



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

"A BEACON ON THE HILL"

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The Lenten Season Is Here

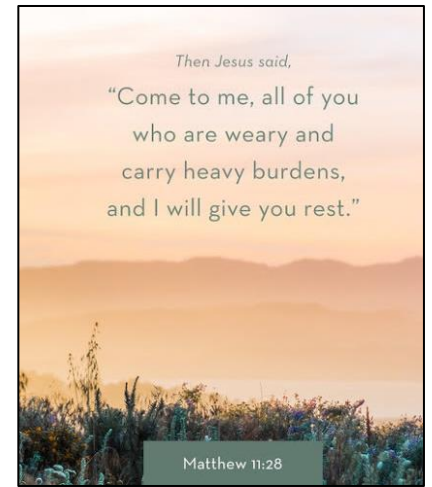
The season of Lent lasts for forty days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday (excluding Sundays). This year Ash Wednesday is February 14th and Holy Saturday is March 31st. The season of Lent marks the final days of Jesus' life and ministry and is characterized by expressions of penitence, humility and sorrow. People often participate in sacrificial acts of fasting during the Lenten season giving up things such as favorite foods, personal luxuries or bad habits. It can also be a time of dedicating ourselves to actions and activities that draw us closer to God. Following is a list of 40 things to consider **Fasting and Feasting** on during this Lenten season:

I fast from judging others
I fast from emphasis on differences
I fast from apparent darkness
I fast from thoughts of illness
I fast from words that pollute
I fast from discontent
I fast from rushing
I fast from pessimism
I fast from worry
I fast from complaining
I fast from negative ideas
I fast from hostility
I fast from bitterness
I fast from self-concern
I fast from anxiety
I fast from discouragement
I fast from facts that depress
I fast from suspicion
I fast from shadows of sorrow
I fast from ideas that overwhelm

I feast on the Christ in them
I feast on oneness
I feast on the reality of light
I feast on the healing power of God
I feast on phrases that purify
I feast on gratitude
I feast on patience
I feast on optimism
I feast on trust
I feast on appreciation
I feast on affirmative visions
I feast on nonresistance
I feast on forgiveness
I feast on compassion
I feast on eternal truth
I feast on hope
I feast on thoughts that uplift
I feast on security
I feast on the serenity of silence
I feast on the power of prayer

A Note from the Pastor:

When all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas holiday season has died down, it is often a perfect time for us to pause so we can rest and regroup as we begin to gear up for the Lenten season and the celebration of Resurrection Sunday. While some might consider it being lazy, taking time to rest is actually something that Jesus encourages us to do. In fact, in Matthew 11:28, we read these words of Jesus, *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*



Just recently, we were blessed to spend a few days away on a much needed vacation. It was a chance to unplug from the busy-ness of every day life and enjoy some quiet time, resting and reflecting on the goodness of God and the amazing gifts He showers on us day after day. I am extremely grateful for everyone who stepped in to serve during my time away. It was such a blessing to know that everything was being taken care of while I was gone!

During this Lenten season, I want to encourage us to be intentional in taking time to reflect upon and give thanks for the abundance of gifts that God gives to us each day – especially the greatest gift of all, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Giving God thanks and praise for each of you!

Your Pastor and friend,

Rev. Heidi



Photos courtesy of Don Angle:

Elders June and Ruth Angle serving communion (top).

Eve Henderson presenting the Youth Moment (center).

Elder Ruth Angle presenting the Youth Moment (bottom).



A Little **LIGHT** Humor...

Eve Henderson, quite the prolific writer, puts a humorous spin on a failed attempt to shed a few of the excess pounds that seem to plague many of us after the holiday season.

TAKE IT OFF

I had a need to lose some weight
And so I thought I'd diet

I told it not to anyone
I thought I'd keep it quiet

Chocolate cake or creamy pie
I'd never taste or chew it

Ice cream, brownies, cookies, too
I'd turn them down – I'd do it!

Then jelly donuts came my way
And all at once I knew it

My diet, careful as I'd been
Was over now – I blew it!

-- Eve Henderson

A Little **LIGHT** Refreshment

ITALIAN GREEN BEANS (June Kocsis)

¼ cup olive oil
1 Tablespoon chopped onion
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 ½ to 2 lbs. string beans, whole
¼ to ½ cup boiling water
1 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon chopped fresh basil (or 1 teaspoon dried basil)
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oil and onion in heavy pan for 3-5 minutes. Add crushed garlic and stir for another minute. Do not burn garlic. Add beans, boiling water, salt and basil. Cover and simmer until beans are tender, about 20 minutes. Stir in ¼ cup of the cheese. Remove beans to a serving bowl and sprinkle with the remaining cheese.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

REGULAR SCHEDULE

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



- Wednesday, February 14th** ***Ash Wednesday – Lent begins!*** Lent is a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial that begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Saturday. The length of the Lenten fast was established in the 4th century as 46 days (40 days, not counting Sundays). During Lent, participants eat sparingly or give up a particular food or habit.
- Wednesday, February 14th** ***Valentine's Day*** originated as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or more early saints named Valentinus. Valentine's Day is now recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country.
- Friday, February 23rd** ***Fourth Friday Family Fun Fellowship*** - Join us at 7:00 p.m. for movie night as we watch the film, *"The Resurrection of Gavin Stone,"* the story of a washed-up former child star, forced to do community service at a local megachurch who pretends to be a Christian to land the part of Jesus in their annual Passion Play, only to discover that the most important role of his life is far from Hollywood.
- Monday, February 26th** ***Federated Church Movie Night*** - Federated Church's Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is hosting the showing of the documentary film: *"Fix It - Health Care at the Tipping Point"* from 7 to 9 pm at the Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306) Chagrin Falls. This informative film includes voices from many perspectives advocating for reform of the health care system which harms not only patients and providers but also our businesses and economy. Bring a friend to share in this informative presentation which includes refreshments and time for discussion. For further information contact Federated Church at (440) 247-6490.

REMINDER: The Ledgewood Christian Church Youth Ministry continues their outreach efforts to collect donations for the on-going support of the Geauga County Hunger Cupboards. We have partnered with the Burton United Christian Church (the location of one of the county's seven food cupboards) in answering a "special need" each month. For February, the "special need" is boxed cereal. The bin for donations is located in the narthex. Your contributions of non-perishable foods and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!



LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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FREE
MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
SERVING 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

8261 Kinsman Rd.
(Rt. 87 just west of Rt. 306)
Novelty, Ohio 44072



Menu includes:
Pancakes
Scrambled eggs
Sausage
Salmon patties
Orange juice
Coffee
Tea
... and more!

Questions???

Please call Jeff Angle 440.564.5912



FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY FUN FELLOWSHIP



Join the LedgeWood Christian Church
Youth Ministry for Movie night
Food, fun and festivities start at 7:00 pm

Friday, February 23, 2018

Beverage and dessert donations welcomed!

Questions? Please call
Rev. Heidi 216.376.8875

Lord of Life Lutheran Church with
Burton Congregational Church Presents

HARMONY FOR HUNGER



February 23rd 7-9pm

Doors open at 6:30

Benefit concert for the Burton Food Cupboard
to fight hunger in our community.
Tickets are \$5 & non-perishable donations are encouraged.
For more information 440-543-5505

17989 Chillicothe Road Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ismael Suarez	February 5
Monique Kazamek	February 21
Brianna Kazamek	February 24

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mollie (Gray) Nye	March 17
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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jane & Don Gray	February 25
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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Kathie & David Morris	March 3
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