



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

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(Disciples of Christ)
A BEACON ON THE HILL™



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LEDGEWOOD REMEMBERS CHARTER MEMBER, NANCY J. HOLLAND



Nancy graduated from the University of Virginia in 1949 with a degree in nursing.

Nancy J. (Kyre) Holland was one of Ledgewood Christian Church's charter members. A woman of great faith, Nancy dedicated her life to caring for others. Along with being a loving wife to Bill for 40 years, she was the mother of three children, Hayden, J.R. and the late Amy Holland, grandmother of two and great-grandmother of one, with a second great grandchild on the way. Nancy was also a devoted and compassionate nurse who worked at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital for many years. And as we learned during the Service of Celebration in Thanksgiving for Nancy's life, she was also a woman of adventure who did not shy away from experiencing things in life that others might find intimidating or perhaps a little too challenging.

Nancy studied the Bible and encouraged others to do the same, teaching all of us about the importance of words and the need to use them in their proper context. She will be remembered especially for what she taught us about the use of the word, "awesome," reminding us that it should be reserved for speaking about God, the only One who is truly awesome.

Nancy's earthly journey of 91 years ended on the same date that it began, January 21st (1928 – 2019), a subtle reminder to us all that life really does come full circle. Nancy will always hold a special place in the hearts of her family and friends as well as the members of Ledgewood Christian Church. She will truly be missed.



Eve Henderson and Nancy at Nancy's home in September 2018.



Thank you to everyone for your support of the annual Church World Service Blanket the World with Love campaign. Because of your generosity of spirit, Ledgewood Christian Church received donations to purchase 130 blankets!



A Note from the Pastor:

We have come to the start of the Lenten season once again and people will give up certain things as they undertake a period of intentional prayer and fasting throughout the 40 days of Lent. Although no one can tell us what we should or should not sacrifice during this time; whatever we choose to do, it should be done prayerfully, deliberately and with the leading of God's Holy Spirit. It should not be a matter of making a public display of our sacrifice. Instead it should be a quiet and private decision that is made between each individual and the Lord. As Jesus taught, *"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."* (Matthew 6:16-18).

There are some who make a conscious decision not to "give up" anything during Lent but instead choose to "give in" to a time of drawing closer to the Lord through prayer and study. Still others will give their time in service to the church or the community. Whatever we decide, the season of Lent should be a time for reflecting on all that Jesus gave up for us, the sacrifice He made for us, His willingness to die that we might live for all eternity.

Several years ago, we embarked on a Bible study during Lent based on the book by Max Lucado entitled, *He Chose the Nails*. In the book Lucado writes, "He knew the price of those sins was death. He knew the source of those sins was [us] and since He couldn't bear the thought of eternity without [us], He chose the nails." What better time than during the Lenten season to remember and reflect upon such great love that Christ has for all of us. May we be intentional in all that we say and do as we spread the Good News about the love of God that went all the way to the cross at Calvary for us all.

With much love, your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi



SCOUTS HONOR

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest Scouting organizations in the United States of America and one of the largest youth organizations in the United States. Ledgewood Christian Church has been a proud sponsor of Troop 193 for many years. On Sunday, February 17th, we were joined in worship by Scouts from Troop 193 along with members of their families as we celebrated Scout Sunday, in recognition of the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. During the service, Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) Ryan McGinnis shared some reflections on what scouting has meant to him and how important our continued support is to the troop.

We were blessed to have Grateful Praise join us for worship that day as well. Following worship, we had the opportunity to partake in a joyous time of fellowship during the “Linger Longer” coffee hour. It was truly a time to reflect on what the Psalmist David wrote in Psalm 133:1, *“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”*

We look forward to continuing our partnership and support of Troop 193 for many more years to come!

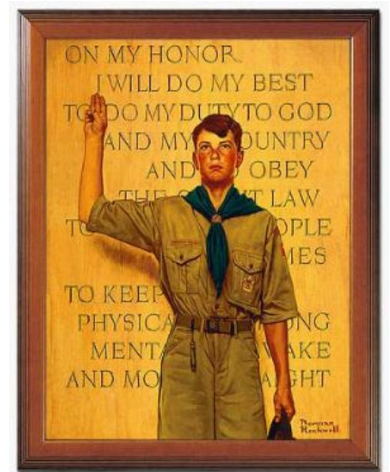


The Foundation of Scouting

Scout Oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Scout Mission: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



A Little **LIGHT** Reflection
Food for Thought

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, “Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.”

Very quietly, the doctor said, “I do not know.”

“You do not know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?”

The doctor was holding the handle of the door. On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, “Did you notice my dog? He’s never been in this room before. He didn’t know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough.”

--Author unknown

CLAY BALLS

A man was exploring the caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled up clay and left the balls out in the sun to bake. They didn’t look like much, but they intrigued the man so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, to pass the time, he would throw the clay balls one at a time into the ocean as far as he could throw.

He thought little about it until he dropped one of the balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone. Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the twenty or so clay balls he had left; then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown away maybe fifty or sixty of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he just threw it away.

It’s like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn’t look like much from the outside. It isn’t always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it. We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person by God. There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away, and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see people as God sees them.

--Author unknown

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, March 14 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.

Wednesday, March 6th *Ash Wednesday*, marks the beginning of Lent and is observed 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and Satan tempted him.

Sunday, March 10th Spring ahead! *Daylight Savings Time* begins.

Sunday, 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 18th *Be SMART about Gun Sense: A Community Talk* will be held at the Federated Church Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, at 7:00 pm. The event will feature speaker, Rebecca Gorski, a volunteer with the Ohio Chapter of Moms Demand Action and volunteer lead for Be SMART in the state of Ohio. For more information, visit fedchurch.org/SJAM or call (440) 247-6490.

Friday, March 22nd *Fourth Friday Family Fun Fellowship* - Join us at 7:00 p.m. for an old-fashioned game night and a time of family friendly fun, food and fellowship. For more information, please contact Elder June Angle (440) 564-5912 or Pastor Heidi (216) 376-8875.

Saturday, March 23rd *The Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation* featuring our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Teresa Hord Owens will be held at Ghent Christian Church, 4200 Granger Road, Akron, OH. The theme is “#StirItUp.” Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The program is scheduled to end with closing worship at 3:00 p.m. This event is free and includes a continental breakfast and lunch; however, a freewill offering will be taken to cover the expense of registration. Please let Pastor Heidi know if you are interested in attending. Further details regarding the event are available on the Regional website:

<http://www.ccinoh.com/regional-calendar.aspx?events=8286&action=details>

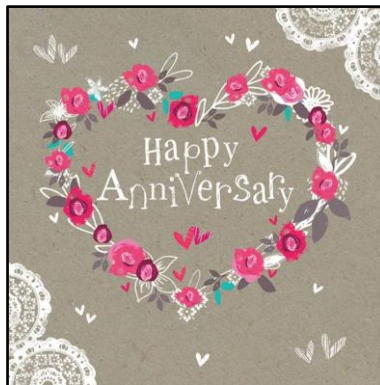


MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mollie (Gray) Nye March 17 Louise Cortland March 28

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pastor Heidi Barham April 6 Rita Johnson April 11
Cade Jeric April 9 JoAnn Seckel April 15



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Kathie & David Morris March 3 Al & Doreen Jaite March 19

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 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 March is **breakfast fixin's--pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, cereal, jam and jelly**. Donations may be placed in the plastic bin under the coat rack in the narthex. As always, your contributions of non-perishable foods, paper products and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!



REMEMBER, HUNGER NEVER TAKES A HOLIDAY!

LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH FREE MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

SERVING 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

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



**8261 Kinsman Rd.
(Rt. 87 just west of Rt. 306)
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Questions??? Please call Jeff Angle 440.564.5912



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Ohio Women's Ministries

Saturday, March 23, 2019

featuring

Rev. Dr. Teresa Hord Owens
General Minister & President of Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ)



Program: “#StirItUp”

Registration

9:00am

Workshops:

Cleveland Christian Home
What is the Explorer Program
Beyond Sunday Morning: domestic abuse issues
How to plant a Butterfly friendly garden

Closing Worship

3:00pm

Continental breakfast and lunch included,
please let us know if there are dietary needs

Childcare will be provided

A free will offering will be taken to
cover the expense of registration



Ghent Christian Church
4200 Granger Road
Akron, OH 44333

From I-77 take exit 137, route 18 towards
Medina, turn right Crystal Lake Road
(first road off the exit), follow till the stop
sign, church is on the corner

From I-71 take exit 218, route 18 towards
Akron, turn left at Crystal Lake Road
which is the last light before I-77, follow
till the stop sign, church is on the corner.

How to R.S.V.P.:

Registration cards enclosed – or –
register online at

owmspringconvocation@gmail.com

- or - you may call

Marilyn J. Bolen: 614-323-4635

Church phone: 330-666-1852

The Executive Director of the Cleveland
Christian Home for Children, Kate Johnson
Vinciguerra will be attending

Does your Women's Ministry's have some
crafts to sell? There will be tables available.

Enter your name for a free massage, by
licensed massotherapist Maria Girardi.

Be SMART about Gun Sense: A Community Talk

Monday, March 18 | 7:00–8:00 pm

Federated Church Family Life Center
(16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH)

The Be SMART campaign was launched to take action to promote responsible gun ownership and reduce child gun deaths through education and awareness. Moms encourage parents and caretakers to “Be SMART” and take these five simple steps to help prevent shootings by children:

- **Secure** all guns in your home and vehicles;
- **Model** responsible behavior around guns;
- **Ask** about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes;
- **Recognize** the risks of teen suicide;
- **Tell** your peers to be SMART.



Our presenter will be Rebecca Gorski, a volunteer with the Ohio Chapter of Moms Demand Action and volunteer lead for Be SMART in the state of Ohio.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of American mothers fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence.

RSVP to reserve childcare at 440.247.6490 or communications@fedchurch.org. For more information, visit fedchurch.org/SJAM or call 440.247.6490



Parkman

Congregational Church

Monthly

Fundraising Dinners

Benefitting the
Geauga Faith

Rescue Mission.

Please join us in the
social hall downstairs at the
Parkman Congregational Church

For donations or to help, please
contact Brian or Chris Lanstrum
at 440-537-3410, 440-862-3593
or email clanstrum@bentronix.com.



- Served 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- NEW Menu Monthly
- Carry out available
 - \$12 for adults
 - \$10 for Seniors over 65
 - \$6 for children 5-10 yrs old
 - Children 4 and under are free
- On the third Friday of every month
except December