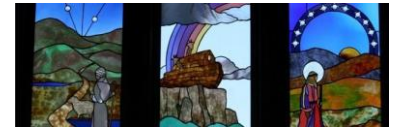




LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

“A BEACON ON THE HILL”



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MARCH 2018

SING TO THE LORD WITH GRATEFUL PRAISE! (Psalm 147:7)

We know that blessings are truly in store whenever the Grateful Praise choir joins us in worship. Comprised of members from several local churches, Grateful Praise comes together, under the direction of Trish Lawrence, to sing praises to the Lord. Music is an integral part of the worship experience and the members of Grateful Praise are so gracious in sharing their gifts and talents with area congregations that may not have choirs of their own. The Ledgewood Christian Church family cannot say thank you enough to Trish and the Grateful Praise choir for enriching our worship services through the gift of song. And just in case you missed them in February, they are scheduled to be with us again on Sunday, April 29th!

The Grateful Praise Choir



Jr. Deacon Erin Angle reading scripture



BOW TIE TWINS TO THE RESCUE!

Who needs that “Science Guy” when Board Chair, Jeff Angle, and Elder Dave Morris, are always at the ready to provide wisdom, guidance and direction regarding whatever needs to be done around the church? Not only do they diligently attend to the physical needs of the church, they faithfully serve in worship as well. Along with other members of the Ledgewood Men’s Fellowship and a crew of dedicated volunteers, they can also be found helping to provide a free community breakfast to our neighbors and friends each month.



A Note from the Pastor:

Recently I have been thinking a lot about distractions. I guess you might say I have been distracted by distractions. Quite a lot of attention has been placed on telling drivers to avoid distracted driving because it can lead to very serious, even lethal, consequences. But what about distracted living? Shouldn't we avoid doing that just as much, to ensure that we don't find ourselves confronted by some unanticipated pitfalls?



The other day, I met a young woman who works in marketing. We started talking about those billboards on the highway with the images that change every few seconds as well as the new signs at a popular fast food restaurant that feature menu items that shift so fast you can't figure out what to order, not to mention how much it will cost. She said one of the objectives of marketers is to deliberately create information overload. In other words, they are intentional in their efforts to bombard us with so many images and so much data that we cannot possibly process everything being presented to us.

It is the same way that evil threatens to permeate our lives. We are bombarded by so many things happening all at once that we cannot give our attention to what is happening right in front of our faces. Consequently, we let our guard down and leave the door open for sin to enter in. And before we know it, we are engaging in sin ourselves or, at the very least, condoning the sins of others. We start to make excuses and allowances for things that we know are wrong because we are so consumed by all the distractions, we simply don't have the time or energy to do anything about it.

We see a classmate cheating on a test but an incoming text message from a friend captures our attention and the cheating fades into the recesses of our minds. We witness a co-worker stealing office supplies from the storeroom but the "Breaking News" crawl on the TV monitor in the corner of the room catches our eye and that act of theft becomes a far distant memory. We watch as a family friend lies to their spouse about where they have been and who they were with. Although we know the truth, before we can say or do anything, the phone rings and we're off and running in a completely different direction.

So, as we approach Resurrection Sunday, let us not get so distracted by what is happening in the world around us that we miss the significance of Holy Week and the true meaning of the passion of the Christ. Let us not lose sight of why Christ gave His life for us at Calvary. Let us not forget the gift of eternal life that we have gained as a result of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Most importantly, let us be diligent in turning away from the distractions the world throws at us so that we can keep our eyes focused on "*Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God*" (Hebrews 12:2, NIV).



Blessings to you now and always! Your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi

A Little **LIGHT** Humor...

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

*Thank you to Elder Ruth Ann for sharing.
Laughter really is the best medicine!*

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years old.

Teacher: What? How is that possible?

Kid: He became a father only when I was born.

(Logic! Children are quick and always speak their minds!)

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

Class: Maria.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Glenn: It may be wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child!)

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday, you said it was H to O.

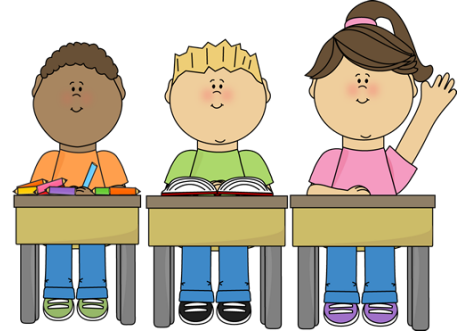
Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy it?

Clyde: No sir, it's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!)

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.



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	Next meeting, Thursday, April 19 th 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.

Sunday, March 11th Spring ahead! *Daylight Savings Time* begins.

Saturday, March 17th *St. Patrick’s Day* is the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick’s Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

Monday, March 19th *Federated Church Movie Night* - Federated Church’s Social Justice Advocacy Ministry is hosting the showing of the documentary film: “91%” from 7 to 9 pm at the Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306) Chagrin Falls. This film highlights the impact of unregulated gun sales on schools, families, and communities across the country and addresses the real problems and possible solutions to gun violence in America. For further information contact Federated Church at (440) 247-6490.

Friday, March 23rd *Fourth Friday Family Fun Fellowship* - Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a time of family friendly fun, food and fellowship. For more information, please contact Elder June Angle (440) 564-5912 or Pastor Heidi Barham (216) 376-8875.

Sunday, March 25th *Palm Sunday* falls on the Sunday before Easter and commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Thursday, March 29th *Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion at 7:00 p.m.*
Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, is believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples and washed their feet in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other. Christ's “mandate” is commemorated on Maundy Thursday – “maundy” being a shortened form of the Latin word mandatum, which means “command.”

Friday, March 30th *Good Friday* is the Friday of Holy Week and commemorates the crucifixion, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, March 11

**Move your clocks
ahead one hour as
Daylight Savings
Time begins!**



LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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FREE

MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 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!**



Maybe even some Green Eggs and Ham!!



Questions???

Please call Jeff Angle 440.564.5912





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mollie (Gray) Nye March 17

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pastor Heidi Barham April 6
Cade Jeric April 9
JoAnn Seckel April 15



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Kathie & David Morris March 3

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ruth Ann & Don Angle April 27

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 March, the "special need" is cake mixes and frosting. The bin for donations is located in the narthex. Your contributions of non-perishable foods and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!



Movie Night at the Federated Church Family Life Center

March 19th 7:00 pm

Movie Title: 91%

[16349 Chillicothe Rd. \(Rt. 306\)](https://www.google.com/maps/place/16349+Chillicothe+Rd,+Bainbridge,+OH+44003/@41.458,-81.188,15z)

Bainbridge Township

Every year over 33,000 Americans are tragically killed by guns. 91% highlights the impact of unregulated gun sales on schools, families, and communities across the country. This documentary addresses the real problems and possible solutions to gun violence in America.

Join Rev. Kristine Eggert, of God Before Guns (www.godbeforeguns.org), who will lead our discussion following the film. Refreshments will be served.

Call Federated Church 440.247.6490 for more information. www.fedchurch.org



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