



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

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



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LEDGEWOOD'S 2020 BLANKET CAMPAIGN



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2020 Blanket Campaign. Because of your kindness and generosity, we have set another new record, surpassing our 2019 Campaign by raising funds to donate 135 blankets to Church World Service. These blankets are used to provide warmth on cold nights, as padding for those sleeping on concrete and even as temporary walls when privacy is not an option. Last year, more than 59,000 blankets were distributed world wide to help our brothers and sisters who were in need. Again, special thanks to Jane Gray for spearheading the Campaign as well as to each of you who continue to help us blanket the world with love!

REAL TROOPERS...

On Sunday, February 9th, Boy Scouts from Troop 193, along with Troop leaders and members of their families, joined us as in recognition of Scout Sunday. Ledgewood Christian Church is grateful for the ongoing partnership and support we have shared with this phenomenal group of young persons for many years.

During the Youth Moment, several of the Scouts stood in front of the congregation to share what scouting means to them. Although it was an impromptu moment, they each rose to the occasion, demonstrating how the scouting program prepares young people to meet the various challenges that may arise in their lives.

The Saturday following Scout Sunday, representatives from Troop 193 joined us for the monthly Community Breakfast where they were able to sell pancake mix and syrup as part of the annual Scout's Own Maple Syrup program. The funds raised will be used to help fund the Scouts summer adventures.

Be on the lookout for even more ways for us to show our love and support for the Scouts of Troop 193!



Photo courtesy of June Angle



A Note from the Pastor:

As we find ourselves in the Season of Lent, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice that Christ made for each and every one of us... without regard for our age, gender, race, socioeconomic status or political affiliation. Jesus chose the nails so that you and I would not have to. Every blow of the hammer that drove those nails into Jesus' hands and feet was a blow that was designated for us, as punishment for our sins. And yet, without reservation or hesitation, Jesus willingly took each one of those hits for us.

But we try not to think about the brute force that drove those nails into the sinless hands and feet of Jesus. It is much easier not to imagine the pain and anguish that accompanied each strike of the hammer than it is for us to face the enormity of the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf.

So, how do we repay Him for that sacrifice? Well, in reality, we can never fully repay Him for such overwhelming love that was willing to go to the cross in our place. However, we can be intentional about extending the love of Christ wherever we go. As the scriptures tell us in John 13:35, "*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*"

Everywhere we turn, there are ample opportunities for us to put love into action, to be light in a dark and dying world, to extend welcome to those that others see as the last, the least and the lost. There is more than enough division in our country and around the world. During this Lenten season and beyond, let us make it our mission to work toward unity, promoting peace with our brothers and sisters and living in harmony with one another. After all, isn't that what Jesus would want us to do?

With much love, your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi

We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



A Little LIGHT Disciples History...

The **Red** Chalice and St. Andrew's Cross

The chalice and St. Andrew's Cross, symbol of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was adopted by the church's General Assembly in 1971. The chalice points to the centrality of the Lord's Supper in the life and worship of the Disciples. A Lord's Supper open to Christians of all persuasions has been a characteristic of the church from its beginning in the early 1800s as a movement to restore Christian unity in a bitterly sectarian age. Our new theology has rightly recovered an understanding of the cup as representing Christian self-giving for the world.



The Cross of St. Andrew, national cross of Scotland, focuses attention on the Presbyterian roots of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Both branches of the movement that gradually grew together on the American frontier and developed into the Disciples of Christ were spawned in Presbyterianism and many of the ideas of the Campbells (Alexander and Thomas) were developed in Scotland. The symbol suggests in addition to the St. Andrew's Cross, a more traditional cross being carried. St. Andrew, too, has been identified with the laity and with evangelism, both of which have been prominent emphases of the Christian Church. The color red signifies vitality, spirit and sacrifice.

The symbol appropriately can be used by congregations, regional organizations, institutions and general units of the church to identify publications, correspondence, materials, properties and the like. It appropriately can be used by individual ministers and lay persons of the Christian Church to identify themselves with their church in such ways as church calling cards, jewelry, plaques and banners. In any case, appropriate use means use that tends to focus on the unity of the Disciples of Christ and pride in identification with that body.

The symbol should be used in an upright position in the interest of both aesthetics and the maintenance of the symbolism of the St. Andrew's Cross. When the name of the church is used with the symbol, the name should be: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), never using a capital "T" on "the" before the name and never omitting the parentheses around Disciples of Christ.

(Adapted from "Guidelines for Use of the Symbol for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)" as approved by the Administrative Committee of the General Board, June 10, 1972)

A Little **LIGHT** Refreshment...

PEACH COBBLER DUMP CAKE

(Yields 8 Servings)

Delicious and easy to make for a busy family weeknight!

Ingredients:

- 1 Box yellow cake mix
- 2 – 16 oz. Cans of peaches, with heavy syrup
- 1 Chilled stick of butter, ½-cup

Directions:

1. Pre-heat oven to 375°.
2. Using a greased 9 x 13” cake pan, sprinkle half of the cake mix on the bottom of the pan.
3. Pour peaches with juice, evenly around the pan.
4. Sprinkle the remaining half of the cake mix on top of the peaches.
5. Use a cheese grater to grate the chilled butter. Spread evenly across the top of the cake.
6. Bake at 375° for 45 minutes.
7. May be served with vanilla ice cream!



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 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, 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.

Sunday, April 5th

Palm Sunday! Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to waving palm branches and shouts of praise, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” only to be crucified days later. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week leading up to the celebration of Resurrection Sunday.

Thursday, April 9th

Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion at 7:00 p.m. We gather together to commemorate the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples and washed their feet in an extraordinary display of humility.

Friday, April 10th

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

Sunday, April 12th

Resurrection Sunday commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion and burial. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, which is preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. Christ is risen indeed!

Wednesday, April 22nd

Earth Day - Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mollie (Gray) Nye March 17

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ledgewood Christian Church – April 4, 1965

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Elsie Mohr	May 10	Jeana Hardman	May 11
Tim Srnka	May 10	Jim Lucas	May 13
Marilyn Lucas	May 11	Gwen Washington	May 31
Blane Ruble	May 11		



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Doreen & Al Jaite March 19

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ruth Ann & Don Angle April 27

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Kim & Kevin Gearhart May 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!

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to spring
forward on March 8!
Set your clocks forward
by one hour.



LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH FREE MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



MARCH 21, 2020
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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