



# LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

“A BEACON ON THE HILL”



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### CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

All too often we hear about young people who are not living up to their full potential. Well, that is certainly not the case when it comes to the members of the Ledgewood Christian Church Youth Ministry. They continue to go above and beyond expectations. Recently, two of our youth, Ellie and Erin Angle submitted entries at the Great Geauga County Fair. Ellie received a first-place ribbon in the Teen Fine Arts category for her impressive ink drawing and Erin received a second-place ribbon in the Teen Baking (Non-Yeast Baking) category for her delicious pumpkin bread.



*Erin's pumpkin bread received second place at the Great Geauga County Fair*

And they have a wonderful role model to follow when it comes to bringing home ribbons from the Fair. Our very own, Karen Jeric, received eight ribbons for her beautiful dahlias, including three first place ribbons! Special congratulations to all of our award winners!!

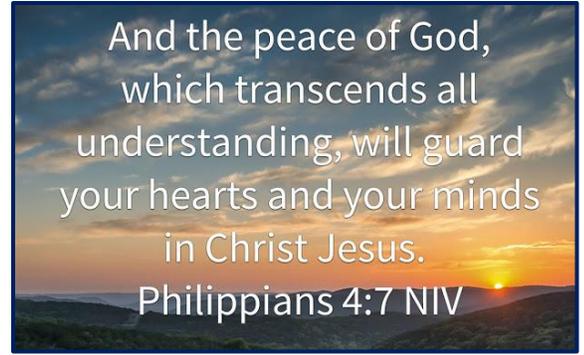
In addition to her fine art skills, Ellie is very musically inclined and plays the trumpet. She was recently spotted playing at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum along with the West Geauga High School Marching Band for a segment that aired on Fox 8 News in the morning.



*Ellie's ink drawing received first place at the Great Geauga County Fair*

## A Note from the Pastor:

There are scarcely enough words to describe the level of hurt, anguish and distress that our country has felt in just these past few days in the wake of the horrific events that occurred in Las Vegas, Nevada. It seems inconceivable that one person could wreak so much havoc on a city like that. And yet sadly, I heard some people admit that they have become almost completely desensitized to the violence and devastation that are now so much a part of our everyday lives.



However, as believers in Christ, we can ill afford to become desensitized to the suffering and heartache of our brothers and sisters here in this country and around the world. As the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:26, *“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”* And suffice it to say that there are many people who are truly suffering. Whether it is the victims of the recent shootings in Las Vegas or the families who continue to struggle in the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, the earthquakes in Mexico and the wildfires out west – there is no shortage of suffering.

But thanks be to God. even in the wake of so much tragedy, we can still have hope and find a reason to rejoice. Why? Because God is **still** good and has promised to give us a peace that surpasses all understanding. It is generally not hard to praise God when everything is going well. But the true test of our faith comes when we are willing and able to praise God even when everything seems to be going wrong.

We are grateful that during the month of September, Ledgewood Christian Church collected just over \$2,000 that was sent to Week of Compassion to assist in the relief efforts following the recent hurricanes and earthquakes. We will continue collecting throughout the month of October, recognizing that the road to recovery for those impacted by these natural disasters will be a long and costly one. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed or will contribute to this ongoing outreach effort. It is in moments like these that we have the opportunity to demonstrate what it means to be the church that God has called us to be – outfitted in the love that binds us together in perfect unity, as the peace of Christ rules in our hearts... (*Colossians 3:14-15*).

Let us continue to praise God together for that perfect peace, now and in the days ahead.

Your Pastor and friend,

Rev. Heidi



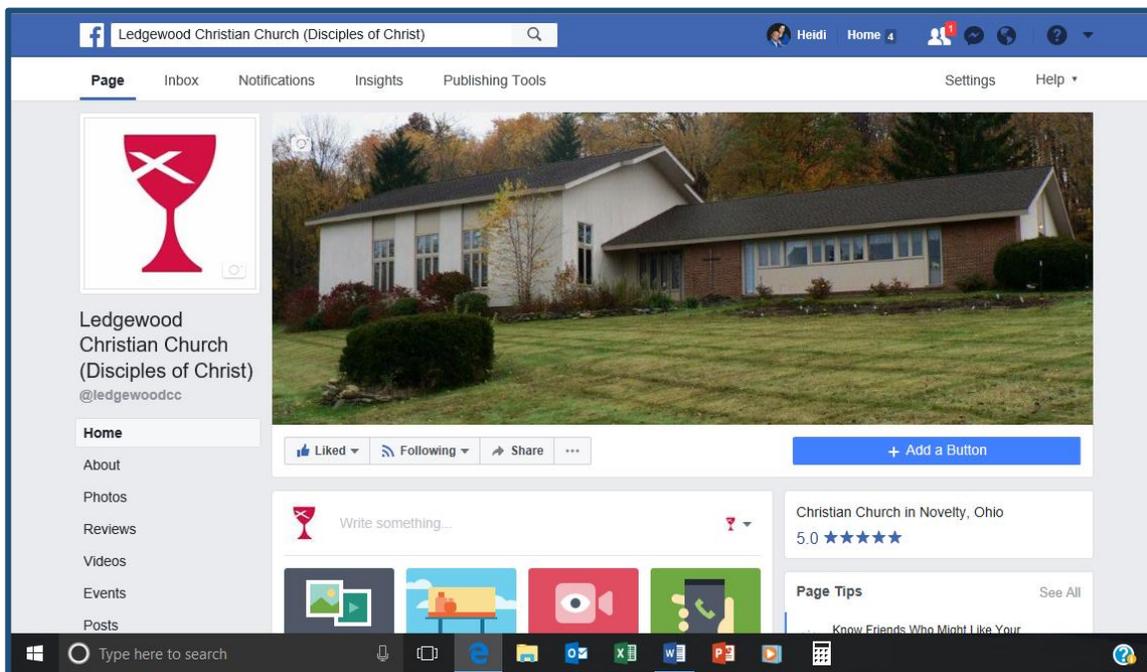
## Have you seen our new website?

Over the past couple of months, the church website received a much-needed face lift. Please be sure to check out the new design at <http://ledgewoodcc.org>.

One of the newest features is a section entitled **“Prayer & Praise”** where visitors to the website can submit their prayer requests as well as their praise reports. Other people can then indicate that they will pray for the specific need or that they are joining in praise with the person submitting the request.



And while you're at it, please be sure to **“LIKE”** us on Facebook!



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## A Little LIGHT Humor...

One Sunday, a pastor asked his congregation to consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns for the next three weeks.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor noticed that someone had contributed a \$100 bill. Extremely grateful, he wanted to personally thank the generous person before the entire congregation.

A quiet, elderly widow shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she pointed to the three handsomest men in the congregation: "I'll take him and him and him!"

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Harry awakened from emergency surgery and found himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic hospital. The nuns began asking how he planned to pay for the surgery.

"Do you have health insurance?" they asked. "No insurance," he replied groggily.

They asked if he had money in the bank. "No money."

They asked if he had a relative who could help. "Only a spinster sister who's a nun," he answered.

"Nuns definitely are not spinsters," insisted the nuns. "They are married to God!"

"Great," said Harry, snuggling into this pillow. "Then you can send the bill to my brother-in-law."

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### Church Bulletin Bloopers:

-  The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
-  The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
-  Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale... it's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
-  For those who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
-  Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



## REGULAR SCHEDULE

Worship Service	Sundays – 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages	Sundays – 10:00 a.m.
WOW Bible Study for all ages	Every <b>First Sunday</b> 12:15 p.m.
Official Board Meeting	Every <b>Second Thursday</b> 7:30 p.m.
Ledgewood Men's Fellowship Free Breakfast	Every <b>Third Saturday</b> 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Disciple Women's Bible Study	Every <b>Third Saturday</b> 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**      **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.

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**      **Boss's Day** also known as *National Boss Day* or *Bosses Day*, is a time for many workers to appreciate their employers. It is annually observed in the United States on October 16<sup>th</sup>, or the nearest working day.

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**      **Sweetest Day** is celebrated primarily in the Midwestern United States on the third Saturday in October. A day to share romantic deeds or expressions, Sweetest Day originally started as a promotion concocted by Cleveland confectioners in 1921 and was planned by a committee of 12 confectioners chaired by candymaker, C. C. Hartzell. The "Sweetest Day in the Year Committee" distributed over 20,000 boxes of candy to "newsboys, orphans, old folks, and the poor" in Cleveland, Ohio.

## LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**FREE**  
**MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017**  
**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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**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Kim Gearhart	October 4	Richard Foster	October 19
Ruth Ann Angle	October 5	Carol Erickson	October 22
Jennifer Morris	October 10	Ronald Barham	October 25
Eve Henderson	October 18	Linda Miller	October 28



**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

GiGi & Wayne Erickson	October 6
Rev. Heidi & Ron Barham	October 14
Kris & Bill Tidwell	October 15
Bonnie & Perry Howland	October 29

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Marlene and Bill Perdan	November 8
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## HELP WANTED

We are still looking for crafters or other creative individuals interested in leading one Youth Sunday School lesson per month.

The craft or activity should be based on Scripture or reinforce a good message. Please see Elder June Angle if you are interested or for more details.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

The Ledgewood Christian Church Youth Ministry continues their outreach efforts to collect donations for their on-going support of the Geauga County Hunger Cupboards.

We are partnering with the Burton United Christian Church (*the location of one of the county's seven food cupboards*) in answering a "special need" each month.

**For October, the "special need" is condiments: ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise.** The bin for donations is located in the narthex. Your contributions of non-perishable foods and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!