

LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

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



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What a Difference a Year Makes...

As someone once said, "Time sure flies when you're having fun!" It is hard to imagine just how fast time has flown, especially over this past year. It has definitely been a time marked by transitions and celebrations. Even as we have all weathered some storms in our personal lives as well as the lives of our family members and friends, there have been causes for celebration as well. And through it all, God has been faithful.

Elsie retired and moved to Mississippi. Bill and Marlene became grandparents. Jeana and Clint got engaged and will actually be married by the time the next Ledgewood Light goes to print. Ja'Meir came to live with Gwen and took up permanent residence in each of our hearts. And those are just some of the highlights!

As the summer season moves into full swing, let us take time to pause to salute fathers, to recognize graduates and to celebrate with one another – giving God thanks and praise for His abundant blessings!

Camp Christian, Here They Come!

This summer we have four members of the Ledgewood Christian Church Youth Ministry attending Camp Christian. All of our campers have been duly commissioned and gifted with brand new Bibles to use in studying God's Word. We pray that each of them will experience God in new and exciting ways while they are at camp. We look forward to hearing their stories when they return. Please send letters, cards or notes of encouragement to our campers while they are away. The address to send mail is:

Camp Christian, 10335 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

Erin Angle and Hannah Gilbert – Chi Rho Camp, June 4th – 10th Ellie Angle – CYF Camp, June 11th – June 17th Ja'Meir Washington – Ribbitt Camp, July 5th – 8th





A Note from the Pastor:

Recently, I read a quote that said, "The power in prayer is not found in the eloquence of the one who prays, but in the power of God who answers."

It made me think about the story of Peter walking on water in Matthew 14. While Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he was able to do the seemingly impossible – walk on water. But as soon as Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and began instead to focus on his circumstances, he started to sink. In the midst of his crisis, as he felt himself beginning to drown, there was no time for Peter to craft an eloquent prayer. On the contrary, all he could pull together was three one-syllable words, "*Lord, save me!*" Short, sweet and to the point, but extremely effective because the scriptures say that Jesus **immediately** reached out His hand and caught Peter.

This story serves as a reminder that, even in the midst of our times of crisis, the Lord is right there beside us, whenever we call. He has the power to calm the raging seas that may be swirling around and threatening to overwhelm us. Even when we are facing situations that seem impossible to overcome, we can always call on the Lord.

Each week, the joys and concerns that are shared during service on Sunday are compiled and sent out in our "Thankful Tuesday" email as we reflect on the words of the Apostle Paul found in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - 18, "*pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is*

God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It is truly a blessing for us to be able to pray with and for one another and to bear witness to the many ways in which God continues to answer those prayers.

As always, I thank God for you and keep you in my thoughts and prayers!

Your Pastor and friend,

Rev. Heidi



FATHER'S DAY FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"God is the Father who is always home." – Unknown

"A father is a man who expects his son to be as good a man as he meant to be." - Frank A. Clark

"Fathers are the great gift-givers of the world!" - Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, founder of Father's Day

Small boy's definition of Father's Day: It's just like Mother's Day only you don't spend so much.

– Unknown

Being a great father is like shaving. No matter how good you shaved today, you have to do it again tomorrow.

- Unknown

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The story is told of a father of five children who came home with a toy. He summoned his children and asked which of them should be given the present. "Who is the most obedient one here? Who never talks back to Mom and does everything that Mom says to do?" He inquired. There were a few seconds of silence, and then all of the children said in one accord: "You play with it Daddy!"

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One evening, while sitting around the dinner table, a little girl looked up and asked her father, "Daddy, you're the boss, right?" Her father was very pleased by this and replied, "Yes." Then, the little girl continued, "That's because mommy put you in charge, right?"



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Worship Service (*Summer Hours*) Sunday School for all ages WOW Bible Study for all ages Official Board Meeting Ledgewood Men's Fellowship Free Breakfast Disciple Women's Bible Study June

Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Resumes in September Every First Sunday 12:15 p.m. Every Second Thursday 7:30 p.m. Every Third Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Every Third Saturday 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday, June 4th **Pentecost Sunday** is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Wednesday, June 14th **Flag Day** commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Sunday, June 18th **Father's Day** celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June, got a jump start from the formation of Mother's Day. At the turn of the century, Mother's Day observances were growing across the United States. The federal government had yet to recognize the holiday, but many states had adopted the third Sunday in May as a special celebration day honoring mothers. It was during a Mother's Day church service on June 20, 1909, that Sonora Smart Dodd was struck with the idea of creating a special holiday to honor fathers, too. LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM What: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, salmon, orange juice, coffee and tea When: Saturday, June 17, 2017 serving from 8:30 am until 10:30 am Where: Ledgewood Christian Church 8261 Kinsman Rd. (Rt. 87 just west of Rt. 306) Novelty, Ohio 44072 Who: Friends and neighbors - Comeone, comeall !! Any questions- please call Jeff Angle 440.564.5912



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

| Kathie Morris | June 3 | Sue Johnson | June 27 |
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| Karen Jeric | June 9 | Ja'Meir Washington | June 28 |
| Perry Howland | June 11 | | |

JULY BIRTHDAYS

| Deb Kazamek | July 8 | Tom Kazamek | July 18 |
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| Bill Perdan | July 12 | Bonnie Howland | July 20 |
| Erin Marie Angle | July 14 | Linda Mislosky | July 28 |
| Wayne Erickson | July 15 | | |



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn & Jim Lucas June 25

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

| Linda & Lee Miller | July 10 |
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| June & Jeff Angle | July 12 |
| Twannamy & Cedric McMillon | July 12 |

BE A WITNESS FOR ONENESS!

It is still not too late to register for General Assembly which is being held in Indianapolis, July 8 - 12, 2017. For more information or to register, please go to the website: <u>http://disciples.org/ga</u>.



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"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one." John 17:20-21a, NRSV

