

# LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
A BEACON ON THE HILL™



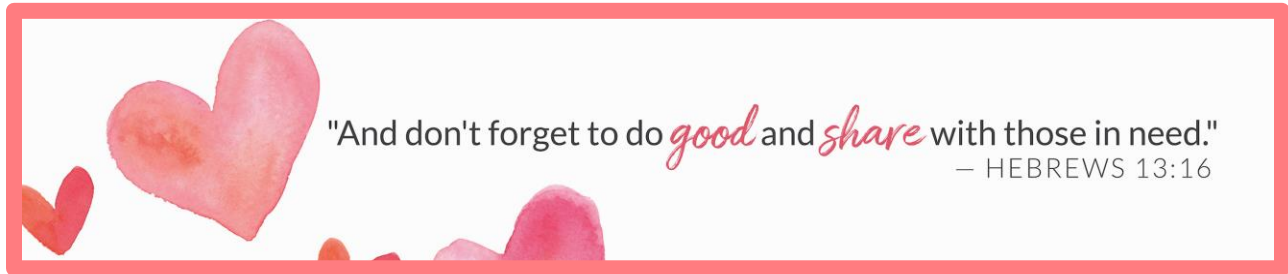
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## JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

### HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW DECADE!

It has been twenty years since we all sat poised waiting to see what, if anything, spectacular would happen when the calendar rolled over to the year 2000, commonly referred to as Y-2-K. Despite all of the worries and concerns in the days, weeks and months running up to the turn of the new century, in hindsight, it was fairly uneventful. Now, as we find ourselves heading into this new decade, we can choose to move forward filled with fear and anxiety about things that may never come to pass; or we can face the future boldly and courageously, filled with hope and excitement about what God is going to do in this new year and new decade. Prayerfully, we will choose the latter, trusting that God will carry us through just as He always has before and will bless us in ways we could have never imagined. So, let us welcome 2020 with the confident assurance that the best is yet to come!



### TRANSFORMING LIVES AND A TREE, ONE BLANKET AT A TIME

The Chrismon Tree was decorated during our annual Hanging of the Greens service in preparation for the season of Advent. Now that the Advent season and Christmas have come and gone, it is time for us to transform the Chrismon Tree into the Blanket Tree as part of Church World Service's annual campaign to Blanket the World with Love. We have already begun to decorate the tree with miniature blankets that represent each \$10.00 donation given to purchase a blanket that will be used to transform lives by providing warmth to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters.

The blankets will also be used to provide bedding for guests in homeless shelters and as gifts of welcome to newly arrived refugees and migrant workers. In 2019, Ledgewood Christian Church was able to purchase 130 blankets because of your generous gifts. With your help, our prayer is to provide even more blankets in 2020. Special envelopes will be placed in the bulletin each week or you can donate online using Givelify. Please be sure to indicate your donation is for CWS Blankets. Thank you in advance for your support!



# IMPACT REPORT 2019

THE CWS KIT AND BLANKET PROGRAMS ARE TWO OF THE MANY WAYS CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SHARES IN A HOPE-FILLED TOMORROW. YOUR SUPPORT TRULY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. HERE'S HOW CWS HAS PROVIDED KITS & BLANKETS THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM.

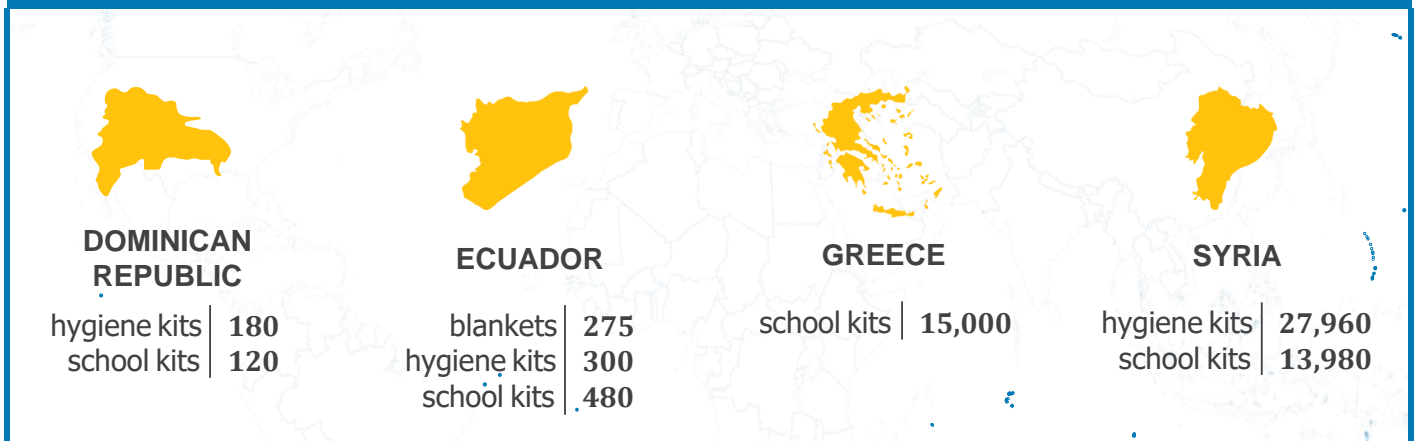
This year, in the United States, we've distributed over 96,000 CWS Blankets and Kits.

"When you are staying in a temporary shelter something as simple as a CWS Hygiene Kit and a soft blanket to keep you warm can provide you with a little piece of comfort and dignity."

-REV. TERRY KUKUK, DAYTON OHIO TORNADO RESPONSE, 2019



This year, internationally, we've distributed over 58,000 CWS Blankets and Kits.



TOTAL KITS AND BLANKETS DISTRIBUTED GLOBAL LY: **154,334**



## **A Note from the Pastor:**

Whenever we welcome in a New Year, it is a time for us to pause and reflect on the things that have occurred during the year that has just passed. It is also a time for us to decide what we want to carry forward into the year ahead and what we would prefer to leave behind. Many people make New Year's resolutions as a way to prepare for the upcoming year. However, if you're anything like me, those New Year's resolutions are quickly forgotten or put on indefinite hold as other things arise to become more of a priority in our day to day lives.

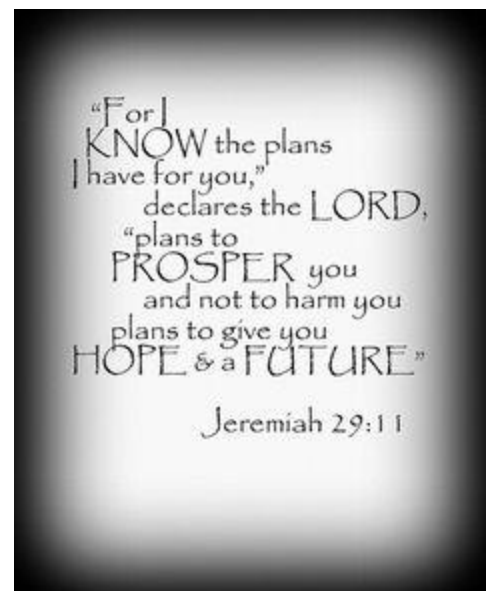
That is why my New Year's resolution many years ago was not to make any more New Year's resolutions. Instead, my goal is simply to start off each New Year as I try to start off each new day, asking God what it is that I should do and where it is that I should go. And invariably, God's plan turns out to be so much better than anything I could have imagined or resolved to do.

So, as we move into 2020, let us be intentional about asking God to give us a clear vision of what we should be doing both individually and collectively as the church, the body of believers here at Ledgewood. And as we seek God's plan for our lives, may the words of the Prophet Jeremiah fill us with a renewed sense of purpose as we move into this New Year and new decade:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).*

With much love, your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi



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## A Little **LIGHT** Refreshment...

### **BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP**

Great for Super Bowl parties and other family gatherings!

#### **Ingredients:**

2 large cans chicken (or the equivalent of fresh shredded chicken)

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (reserve some for the top)

½ cup - 1 cup Frank's Buffalo Hot Sauce

1 cup sour cream

1 block (8 oz) cream cheese, softened

#### **Instructions:**

1. Pre-heat oven to 350°.
2. Set aside some of the cheddar cheese for the top.
3. Thoroughly mix all other ingredients in a bowl.
4. Spread mixture in pan and sprinkle remaining cheddar cheese over the top.
5. Bake at 350° for 20-30 minutes until the cheese is melted and the mixture is beginning to bubble.
6. Serve with crackers or tortilla chips. Best served warm.



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A Little **LIGHT** Humor...

**SPEAKING OF LEAP YEAR...**

What do athletes wear on Leap Day?

*Jumpsuits.*

Where do most people eat on Leap Day?

*IHOP.*

What kind of music should you listen to on Leap Day?

*Hip Hop.*

What do kids play on Leap Day?

*Hop-scotch*

What do you tell a hitchhiker on Leap Day?

*Hop in.*

What does a lawyer do on Leap Day?

*Jump to conclusions.*

What is a frog's favorite year?

*Leap Year.*

What do you call a talking frog?

*A quantum leap.*

What do surgeons perform on Leap Day?

*Hop-erations.*

“I wasn't going to celebrate Leap Day, but I decided to jump on the band wagon.”

“My coworker was fired on Leap Day, apparently he picked the wrong time to jump off the deep end.”





## 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 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.
FREE Community Breakfast	Every <b>Third</b> Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Friday Family Fun Fellowship	Every <b>Fourth</b> Friday 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** *Epiphany Sunday* is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus’ physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called “Three Kings’ Day”, and in some traditions is celebrated as “Little Christmas”.

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day* is celebrated on the third Monday of January to commemorate the birth of the slain Civil Rights. Dr. King campaigned against racial inequality through nonviolent resistance and was the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Perhaps his most famous speech, “*I Have a Dream*,” was delivered during the March on Washington in August, 1963. Although the holiday was officially signed into law in 1983, it was not observed by all 50 states until the year 2000.

**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** *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.

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** “*Presidents Day*” is celebrated on the third Monday of February. Originally planned as a way to honor the births of George Washington (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12<sup>th</sup>), in more recent times it has become a day to celebrate all U.S. Presidents, past and present. Fun fact: Presidents Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American President.

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** *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.

**Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>** *Leap Day* is a date added to most years that are divisible by 4, such as 2016, 2020, and 2024. A leap day is added in various solar calendars, including the Gregorian calendar which is the standard in most of the world.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Jeff Kurzawa	January 2	Nickolas Greulich	January 15
Chanelle Kazamek	January 3	Cedric McMillon	January 20
Jeff Angle	January 6	Jackie (Morris) Greulich	January 25
Dave Morris	January 7	Traci Gambino	January 29
Dawn Greene	January 9		

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Carly Kurzawa	February 3	Monique Kazamek	February 21
Emily Marie Hardman	February 13	Brianna Kazamek	February 24

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Mollie (Gray) Nye	March 17
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**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Jane & Don Gray February 25

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Doreen & Al Jaite March 19

# REMINDERS

The Ledgewood Christian Church Youth Ministry continues their outreach efforts to collect donations for the on-going support of the Geauga County Hunger Cupboards. One of the Geauga Hunger Task Force goals this year is to increase the nutritional value of the food available to our neighbors in need. So, if possible, please consider giving foods that are lower in sodium and sugar so they can provide a wonderful gift, without adding to complications such as high blood pressure or diabetes.

We are continuing our partnership with the Burton Congregational Church (the location of one of the county's seven food cupboards) where all of our donated items are taken. 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!**

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The Geauga Hunger Task Force is requesting any of the following items:

- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Salad Dressing
- Mayonnaise
- Coffee/Tea
- Peanut Butter
- Vegetable Oil
- Sugar
- Flour
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Cans of Soup/Stews
- Cans of Meat (Tuna, Chicken)
- Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Non-Sugar Cereal
- Jell-O or Pudding
- Juice
- Spices or Seasoning
- Crackers
- SpaghettiOs
- Syrup
- Pancake Mix
- Popcorn



**LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
FREE**

**MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

**EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
SERVING 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

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

***Questions???* Please call Jeff Angle  
440.564.5912**



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



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# HARMONY FOR HUNGER



## WHEN

**Saturday, February 8, 2020  
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

## WHERE

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

17989 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

**FEATURING • Wittmen Crew Men's Choir from  
Wittenberg University • Lord of Life Lutheran  
Church Choir • Burton Congregational Church  
Choir • and Local Artists**

**WWW.LOLOH.ORG**

## FUNDRAISING CONCERT EVENT

## TICKETS

**\$5 Presale**

**or at the door**

**+ nonperishable food item**



## SPONSORS

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

**and**

**Burton Congregational  
Church**

## BENEFITING

**Burton Food  
Cupboard**