

LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

"A BEACON ON THE HILL"

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SPREADING LOVE, ONE BLANKET AT A TIME

Once again, Ledgewood Christian Church has pledged our support to the work of Church World Service. Our annual Blanket drive kicked off in January with a goal of donating at least 100 blankets, at a cost of \$10 per blanket.

What difference can a blanket make? Just ask one of the victims of a flood or fire, or a guest in a homeless shelter, or a newly arrived refugee or migrant worker. Through its ongoing ministry of providing CWS Kits and CWS Blankets, Church World Service is impacting the lives of thousands of people here and around the world. So, thank you Ledgewood Christian Church for your continued support of such a vibrant and extremely vital effort! For more information regarding Church World Service and its ministries, please visit: https://cwsglobal.org/

B is for bed – a place to lie and rest for babies who are wrapped and protected

L is for love – the benevolent affection of God for His creatures

A is for attire – *to cover one's body*

N is for nook – a corner to call your own

K is for knapsack – to carry a few possessions

E is for envelop – to cover, to conceal

T is for tent – a shelter against the sun or the wind or rain



A Note from the Pastor:

A few weeks ago, I was driving Ron's Honda CR-V which has a backup camera on it. This is a very nice feature; however, as I discovered that day, it does not work so well if the lense is covered with slush from the road. But once I wiped it off, the view as I went in reverse was amazingly clear!

Not long after that, I was taking pictures with my cellphone to use for a Facebook post of some of my daily devotional readings. For some unknown reason; howver, the photos were really blurry. I began to wonder if it was a sign that I would need to upgrade to a new phone soon. Then I remembered the backup camera that was covered with slush... I flipped my phone over and discovered that this lense, too, was in need of a quick cleaning. And just like that – brilliantly clear photos.



So what was the lesson for me in all of this? Simply this: it is difficult to see where we are going or even where we have been if we are looking through hazy or dirty lenses.

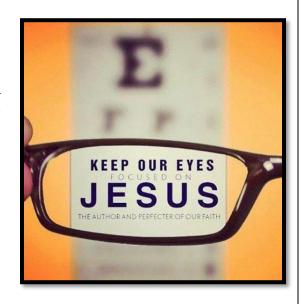
Recent events in our world seem to have clouded over our vision with all of the mud that continues to be slung back and forth. But thanks be to God, we have the promise of clear sight when we focus our eyes and our attention in the right direction.

The Psalmist David said it like this, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). And the writer of Hebrews says we should be, "looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2a).

There will always be challenges that we must face in this life. Yet, even in the midst of the most discouraging of times, we can be encouraged and hold on to hope as long as we keep our eyes focused on the One who has promised to be with always, even to the end of the age. So, let us do as the Apostle Paul suggested, "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).

Stay encouraged, today and always; and remember, keep looking up!

Rev. Heidi



A Little **LIGHT** Humor...

HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

- Submitted by Linda Miller



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

WOW Bible Study for all ages Every **First Sunday** 12:15 p.m.
Official Board Meeting Every **Second** Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Ledgewood Men's Fellowship Free Breakfast Every **Third** Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Disciple Women's Bible Study Every **Third** Saturday 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 14th Happy Valentines Day!

Friday, February 24th Fourth Friday Family Fellowship Night –

Teletestai at St. Anselm Catholic Church at 8:00 p.m.

(See flyer for more details)





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carly Kurzawa	February 3	Robert Henry Preuss	February 10
Ismael Suarez	February 5	Monique Kazamek	February 21
Lief Hobson	February 8	Ryan Marks	February 23
Scott Marks	February 9	Brianna Kazamek	February 24

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mollie (Gray) Nye March 17



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Don and Jane Gray February 25

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Kathie & David Morris March 3



You are invited to the

"Heart to Heart Dance"

Friday, February 17, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Park Elementary Auditorium on Chardon Square Mobility needed for steps

*Dancing

*Musíc *Luncheon

Bring a date; come stag or with a group of friends. You will interact with both the high school students and Park Elementary second graders! **Hosted by Chardon High School Teens** Sponsored by Geauga Department on Aging and UH Geauga Medical Center





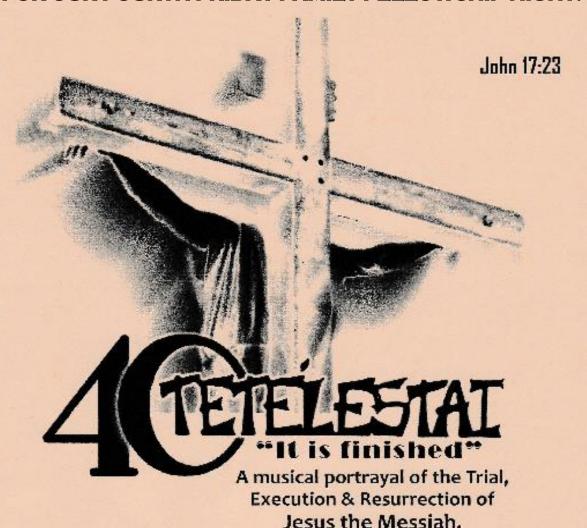


Parking available at Tractor Supply & a bus will pick you up and bring you to Park School at 9:15 since parking on square is so limited.

Please complete the following registration form and mail it to Dept on Aging, along with your check made payable to **Chardon Local Schools**, to 12555 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon OH 44024.

Cost: \$10.00 (*Scholars	· /	Heart to Heart Seni Deadline is Fe		
I have enclosed: \$		Phone Number		
Address:		City:		
Do you require Transit	from home? YES/NO			
Are you registered with	GDA? YES/NO If not,	a registration form will l	be mailed to you.	
Date received:	Staff Initial:	Receipt #:		
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JOIN US FOR OUR FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT:



ST. ANSELM CATHOLIC CHURCH

Friday, February 24 at 8:00 pm Saturday, February 25 at 8:00 pm Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 pm

Script and Lyrics by Joel Nagy Music by Russ Nagy FREE Admission—Donations Accepted Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries
P O Box 670605 Northfield, OH 44067

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Shred Event



Cub Scout Pack 193 Recycling Drive

March 18 10:00-1:00 Ledgewood Christian Church 8261 Kinsman Rd, Russell Why participate, you ask?

Here's why:

- *Get all of your confidential papers shredded
- *Don't let sensitive information fall into the wrong hands!
- *All paper will be shredded while you wait
- *All shredded paper will be recycled
- **Most of all it helps our Cub Scouts fulfill a requirement**

AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

- 1) Buy a large white bag from one of our scouts and fill it with all of your confidential papers.
- 2) Bring your filled bag on March 18, between 10:00-1:00 to LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8261 Kinsman Rd, Russell
- 3) We will do the rest, while you watch your items get shredded

There's no need to remove any staples, paper clips, or any other fasteners!

Please contact Cub Master Joel Cohen with any questions, 408-368-1575