with excess cash contributions after paying the expenses associated with our own “Community Meals.”

Jesus said, “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.”

“Just as you do this for members of my family, you do it to me.”

*Matthew 25: 35, 40*

# Thank You!

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LCC with  
Haynes Nursery School  
donated **14 bags** of food  
in May to  
Lakewood Community  
Services Center!

#### THANK YOU FOR THE ADDITIONAL DONATION!

Lindsay Roberts’ College Sorority  
collected and donated  
**30 bags** of food in May  
to Lakewood Community  
Services Center!

### HELPING OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES

This year again the Children’s Offerings each Sunday will continue to support Heifer International, an organization that helps people in need by providing them with farm animals, trees, water, and other necessities to sustain their lives and become self-sufficient.

Your box of Offertory Envelopes is available on the table underneath the FF bulletin board in the West Clifton hallway. When you use these envelopes, please be sure to put your child’s name on the back so we can add this contribution to your Family’s Pledge for the year. Also, this gives your child a chance to feel good about giving, when he/she puts the envelope in the Miracle Jar each Sunday, even during the summer.

If you would like the Children’s Faith Formation Team to support another non-profit or charity for next year (starting in September), please notify Patti K ASAP.



Miracle Jar

## Children and Family Ministries

Patti Komperda

SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>

### WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES HUNGER SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

Worship for ALL Ages (WFAA) is the first Sunday of each month. This is a time when we can worship together as a church family. It is also Hunger, Communion and Birthday Sunday.

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> will be our next WFAA and it is jam-packed with celebrations: honoring our 2017 graduating Seniors, Confirming our Confirmands, Commissioning our UCC Camp-goers....and following our worship, we will gather in the Parlor to celebrate our June Birthdays with song and cake.

Every Sunday, during worship, childcare is provided in our Nursery for the youngest members of our church family (infants-4 year olds) and Activity Bags for other children are located in the back of the Sanctuary, if needed.



### Psalm 113: 3 - *From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised*

Our Faith-Journey scripture this year is taken from Psalm 113:3.

Our intent is to begin and end each day with hope, love, and excitement for all of our blessings. Summer is here! Praise God for the warmth of the sun and all of the beauty it nourishes. And don't forget to use sunscreen!

### Summer Faith Formation

We had a very enjoyable month of May in our FF groups—Mother's Day and hearing the story of the *Three Sisters* (a Native American Indian tale) accompanied by planting corn/bean/squash seeds to observe their growth over the summer months.

In June, we will make something special for Dads/Grandpas on Sunday, June 18th (Father's Day) and then spend a week of AMAZING fun as we join forces with *Super Heroes for God*, our 2017 VBS program, June 26-30th, 9:30-noon.

Due to extensive vacationing during July and August, our multi-age level (Grades Kindergarten—5th grade) Faith Formation program will meet Sundays—July 23rd and 30th, and August 13th and 20th. (The Blessing of the Book Bags will be during worship on August 20th.)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

#### *Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God*

VBS will begin at 9:30am on **Monday, June 26** and run through noon on **Friday, June 30, 2017!** Our program is open to all children ages 4-11.

Registration Forms can be found on our LCC website or on the table below the Faith Formation bulletin board in the West Clifton hallway and are **due Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

The cost is \$25 per participant, which includes a Hero Central tee-shirt and CD! (There is a family cap of \$60.)

#### *Teens and Adults:*

**Reserve the time so you can help us that week!  
Let Patti K know ASAP if you are available.**



**\*Join us Saturday, June 24th from 9am—noon to transform LCC into Hero Central.\***

# Youth Group

**Sarah & Mike Banyasz**



**Middle and High School Youth Groups**

We welcome our “new members” to our Youth Group—Cameron Wereb, Edie Barcelona, Helen Fraunfelder, Olivia Diemert, Charlie Payne, Sean Taylor, Parker Toms, and Jackson Lodge.

Lunch/Kayaking is being planned for Sunday, June 11th. Watch your e-mails from Sarah Banyasz for specific plans/details.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Parent/Confirmand dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd from 6pm–8pm. This is our opportunity to meet one last time before Confirmation and reflect on our year-long journey together. Parable Projects will be due at the dinner.

Please be robed and in the Parlor by 9:30am this Sunday, June 4th. This is a great family picture-taking time before worship begins. (Robes are in the coat room by Mark’s office.)

Our 2017 Confirmands are: **Danny Garcia, Ellie Humphreys, Ian Taylor, Jacob Tommer, Audrey Warren, Aubree Nagel, Jack Sheldon, Tomas Tamilio and Jay Tamilio.**



## MISSION TRIP 2017



Plans are getting finalized as 17 (Youth and chaperones) make arrangements to travel to Washington DC, July 23-28, 2017. *Please continue to support our Youth Fundraisers!*

The Mission Trip Cook-out for Participants/Chaperones will be Sunday, July 16th at 5 p.m. at Clifton Beach. Look for details from Jill Richardson or Patti K.

**THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU MONA ATFIELD AND HER SOUS CHEFS...**The Mother’s Day Cupcake Sale brought in \$405 to the Mission Trip account!

**THANK YOU Thomas Kess,** owner of Angelo’s Pizza. He contributed \$100 towards our Fundraiser to make our profit \$266.42.

Too hot to cook this summer? Support a friend of LCC and a local business –eat at Angelo’s Pizza.

## Car Washes

YOUTH CAR WASHES (Mission Trip fundraiser) are scheduled for the last Sunday in June-September: 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, and 9/24.

We need the HELP of ALL Youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades for these washes.



The Youth made \$425 at the May carwash!

15 YOUTH attended the Youth Visioning Session with our Visioning Facilitator, Leslie Yerkes, on May 21st. Great conversation, great input, a valuable session. Thank you to the Pride of LCC!

## In and Around LCC



### VISIONING

Over the past three months, the members, friends and partners of Lakewood Congregational Church have embarked on a visioning process allowing us to think about what lies ahead for our church. Nearly 120 youth and adults participated in the process by attending at least one of the three sessions led by our facilitator, Leslie Yerkes. We talked about who we are, who we would like to become and what leadership will be required to guide us on the journey.

The Vision Steering Team will present the results of the process to the Executive Team at their meeting on June 12. Much of the information gathered will be helpful in preparing the Church Profile that is used to call new ministers. A full report will be available to the congregation as well.

The following was in a recent UCC Daily Devotional and seemed fitting to share, "That's faith. It rarely asks us to stand flat-footed with our heads above water. It beckons us to a point where we can't touch. That terrible-exciting place is where we learn to really swim; and where we learn to be disciples; and where, when we get tired enough, we learn to rest in the buoyancy of God. Spirit who hovered over creation's waters, dare us into the deep waters of action and witness. Teach us a new security, found not in our own strength but in your certain, gentle embrace. Amen."

**Visioning Steering Team:** Sandie King, Peter Kuhn, Liz Maugans, David Sangree, Vicki Smigelski, Rev. Mark Thomas and Karen Wagner.

### LCC TEENS AND ADULTS

Teens and Adults interested in helping our refugees develop their literary skills are invited to an orientation/training session Friday, June 16th at Emerson Elementary School.

Questions: Contact Kitty at 216-346-9968 or contact Patti K. for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**ASIAN SERVICES IN ACTION, INC. (ASIA)  
WEST-CAM SUMMER PROGRAM FOR  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

Volunteers Needed From: June 19, 2017–July 27, 2017

Volunteer Orientation/Training: June 16, 2017

Location: Emerson Elementary School

13439 Clifton Blvd.

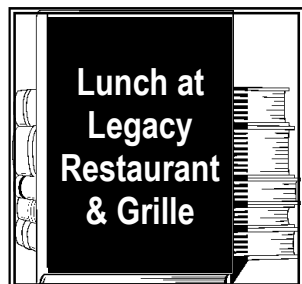
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## In and Around LCC

### CALLING ALL READERS!

*Come to Adventures in Reading  
(LCC book club)  
the 2nd Tuesday of each month.*



**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 p.m.  
Legacy Restaurant & Grille  
(Sweetbrier Golf Club)  
750 Jaycox Rd.  
Avon Lake, OH**



Adventures in Reading will meet for lunch at 12:00 p.m. on June 13th at Legacy Restaurant and Grille (Sweetbrier Golf Club) in Avon Lake. We will celebrate another year of good reading and finalize our book selections for 2017-2018. Please call Kathy MacDougall (216-228-1975) to R.S.V.P.

## Progressive Dinner

On a lovely Saturday evening last month, many of us gathered for Bloom, our second annual progressive dinner. As we moved through the church for the various courses, we shared in fun and fellowship. Thanks to Evan Suttell and his jazz band friends for gracing us with beautiful music during our appetizers. Special thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success including Val Mechenbier, Joann Riordan, Lauren Smigelski and Robin Suttell. Several of those in attendance asked for the cheesecake recipe that we served for dessert so here it is. Enjoy!

### Phil's Blue Ribbon Cheesecake

#### Ingredients

##### Crust:

- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup (1 stick) melted butter
- 3 tablespoons sugar

##### Filling:

- 3 8-ounce packages (1 ½ pounds) cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup (1 stick) melted butter, cooled
- ½ teaspoon orange extract (can substitute Grand Marnier for a richer flavor)

**Directions** Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

Combine graham cracker crumbs, ½ cup melted butter, and 3 tablespoons sugar. Press crumbs evenly onto bottom and about ¾ inch up sides of 9-inch spring form pan. Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and cool slightly before adding filling.

Beat together cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Blend in butter and orange extract. Turn mixture into spring form pan and bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 300 degrees F and bake for another 15 minutes (may require some additional time. The cheesecake will puff up quite a bit and then settle when cooling). Remove from oven and cool completely.

Refrigerate at least 12 hours before serving. Remove sides of pan. Can be served with strawberries and chocolate sauce. Serve chilled.



## In and Around LCC



### MARTHA'S TABLE

Martha's Table delivers meals to families who have a life event such as the birth of a new baby, an illness, or the death of a family member. If you are in need of a meal, please call the church office (216-221-9555) with your request. The Martha's Table team will accommodate your dietary needs and will deliver the meal as arranged with your family. Martha's Table team members have the responsibility of preparing a casserole or dessert for the Martha's Table reserve. Team members also volunteer to deliver meals as they are available.

If you are on the Martha's Table Team, interested in participating as a team member, or have questions about Martha's Table, please see one of the Team Captains, Jennifer Schwelik or Lisa Smith.

### LCC PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer Request Cards can be found on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or you can call the church office if you, or someone you love, is in need of prayer. If you would like to become a link on our LCC Prayer Chain along with Chiquita Matthews, Ellen Tudron, Kathy MacDougall, Barb Meggas, Robert Wenz, Vicki Smigelski, Muriel Campbell, Nancy Gibbs, Charlotte Brown, Alicia Fortenbaugh, Marinika Beaver, Patti Dobro, Mark Thomas, and Patti Komperda; let Patti K know and we will gladly add you to our list!



### SECOND SATURDAY—JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

Join us in the Centennial Garden on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. for an hour of conversation, reflection and prayer. Women of all ages in our church family gather once a month to share life's ups and downs with each other. Please consider joining us.

### LCC BOOMER GALS

....if you were born between 1946 and 1964 (+ or -), you are officially a Baby Boomer...We invite you to enjoy the company of other Boomers as we meet monthly to catch-up, movie-watch, eat and more!

The group saw the movie *Norman* on May 22nd, followed by a stupendously delicious treat at Sweet Moses.

On Monday, June 26th, we will gather at Clifton Beach for a Potluck snack/chat/sunset-viewing starting at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Susan Walker (for the security guard) by Thursday, June 22nd.

Questions/Suggestions? Contact Debi Kasper.



### BOOMER GALS



### LAST CALL FOR PAVER BRICK ORDERS

Our Centennial Garden, located near the West Clifton entrance to the church, was created for the 100th Birthday of Lakewood Congregational Church. Every year, paver bricks have been added to the Garden; take a look through it and you will recognize many familiar names and also learn a little about the history of LCC from them. Order forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Orders must be received by June 4th.

## GRADUATES 2017

*All High School and College graduates will be acknowledged during worship on Sunday, June 11th. All graduates and their families, please join us for worship that day.*



### Charlie Begy

Charlie studied Gerontology (the study of the elderly) at Bowling Green State University. His plans are to working in assisted living and nursing facilities in activities and pet therapy. His goal is to be certified as a Nursing Home Administrator. Charlie's love for the elderly is rooted at LCC. His all time favorite activity was going to Eliza Jennings and doing the monthly services.

### David Dailey

We are incredibly proud of David's hard work during his career at Lakewood City Schools and the accomplishment of his graduation! David has been a committed participant of choral groups in elementary, middle and high school, including participating in numerous community events, school concerts, middle school Honors Choir in 7th and 8th grade and OMEA competitions. He continues to beautify our yard with creative landscaping, as well as enjoy fishing, boating, and being a fiercely loyal friend to numerous peers, and, likely, the Cleveland Cavaliers biggest fan. We are excited for David's next adventure, as he works for Lakewood City Schools this summer and finalizes his plans for taking courses at BGSU/Firelands in the fall. And, we are ever thankful for the day he came home with us.



## GRADUATES 2017



### Jane Mechenbier

Jane is a June 2017 graduate of Lakewood High School. Her high school years have been filled with fun and unique experiences including Lakewood Ranger Marching Band (4 yrs), Marching Band Section Leader (2 yrs) and Spirit Leader (1 yr), National Honor Society (2 yrs), two trips to Germany, two seasons of CYO basketball and one band trip to Canada. At LCC, Jane has participated in four HASOs, three mission trips, countless car washes and bake sales, and one youth musical. She works part-time at GV Art + Design in Lakewood.

Jane is the recipient of a scholarship award from the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation's Carl & Margaret Dryer/Harry E. & Nancy F. Figgie and Cunningham Memorial fund, and the Trustees Scholarship at The Ohio State University, where she will be attending this August.

### Amelia Grace Richardson

Amelia started as a Kindergartener at Taft Elementary School and is proud to have remained a Ranger all the way through her Lakewood High School graduation. Throughout her high school career, Amelia played three years on the Varsity Volleyball team, was a member of National Honor Society for two years, a member of Student Council for one year where she served as Student Body Vice President, H2O for two years, and will be graduating in the top 15% of her class. In the fall, she will attend Ohio Wesleyan University where she plans to study Exercise Science and Nutrition and will play on the Varsity Volleyball team as a middle blocker. Amelia is forever grateful to her LCC family for all the amazing support and experiences over the years. Her favorite memories and life lessons are rooted in Vacation Bible School, Youth Musicals, Mission Trips, and Homeless Awareness Sleep Outs. Thank you LCC for always being there!!



## GRADUATES 2017



### Grace Sangree

Grace Sangree is going to Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI to major in Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management. She has worked at Voodoo Tuna since it opened in 2015 and currently enjoys making sushi there. She has also worked at McDonald's and the Emerald Necklace Marina restaurant. She plays electric and acoustic violin and is a member of Lakewood Project and Chamber Orchestra at Lakewood High School. She is a member of Key Club and Interact at LHS and was active in helping at Community Meal.

### Gunnar Wolf Stockman

Gunnar Wolf Stockman spent all twelve years in Lakewood City Schools. He ran cross country and track during Middle School and High School. He took many AP classes and enjoyed four years of engineering classes. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Gunnar took four years of German and traveled to Germany in his Junior year. Gunnar's favorite LCC memories are the many Homeless Awareness Sleepouts he participated in. Gunnar will be studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati this fall, and hopes to participate in the cross-country running club there.



## GRADUATES 2017



### Evan Suttell

Evan Suttell joined LCC as a third-grade student in 2007. Since then, he has been active in youth musicals; LCC Youth Fellowship activities, including four mission trips and five Homeless Awareness Sleep Outs; Next Generation Youth Band; LCC's partnership with Lakewood Alive; Family Promise; ushering and greeting; and serving as one of the first youth members of the Diaconate Committee. He even has been a good sport and accompanied the LCC ladies on the drums in their talent show act for the past two years.

He also has managed to keep busy during his time at Lakewood High School in sports, music and academic extracurriculars. Evan has been involved in both the various string orchestras as a violinist and as percussionist with the rock orchestra, the Lakewood Project, serving this year as section leader. He will play in his last concert on July 4 at Lakewood Park. He also participated as a drummer in the LHS Jazz Band this year. He got his start alongside fellow Lakewood Project members in Riot 101, a youth rock band through Lakewood's Vance Music Studios.

Since his freshman year, Evan has participated in LHS' Model UN team, serving as co-president his senior year and taking home a Gavel Award for outstanding student in his committee at the spring 2017 districts competition. He also served as co-captain of the award-winning Academic Challenge team, which placed fourth in the state this year and will travel to Chicago June 9-12 for national competition. The team will be on the finals for WEWS' Channel 5 televised Academic Challenge program on June 17, 7 p.m. Evan recently handed over his role as National Honor Society vice president and won the LHS Social Studies award and was named a National Merit Commended Scholar at the senior recognition ceremony. He also ran track during his freshman and sophomore years.

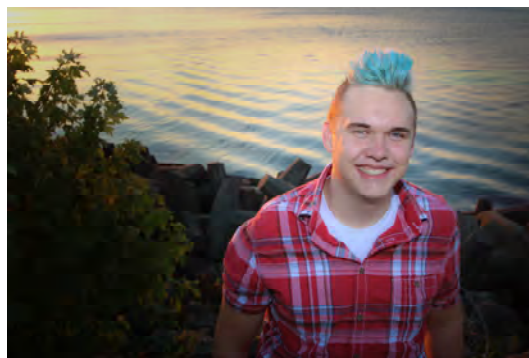
After spending the summer working as a busboy at Barrio, where he will celebrate his first work anniversary on June 10, Evan will head north to East Lansing, Michigan. There, he will join the honors program at Michigan State University's James Madison College of Public Affairs and Policy to study International Relations and Spanish on an Alumni Distinguished Scholarship. Go Green! Go White!



### Maxwell Toms-Snodgrass

Maxwell Toms-Snodgrass is a 2017 graduate of Lakewood High School. He will be attending Ohio University in the fall, majoring in Computer Information Systems. Max is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Max loves playing driveway basketball with his dad and little sister, Parker. He and his friends can often be heard in the basement as they battle each other on the Xbox. Max's collection of stylish size 15 shoes is extensive!





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| Grace Banyasz             | June 1  |
| Seth Hampton              | June 1  |
| Stephanie Schuenger-Fries | June 4  |
| Abbey Parker              | June 5  |
| Margaret Shaw             | June 6  |
| Evan Suttell              | June 7  |
| Ellen Schleckman          | June 10 |
| Ryan Roberts              | June 11 |
| Laurie Thomas             | June 11 |
| Charlie Begy              | June 15 |
| Michael Komperda          | June 17 |
| Aubrey Waddell Shearn     | June 18 |
| Stan Shaw                 | June 19 |
| David Mechenbier          | June 22 |
| Edie Barcelona            | June 24 |
| Anneliese Hampton         | June 24 |
| Charles Amen              | June 26 |
| Charlie Olivo             | June 26 |
| Ann Brockman              | June 27 |
| Ruby Fraunfelder          | June 27 |
| Harry Brockman            | June 29 |
| Patti Komperda            | June 29 |
| Clara McGuan              | June 29 |



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| Richard & Judy Foote      | June 3  |
| David & Melissa Diemert   | June 5  |
| Jim & Nancy Werts         | June 7  |
| Clay & Mona Ewing Atfield | June 10 |
| Joseph & Sandy Garcia     | June 12 |
| Bill & Celia Dorsch       | June 16 |
| David & Virginia Baker    | June 23 |
| Cliff & Linda Brockman    | June 24 |
| Mike and Jane Brady       | June 24 |
| David & Kelly Amen        | June 25 |
| Gene & Claire Stair       | June 26 |
| Mike & Sarah Banyasz      | June 30 |

### Confirmation 2017

GOD BLESS ALL of our 9 CONFIRMANDS! What a great Faith Journey it has been with them this year! Each year, we hope to see your talents shared with the Congregation and for the church!

Danny Garcia, Ellie Humphreys, Aubree Nagel, Jack Sheldon, Tomas Tamilio, Jay Tamilio, Ian Taylor, Jacob Tommer, Audrey Warren.



Kudos to Our Confirmands



# 2017

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed                           | Thu  | Fri                          | Sat   |
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|  | 1  | 2  | 3                             | 1<br>6pm Community Meal<br>6:30 pm: Tai Chi—Parlor | 2<br>9 pm AA—Social Hall     | 3<br>6-9pm:<br>Dinner/Rehearsal<br>Confirmation class                         |
| 4<br><b>Worship for All Ages</b><br>Baccalaureate<br>Confirmation<br>UCC Camp Commission<br>9:15 am Chancel Choir<br>10:00 am: Worship for All<br>Ages - Sanctuary<br>11:00 am: Fellowship<br>Hour—Parlor                                  | 5<br>6pm Interviews<br>6:30pm Steering<br>Committee Mtg.   | 6<br>5:30pm Nature's<br>Bin Full Board<br>meeting—Parlor         | 7                             | 8<br>6:30 pm: Tai Chi—Parlor                       | 9<br>9 pm AA—Social<br>Hall  | 10<br>9 am Second<br>Saturday<br>11:30 am—4:30pm-<br>Bridal Shower—<br>Parlor |
| 11<br><b>Faith Formation<br/>Leaders Recognition</b><br>9:15 am Chancel Choir<br>10:00 am: Worship<br>w/Baptisms - Sanctuary<br>11:00 am: Congregational<br>Meeting—Sanctuary<br>11:00 am Fellowship Hour<br>11:45 am Youth<br>Kayak/lunch | 12<br>7pm Executive Team<br>meeting—<br>Parlor             | 13<br>12 noon—<br>Adventures in<br>Reading<br>lunch—Avon<br>Lake | 14<br>6pm Wedding             | 15<br>6:30 pm: Tai Chi—Parlor                      | 16<br>9 pm AA—Social<br>Hall | 17  |
| 18<br><b>Father's Day</b><br>10:00 am: Worship -<br>Sanctuary<br>10:15am - FF craft—<br>Social Hall<br>11:00 am: Fellowship<br>Hour—Parlor   | 19<br>8:30am-5:30pm<br>Richardson Design<br>Meeting—Parlor | 20   | 21                            | 22<br>6:30 pm: Tai Chi—Parlor                      | 23<br>9:00 pm: AA            | 24<br>9:30 am—<br>12:00pm<br>VBS Decorating—<br>All church                    |
| 25<br>10:00 am: Worship -<br>Sanctuary<br>11:00 am: Fellowship<br>Hour—Parlor  | 26<br>6:30pm Boomer<br>Gals at Clifton<br>Beach            | 27<br><b>VBS</b>   | 28<br><b>ALL</b><br>9:30—Noon | 29<br><b>WEEK</b>                                  | 30<br>9:00 pm: AA            | July 1  |

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP:

**NURSERY:** Sunday, 9:50 a.m.

**WORSHIP:** Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

**FAITH FORMATION:** 10:15 a.m.

(Children start in worship and are excused to attend classes at Faith Formation time)

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## Adult Education

The Adult Faith Formation Team finished this year's Sacred *Conversation about Race...* but don't let the conversation end for you. The evening sessions were intended to not only inform, but to help you reflect on your own biases, discriminations, and prejudices and what impact they may have, intentionally or UNINTENTIONALLY, on the lives of people of color in our neighborhoods, cities, and country. The goal was NOT to blame, finger-point, intimidate, embarrass, judge, or fix; rather, we hope this exploration has begun an awareness that may guide you down another path of your Faith Journey. Our goal is to continue this conversation in the fall as we explore the educational and economical impact of White Privilege on ALL Americans.

There is another great exhibit at the Cleveland Museum of Art now-through July 30th entitled "Black in America".

Reminder: LOTS of Resources have been made available to preschoolers –Adults to help inform you about this topic. Look through the selection on the shelves in the West Clifton hallway and please feel free to sign them out!