



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church
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A BEACON ON THE HILL™



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HOLIDAY EDITION 2018

It seems hard to believe that it is “that” time of year once again. It feels like just yesterday when we were eagerly awaiting the arrival of summer and the anticipated joy that comes with the sunshine and warm weather. Now, in the twinkling of an eye, we find ourselves in the season of Advent. A time that is also characterized by anticipation as we wait with hearts filled with the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that come from Jesus, not just at Christmastime, but each and every day.



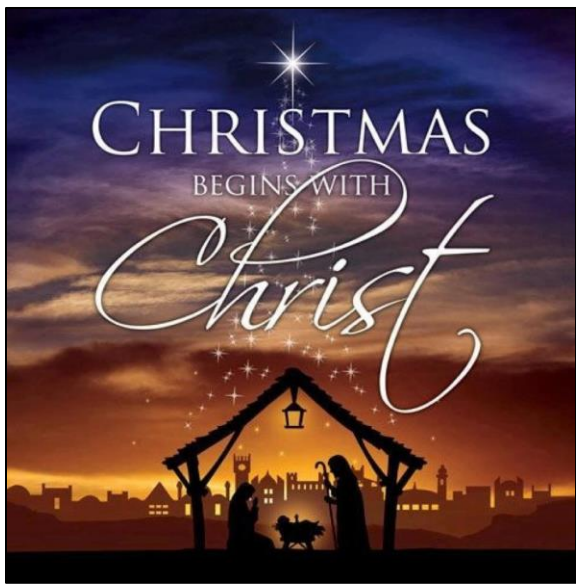
We look forward to seeing you each Sunday during Advent as we light the candles in the Advent wreath that symbolize the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that only Jesus can bring. Our time of celebration will culminate in our annual Christmas Eve Service of *Carols, Communion and Candlelight* at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24th. May the blessings of Advent and the joy of Jesus fill our hearts as we join together in celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord!

2018 HANGING OF THE GREENS



Handcrafted Chrismons made by Joan Malcolm Dryer are used to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree each year.





A Note from the Pastor:

Some of my most treasured memories of growing up center around Christmas, and not just because of all the presents that were waiting underneath the tree or in my Christmas stockings. It was a precious time for our family as we came together to engage in the traditions that make the Christmas holiday so special. Even as time has marched on and much of our family has moved away, some to different homes here on earth and others to their heavenly homes, thoughts of Christmases past still bring joy to my heart. Whether it was decorating the Christmas tree with my grandfather on Christmas eve or gathering for a delectable Christmas day dinner lovingly prepared by my grandmother, there was

something truly special about those times that we had together.

But as much as memories from the past can bring a smile to our faces, thoughts of the holidays can also bring a sense of sadness as well, as we reflect on the lives of loved ones who are not here to celebrate with us this year. Yet even in this, we can find the peace and comfort that God offers to us through His Son and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Perhaps this may come by starting new traditions to honor the memories of those who are no longer here. Or perhaps we may find solace in the words of the Prophet Jeremiah, *“Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow”* (Jeremiah 31:3) and the Apostle Paul, *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ”* (2 Corinthians 1:3 – 5).

As this new holiday season dawns, my prayer is that you will feel God’s strength and comfort surrounding and upholding you and that your hearts will be filled with the hope, peace, joy and love that Christ offers to us, not just at Christmas, but every day of our lives.

Wishing you love and peace at Christmastime and always!

Your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi



I keep this magnet on my car all year round as a reminder to all who see it that Christmas is, first and foremost, about the birth of Christ. Anything beyond that is secondary.



A REASON TO CELEBRATE

On October 18th, our beloved Eva “Eve” Henderson turned 90 years young! Just one week later on October 25th, First Man, Ron, turned 60. Friends and family gathered for a time of celebration following worship on Octoer 21st. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to making the birthday celebration truly a day to remember!



Photos courtesy of Don Angle, Ruth Angle and Pastor Heidi



LINDA'S CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DESSERT

Submitted by Linda Mislosky

Ingredients:

2 rolls of chocolate chip cookie dough
2 8-ounce packages of cream cheese
1 cup of sugar
1 teaspoon of vanilla
2 eggs

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Spray 9 x 13" pan lightly with nonstick cooking spray.
- Mix cream cheese, sugar, eggs and vanilla together in a bowl until smooth and well blended.
- Slice one roll of the chocolate chip cookie dough and line the bottom of the pan.
- Spread the cream cheese mixture over the layer of chocolate chip cookie dough.
- Slice the second roll of cookie dough and place over the cream cheese mixture.
- Bake until cream cheese mixture is set, cookies on top are golden brown and toothpick comes out clean (about 30 – 45 minutes).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



REGULAR SCHEDULE

Worship Service	Sundays – 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages	Sundays – 10:00 a.m.
Official Board Meeting	Next meeting, Thursday, December 13 th 7:30 p.m.
FREE Community Breakfast	Every Third Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Friday Family Fun Fellowship	Every Fourth Friday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2nd **Advent Begins!** Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The candles in the Advent wreath represent the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that characterize this season of celebration, anticipation and expectation as we await the coming of Christ.

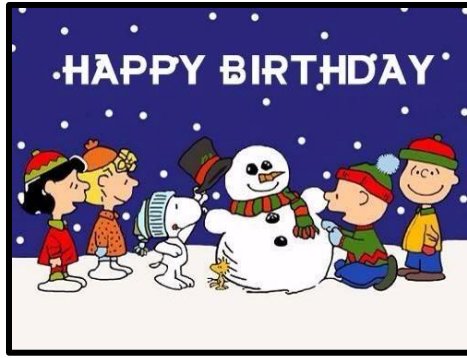
Sunday, December 2nd ***Search for the Christ Child***, is an interactive "Journey to Bethlehem" that will take place at the Federated Church Life Center (16349 Chillicothe Rd., Bainbridge) from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. All are invited to attend. This event is Free, however canned food donations and free-will offerings are accepted.

Tuesday, December 11th ***"End Gun Violence"*** is a candlelight vigil being held at Heights Christian Church (17300 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH) at 7:00 P.M., in remembrance of the more than 600,000 Americans who have been injured or killed by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy. This event is being sponsored by God Before Guns as one of the Nationwide vigils and events to [#EndGunViolence](#).

Wednesday, December 21st ***Service of Solace*** at Federated Church (76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls) at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow. Also sometimes called "Blue Christmas" or "Longest Night," this is a service that offers support, prayer and reflection for those experiencing loss, sorrow, pain, or anything making the holidays difficult. This is a service of comfort and hope through prayer, reflection and special music. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, those who are in need as well as those willing to offer support and compassion.

Monday, December 24th Our annual ***Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight*** will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Christ Candle on the Advent wreath will be lit as we celebrate that Jesus Christ, the true light of the world, has come. Please honor the birth of Christ by joining us and bringing your family and friends. As is our tradition, the offering received at that service will be directed to the Geauga Hunger Cupboards.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

June Angle
Don Angle
Eva Drnka

December 2
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December 13

Sam Morris
Jane Gray

December 19
December 21

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chanelle Kazamek
Jeff Angle
Dave Morris
Nickolas Greulich

January 3
January 6
January 7
January 15

Cedric McMillon
Nancy Holland
Jackie (Morris) Greulich
Gisela Suarez

January 20
January 21
January 25
January 29



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie (Morris) & Thorsten Greulich

December 10

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 been partnering with the Burton United Christian Church (the location of one of the county's seven food cupboards) in answering a "special need" each month. The "special need" for December is **baking staples; e.g. flour, sugars, salt, soda, spices, flavoring**. The bin for donations is located in the narthex. As always, your contributions of non-perishable foods and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!



REMEMBER, HUNGER NEVER TAKES A HOLIDAY!

LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FREE

MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

SERVING 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM



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

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Questions??? Please call Jeff Angle 440.564.5912

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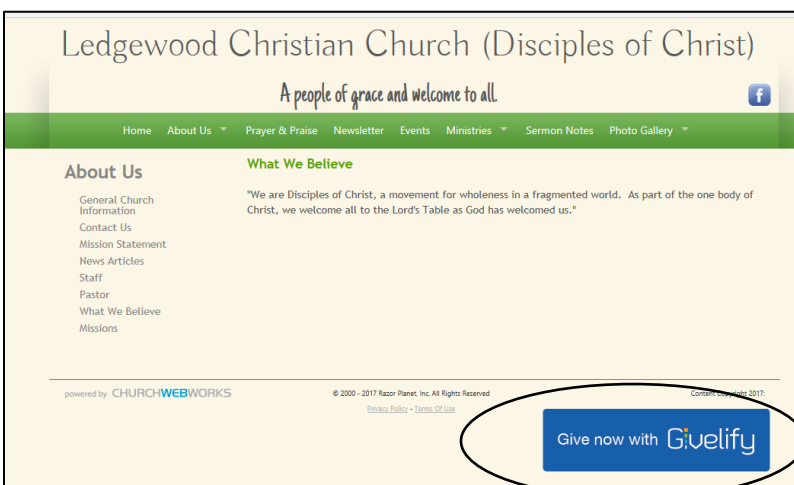
Whether you are traveling during the holiday season or staying right here at home, the Givelify app makes giving easy using your smartphone or even from your desktop or laptop. There are no frustrating web forms or "text-to-give codes" to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's totally safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records.



Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts right from the palm of your hand or your home computer. You can give to Ledgewood Christian Church wherever you are. You can designate us as your home place of worship for quick one-tap access. Links to Givelify have also been added to our website and our Facebook page for your convenience.



Click here to donate if you're on Facebook



*Click here to donate from our website
<http://ledgewoodcc.org>*

Search for the Christ Child

An interactive journey to Bethlehem



Sunday, December 2
Open House 5:00—8:00 PM

Federated Church Family Life Center
16349 Chillicothe Road

Free admission.
Donations of canned goods accepted.
All are welcome!

Experience the Christmas Story first hand! Visitors will begin their 20-minute journey at the Camelback Inn where a census will be taken. After a brief wait with cookies and hot chocolate, a shepherd guide will lead groups through stations, interacting with characters who act out the story of the birth of Christ. They ultimately arrive at the stable where the live nativity awaits.

Appropriate for all ages. Donations of canned goods and a freewill offering will be accepted. This event is free and open to the community—invite your friends!



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2018 Nationwide Vigils & Events to #EndGunViolence

Come together to remember over 600,000 Americans killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy.

The Newtown Foundation • Newtown Action Alliance • American Gun Safety Association • Amnesty International • Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence • Center for American Progress • The Coalition To Stop Gun Violence • Community of Sant'Egidio Community Justice Reform Coalition • Docs Demand Action • Everytown Survivor Network • Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence • Giffords: Courage To Fight Gun Violence • Junior Newtown Action Alliance • Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America • #NoRA • On Earth Peace • Organizing for Action • St. Mark's Episcopal Church • States United to Prevent Gun Violence • Survivors Empowered • Survivors Lead • Women's March

**7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 11
Heights Christian Church
17300 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights**

**Candlelight Vigil
Sponsored by God Before Guns**

At hundreds of locations nationwide, remembering *victims* and *survivors* of gun violence in the nation and in Northeast Ohio, with a call to action to #EndGunViolence in America.

More info posted at godbeforeguns.org/announcements
Contact us at godbeforeguns@gmail.com

