



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

“A BEACON ON THE HILL”



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SEASONS OF CHANGE

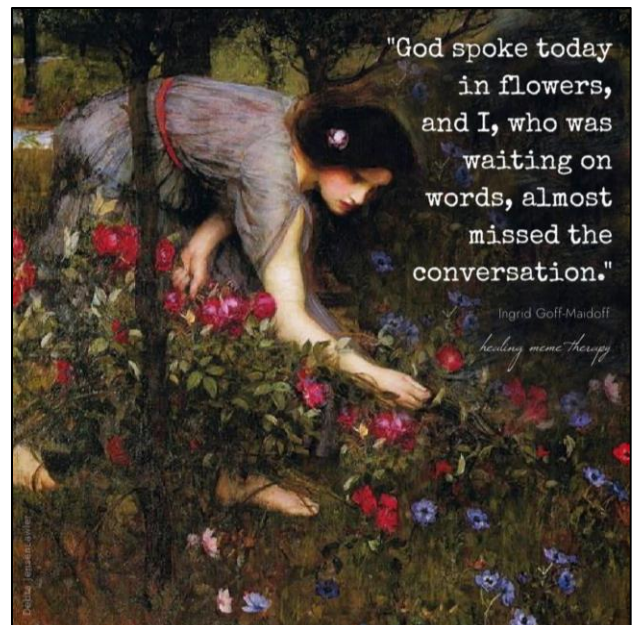
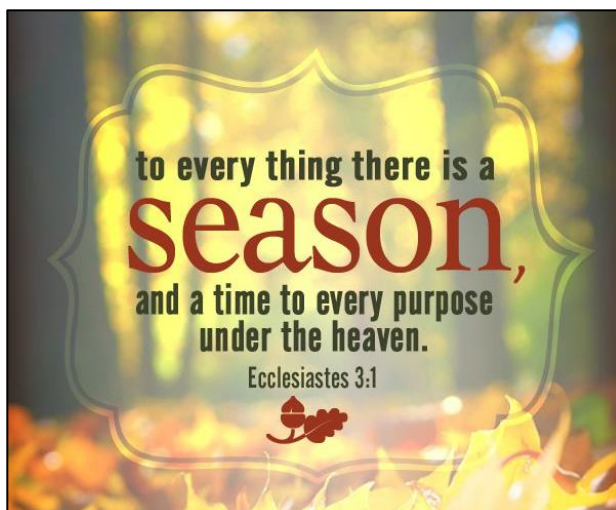
FALL 2024

After taking the summer off for a much-needed sabbatical, it was a joy to return to Ledgewood in September. Although things did not quite go as I might have hoped or planned while I was away, the gift of time was invaluable. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all those who made my time away possible, including but not limited to, Elders June Angle and Debbie Lucik, as well as Jane Gray, who made sure everything ran smoothly. It was truly a blessing to have my colleagues in ministry, Rev. Cynthia Klingemier, Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, and Rev. Ralph Wearstler, come each week to provide pastoral leadership in worship. Thank you to all of you for making this possible. A pastor could not ask to serve in a better congregation!

And now that the seasons are changing once again, I look forward to seeing what the future holds. Keep your eyes and ears open as we explore some new, and perhaps some not so new, ways for us to do ministry together. Please share your ideas for what you would like to see us do together as a church family as we continue to shine our light as that beacon on a hill.

With love and gratitude, your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi



Congratulations Are in Order!

We could not be prouder of our very own, Monique Maltais Kazamek and Elizabeth “Ellie” Angle! Monique graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching, Summa Cum Laude, at UC Irvine and started her dream job in August as an English teacher in the El Segundo Unified School District. Ellie graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture, from the Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University. She has been hired as a staff designer at FMS Architects (Feinknopf Macioce Schappa Architects) in Columbus Ohio where she did a student internship her senior year. She is currently in the process of applying to graduate schools in preparation for obtaining her Registered Architect license. She lives in Columbus with her college friend, Lizzy.

All we have to say is, “Job well done ladies!”



Be on the lookout!

Our bulletin boards have taken on a new look recently to provide inspiration for all of us. Be sure to check them out each week as they are subject to change at any time. Special thanks to Erin Angle and the Ledgewood Christian Youth Ministry for sharing their gifts and talents in such a creative way!



The small container at the bottom right-hand corner of the bulletin board held little bottles with a mustard seed inside.

Each pocket holds strips of paper with inspirational words of scripture that correlate with the various themes: peace, hope, love, strength, and patience.



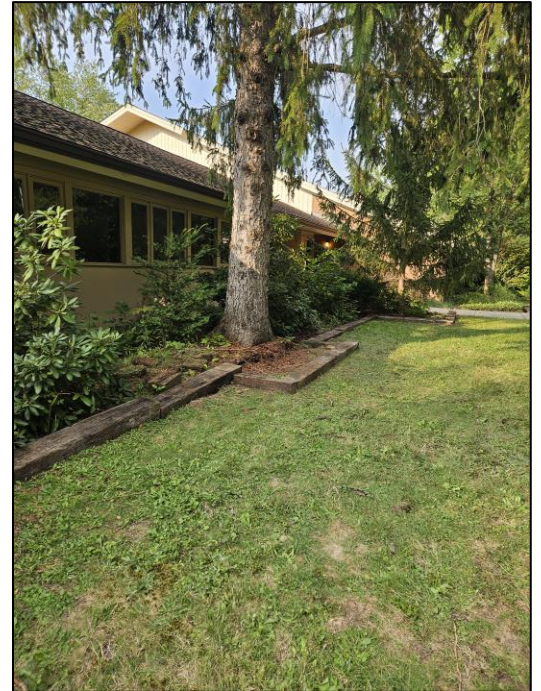
The Trust in Trustees...

This summer's big project for the trustees was replacing the decomposing railroad ties in the planting areas on either side of the main entrance. This was a much bigger project than expected since most of the old ties were anchored by tree roots which required a few new trenches to be dug by hand. Fortunately, we were able to complete the entire project for less than \$800 with special thanks to Jeff Angle and Lee Miller!

The boiler system repairs and adjustments have been an ongoing project. Jeff was able to replace the leaking valve and rebuild the malfunctioning valve. The annual boiler inspection was successfully completed by Hartford Steam Boiler.

A portion of the Ledgewood Christian Church sign in the front yard has been rebuilt and replaced. The old font that was used was painstakingly copied, adjusted and painted so that it looks very much like the original sign.

Both septic tanks have been cleaned and our annual operating license has been renewed by Geauga County Health Department. Additionally, the roof leak above the multi-purpose room has been fixed. The drywall ceiling had some minimal damage that still needs repair.



*Photos courtesy of
June Angle, Trustee Chair*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you have any talents, skills or interest in plants or landscaping, we could use some help with weeding, design, plant selection, and care. If interested, please contact Trustee Chair, June Angle at (440) 637-3156. We are looking at pruning or replacing overgrown planting areas. I have very little experience or ideas regarding planting areas and I usually kill all plants just by looking at them (except poison ivy).

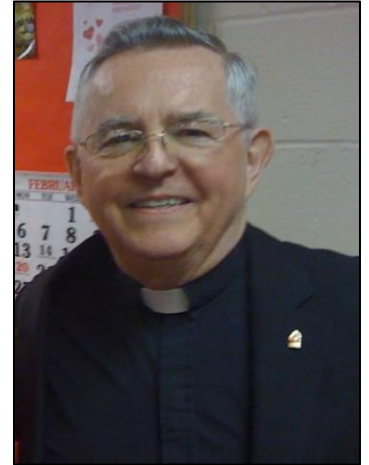
Blessings to all.

June Angle

In Remembrance...

Rev. Dr. Paul Leland Biery (*August 2, 1937 — September 23, 2024*)

Rev. Dr. Paul L. Biery was born to Willis and Virginia Biery on a dairy farm near Alliance, Ohio. He felt his call to ministry when he was 13 years old and was issued a license to preach when he was just 15. After graduating from Marlboro High School, he attended Ventura College in California. Dr. Biery held multiple degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in psychology (Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio), a Bachelor of Divinity (Oberlin Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin, Ohio), a Master of Divinity (Vanderbilt Graduate School of Theology in Nashville, Tennessee).



He was ordained in 1966. At Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, he was a Graduate Fellow in the Internship in Urban Ministry. He later earned Post Graduate Certification in Pastoral Psychology from the Department of Psychiatry at CWRU. Additionally, Dr. Biery earned certification by the state of Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board as a CCDC III-E counselor. And on May 12, 2011, he completed his studies and research culminating in an earned Doctor of Ministry degree from St. Mary Seminary Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe, Ohio.

He taught as adjunct faculty at: Cuyahoga Community College, Ashland Seminary in Ashland, Ohio, Winebrenner Seminary in Findlay, Ohio, and in various Schools of Mission. He was on the staff of Henderson Settlement, an Appalachian home mission, in south-east Kentucky as well as the Cleveland Council of Churches, where he served as Ecumenical Education Director. He was a staff member of Operation Equality, a program of the Cleveland Urban League. He was a field staff-person for Congressman Louis Stokes in the 21st Congressional District. He provided counseling skills for the Cuyahoga County Division of Youth Services as a substance abuse counselor, provided aftercare counseling at the Glenbeigh Treatment Center and served as 5th Step coordinator at New Directions treatment center. Dr. Biery established a program of support groups for students at risk At Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (Euclid, Ohio) and St. Edward High School (Lakewood, Ohio).

All of Dr. Biery's ministries since ordination in 1966 were in Ohio, with 44 of those years being spent in the Cleveland area: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Program Director of Cleveland District, U.M.C., West Boulevard Christian Church, and Lake Shore Christian Church. He also served as Intentional Interim Pastor at: Central Christian Church (Springfield), Christ Church United Methodist (Findlay), First Christian Church (Paulding), and Euclid Avenue Christian Church (Cleveland Heights). In 2013, he returned as Interim Pastor at First Christian Church (Paulding). Dr. Biery also served for six years as the Regional Elder for District 2-E for the Christian Church in Ohio, providing care to ten Disciples of Christ congregations on the east side of Cleveland. In October 2015, Dr. Biery and his wife, Joan, joined Ledgewood Christian Church where he served as one of the Elders before they moved to Findlay to be closer to family.

Married for 64 years, Joan, was very much a part of Paul's ministry. She was his supporter, encourager, and was always right there alongside him. The two of them even had the opportunity to

have lunch with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, to discuss his plans to speak in Cleveland.

Throughout his ministry Dr. Biery demonstrated a passion for civil and human rights, anti-racism programs, peace and justice issues, and the building of bridges for ecumenical and inter-faith understanding and dialogue. Pastor Biery provided consulting services across denominational lines in the areas of transitional and multi-cultural ministries.

The list of honors and commendations that were conferred upon Dr. Biery include: Who's Who in Religion, 2nd International Who's Who in Community Service, Men of Achievement, and Personalities of America. While pastor of Lake Shore Christian Church, he was commended by the General Division of Homeland Ministries for more than 10% sustained membership growth over a six year period. Within a four year period the weekly worship attendance doubled and he cooperatively merged two congregations.

Dr. Biery held membership or served as an officer in the following organizations: Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Cleveland Urban League, NAACP, 21st.Congressional Caucus, Project Push, Southern Poverty Law Center, Interfaith Suburban Action Coalition (ISAC), Southeast Heights Ecumenical Parish (SHEP), Interfaith Alliance, League Park Community Center, Pastoral Psychology Institute Advisory Board, Cuyahoga County Alcohol and Drug Board, United Methodist Alcohol and Chemical Counseling (UMACC), Euclid Ministers Association, Community Liaison to Open Door Maternity Home, Euclid Community Hospital Advisory Board, Cleveland Catholic Diocese Community Action Commission, Interfaith Commission of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, founding member of Cleveland Community Food Bank, West Side Community House, Commission on Ministry of the Disciples of Christ, Ohio Region, and the Interim Ministry Network of Northeast Ohio.

In addition to his beloved wife, Joan, Dr. Biery leaves three children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, along with a host of friends and colleagues, to cherish his memory and legacy.



*Roscoe Dickerson, Joan & Rev. Dr. Paul Biery
Photo taken at Bethany Christian Church
Courtesy of Deacon Randall Howard*



*Rev. Dr. Paul & Joan Biery, Rev. Denise
Cunninham-Doggett, Rev. Heidi Barham
Photo taken at Lake Shore Christian Church*

Ending Hunger... One Step at a Time!

Submitted by Jane Gray

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym of the **Christian Rural Overseas Program**. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in Europe and Asia in post-World War II. Although, the acronym has become outgrown, it has been retained as the historic name of the program.

CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith, community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service that are organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. On October 26, 2009, the Los Angeles Times noted: "With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks." And, they have been continuous nationwide since 1970. Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the US join in more than 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. Ledgewood Christian Church has joined with congregation members from other Geauga County churches in this annual event for well over 50 years!

The top individual CROP Walk fundraiser is Greg Weemhoff of Bainbridge Twp. Who is a member of Valley Presbyterian Church. Greg was born with cerebral palsy; and, at the age of 12, participated in his first CROP Walk with the help of family and friends. This year, he celebrated his 46th consecutive year of participation, with his good friend, David Randall, pushing Greg's wheelchair, as he has done for at least 40 of those years. In 2014, the Geauga County CROP Walk was renamed the Greg Weemhoff Geauga County CROP Hunger Walk in honor of Greg's achievement in raising thousands of dollars for hunger relief over the many years.

CROP Hunger Walks help support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises for hunger-fighting programs in its own community. In recent years, the Geauga County Hunger Task Force, which supports our 5 food cupboards, has received donations in excess of \$2,000 annually from the Greg Weemhoff Geauga County CROP Walk.

Although the actual 2024 CROP Walk took place on Sunday, September 29, it's not too late to add your gift to this very worthy outreach. Donation envelopes are available on the narthex table. Please make checks payable to CWS (not Ledgewood Church). If you have any questions, please contact Jane Gray at (440) 564-5536 or email eabinc@windstream.net.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2024

CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

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A Little *LIGHT* Refreshment:

CREAMY CUCUMBER SALAD

Submitted by June Angle, 2024

I LOVE CUCUMBERS. It reminds me of when I was a young child and would visit my Grandma Kocsis on the east-side of Cleveland. Her house always smelled like chicken soup or cucumbers. It is one of my fondest memories. She is the only grandparent I knew, and I was her only granddaughter. After she passed in 1992, I strove to make my kitchen smell like hers, no matter where I lived. The aroma always brings forth the vivid and fond memories that I have been blessed with.

This particular recipe came to me recently from a co-worker, Alyssa Lunka. I have made a few tweaks. You can always choose to leave the cucumber skins on. It adds a nice color accent to the salad. I think it always tastes better the second day.

Ingredients:

2 English cucumbers (or equivalent)
¼ cup diced onion (optional)
Splash of milk (¼ cup or so)
1 block cream cheese, room temperature
1 cup mayonnaise
2 teaspoons dill
¼ to ½ envelope Ranch Dressing Mix
Salt and pepper to taste



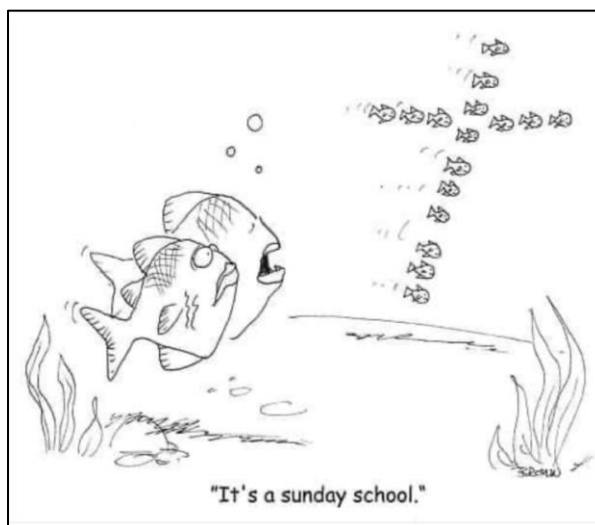
Cream Cheese Dressing: Combine cream cheese, mayonnaise, Ranch mix, and milk in a bowl. Use a hand mixer or whisk to make it smooth. Add dill, onions, salt, and pepper and mix until combined.

Peel cucumbers if desired. Slice thinly. Add cream cheese dressing and fold until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate.

Enjoy!

A Little *LIGHT* Humor:

Courtesy of Elsie Mohr



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School for All Ages
Worship Service

Sundays – 10:00 a.m. in the MultiPurpose Room
Sundays – 11:00 a.m. *in person or via conference
call at (339) 207-7394*

Official Board Meeting

Next meeting, Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 14th

Indigenous Peoples' Day (observed on the second Monday of October) celebrates the history and contributions of Native Americans and has been federally recognized since 2021 although it is not yet a federal holiday. More than a dozen states recognize some version of the holiday in place of Columbus Day. Some states and cities, however, still celebrate Columbus Day or Italian Heritage Day.

Monday, October 14th

Columbus Day (observed on the second Monday of October) is a national holiday in many countries in the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492.

Sunday, November 3rd

Daylight Savings Time Ends Turn your clocks back one hour!

Monday, November 11th

Veterans Day honors persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. Previously celebrated as Armistice Day which marked the end of major hostilities of World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect the holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and the preceding year. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States.

Sunday, December 1st

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.

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Debbie Lucik | October 1 | Carol Erickson | October 22 |
| Kim Gearhart | October 4 | Ronald Barham | October 25 |
| Ruth Ann Angle | October 5 | Linda Miller | October 26 |
| Eve Henderson | October 18 | | |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| June Angle | December 2 | Jane Gray | December 21 |
| Don Angle | December 2 | | |



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Rev. Heidi & Ron Barham | October 14 |
| Kris & Bill Tidwell | October 15 |

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 and your help is needed more than ever. We continue to work in partnership with the Burton United Christian Church (the location of one of the county's seven food cupboards).

At this time the Geauga Hunger Task Force suggests the following items be donated:

- 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, Salmon)
- Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta - Whole Grain
- Non-Sugar Cereal
- Juice - 100%
- Spices or Seasonings

Please call the church at (440) 338-5844 or call Pastor Heidi at (216) 376-8875 to schedule a time if you have items you wish to have picked up.

As always, your contributions of non-perishable foods, paper products and “special need items” are all greatly appreciated!

REMEMBER, HUNGER NEVER TAKES A HOLIDAY!

