

The "LAKEVIEWER"

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America

December 2018

Newsletter of
Lakeview Community Church
Reformed Church in America



30 Long Pond Road
Rochester, NY 14612

Rev. Steven Rodriguez, Pastor

Sunday Mornings...

December 2, 9, 16, 23 7 30

Sunday School Classes at 9:00 AM

Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Nursery Care is available during Worship
(Coffee Hour follows Worship Service)

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Deadline for January Newsletter: Dec.16

From Pastor Steven's Desk...

Brace yourselves, Lakeview family. This year for Advent, we're going to go deep into the Old Testament, walking through the book of the prophet Zephaniah. I'm guessing that none of us have ever heard a sermon from Zephaniah before. I don't think that I have. (If you have, tell me! I'd be super curious to hear about it.) So why Zephaniah? The Old Testament prophets are dark, strange, and difficult. But they are also poets of incredible power and beauty. By their words, they can unseat our complacency and untwist our broken images of God. And, because we believe that all of scripture is inspired by God, Zephaniah may even reveal to us something of the passionate, fierce, dangerous, life-giving love of God.

When we gather for worship, I believe that my task as a preacher is first and foremost to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Because of this commitment, I try to not get too bogged down with technical details of the scripture passage. But, sometimes background context is helpful, so in case you're curious, in this month's Lakeviewer, I'll answer the question *who was this Zephaniah guy, anyway?* Zephaniah was a prophet who lived during the reign of King Josiah, over 2600 years ago. The words in the book were probably spoken early in Josiah's reign. This was a time when the people who lived in Jerusalem were rich, healthy, and successful. It was also a time when the worship life of Israel was a complete mess. The people worshipped God *and* other gods, and they blended their worship together. They borrowed elements from their non-Israelite neighbors, freely mixing and matching until no one could tell the difference between worshipping God and worshipping the pagan gods around them. Two big themes emerge in Zephaniah. The first is the contrast between the rich and powerful that God will cast down, and the lowly, hidden, and humble that God has chosen to protect. The second is the call to turn away from mixing true worship of God with the worship of other gods. Can you see why this is the perfect book to meditate on in Advent? Advent is a time to humble ourselves, to rely on nothing other than the overflowing mercy of God, and to direct all of our honor, worship, and service to the one King, Jesus Christ, who came as a little child, and will come again to reign in glory and power. I think Zephaniah is behind the words of Mary's song in Luke 1, when she sings, "He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." Are you ready to join Zephaniah and Mary in this Advent prayer? Let's do this.

Your pastor,

Steven

PASTOR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE

Office Hours...

Tuesdays: 1:00-3:00 PM

Wednesdays: 9:00 to 12 Noon

Fridays: Pastor's Sabbath

Pastor Steven is always available to meet with you at any time and can be reached at 585-773-4153.

2018 Consistory

Pastor Steven Rodriguez, President

Elders:

Rebecca Hibbard, VP

Sherry Romanczyk

Don Barry

Dianne Pettifer

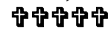
Deacons:

Patricia DeLuzio, Chair

Matt Wolf

Rex Ahrens

Consistory Meeting: Dec. 20, 7 PM, Founders' Room



December 7, 2018

6:00 - Pot Luck Dinner &

7:00 - Annual Meeting

Deacon Candidates:

Carol Bremner

Angela Marshall

Bob VanAlstyne

Candidate biographies are available in the Narthex

Elder Candidates:

Don Montesano

Celeste Pawlicki

CHOIR



Choir Director: Carol Miller
Organist/Pianist: James Dalberth

Rehearsals: Wednesdays Dec. 5, 12, 19 at 7:00 PM,
Sanctuary



PRAISE BANDS



Praise Band & *Rejoice!* Leader: Kevin Griffith
Rehearsals: Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26
at 6:00 PM, Sanctuary



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM

GREETERS

December 02 – Charlie & Donna Tijou

December 09 – Ted & Celeste Pawlicki

December 16 – Jeffrey & Sabrina Hart

December 23 – Paul & Betsy Leipold

December 24 – Joan Marvin

December 30 - Angela Marshall

NURSERY

December 02 – Mary Hart

December 09 – Debbie Gill

December 16 – Dagmar Doland

December 23 – Julie Hettel

December 24 – No Nursery attendant

December 30 - Angela Marshall

PRAYER LEADERS

December 02 – Bob VanAlstyne

December 09 – Becky Hibbard

December 16 – Matt Wolf

December 23 – Charlie Tijou

December 24 – No Prayer Leader

December 30 – Faye Cole

SOUND SYSTEM

December 02 – Ted Pawlicki

December 09 – Geoff Pettifer

December 16 – Eric Frank

December 23 – Ted Pawlicki

December 24 – Paul Marvin

December 30 – Bill Foster

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Indicates Scripture Reader Only*

December 02 - Lynn Allhusen

December 09 - Angela Marshall

December 16 – Don Montesano*

December 23 – Joanne Kehrli-Merlau

December 24 – No Worship Assistant

December 30 - Bob VanAlstyne

If you are unable to be a Greeter, Nursery Attendant, Prayer Leader, Worship Assistant, or Sound System Operator on the date you were assigned, please find a replacement from the names on the list and then notify the Church Secretary.



MISSION SHARE OUTREACH CENTER

Lakeview Liaisons:

Bob Van Alstyne and Colleen Dox-Griffith



Mission Share has been blessed because Lakeview outdid our canned fruit drive! We donated **187 cans** for holiday gift baskets. We also continued to provide toiletries, detergent, and toilet paper. All the hats, mittens, gloves and scarves from the trunk in the sanctuary were delivered just in time for the cold spell. Clothing was donated, too!

Please check out the "Christmas Hope" wishlists in the sanctuary. This year we are supporting 2 families- one is a family of 2 and one is a family of 7 - with Christmas presents and a basket with food for a complete meal.

If you would select a paper strip with the information given and buy accordingly. Only one clothing item and one toy are required (some have multiple choices) and no items should be purchased costing more than \$40.

Items are to be wrapped with paper strip attached to outside. If you put a to/from label on the package, please put from: Christmas Hope.

Lakeview will also be providing ham, turkey or beef, potatoes/rice, etc. for a dinner, so if you prefer to give cash to buy these items, you can take a strip off the banner and put money in envelope labeled to Colleen and leave in office mailbox to be picked up. If you would rather give me money directly, please call my cell 585.455.3217.

Please have all items at church by **Sunday, Dec. 16th**. They will be delivered the next week.

In general, toiletries and toilet paper are always needed. Warm winter clothes, jackets, boots, hats, scarves and mittens will be needed.

Volunteers are ALWAYS welcomed and you can stop by and speak with Marilyn at 10 Cedarfield Commons, 14612. This is right up Long Pond Road! They are open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-3. Your commitment can be a few hours a month or whatever time you can offer.

Thank you so much for continuing to bless those less fortunate.

Thank you for your help

Mission Share Team – Bob Van Alstyne, Colleen Dox-Griffith, Angela Marshall & Sherry Romanczyk

Many thanks to all of you who donated food during the month of November. Thanksgiving is now behind us and we look forward to all the preparation and excitement of the Christmas season. During this busy time of year, the need for food at the GEFS not only continues, but increases. Regular monthly contributions from organizations seem to drop off at this time of year, and bare shelves begin to appear at the Maiden Lane site. Several years ago we started holding our Advent Sacrifice food drive at Lakeview to help fill those empty shelves. Most of us know how it works, but for newcomers, here is a brief explanation. During the first 2 weeks of Advent we each volunteer to sacrifice one meal (any meal, any day) and use the money that would be spent on that meal to buy food for the food shelf. Sacrificing something for the benefit of others is a great way to start the Christmas season. We hope EVERYONE will choose to participate in this event in whatever way is most feasible for you. There will be lists of the items most needed at the GEFS available to aid in your shopping. As always, if shopping is difficult for you, monetary donations are always welcome. We will be glad to shop for you.

Our Advent Sacrifice is completely separate from our usual monthly food collection. This month our focus item will be jam and jelly. Dollar Tree stores have several varieties of jam for \$1! With all your other shopping this month, please remember to include an item or two for those who struggle to feed their families.

We thank you all for your faithful support and generous contributions throughout the past year, and wish you a blessed Christmas season.

Joan Marvin & Linda Viney

MONTHLY MISSION FOR DECEMBER

Board of Benefit Service (BOBs)

Also known as the RCA Widows & Orphans Fund. The Board of Benefits Service provides medical and other insurance for RCA ministers their dependents and lay staff.

A special collection will be taken on **December 16**.



LAKEVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS...

Members: *Jim Raymond*, Chairman; *Chris Dorland*, *Rex Ahrens*, *Don Barry*, *Ken Gill*, *Paul Marvin*, *Don Montesano*; and *Matt Wolf*, Consistory Rep.

There will not be a Building and Grounds meeting in December.

Feel free to use the clipboard located in the Building and Grounds mailbox outside the Pastor's office for any issues you would like the B&G team to take care of.

Jim Raymond

COMMUNITY LIFE...

Members: *Dagmar Doland*, *Mary Hart*, *Kathi Kehrli*, *JoAnn Kehrli-Merlau*, *Dottie Mason*, *Pat Palumbo*, *Sandy Rogalski*, *Sherry Romanczyk*, *Patty Salone*, *Donna Tijou*, *Gail Wang*, *Patty Williams*, *Sheila Wolf*, *Lois Worboys*; and *Sheila Williams*, Chair; and *Dianne Pettifer*, Consistory Rep.

The Community Life Committee served cake on Sunday Nov. 25, welcoming our New Members, Diane Phelps and Tom Duthoy.

The Ladies Christmas Tea will be Sunday Dec. 2, from 3 to 5 PM. A wonderful afternoon spent with family, friends and other area churches. Christmas songs and plenty of refreshments. Thanks to Dagmar and Dottie for heading this special event.

December 7 will be the Annual meeting and Pot Luck Supper. We will be helping the consistory with the dinner.

Sunday Dec. 30, we will host our 5th Sunday Breakfast. Please join us for our last Sunday of 2018.

Our committee extends to each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year. We thank you for all your help and support again this year, making our breakfasts, Pot Lucks, and receptions possible.

God Bless,
Sheila Williams, and Committee

EDUCATION...

Don Montesano, Chair; *Sherry Romanczyk*, Consistory Rep.

Adult Sunday School Class – The adult Sunday School class has begun a discussion series using the book Good News for Anxious Christians; 10 Practical Things you Don't Have to Do, by Phillip Carey. All are welcome.

FINANCE...

Finance Committee: *Linda Viney*, Chair; *Dick & Lynn Allhusen*, *Carol Bremner*, *Faye Cole*, *Mary Hart*; and *Becky Hibbard*, Consistory Rep.

Scheduled 2018 Meetings: December 17 (Meetings of the Finance Committee are held on the **third** Monday of each month.)

Congregational Giving and Expenses for the month of October, 2018:

Income: \$15,312.06; YTD \$125,174.34
Expenses: \$12,130.25; YTD \$131,903.44

LIBRARY...

Members: *Donna Tijou*, Chair; *Sheila Wolf* and *Marlene Morrison*; *Rex Ahrens*, Consistory Rep.

Books are available to borrow in the Narthex, just sign them out

OUTREACH...

Members: *Bob Van Alstyne*, Chair; *Mike Griffin*, *Amy Piccarreto*; and *Don Barry*, Consistory Rep.

Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meeting Sunday, December 2, after church

PROJECTION/SOUND TEAM...

...Projection/Sound Team: *Audrey Blocchi*, *Chris Dorland*, *Bill Foster*, *Ken Gill*, *Kevin Griffith*, *Dave Griggs*, *Les Howell*, *Rich Howell*, *Rich Ives*, *Paul Marvin*, *Dottie Mason*, *Neil Montanus*, *Ted Pawlicki*, *Geoff Pettifer*, *Laura Raymond*, *Charlie Tijou*, and *Sherry Romanczyk*, Cons. Rep.

...Slides for our Sunday services are prepared by *Audrey Blocchi*, *Dottie Mason*, and *Joe Romanczyk*.

...Sound System is operated on Sunday mornings by *Dave Griggs*, *Paul Marvin*, *Eric Frank*, *Ted Pawlicki*, and *Geoff Pettifer*; with *Bill Foster* as alternate.

WORSHIP...

Committee Members: *Jean Dibble*, *Holly Lawrence*, *Jim Dalberth*, *Kevin Griffith*, *Rich Ives* (Chair), *Celeste Pawlicki*, *Carol Bremner*; and *Sherry Romanczyk*, Consistory Rep.

LAKEVIEW'S



Faye Cole, Chair; *Pat DeLuzio*, Consistory Rep.

Thank you to all who baked, set up and sold at the Election Day Bake Sale. With everyone's help it was a success. A total of \$501.25 was raised and will be used to help with the budget deficit.

The final date to purchase Christmas poinsettias to be used in the Sanctuary during the Christmas season will be Sunday, December 2nd. Information about the price and ordering is on a table in the Narthex. Please see Pat Palumbo with any questions.

The Lakeview Ladies do not meet in the month of December. The next meeting will be January 15, 2019 when we will be learning about Herodias. We will also be discussing our next study. All women are encouraged to join us at 10:00 AM

Faye Cole

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

****ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Articles for the January "Lakeviewer" are due **December 16.**

Consistory Meeting –December 11, 7:00 PM, Founders' Rm

****PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for:**

Rex Ahrens, Gladys Brenner, Bill Burns, Dotti Fries, Ken & Gail Gill, Vicki Jenkinson, Paul Leipold, Jan Mahon, Neil Montanus, Bob & Linda Perrotte, Eleanor Thornton, Gail Wong; Matt Wolf

BOY SCOUT TROOP 18



*New Scout Leader: Stacey Cudzilo
Scout Committee Chair: Darin Noel*

Regular Scout Meetings: December 3, 10, 17
7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall of Lakeview.



**Lakeview Community Church Red Kettle
Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army
Saturday, December 8, 9am-7pm**

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December 02 – Bob Perrotte
December 02 – George Bremner
December 06 – Bob Meyers
December 08 – Beky Carter
December 11 – Frank Imo
December 12 – Mary Hart
December 12 – Diane Spaulding
December 12 – Jill Gildea
December 18 - Joann Kehrl-Merlau
December 19 – Donna Pope
December 23 – Charlie Tijou
December 24 – Ken Elliott
December 30 – Holly Lawrence
December 31 – Carol Bremner

If you have a birthday that is not listed, please send the name and date to:

Lakeviewcommunity@FrontierNet.net

Twas the Night Before Jesus Came

T'was the night before Jesus came and all through the house,
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care,
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap,
Was watching the Late Show, while I took a nap.
When out of the East, there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
When what to my wandering eyes should appear,
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,
I knew in a moment that this must be THE DAY!
The light of his face made me cover my head...
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
And though I possess worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him, in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as he searched for my name,
When He said "It's not here", my head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been written with love,
He gathers to take to His father above.
With those who were ready he rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too late,
I had waited too long, and thus sealed my fate!
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight.
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.
In the words of this poem, the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life, and when comes the last call;
We'll find that the Bible was true after all





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Sunday School Begins September 9, 2018

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

Website: www.LakeviewCommunityChurch.Net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Men's Prayer Team Meeting – 9:00 AM, Founders' Room
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday Sch at 9:00 AM Worship at 10:00 AM Preaching: Pstr Steven Worship Assistant: Lynn Allhusen 1 st Sundy of Advent Communion Spag. Dinner Mtg. Ladies Tea!	Scouts' – 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall	Lakeview Prayer Gp. 10:00 AM, Classroom	Praise Band Rehearsal – 6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary		Annual Meeting 6:00 – Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 – Meeting Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary	 Lakeview Red Kettle Bell Ringing @ Hilton Tops 9:00am – 7:00pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday Sch at 9:00 AM Worship at 10:00 AM Preaching: Pastor Steven Worship Assistant: Angela Marshall	Scouts' – 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall	Lakeview Prayer Gp. 10:00 AM, Classroom Consistory Mtg. 7:00 Founders' Rm	<i>Rejoice! Band</i> Rehearsal – 6:00 PM, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary	Greece Perf. Arts Fellowship Hall 6:30-9:00 Grandview Hgts. Assn. Meeting – 7:00-9:00 PM, Founders' Rm.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday Sch at 9:00 AM Worship at 10:00 AM Preaching: Pstr. Steven Worship Assistant: Don Montesano Baptism: Murphy Turnow Monthly Mission: Board of Benefits Svc. Miller Family Christmas, noon-6:00	Finance Comm. Meeting – 7 PM, Founders' Room Scouts' – 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall	Lakeview Prayer Gp. 10 AM, Classroom Ladies' Auxiliary Gp Meeting – 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall	Praise Band Rehearsal – 6:00 PM, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday Sch at 9:00 AM Worship at 10:00 AM Preaching: Pastor Steven Worship Assistant: Joanne Kehrli-Merlau	Christmas Eve Service 7:30 Communion Candlelight					
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5 th Sunday Breakfast 9:00 – Fellowship Hall Worship at 10:00AM Preaching: Pstr. Steven Worship Assistant: Bob VanAlstyne						

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DECEMBER at Lakeview...

December 2 – Ladies Tea

December 7 – Annual Meeting – Pot Luck Dinner @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00

December 8 – Red Kettle Bell Ringing at TOPS in Hilton

December 16 – Monthly Mission – Board of Benefit Service

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 – Candlelight & Communion

December 25 – Christmas Day

December 30 – 5th Sunday Breakfast

