



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



“A BEACON ON THE HILL”

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No greater love...



The picture says it all. Karen Jeric crafted this beautiful bouquet to decorate the sanctuary for our Sunday services in February. Carefully selected flowers in various hues of red and pink surrounded a heart; all of which symbolized the love we typically associate with the month of February and Valentine’s Day. But it took the artful eye of June Angle to photograph the bouquet at just the right angle (pun intended!); capturing the image of the cross within the heart, calling to mind the words of Christ, “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16). What a perfect representation of the love of Christ, love that went all the way to Calvary; the love that we are called to reflect on throughout this season of Lent.

BE A WITNESS FOR ONENESS!

In July, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will gather as ONE for the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis. Thousands of Disciples will gather from across the United States and Canada to demonstrate our unity in service to Christ. There will be inspiring messages delivered, the new General Minister and President will be elected, results from Mission First! will be shared, all while attendees have an exciting opportunity to participate in a phenomenal learning community. Want to do something else fun? Consider posting a “selfie” on social media with the tag #DOCWeAreOne. Early registration discounts expire April 1, so get registered today for a 20% savings at <http://disciples.org/ga>.



“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



A Note from the Pastor:

The Lenten Season has begun – that period in the Liturgical Calendar that goes from Ash Wednesday until Resurrection Sunday. The time when we stop and intentionally reflect on the events that transpired roughly two thousand years ago leading up to the betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Recently, several of us journeyed to St. Anselm Catholic Church to see the 40th anniversary performance of *Tetelestai*, a musical reenactment of Christ's journey to the cross and beyond. The sights and sounds of that evening evoked a range of emotions that cannot easily be described. Suffice it to say; however, no one can leave an encounter like that without being changed in some way.

During this season of Lent, many will choose to “give up” something, symbolizing the ultimate sacrifice that Christ made by giving up His life for us. Still others will “take on” something as they reflect on just what it meant for Christ to take on the punishment for our sins. But, whether you choose to give up something or to take on something, may this Lenten Season bring you a renewed sense of God’s presence. May you feel God’s peace which surpasses all understanding. And may you witness first-hand God’s unconditional love at work in your life.

May each of you be blessed and encouraged on this journey!

Your Pastor and friend,

Rev. Heidi



HOLY HUMOR (Part Two)

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, “Boys and girls, what do we know about God?”

A hand shot up in the air. “He is an artist!” said the kindergarten boy.

“Really? How do you know?” the teacher asked.

“You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven...”

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

“Reverend,” said the young man, “I’m so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”

The minister chuckled, “I know what you mean. It’s the same in my business.”

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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Last, but not least, a great one:

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

“Here’s a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But, you’ll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.”

During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.”

At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star Spangled Banner.”

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

- Submitted by Linda Miller

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service
WOW Bible Study for all ages
Official Board Meeting
Ledgewood Men's Fellowship Free Breakfast
Disciple Women's Bible Study

Sundays – 10:00 a.m.
Sundays – 11:00 a.m.
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.



Thursdays, March 16th, 23rd & 30th

Guiding Light Lecture Series presented by *The Lantern of Chagrin Valley*. See attached flyer for details regarding upcoming programs on "Estate Planning for All Generations," "Long Term Care Insurance" and the "Power of Planning."

Friday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 18th

Get Fed and Then Shred! Join the Ledgewood Men's Fellowship for breakfast from 8:30 am to 10:30 am and then help Cub Scout Pack 193 with their recycling drive. See attached flyer for details on the Shred Event which will take place from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONTHLY
FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

What: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, salmon, orange juice, coffee and tea

When: Saturday, February 18, 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 - Come one, come all!!

Any questions- call Jeff Angle 440.564.5912



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Chagrin Valley Council of Churches Lenten Programs for 2017

Date & Time	Place & event
Saturday, March 11 9 am – 2 pm	Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop Federated Church UCC , 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, www.fedchurch.org \$30 suggested donation includes breakfast, lunch and book: <u>Open Mind, Open Heart</u> by Thomas Keating Register by calling 440.247.6490 x 310 or email skawolics@fedchurch.org
Wednesday, March 15 6 pm	Free Soup Supper and Program Bainbridge Community UCC , 17751 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge 440.543.5117, www.bainbridgecommunityucc.org
Wednesday, March 22 7:30 pm	Taizé Prayer Service Holy Angels Church , 18205 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge, 440.708.0000 www.holyangelschurch.com
Wednesday, March 29 6:30 pm	Discovering the Artistry of Faith: The Music of the Church, the Visual Arts of the Christian Traditions (Free Dinner and program) St. Martin's Episcopal Church , 6295 Chagrin River Rd, Chagrin Falls, 440.247.7406 , www.saintmartschagrinfalls.com
Wednesday, April 5 6 pm	Free soup supper and program Valley Presbyterian , 17560 Chillicothe Road, Bainbridge, 440.543.1071 www.valleypresbychurch.org
Every Wednesday in Lent, 11:30 AM	Lenten Service followed by lunch Lord of Life Lutheran Church , 17989 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge, 440.543.5505, www.loloh.org

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

12 pm *Stations of the Cross* at the Gazebo in Chagrin Falls. Gather at noon for a pilgrimage through “*The Way of Sorrows.*” We gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ from various denominations for a two-mile walk through Chagrin Falls. (In case of inclement weather, event will be at Federated Church Sanctuary)

1:30 pm - 6 pm **Blood Drive** at Federated Church. Take this opportunity to make a life-saving difference in the world by giving blood.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mollie (Gray) Nye March 17

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Heidi Barham April 6
Karen Lucas April 8

Cade Jeric
JoAnn Seckel

April 9
April 15



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Kathie & David Morris March 3

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ruth Ann & Don Angle April 27

A Little **LIGHT** Refreshment...

WATERGATE SALAD

A crowd favorite, especially when Eve Henderson brings it!

Prep: 15 min. plus refrigerating

Serves: 8, about 1/2 cup each

Ingredients:

1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, in juice, undrained
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) JELL-O Pistachio Flavor Instant Pudding
1 1/2 cups thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping
1 cup JET-PUFFED Miniature Marshmallows
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Combine ingredients and refrigerate for one hour



\$8.00

Shred Event

\$8.00

Cub Scout Pack 193 Recycling Drive

**March 18 10:00-
1:00 Ledgewood
Christian Church
8261 Kinsman Rd,
Russell**

Why participate, you ask?

Here's why:

- *Get all of your confidential papers shredded
- *Don't let sensitive information fall into the wrong hands!
- *All paper will be shredded while you wait
- *All shredded paper will be recycled
- **Most of all it helps our Cub Scouts fulfill a requirement****

AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

- 1) Buy a large white bag from one of our scouts and fill it with all of your confidential papers.
- 2) Bring your filled bag on March 18, between 10:00-1:00 to LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8261 Kinsman Rd, Russell
- 3) We will do the rest, while you watch your items get shredded

There's no need to remove any staples, paper clips, or any other fasteners!

Please contact Cub Master Joel Cohen with any questions, 408-368-1575



The Lantern of Chagrin Valley

Invites the Chagrin Valley community to our
GUIDING LIGHT LECTURE SERIES

Please join us with your family and friends for the following programs:

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

ESTATE PLANNING FOR ALL GENERATIONS

Allison M. McMeechan, Esq., Reminger Co., L.P.A.



- 5:30 p.m. Welcome Reception with champagne, wine, and light snacks
- 6:00 p.m. Presentation in our beautiful Lantern Theatre

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE – KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Peter Bern, CEO and Owner, Leverity Insurance Group

Kevin Kutz, Owner, Creative Insurance Solutions, LLC



- 5:30 p.m. Welcome Reception with champagne, wine, and light snacks
- 6:00 p.m. Presentation in our beautiful Lantern Theatre

Thursday, March 30th, 2017

THE POWER OF PLANNING – YOUR FINANCIAL ROADMAP

James Blue, President and Co-Founder,
Private Harbour Investment Management & Counsel

Mac McLaughlin, Assistant Portfolio Manager & Securities Trader,
Private Harbour Investment Management & Counsel



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- 6:00 p.m. Presentation in our beautiful Lantern Theatre

Please RSVP to Heather Grice (440.557.1109) to confirm all details!

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