



ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

**Annual Meeting:
Sunday, September 26, 2021**

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- ❖ **David W. England, Pastor, retired June 6, 2021**
- ❖ **Jason Dillingham, Interim Pastor, began August 1, 2021**

*"No matter who you are or where you
are on life's journey you are welcome here."*



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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, September 27, 2020

The meeting was held via Facebook Live. James Hohler called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM. Pastor Dave opened with prayer. James informed people they could ask questions via the comment box or by calling the church phone. James asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2019 annual meeting. Moved by Penni Deshaw and seconded by Maureen Hohler. Motion passed. The slate of committee members for 2020 was presented. James thanked Georgie Perkins and Pat Hinrichs for their work on the council. They are stepping down from their positions. Zach Russell has agreed to be on the music committee. He can't be the chair as he is not a member of the church. He will be the committee representative on the council for now until that can be taken care of. Moved by Andy Padden and seconded by Kathie Lofts to accept Zach as the music committee council representative. We still need one person for pastoral relations two for stewardship to fill the slate. James presented the budget for 2020 and opened the floor for discussion. Pat Hinrichs moved to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Penni Deshaw. Motion carried. Julie King moved to accept the slate of committee members as presented. While waiting for volunteers and feedback, James explained the role of the stewardship and pastoral relations committees. James asked for any questions or concerns from church members. He waited a few minutes for any response. Hearing none, Julie King made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Marlene Scott. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM. Respectfully submitted, Mary England, Clerk.

Dear Church Family,

As I retire for the second time in my professional career, I look back with a warm sense of accomplishment. Over the last seven years we have worked, lovingly together, to serve the Lord in various capacities. We've been good stewards of the facilities that we have been blessed with as we cared for the exterior maintenance, improved access and added a comfort station. But more importantly, as we cared for our physical buildings, we as the body of Christ continued to care for those in our church family, as well as, those in need in our community and throughout the world. We have faithfully given of our time, talents and finances to lift up and touch those in need. As your pastor, it has been an honor to lead you in worship, bless all with the sacraments of communion and baptism and celebrate the lives of those who have passed on. I want you to know that I was very proud to represent Lakeview United Church of Christ, wherever I was and whatever I was doing for the past seven years. I encourage all of you to continue to support our church in the future as you have in the past. May God continue to bless you and your ministry as you serve Lakeview and the world.

Hugs, Pastor Dave



*From the
desk of
Reverend
Jason
Dillingham*



Blessings of peace, love, and joy to you and your families. What an exciting time to be part of Lakeview UCC! I know, it's a little scary and even sad as we strain to look into the unknown future while still remembering the beloved past. And it's an unsure time in our community and our country as well. Likely none of us has weathered anything like the COVID-19 pandemic & quarantine before and it's going to be years before we fully understand its implications for our society and our church. We've learned new things and adopted new practices; like fully integrating our distance members over Facebook Live. We've had to say farewell to beloved friends, family members, and even a pastor. There is surely a lot behind us that is worth celebrating and grieving and I'm looking forward to walking that journey along with you. It's going to be fun and challenging to get to know each of you and your families. I look forward to meeting Pastor Dave in person when he returns down the road as a member in the church taking a well-earned rest from pastoral work. I look forward to getting to know the community of Lakeview as well as the unique community that is this church family.

My hope for the months ahead is that, as I listen and learn, I can help discern just what unique part of the Gospel ministry that you all embody here in Lakeview. Then I hope to help you learn to strengthen those strengths to be the best faith community that you can be. So, I hope you'll reach out and we can spend some time getting to know one another. I would love to have some tours of the community and some introductions to our home-bound members. If you're a distance member, shoot me a message on Facebook or text me and we'll meet online. What do you love most about Lakeview UCC? What turned you off or made you drift away? When were we the best at loving and engaging the community around us? What are your fondest memories? And your greatest hopes? What's the coolest "What If?" thought you have for our church? When have you felt the most/least welcomed here? I'd love to hear it all, if you're willing to share with me and partner together on the road ahead to see us become the best we can be.

Thank you for trusting me and for making me feel really welcome here right away. You've all been so kind and generous that I can't help but be excited for our journey together. Peace, Love, & Namaste! – Pastor Jason



Moderator's Annual Report

This past year has seen us continuing to progress from the Covid restrictions of 2020. We are now celebrating Sunday service in a hybrid type of setting, with some attending in person and others joining us over Facebook Live. Our council meetings have continued in a similar format as the Sunday service, with some in person and some joining from their homes, back decks, etc.

As a church, we celebrated with Pastor Dave and Mary as they retired in June. While it was sad to see them retire, we are very fortunate and thankful for all they have done for their church and their church family. We have missed them greatly and look forward with anticipation to the day they are able to rejoin us.

At the beginning of August, we welcomed Interim Pastor Jason Dillingham. A big thanks goes out to Garrison Rasmussen, Ruth Boyce, Chris Egerly, Judy Forgar and James Hohler who made up the interim search committee. We are very fortunate to have a strong relationship with the conference office and we thank them for sending us a group of profiles during a time of Covid where the number of pastors interested in interim positions has dwindled.

I want to thank all the members of council for remaining active and engaged, as we continue to make progress toward whatever the new normal will be for the church. I also want to thank Zach Russell for stepping in as the acting Music Committee chairperson this past year. I appreciated having someone step in as we were in the middle of the Covid challenges that the church was working through. Thanks to Sue & Dan Kain who installed the AED device, we were able to have 6 people complete the AED training. Thanks to Pastor Dave and Mary who spent a lot of time working with updating the church's technology, we were able to have 4 people trained on running the system for Sunday services and also were able to add the Ring doorbell for some improved building security. I also want to thank each and every one of you for staying connected to your church and to your church family, with the help of God we are stronger together.

James Hohler

DIACONATE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Diaconate Members: Tom Scott, Nancy Olsen, Marcia Anderson, Cecil Boyce, Peggy Domine and James Hohler

- Well, Church Family, one more fun filled year has gone by. Halloween just shot by, thanks to Julie King and Sue Kane. Still wanting to share the joy of the holiday, they built a candy shoot to stay 6 feet away from the kids. Thank you, Julie and Sue, for giving the kids a little sense of normalcy.
- Still doing service via Facebook Live, Christmas was coming. What could we do for the shut-ins? With COVID, we decided to send them all cards. Each one of the deacons sent cards to shut-ins at the Terrace, Towers and anyone else we had on our hearts.
- We wanted to decorate. With a new crèche, built by Steve Pawlowski, lights went up on the bushes and decorations were put up in the connector. The service on Christmas Eve was extra special, albeit, cold. That's right, it was outside. Alex King held the phone, Zach Russell provided music, Andy Paden provided lights and Pastor Dave delivered a wonderful lesson. Different, but so special.
- We continued into the New Year, still dealing with COVID. The light was coming. We tried a couple of times to open, but COVID kept creeping back. Finally, finally Easter! With the new technology put in, we opened. Social distancing in place, we celebrated Easter. Almost as if we arose from the grave with Jesus. What a blessing.
- Thanks to Mary, we had a special video for Mother's Day service. All the pictures of the moms and their kid touched our hearts. The Men of the Diaconate called all the mothers to wish them an absolutely blessed day.
- During all of this, we were planning another very special celebration, Dave and Mary's retirement. We didn't want see him go, but it was time. So, what did we do, have 2 confirmations and several baptisms? Thank you, Mary Snyder, for all the baby blankets. What a gift you have! The Diaconate gave Bibles and inspirational books along with blankets to all who were being blessed.
- Dave and Mary's day came. June 6, 2021. After serving our congregation so well, it was time for a change. Judy Forger and Verna Ritsema played. The Choir sang and the kids presented Dave and Mary with their gifts. Thank you, Verna Ritsema, for the quilt and Marsha Anderson for the plaque. We had a wonderful dinner and then they were off.



- Roger LaWarre, Barb Huitema and Clint Abbott filled in. Father's Day came. We were doing in person service, so the Women of the Diaconate served ice cream sundaes to all the dads.
- So here we are, a new interim, Rev. Dillingham, and a new year to look forward to. Thank you, deacons, for making what, for many was a trying year, fly by with the Love and Grace of God.
- Yours in Christ, Diaconate Chair, Maureen Hohler

Projected budget 2021-2022

#	Category	2020-2021	2021-2022	Adjustment Plus or Minus
100	PASTORAL	\$32,514.00	\$30,000.00	-\$2,514.00
101	Salary	\$4,266.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,734.00
102	Housing Allowance	\$24,848.00	\$15,000.00	-\$9,848.00
103	Gas/Phone Allowance	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	-\$3,400.00
	TOTAL	\$32,514.00	\$30,000.00	-\$2,514.00
200	STAFF			
201	Pianist	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	
202	Custodian	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
203	Secretary	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
205	FICA	\$2,200.00	\$2,280.00	\$80.00
	TOTAL	\$15,800.00	\$15,880.00	\$80.00
300	Worship			
301	Pulpit Supply	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	
302	Supplies/Celebrations	\$500.00	\$500.00	
303	Music / Choir	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00	
304	Coffee Hour	\$300.00	\$300.00	
	TOTAL	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	
400	Administration			
401	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
402	Church Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
403	Parsonage Maintenance	\$100.00	\$100.00	
404	Utilities	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
405	Ins./dues/OCWM	\$5,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$1,000.00
406	Administrative	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
	TOTAL	\$24,200.00	\$25,200.00	\$1,000.00
500	Christian Ed	\$800.00	\$800.00	
700	Non-Budget	\$500.00	\$500.00	
800	In/Out			
	GRAND TOTAL	\$78,114.00	\$76,680.00	-\$1,434.00

Account balances as of Aug. 1, 2021	
Building fund	\$943.87
Capital Improvement	\$739.00
Checking	\$3,795.79
Family Assistane Fund	\$265.96
Edward Jones Investments	\$16,820.63



LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY YEAR END REPORT FOR 2021

MONTH	WEEKLY OFFERINGS	BUILDING FUND	COMFORT STATION LOAN
2019			
SEPTEMBER	\$6827	\$67	\$471
OCTOBER	\$5835	\$13	\$443
NOVEMBER	\$5979	\$91	\$396
DECEMBER	\$6801	\$117	\$457
2020			
JANUARY	\$4914	\$59	\$369
FEBRUARY	\$5823	\$65	\$285
MARCH	\$4527	\$40	\$210
APRIL	\$6009	\$85	\$586
MAY	\$7542	\$61	\$510
JUNE	\$6054	\$105	\$290
JULY	\$5456	\$125	\$335
AUGUST	\$2556 (as of 8/16)	\$40	\$380
TOTALS	\$68,323	\$868	\$4732

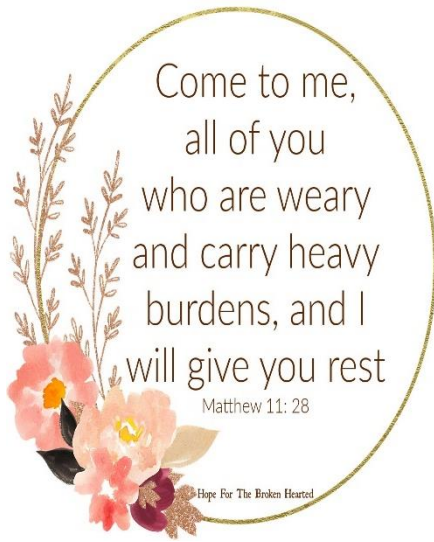


ADDITIONAL MONIES COLLECTED IN OFFERINGS:

CROP WALK	\$185	TECHNOLOGY	\$3514
FAMILY ASSISTANCE	\$1630	VETERANS OF THE CROSS	\$220
FOOD TRUCK	\$510	MEMORIALS	\$490
ADOPT A FAMILY	\$640	FOOD PANTRY	\$50
NEIGHBORS IN NEED	\$70	YELLOW ENVELOPES	\$12
TOYS FOR TOTS	\$200	ONE GREAT HOUR SHARING	\$145
MINISTERIAL ASSOC	\$70	STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH	\$126

Respectfully Submitted: Verna Carr, Financial Secretary





STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

This past year has certainly been different but it didn't keep our church family from sharing the love.

Through the generosity of the giving through the 3rd Sunday Special Offerings, your church was once again able to support many mission projects in our local community as well as mission projects through our denomination. On a rotational basis, monies were collected for the Food Truck, Family Assistance Fund and special offerings for the UCC denomination.

Special offerings sent to the denomination included One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, The Christmas Fund, Strengthen the Church and Our Church's Wider Mission.

The Food Truck offering was used to pay for one of the food trucks that comes to our area. The cost of one truck is approximately \$750. Extra monies collected were donated to our Local Food Pantry.

The Family Assistance Fund was able to help families with many needs including utilities, repairs, and other unexpected expenses.

We also had a couple of other projects. At Christmas time we were able to help three families provide Christmas gifts for their families through the Giving Tree/Adopt a Family project sponsored by the Lakeview Community Schools. Canned goods and money donations were also given to the Lakeview Ministerial Association to pack Christmas Food Boxes. Over 120 boxes were given to local families.

Thanks again for all you do to support the special offerings that continue to share the love of Jesus in our community and beyond. Mary England, Chairperson. Committee member: Sally Wade

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

We are so thankful for Gloria Merriman and Marsha Andersen for the love, faith, creativity, song and fun they poured into the lives of our kids. Our thanks to Dr. Cathie, our parents, grandparents, helpers, and especially our kids for a wonderful Christmas program. Covid-19 has certainly changed our world and we love Pastor Dave's shout outs to our kids on Facebook. Pastor Dave appreciated the decorations on r his door. We all are looking forward to when we can safely gather together again. We miss our kids! Judy Maxim, Chairperson
Committee members: Marsha Andersen, Shannon Fryover, and Bob Lord



PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Members: Judy Maxim, James Hohler, Nancy Olsen. This past year the committee chairperson, Pat Hinrichs, decided to move to Colorado and stepped down from the Pastoral Relations Committee. We want to thank Pat for her years of service on this committee and all the years that she had spent in other roles on the church council. Over this past year, this committee continued to meet with Pastor Dave as we could and to be a link between the congregation and the pastor. We worked with Pastor Dave as he was moving toward retirement and were part of the bigger group that planned his retirement service and luncheon. As we move into this next year, we will be welcoming a new Interim Pastor, Rev. Dillingham and look forward to assisting him as he gets to know our church and congregation.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES COMMITTEE:

Another year in the books at Lakeview UCC and your board of properties is always busy. This year started off with a new roof on the parsonage. Also, new shingles and vents were installed on the back half of the sanctuary to stop a pesky leak. A large technology "update" was headed by Pastor Dave and Mary bringing our churches WIFI internet and audio/video up to speed. This has allowed us to broadcast a clear high-definition signal on Sunday mornings via Facebook! The update also included a new lock and camera for the connector door so the building is safe and secure during office hours. For the fall a few minor boiler repairs are scheduled for the fellowship hall.

Thanks for another great year of support for this beautiful old building!

Andy Padden, Chair. Committee members: Gene Beardslee, Bob Cross, Dave Hanson, Elaine Rossman, Tom Scott, and Bruce Weiler



MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Members: Pat Bucholtz, Sarin Hogeveen, Pat Rankin, and Mary Snyder, and Verna Carr. The committee wishes to thank everyone for all the memorial gifts that have been donated in memory of your loved ones. Sincerely, Karen Kehl, Chairperson.

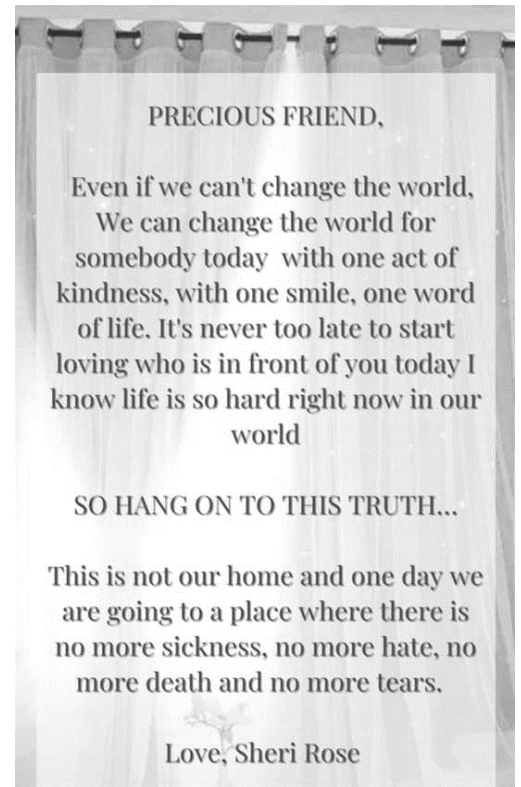
MUSIC COMMITTEE:

Acting Chair: Zach Russell

Members: Cathie Padden, Judy Forger, Verna Ritsema, Maureen Hohler and James Tanis

First and foremost, we have to thank God we could sing through the pandemic. Secondly, we need to thank Mary England. She spent countless hours listening to songs and trying to make the best choices for Facebook live service. Thirdly, we need to thank our pianists. While they didn't play a majority of the year, when we opened back up, they were ready to make a joyful noise. Thank you, Verna Ritsema, Judy Forger, James Tanis, Zach Russell and our guest pianist Dean Gilbert. Even with the pandemic, we were able to have some special music. Emily Wade came in and played for us. She had been learning to play the piano and wanted to play for us. What a joy. We were able to have music for Christmas Eve Service. Andy Padden provided the key board and Zach played. We were outside in the cold but I think we all walked away with a wonderfully warmed heart. Cathie Padden gathered the kids of the congregation to sing for Dave and Mary's retirement. Verna Ritsema led the choir for the retirement service as well.

Submitted on behalf of the Music Committee by Maureen Hohler



PRECIOUS FRIEND,

Even if we can't change the world,
We can change the world for
somebody today with one act of
kindness, with one smile, one word
of life. It's never too late to start
loving who is in front of you today I
know life is so hard right now in our
world

SO HANG ON TO THIS TRUTH...

This is not our home and one day we
are going to a place where there is
no more sickness, no more hate, no
more death and no more tears.


Love, Sheri Rose

CHURCH COUNCIL

Committee Members 2021-2022

LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Interim Pastor, Jason Dillingham, Ex-officio

Moderator:	James Hohler	616-401-6775
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Financial Secretary:	Verna Carr	989-818-1110
Secretary:	Rosemary Witt	989-534-1916

BOARD OF PROPERTIES	COMMITTEE		DIACONATE	COMMITTEE
Padden, Andy, Chair	989-818-0876		Hohler, Maureen, Chair	616-550-6961
Cross, Bob	989-365-3393		Andersen, Marsha	989-352-6740
Lindsey, Mike	989-560-1502		Boyce, Cecil	989-352-7711
Rossmann, Elaine	989-352-7570		Domine, Peggy	989-352-6004
Scott, Tom	616-302-5501		Hohler, James	616-401-6775
Weiler, Bruce	989-287-1873		Olsen, Nancy	231-937-6272
			Scott, Tom	616-302-5501
		Weiler, Bruce	989-287-1873	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	COMMITTEE
Maxim, Judy, Chair	616-894-8117
Andersen, Marsha	989-352-6740
Fryover, Shannon	269-317-1591

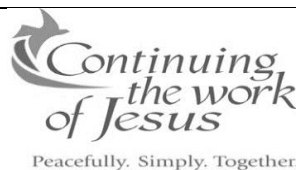
The council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to attend and listen to your council members take care of church business. All are welcome to attend.

MUSIC	COMMITTEE
VACANCY, Chair	
Hohler, Maureen	616-550-6961
Larsen, Colleen	231-349-6290
Padden, Cathie	989-352-8216
Ritsema, Verna	616-200-5191
Tanis, James	989-352-1342



MEMORIAL	COMMITTEE
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Rankin, Pat	989-352-6053
Snyder, Mary	989-352-6567
Hoogeveen, Sarin	616-914-7578
Carr, Verna	989-818-1110

STEWARDSHIP	COMMITTEE
VACANCY, Chair	
Wade, Sally	989-287-0112
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PASTOR RELATIONS	COMMITTEE
VACANCY, Chair	
Hohler, James	616-401-6775
Maxim, Judy	616-894-8117
Olsen, Nancy	231-937-6272