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continue engaging friends and strangers
continue growing deep and wide in Christ

Dear Lakeside Member,

What a year this has been! 2020 has been challenging -- full of uncertainty, isolation and worry. We've been forced to do things differently, learn new technologies, uncover talents and skills we didn't even know we had. For example, our deacons reorganized their efforts to stay in better contact with church family, using an all-church canvas to best identify individual needs and how to fill them. Although we were not entirely sure our efforts would be fruitful, we trusted in God and we worked together.

Since March, our ministries have changed but they have not faltered. In fact, the quality and content of our Sunday morning online worship service (that now reaches 350 households every week) and other ministries have blossomed in ways we could not have envisioned. Our children and youth contributed videos that were incorporated into the services and warmed our hearts from a safe distance. Your staff have stepped in and stepped up to support all of the ministries of the church. While Claire, Desma and Peter enabled better communication, care for our building, and technology to support worship, Stephanie, Thom, church instrumentalists and members of the Chancel Choir recorded music that truly enhanced our worship week after week.

Simply put, **we are blessed.**

We "remotely" baptized four and confirmed six more young people. We have ordained and installed new deacons and elders to our leadership boards. We hosted **Compassion Camp** (an online version of VBS). We developed and offered virtual church school, youth group, and met virtually for everything from cooking classes and book club to prayer time and difficult conversations about race, scripture, the news and more. We have even welcomed new members! Despite this year's hurdles, Lakeside continues to faithfully live as the Body of Christ.

Even while distanced, we grew our mission commitment. Along with maintaining support of CLASP and Open Door, we responded further to our neighbors' needs. Since July, we now provide breakfast to the Emergency Shelter every Sunday. We created a **Virtual Giving Barrel** online to maintain relationships with area organizations in need. And this spring, we challenged ourselves to contribute funds matched by the endowment that yielded a total Lakeside contribution of \$30,000 to Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission.

We have even started NEW mission projects! Each month our **Birthday Blessings** team provides home-baked cakes and personalized gifts for local children in foster care. Our youth group raised money for – and now implements -- **Sunday Servings**, a partnership with Barleycorn's to provide and deliver hot meals each Sunday to local families in need. Even though we are not cooking in our kitchen, we are using it differently -- as a hospitality hub.

Lakeside could not have managed to worship, learn and serve this year without you. Together, we have continued loving God and our neighbors. Thank you. As we begin to plan for 2021 – another year of much uncertainty, the ministries of the church continue to need our support. In the spring, we applied for and received \$68,200 in funds through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). That money is not counted as revenue since we do not yet know what portion will be forgiven. So, at the end of September, without the PPP funds, we are at a net loss of \$12,347, year-to-date. Thank you to all who have continued to honor your 2020 pledges and to you who have not pledged but have continued to send your contributions to the church. Together we can fully support the ongoing ministries of Lakeside Presbyterian Church, which bless our congregation and our wider community.

Together, we have met 2020's challenges with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Together, we have embraced the Joel Committee vision identified last year of **“feeding body and soul, engaging friends and strangers, growing deep and wide in Christ.”** That vision did not disappear. It grew. And we are excited to see how we can further expand it in 2021. Together with God's help, we can meet next year's challenges.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021. If you've never pledged, please do so. If you have pledged in the past, please consider increasing that by a percentage. And if you are already giving a Biblical tithe of 10%, we would ask you to consider going beyond that. (On the back of the enclosed Pledge Card is a chart which makes intentional percentage-giving easier to calculate.)

**Even though we are “distanced,” we are still the body of Christ and together,
we can be the church.**

Join us for a Town Hall hosted by our Stewardship Team on Sunday, November 1 at noon.
We will discuss the 2021 budget. Your questions are welcome.

Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman



Rev. Louisa W. Umphres

Stewardship Committee:

Jim Eck, Chair, Jerry Blesch, Tom Feronti, Linda Glover, Jonathan Hart, Harue Marquardt



P.S. Coming soon: Lakeside Small Groups
Groups/Huddles of 6-8 people who will meet in person or online to share life together, encourage one another, laugh, discuss, and pray together.