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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd
Sermon: All Saints’ Day
Holy Communion / Hunger Sunday
Worship for All Ages with Baptism/ Birthday Sunday

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th. Don’t miss your opportunity to have your voice heard.
Polls are open from 6:30am-7:30pm

Fall Back
Sunday, November 3
Dear Church,

October was a very special month at LCC, and I know November will be too. The Holy Spirit is alive and moving in this place and in the hearts of our church family. Last Sunday, we welcomed 28 new members to our church, plus several children under confirmation age. I encourage you to get to know them (there are bios and introductions later in this newsletter) and also to tell them about yourselves. While you’re at it, you might consider reaching out to someone else in the congregation you don’t know very well. You could simply say, “I know you have been a part of my church family for a while, but I don’t know very much about you! Tell me a bit about yourself.”

I have a book called *99 Prayers Your Church Needs (But Doesn't Know It Yet): Prayers for Unpredictable & Unusual Times*. It has a lot of great prayers in it, many of which I hope we’ll never, ever, ever need (such as the prayer for when your pastor has been convicted of a felony). One of the prayers is, “Your church experiences a significant spike in membership.” Here it is:

“Well give you thanks, O God, for those who have recently entered into this community of faith. We pray that their time spent in the midst of this community is life-giving and meaning-making, as we journey together. Equip us, so we may be the Body you have called us all to be.

Give us open ears, so we may hear their stories, as well as their wisdom. Give us open eyes, so we may see the way you have worked in their lives, and identify the gifts you have given them. Give us open hearts, so we may love them as you created them.

We call upon your Spirit, Great Creator, that it might weave us together in deep relationship with one another, and with you. We also give thanks in this time for those who have long been committed to this congregation, for we have been witnesses to their work in creating a vibrant, welcoming space for all. May we never stop seeking their wisdom, may we always honor their labor, knowing that they are called by you to do this work, and do it well they have. Amen.

Most of all about this prayer, I love the petition to weave us together in deep relationship with one another. Those who have been long-committed to this congregation have worked through thick and thin, behind the scenes and front and center, for our ministry to thrive the way it is today. Those who are new to our congregation bring a fresh look and renewed commitment. It is such a blessing and honor to work alongside our staff, our Exec. Team, and our other lay-leadership and all members and friends of this church as we strive to live into our Mission Statement more fully every day. Each one of you is an inspiration to me. The ways in which we have woven our lives together here at LCC have already made me a better Christ-follower, neighbor, pastor, and person.

I hope you have received my stewardship letter for 2020 and that you are considering making a pledge to further the mission and ministry of this congregation. If you have not received the letter, or if you have and need to talk about your pledge, or if you need to talk about anything at all, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

It is my joy to be your pastor,

Rev. Joanna D’Agostino
Reflection on Music

My first position working as a music director was at First Congregational Church of San Francisco, a tight-knit congregation where a full choir day was eight singers, but five was more typical. While they were all fine singers and musicians, sometimes quantity matters as much as quality, so you’d better believe that I was truly thankful for each and every one of them when they could make it on Sunday morning.

LCC has many more wonderful people than my San Francisco church, but that doesn’t stop me from being grateful for each and every one of you, both in the music program and otherwise. So for this Thanksgiving, I’d like to give thanks to:

Our choir - you dedicate your Thursday nights and early Sundays nine months a year to guarantee there is beautiful, rich singing happening in the Chancel. Your passion for singing, attention to detail, camaraderie, and teamwork humble me and make me want to work still harder every week to continue to be a worthy leader to you.

Our handbell choir - you four-in-hand, Shelley, and otherwise juggle bells and chimes in order to ring complex compositions and arrangements. Your joy, expertise, and patience with getting every little note in the right place is inspiring to me.

Our soloist and section leaders and other musicians - Noah, I value your thoughtful, genuine singing and leadership, both of the choir and of our youth. They so clearly love you, and we in the choir all do too. Naomi and Ben, while you’ve already been with us a few months, your voices, musicianship, and generosity of spirit is being noticed by all. Cathy Spicer and Dave Kasper, your solo offerings in church are always phenomenal!

Members of the Music Committee - your ideas and energy help fuel our programming, the Youth Musical, and the Talent Show. Thank you for your being willing to go the extra mile time and again for music at LCC.

Our staff - Rev. Joanna, you inspire me daily with your dedication to LCC, grounded nature, creativity, and eloquence from the pulpit. Karen, you are always so on top of everything, as well as helpful and kind; your calm management enriches us immeasurably. Rachel, your positivity, expertise, and willingness to jump in and lead our educational community is awesome. Patti Dobro, your financial wizardry and steadfast hard work are deeply appreciated. John, you accomplish the Herculean labors of keeping this building in ship-shape with devotion and a gentle touch. And Gloria, Kate, Jan, Claire, and other volunteers, thanks for doing all that behind-the-scenes work of counting money, putting together bulletins, and updating our records.

To all other members and friends of the LCC community (and anyone else I may have left out, sorry) - your support of the arts at our church, your time and talent, and all you bring and share with our church makes for a place that I am so proud to call home.

Lastly, I have received some very helpful feedback from members of the congregation recently, saying that they are enjoying the new repertoire I’ve been introducing in the church, and especially the congregational prayer responses and other songs. While this is music to my ears, I want to hear what all of you have to say about the music programming at LCC. If you have ideas, suggestions, and yep, critiques, please don’t hesitate to e-mail me, call me at (216) 571-2447, or better yet, find me after church on Sunday.

Ben Malkevitch
Director of Music Ministries
Children and Family Ministries

Youth Planning Team: Monday, November 4, 7-8pm
Any youth or adults interested in helping plan for our youth ministry may attend. Please join us!

Stay Up To Date
Stay up to date with all of our happenings for children, youth, and families!

To be added to our email list, be sure you have turned in your Faith Formation registration forms. The forms are available in the church website. Forms

Families with children and youth who are active in our church are also welcome to join our Facebook group: Lakewood Congregational Church Children & Youth

Would you like to help in the nursery?
Our church nursery is a special place to be on Sunday mornings. Our nursery workers have the joy of caring for our little ones while also listening to the worship service through a speaker. Adults and youth, if you would like to help in the nursery 1-3 times per month, please e-mail Rachel (Rachel@lcc-church.org)

Youth Led Worship at Eliza Jennings
Sunday, November 10, 9:45am
All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to help lead worship at Eliza Jennings Assisted Living. We will begin in November and will continue through the school year on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Transportation is provided and the leadership is not difficult. This is a fun way to spend time with your friends while giving back to others.

Parents, if you would like to help out by driving for this event, please contact Rachel. All youth not riding with their parent will need to turn in their Faith Formation Registration and Medical/Liability Release prior to the event (info about registration and release are found in this newsletter and at www.lcc-church.org). Youth and adults planning to attend, please sign up on the Eliza Jennings sheet which is on the Sign Up bulletin board outside of the Parlor.

A Musical Note from Noah!

We are excited to offer Seussical as this year’s Youth Musical! As Seussical teaches us, “A person’s a person, no matter how small;” and we are happy to include 3rd graders through 12th graders in our production.

Auditions will be held on two days to accommodate the continuously increasing interest. Children and Youth will need to sign up for one of our group auditions, which will be December 1st and 8th, both at 12pm. These sign-ups will be available online through a link that will be made available in the next few weeks.

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons Sunday, January 5th.
Tech week will begin Sunday, March 29th with shows on Friday, April 3rd (7pm), Saturday, April 4th (7pm) and Sunday, April 5th (2pm)
Children and Family Ministries: Youth News

Theatre at LCC
LCC and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church will once again sponsor Y-HAVEN/CLEVELAND PUBLIC THEATER production “Father’s Watch” on Sunday, November 17th at 2:00pm in the LCC Social Hall
You’re invited to the Y-Haven production “Father’s Watch,” a collaboration between Cleveland Public Theatre and Y-Haven Transitional Housing.
“Father’s Watch” is an original production performed by the men from Y-Haven and based on their life stories. The Y-Haven Theatre Project captures an authenticity and emotional power as the cast shares their true-to-life experiences often hidden from the world.

Youth Group: Sunday, November 3, 11:30-12:30p
We are having Youth Group for 6th-12th graders on Nov. 3! All LCC Youth and their friends are welcome.
Lunch provided (probably pizza, contact Rachel with food concerns/questions/request/questions).
We will have some fun together, talk about upcoming events, and begin working on an important project!

Message from the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry
Our children and youth had a great time fellowshipping and learning together in October!

Our youth had a ball on the haunted hayride and at the haunted houses at The Spooky Ranch. Our children, youth, and their parents created some silly, scary, and sweet jack-o-lanterns at our pumpkin carving event. I’m looking forward to more fun times with our amazing church family!

In Faith Formation, our young people have been learning to reach out to God for their own needs and also for the needs of others.

If you have questions or would like to chat about our children’s, youth, and family ministries, please reach out to me. I’m enjoying getting to know everyone at LCC.

Many blessings,
Rachel Burns
A Ministry to Serve

COMMUNITY MEAL
NOVEMBER 7TH

Join us for the LCC Community Meal!
As always, we will start set-up and food preparation about 3:30pm. We’ll then plate the food and be ready for service at 5:45pm.
Note this is a new time to accommodate the Social Hall use later in the evening.

Before 5:30PM we will need people to help set tables, make coffee, tea, lemonade and food. At 5:30PM our most important need is during dinner; several folks to assist in serving and refilling dishes for second helpings. Afterwards we will need assistance with clean-up of the social hall and kitchen.
We generally finish up by 7:15pm. We welcome you for any amount of time you can join us!
If you are unable to make our community dinner but are interested in serving, Trinity is in need of help for their community meals. Their November schedule is posted below.

TRINITY COMMUNITY MEALS:
Monday, Nov. 4, 6pm
Saturday, Nov. 16 at 12pm

Trinity Produce Distribution: 10am-12pm: Saturday, Nov. 16
Trinity Pantry: 10am-12pm: Saturday, Nov. 23
Please note both distributions do occur before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Volunteers are needed for each and every program offering. Please join us!

Martha’s Table, an “INreach” Team at LCC (Nurture and Growth) needs your HELP*. Many of you are familiar with Martha, the woman from the Bible who was all about serving Jesus and others great meals at her home! (Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-44, 12:2). Our own Martha’s Table began a few years ago and has served our LCC family members many meals to help nourish the body, the mind, and the soul when life has become difficult to manage.

Jennifer Schwelik heads up the Team of chefs/bakers/deliverers; *if you are interested in being a part of this behind-the-scenes Team, email or call Jennifer (see Church Directory.)

And, if you are in need of a meal due to an illness, death, new baby, or some other reason preventing you from cooking a dinner, call the church office (216-221-9555).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
LCC donated 9 bags of food from LCC and 7 from Haynes in October to Lakewood Community Services Center!
The first Sunday of the month is our food collection day. Items can be dropped off in the baskets lining the West Clifton Hallway.
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Community of Hope (formerly Open Table)

Please keep our community in your prayers as we begin meeting with our young person this month. He was part of the foster care system until he aged out at 18. Six LCC members (John Bando, Sandie King, Charles Lyons, Val Mechenbier, Vicki Smigelski and Scott Suttell) will be meeting with him at least weekly to build relationships and support him.

If you're interested in being part of a community, Community of Hope is currently seeking volunteers to work with young people. You can find information at www.hopecle.org or contact Vicki Smigelski at 216-789-5020 or vsmigelski@kksg.com.

Each year LCC/Trinity creates our own daily devotional for the holiday season (Advent—Epiphany)

Let Karen Wagner know if you/your family are interested in participating. She will select a Bible verse for you to ponder and then write about.

Are you interested in participating, but are not fond of writing? Karen is willing to give you a Bible verse to ponder. Then, she'll sit with you and listen to your thoughts about the verse. From that conversation, she will create a devotion for your approval. Once you like it, then your devotion is added to the booklet.

The verses are being selected. All we need are writers. Devotion deadline is Friday, November 15. Early submission is encouraged and appreciated.

Karen Wagner, kewagner3@gmail.com, 440.759.5093

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.

The LCC Prayer Chain includes members Chiquita Matthews, Ellen Tudron, Kathy MacDougall, Robert Wenz, Vicki Smigelski, Muriel Campbell, Nancy Gibbs, Alicia Fortenbaugh, Marinika Beaver, J. Horner, Patti Dobro, Charlotte Brown, Karen Lee, Pastor Joanna, and Patti Komperda. Let Karen Lee (church office) or Pastor Joanna know if you would like to be added to the Chain or if you would like to add

Join the Journey

We will continue the LCC/Trinity book discussion, We Make the Road by Walking, on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month at 7pm. Childcare will be available upon request. All are welcome.

Tuesdays we meet at the peace pole on the West Clifton side at 6pm for a walk prior to the discussion. Books may be purchased through the LCC church office, 216-221-9555. Contact Paula Deal, paula.deal@gmail.com, for more information.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Have you recently volunteered? Are you part of an event that needs volunteers or fundraising? Please contact Laura Hampton at lblesseh@bw.edu to have your information included in future additions of The Columns or the weekly bulletin.
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FRIENDS’ CIRCLE EVENTS
Friends Circle (a multi-generational women’s group)

All LCC women are invited to attend our Fall Scrapbooking/Afternoon Tea with the residents of Eliza Jennings on Monday, November 11th at 2:30pm at their facility, 10603 Detroit Ave, Cleveland.

Please let Jan Young know (young0109@sbcglobal.net or 216-554-3460) if you can join us so that we can give you entry to the building.

Email the office if you would like to be added to the Friends’ Circle emails. lccstaff@lcc-church.org

NEWS FROM THE LCC MARKETING COMMITTEE

Check out LCC’s New & Improved Website
If you haven’t visited the church’s website www.lcc-church.org recently, take a look! The LCC Marketing Committee worked over the summer with an outside web developer to design and build a new website for the church. The new site, launched on Rally Day, has updated content, an overall more streamlined layout, and a cleaner mobile-friendly look and feel. Thanks to everyone who helped with this effort, especially:

Pastor Joanna, for overall support & encouragement
Tim Riordan, for the beautiful exterior church photo on the home page
Rachel Burns, for working with us on children & youth fellowship forms
Karen Lee, for ably learning a new way of posting content
Joann Riordan, for sourcing a graphic designer who worked cost-effectively and quickly
Volunteers that read / reread / proofread content prior to launch

LCC & UCC Branding
Since we were creating a new website, it was an opportune time to consider the brand guidelines recently published by the national office of the United Church of Christ. The Marketing Committee decided to implement some of the suggested elements, not just on our new website, but with our digital presence and on our print materials as well. You may have noticed that our LCC logo has changed from a red ‘swoosh’ to a blue one, and our worship bulletin font has changed – these are two small steps that are directly related to our effort to refresh our internal and external communications in a way that is more closely aligned to the UCC identity standards.

If you are interested in learning more about UCC’s brand guidelines, visit www.ucc.org/about-us_ucc-logo.

The committee has several new projects under consideration for the coming year - look for updates in future issues of The Columns.

From the LCC Marketing Committee:
GregWereb, Erin Wereb, Robin Suttell, Scott Suttell, Joann Riordan, Cathy Spicer, & Val Mechenbier
LCC Outreach Committee International Focus for 2019/20

The LCC Outreach Committee has decided to continue our focus for another year on Mozambique as they work to recover from Cyclones Idai and Kenneth, torrential rainfalls and flooding in mid-March and late April 2019. Together, these deadly storms destroyed homes, schools, churches, crops, health facilities and even crucial water tanks, among other infrastructure damage. Residents have struggled with food and water shortages and public health issues, such as cholera and malaria, not to mention the loss of loved ones and their homes in the aftermath of these massive storms.

As Mozambique struggles to rebuild months later, various relief groups have assisted the government and its citizens with these efforts. This includes the United Church of Christ Mozambique (UCCM) and the Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ, of which Lakewood Congregational Church (LCC) is a member. Global Ministries is working to raise funds to assist the Mozambique churches with reconstructing various buildings and churches in the country. The UCCM has approximately 100 local congregations in Mozambique and many of them were affected by the disaster.

LCC welcomed Rev. Marco Cable, Global Ministries Africa Executive, and Rev. Jane Sullivan-Davis, Executive for Resource Development with the United Church of Christ Global Ministries, during worship on Sunday, September 15. Cable had just returned from Mozambique. He, along with Sullivan-Davis, shared insight into the needs of the local churches following the cyclones including a number of pictures, which are also available to review on the LCC website.

Global Ministries has asked LCC to fund a set of recovery needs of the UCCM due to the two cyclones earlier this year. They have provided us a list of items related to reconstruction of buildings, support of the specific communities listed, and social support for women and children. They have provided us the cost figures in U.S. dollars and Mozambique Metical currency.

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We have accepted the challenge and hope to raise the money, along with support from LCC’s Extra Mile Fund, to help the people of Mozambique. Opportunities to donate are available throughout the next few months including as part of our upcoming Alternative Giving during the Advent season as well as during a special Mozambique Sunday this winter. **Would you help us?** If you are interested in helping us, please feel free to write a check and indicate on your check that it is for the Mozambique mission project. If you are interested in learning more about Global Ministries and our church being a Global Mission Congregation, please contact any of the outreach committee members or Pastor Joanna.
In and Around LCC - Member News

LCC MEMBER NEWS:
- A belated congratulations to Brad Humphreys. In September he was awarded a NASA Silver Snoopy Award that was presented to him by Astronaut Douglas Wheelock.
- Condolences to J. Atlee Horner, III on the passing of his mother.
- Congratulations to Nicky (Ott) and Adam Wills on the birth of their 3rd child, Nora Rose. Nora was born on Tuesday, October 22nd.
- Condolences to the Ott Family on the passing of their mother/grandmother, Phyllis Ott.
- Watch Cathy Spicer perform in The Greater Cleveland Flute Society's performing group, Erie Waters. They have a performance coming up on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3pm at the Church of the Resurrection in Solon as part of their "Music in a Sacred Space" series.
- We lost a member of our church family. Randall (Randy) Walthius. Randy was a member at LCC from 2010-present, though had not attended since Easter of 2018. [Link]
- Condolences to Michael Fleenor and family on the passing of his sister.
- We celebrated the baptism of Noah Hamrick.
- We welcomed New Members on October 27th. Be sure to read their bio/information included below.
- On Nov. 3rd we will celebrate the baptism of Brock Thomas Mitchell. Brock is the great-grandson of Joan Metzner.
- On Nov. 3rd we will honor Jim Gibbs who has been LCC’s Head Usher since 2000. He started ushering for LCC in 1978 and has faithfully led this ministry for the last 19 years.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS
We asked our new members to share some personal information about themselves—you never know what you might have in common!
- **Andy Barlow** and his wife, Heather, have three girls: Peyton (17), Teegan (6), and Kendall (9 months). Andy enjoys graphic design and is active in the Horace Mann PTA. Teegan enjoys soccer and playing with friends, and Kendall loves the nursery at LCC. Peyton is a high school senior but is taking classes at Cleveland State University.
- **Chris and Rachel Burns** and their children David (14) and Lilly (12) are new to our church in part because of Rachel’s position as Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Chris and Rachel are both gifted musicians. David is active in year round sports and has an after school job as a dog-walker. Lilly enjoys cheerleading and running track. Both kids sing with the choir at Garfield Middle School. David will be in our Ketchup Confirmation Class.
- **Janet and Renato Carrettin**: Renato’s favorite book is *Shogun* and mine is *Pride and Prejudice*, hard to say what a favorite movie would be. Our favorite vacation spot is with our grandchildren in Houston...grandchildren, not Houston being the operative words. Can’t speak to Renato’s faith journey. For me, it might be a meditation experience I once had in which all around me the light was filled with a golden haze that emanated from the gates of Heaven as I understand it. I am semi-retired teacher who still works part-time in Catholic schools as a tutor and Renato is also semi-retired, no longer managing businesses, but making amazing pizzas.—Janet
- **Tom and Beth Clark** and their daughter Sarah live in Rocky River. Sarah is in her senior year and plans to attend Kent State University to study Spanish and Education. Tom’s interests include working out, music, and photography and Beth is interested in crafting and reading. They both have a background in finance.
Getting to Know Our New Members—Continued

Amy and Mike Daso have 4 children: Rachel, Tim, Joe and Anna. Rachel is at Fordham University, in the Bronx, Tim began college at Rhodes College in Memphis this fall, Joey is a sophomore at Lakewood High School and is involved in theatre, and Anna is a runner at Harding Middle School. Amy and Mike are a very involved Lakewood family. Amy is joining the church today because she was unavailable when Mike, Tim, and Anna joined earlier in the summer.

The Germaine Family has lived in Lakewood for the past 20 years. They previously attended Lakewood United Methodist Church, and they are excited to continue their faith journey here.

Russ is a PE/Health teacher in Cleveland and coaches wrestling and football and has a passion for brewing beer.

Laura is an English teacher in Lakewood. She likes to cook, read, spend time with family and organize charity events.

Lilly and Nora both play basketball and volleyball for Lakewood. Lilly is in the Health Careers Westshore program, and Nora is a member of H20. They enjoy hanging out with their friends and older sister, Ella, who attends OSU.

George Graham and Michael Fleenor have two children, Ellen (13) and Robert (16). George is an ordained minister and VP of the United Church of Christ’s Council for Health and Human Services Ministries (CHHSM). Michael’s career is in Historical Restoration in the city of Cleveland.

Noah and Hannah Hamrick have been a part of LCC for several years and have decided to officially join. They have both sung in our choir and worked with our youth, while Noah has been our Director of Youth Music Ministries. They love to travel to meet Hannah’s goal of seeing every National Park.

Katzenberger Family:

Places you’ve lived: Kim and I have both lived in NYC but we met in Cleveland. We moved to Los Angeles for Kim’s job in 2004. We came back to Cleveland for our wedding in 2005. Our girls were born in Los Angeles in 2006 and 2008. We moved back to Lakewood in 2010.

Job/Career Fields or Specific areas of interest: Kim works in Finance for a private equity firm, The Riverside Company. Nora has worked in public relations, fundraising, and marketing, and is currently pursuing creative writing.

Favorite Movie/Book/Song: Kim’s a fan of Shawshank Redemption, My Cousin Vinny, and Oh God! Nora loves anything by Alfred Hitchcock, Jaws, Twister, and anything written by Nora Ephron. Shannon and Bridget are currently being educated on good 80's movies such as The Karate Kid, War Games, and Back to the Future. We also collectively like the Harry Potter books and movies.

Favorite Vacation Spot: We love to travel and rarely go to the same place twice. We’ve enjoyed recent trips to Maine, Martha’s Vineyard, Hawaii, and France.

Hobbies/Interests: Shannon and Bridget love acting in plays and musicals at the Beck Center and LCC, and we all enjoy seeing shows at Playhouse Square. We like to play Dominos. We also like to go out to eat -- all four of us are fairly adventuresome eaters. Favorite places include Flip Side, El Carnicero, Salt, and Astoria Cafe.

Faith Journey/Memory: All four of us were baptized and raised in the Catholic faith. We had both positive and negative experiences with the Catholic Church, and recently decided to seek a church that was more in line with our beliefs and values. We have many friends who attend LCC, and our girls were welcomed to participate in the musical before we considered becoming members. When we decided to look for another church, it was a unanimous family decision to start with LCC. We are glad our journey has led us to this church with so many wonderful, welcoming members. We also find the sermons to be very relevant to our lives, and we enjoy the wonderful music.
Getting to Know Our New Members - Continued

◊ **Amber Kramer** and her husband Kevin have two daughters, Katie and Ellie. They live in Rocky River where Katie is in 11th grade and Ellie is in 7th grade. Katie is pole vaulter for RRHS and a member of the Chess Club. She loves to create art and is an avid reader and gamer. Ellie is a member of the RRMS Chamber Choir. She enjoys basketball, cooking, art, and reading. The Kramers love vacationing at their home away from home in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

◊ **The Kressler Family**: We live in Rocky River. Vicki grew up in the Parma area. Andy grew up in Cincinnati. We met when we were both at Ohio University and were married in 1994. We just celebrated our 25th anniversary at the beginning of October.

  Vicki is the Director of Communications at Medical Mutual and Andy is a Settlement Closer for the Barristers of Ohio. We have two daughters, Laura and Allison.

  Laura is a senior and Allison is a freshman at Rocky River High School. They both play in the Rocky River Marching Band (Laura on the sousaphone and Allison on the clarinet). Laura is involved in the school’s yearbook and works for Vitality Bowls. Next year, she will be at Kent State University studying Fashion Merchandising. Allison is involved in the school’s drama club, on the stage crew. She is also a junior Red Coat at Playhouse Square.

◊ **Amy and Chris Lardi** have three children, Nate (12), Evelyn (Evey, 10), and Anastasia (Anya, 8). They live with two beautiful Huskies in Lakewood. Amy supervises lunch and recess at Horace Mann Elementary and has a background in education. She is also active with the PTA. Chris is a software engineer and enjoys hiking and being outdoors. They enjoy camping as a family, and the kids are active in music and Beck Center performances.

◊ **Sarah Maibauer and Junie**: I am joining the church with my daughter, Juniper Grace. She is 15 months old and a bundle of love and joy! I am a nanny and have been for about 12 years now. I currently work with a family in Lakewood taking care of their little boy part time. I am so lucky to be able to bring Juniper with me. Kids are my life and I so enjoy watching and experiencing them grow. I grew up in Lakewood and was always surrounded by a church family. When I had Juniper I felt that was a good way for her to be raised. Not only to learn to love and trust in God but also to have a community of people to love and help take care of her. I am truly happy to have found such an accepting church for my daughter and me.

◊ **Sarah and Paul Pierce** have four children: Aidan, Connor, Zoey, Rebecca. Aidan is a 9th grader at Lakewood High School, Connor is a 7th grader at Harding Middle School, and Zoey is a 5th grader at Horace Mann Elementary School. Rebecca is a Lakewood High School graduate, class of 2019. Sarah enjoys home renovations, cooking, crafting, reading, and tv. Paul likes to play video games, write, listen to audiobooks, and play ukulele and tuba.

◊ **Sarah Winters** and her husband, Matt, who will join at a later date, have two children, Max and Meg, and two dogs, a Saint Bernard and a Golden Retriever. They enjoy traveling and completed a road trip to Yellowstone and the Tetons this summer. Sarah enjoys reading, running, and being outside. Sarah believes “faith in action” is critical, and has been involved in LakewoodAlive.
In and Around LCC

Adventures in Reading

CALLING ALL READERS!

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

Tuesday, Nov. 12th
12:30 p.m.
Westlake Porter Library
27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Book: Where the Crawdads Sing (© 2018) by Delia Owens

Nancy Herdman will lead the review and discussion of Where the Crawdads Sing (copyright 2018) by Delia Owens. For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1968, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the novel’s heroine also known as the Marsh Girl. Abandoned as a child, Kya is sensitive and intelligent. She has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in nature. Where the Crawdads Sing is a mystery, a love story, and a courtroom drama, but it is primarily about self-reliance, survival, and how isolation affects human behavior. The author reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were.

Looking ahead to December: Our book for discussion will be Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (c)2017 by Gail Honeyman

Please sign up on the West Clifton bulletin board or call Kathy MacDougall (216-228-1975)

LCC Adult Faith Formation Invites you to an afternoon of theater at Karamu House. Tickets are still available.

Sunday, November 3, 2019 - 3 pm
Tickets are $40 - Payment can be made in the church office

SECOND SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 9TH

Women of all ages are invited to gather for Second Saturday, November 9 at 9 am in the church Parlor. We spend an hour in conversation, reflection and prayer. This is an opportunity to get to know other women in the church as we explore our faith in today’s busy world. Give it a try!
Angel Tree 2019

It is time again for our Angel Tree Project! For those new to this program, the national organization, Prison Fellowship, organizes Angel Tree to help children connect with their incarcerated parents at the holidays.

Each year, LCC members purchase gifts for these children on behalf of their parents to help them feel close and know they are loved. The children who benefit from the program receive gifts far beyond those we purchase—they get a chance to feel that their parent is near on Christmas.

On Sundays, December 1 and 8, our Angel Tree will grace our sanctuary with the names of 60 children from 19 families and their gift requests. You can help by taking a name and purchasing 2 gifts—one toy and one article of clothing—at $25 for each gift. Wrap your gifts, attach the angel tag from the tree, and bring the gifts to the church on Sundays, or no later than Wednesday, December 18, for our delivery on the morning of December 21.

We will need drivers from 9am-11am (at the latest) on Saturday, December 21, to deliver our presents to the children’s homes in Lakewood and on the west side of Cleveland. Please sign up on the bulletin board on the West Clifton hallway. If you have any questions or would like to make a financial contribution toward the purchase of gifts, please call Christy Gray at 216.410.0065.

The families we serve are really looking forward to that morning. And, we receive a gift as well—the chance to serve others and provide a connection between those children and their parent, whom they miss and love.

Thank you for your help with this ministry!

Kristen Gergpe November 1
Thomas Chesnes November 1
Kathy MacDougall November 2
Jill Richardson November 4
Jennifer Parker November 7
Mac Nagel November 9
Hannah Bosso November 9
Deanna Vosmik November 11
Denise Speer November 11
Emery Belsito November 12
Thom Geist November 12
Bill Fraunfelder, III November 14
Chris Gray November 15
Alannah McCarthy-Slimak November 15
Matthew Smith November 17
Archer Stevens November 17
John Harkness November 18
Jane Archer November 19
Audrey Warren November 19
Thomas Spooner November 20
Terry Walker November 23
Devon Stephens November 24
David Sangree November 27
Will Bando November 29
Jennifer Schwelik November 29
Brooke Wright November 29
Olivia Coury November 30

Bruce & Lori Waddell November 8
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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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- Sunday, November 3: Rasheeda Speaking
- Tuesday, November 5: Election Day
- Monday, November 11: Friends’ Circle at Eliza Jennings
- Friday, November 15: Advent Devotionals Due to Karen Wagner
- Sunday, November 17: Youth Potluck and Y-Haven/CPT Production: Father’s Watch, 2 pm
- Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving (Office Closed Thursday/Friday)