



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

“A BEACON ON THE HILL”

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GIVE LOVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY...

It was just a few short days ago that many people embarked upon their annual tradition of shopping on the day that has come to be known as “Black Friday.” Generally believed to be one of the busiest shopping days of the Christmas season, the term Black Friday has frequently been used to designate the point in the year when retailers start to make a profit and move from being in the red to being in the black. However, it can also be the same point in the year when over exuberant consumers move from being in the black to finding themselves in the red as a result of taking advantage of a few too many “unbeatable deals.”

In the midst of all the commercials and newspaper ads touting all of the must-have items this year, I found myself reminiscing about a song that was popular when I was growing up. It was on the Jackson 5 Christmas album and was entitled, “Give Love on Christmas Day.” And may I suggest that it is a sentiment that would serve us well in this day and age?

The lyrics to the chorus simply say: *Why don't you give love on Christmas Day? Oh, even the man who has everything, would be so happy if you would bring him love on Christmas Day. No greater gift is there than love.* The lyrics actually bring to mind the words of Jesus found in John 15:13, *“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*

What greater gift can we give this Christmas, or any day, than the gift of love? It is a gift that comes without a price tag but is truly priceless to the recipient. So, let me encourage you to place love at the top of your shopping list this year because it really is the one gift that keeps on giving, year after year after year.

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a blessed
New Year filled with love beyond measure!

Your Pastor and friend,

Rev. Heidi



Family & friends gathered to decorate the Christmas tree during the annual Hanging of the Greens.

A Little LIGHT Humor...

PRECIOUS GIFTS

A man was tasked with putting all the Christmas presents in the car. Laden down with boxes, he slipped on the icy driveway and fell. His wife heard the noise and yelled, “Anything broken?”

“No, no, I’m fine.”

There was a slight pause before his loving wife said, “No, I meant the presents. Are any of them broken?”

HOLIDAY RUSH

The nativity play was going as planned, and Joseph and Mary were going from house to house, knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them. As they continued to get “no room” answers, a little voice called from the back, “You should have booked early!”

An EnLIGHTening Idea...

5 ITEMS NOT TO RECYCLE:

The following items should not go into your regular recycling bin. Special recycling may be available; however, for some items like Styrofoam.

- 1) **Plastic bottle caps:** bottles YES, caps NO—they are made of a different kind of plastic
- 2) **Used paint cans:** residual paint can be toxic
- 3) **Styrofoam:** absorbs dirt and food that are impossible to remove
- 4) **Used Paper towels:** grease and oils absorbed by towels can ruin a batch of recycling
- 5) **Baggies:** not all recyclers can process these

The LIGHTening Round..

It will take some pretty quick thinking to answer all of these questions correctly.

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England? Yes/No _____
2. How many birthdays does the average person have? _____
3. Some months have 31 days, how many have 28 days? _____
4. Is it legal in California for a man to marry his widow's sister? _____
5. Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10. What do you get? _____
6. How many outs are there in an inning? _____
7. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the ark? _____
8. A clerk in the butcher shop is 5' 10" tall. What does he weigh? _____
9. If a plane crashes on the US-Canadian border, where would you bury the survivors? _____
10. How many 2¢ stamps are there in a dozen? _____
11. What is the fewest number of coins needed to make 30¢ if one of them is not a nickel? _____
12. If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have? _____
13. A farmer had 17 sheep, all but 9 died. How many were left? _____
14. A doctor gives you three pills and tells you to take one every half hour. How many minutes will it take you to finish the pills? _____

(Answers are on the back page but no fair peaking!)

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 First Sunday 12:15 p.m.
Official Board Meeting	Every Second Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Ledgewood Men's Fellowship Free Breakfast	Every Third Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Disciple Women's Bible Study	Every Third Saturday 9:30 a.m.

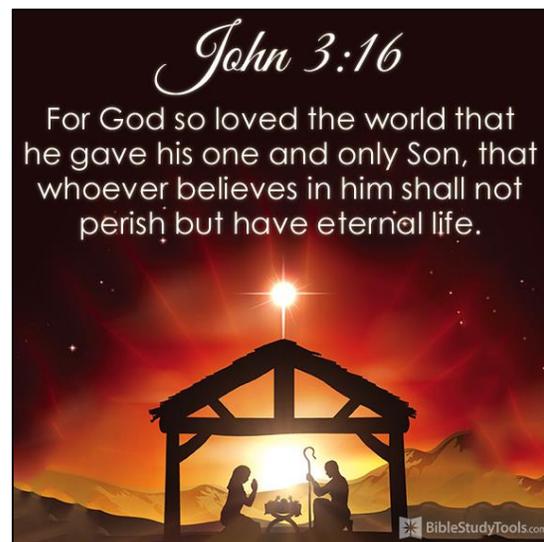
Sunday, December 3rd **Advent Begins!** Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The candles in the Advent wreath represent the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that characterize this season of celebration, anticipation and expectation as we await the coming of Christ.

Sunday, December 3rd *Search for the Christ Child*, is an interactive "Journey to Bethlehem" that will take place at the Federated Church Life Center (16349 Chillicothe Rd., Bainbridge) from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

Friday, December 8th "*A Jazzy Christmas*" free concert will be held on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 6295 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls. All are invited.

Thursday, December 14th "*End Gun Violence*" is a candlelight vigil being held in the Federated Church Chapel (76 Bell St.) in Chagrin Falls at 7:00 P.M., in remembrance of the 5-year mark of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. Speakers will be Rev. Chris Eggert, retired Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*) pastor and founder of "God Before Guns" multi-faith coalition, as well as Rabbi Susan Stone, D.Div, Chaplain at Hillcrest Hospital

Sunday, December 24th Our annual *Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight* will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



Search for the Christ Child

An interactive journey to Bethlehem



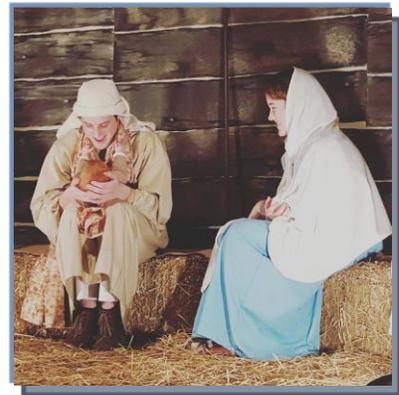
Sunday, December 3
Open House 5:00—8:00 PM

Federated Church Family Life Center
16349 Chillicothe Road

Free admission.
Donations of canned goods accepted.
All are welcome!

Experience the Christmas Story first hand! Visitors will begin their 20-minute journey at the Camelback Inn where a census will be taken. After a brief wait with cookies and hot chocolate, a shepherd guide will lead groups through stations, interacting with characters who act out the story of the birth of Christ. They ultimately arrive at the stable where the live nativity awaits.

Appropriate for all ages. Donations of canned goods and a freewill offering will be accepted. This event is free and open to the community—invite your friends!



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“A Jazzy Christmas”

Featuring: Jenny Cochran, Vocals
LR Smith, Keyboard Chris Burge, Saxophone
George Lee, Bass Mike Janowitz, Drums

Friday, December 8th, 7:30 pm

St Martin's Episcopal Church,
6295 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls 44022



LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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FREE
MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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!



2017 Nationwide Vigils & Events to #EndGunViolence

Come together to remember half a million Americans killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy.



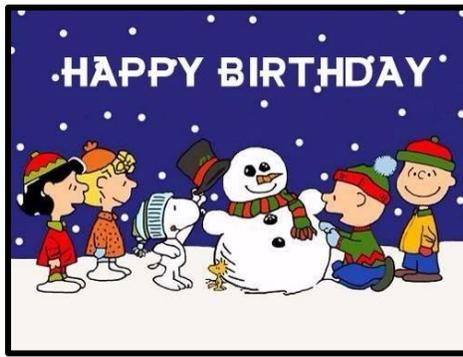
Join The Newtown Foundation, Newtown Action Alliance, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Everytown Survivor Network, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Organizing for Action, States United to Prevent Gun Violence, St Marks Episcopal Church and Women's March

and attend a vigil at:

Federated Church: 76 Bell St, Chagrin Falls, OH
Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm

At hundreds of locations nationwide, we will give voice to all victims and survivors of gun violence and together help #EndGunViolence in America.

fedchurch.org 440.247.6490



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

June Angle	December 2	Anson Howland	December 14
Don Angle	December 2	Sam Morris	December 19
Eva Drnka	December 13	Jane Gray	December 21

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chanelle Kazamek	January 3	Cedric McMillon	January 20
Jeff Angle	January 6	Nancy Holland	January 21
Dave Morris	January 7	Jackie (Morris) Greulich	January 25
Nickolas Greulich	January 15	Gisela Suarez	January 29



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie (Morris) & Thorsten Greulich	December 10
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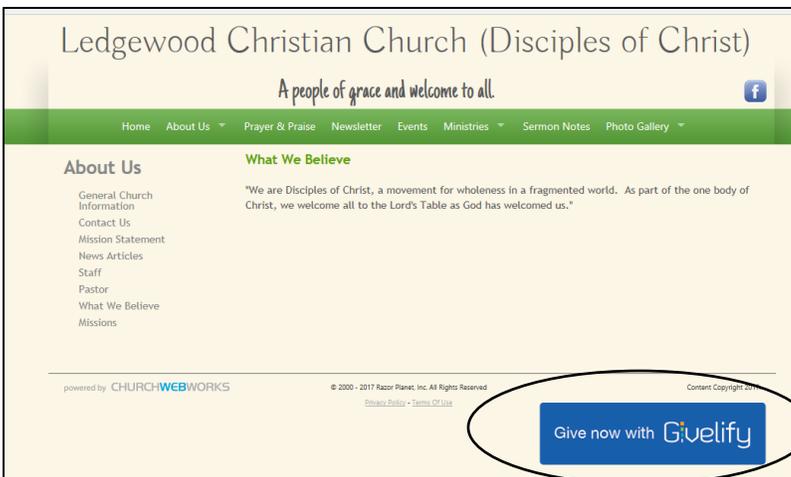
OUR GIVING HAS GONE HIGH TECH!

As we move into the new year ahead, we have made an addition to the ways in which our members, family and friends can support our on-going ministry at Ledgewood Christian Church. All those who have a desire to give online may now do so. We are now signed up with Givelify, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.

Givelify makes giving easy using your smartphone or even from your desktop or laptop. There are no frustrating web forms or “text-to-give codes” to memorize. Even better, it’s free to download and use. It’s totally safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records.



Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts right from the palm of your hand or your home computer. You can give to Ledgewood Christian Church wherever you are. You can designate us as your home place of worship for quick one-tap access. Links to Givelify have also been added to our website and our Facebook page for your convenience.



Making Your First Givelify Donation

First, download the free Givelify mobile donation app from the App Store or Google Play. Then open the app and follow these step-by-step instructions to make your very first Givelify mobile donation:

Finding Your Place of Worship

To locate the place of worship you wish to donate to, you have two options:

- If you are within a 2-mile radius, you can use the **Nearby** tab and find the organization on the GPS map.
 - *Note: To use the **Nearby** feature, your device must have location services turned on. Also make sure that the Givelify app has permission to access your location.*
- To search for the organization:
 1. Tap the **Search** tab at the top of your screen.
 2. Select **Places of Worship**.
 3. Enter the organization's name, city, and state into the spaces provided.
 4. Tap **Search**.
 5. Find the organization in the list of results and tap **Give To**.

Making Your First Donation

Once you find your place of worship's app profile, tap the green Give button. Then follow these steps:

1. Select the amount you would like to donate, or tap **Other** to enter a different amount.
2. Select a donation envelope.
3. Tap **Give Now**.

Create Your Giving Account

To complete your first donation, you will need to create an account. Follow these steps:

1. On the popup, tap Sign Up.
2. Choose **Sign-in with Facebook** or **Sign Me Up by E-Mail**.

Signing up by e-mail:

1. Enter your name, e-mail address, and password into the spaces provided.
2. Tap the green **Sign Me Up** button.
3. An e-mail will be sent to the address you provided with an activation link. To activate your account, click the link in the e-mail.
 1. *Note: You **can** complete your first donation before clicking the activation link.*
4. In the app, tap **Continue**.

Completing Your First Donation

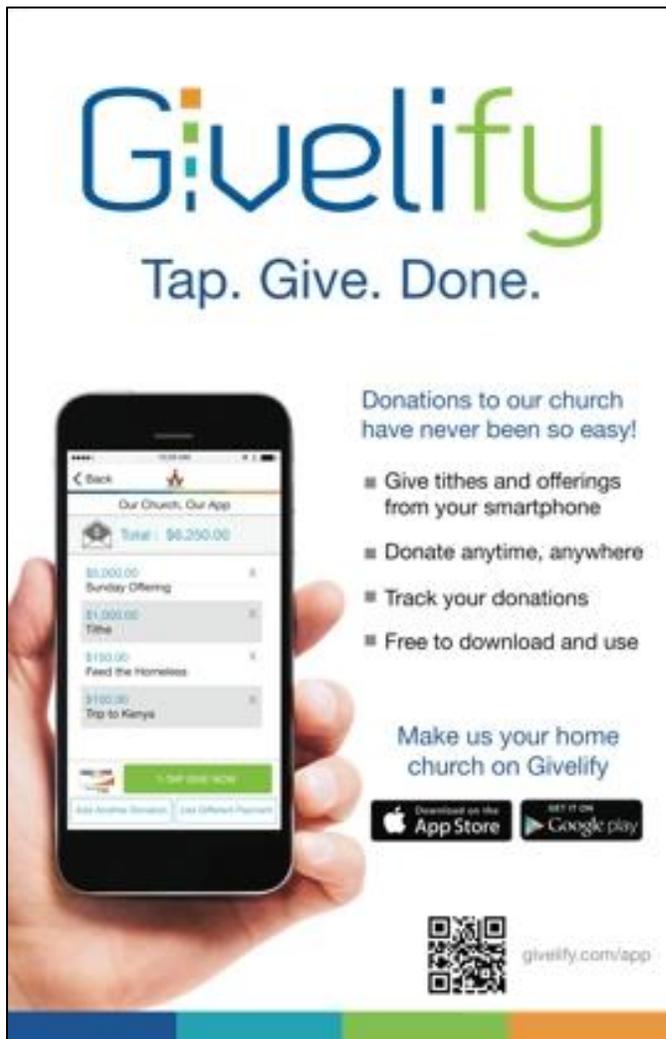
Now that you have created an account, you will be able to complete your donation. Follow these steps:

1. Tap the green **Give Now** button.
2. When prompted with a reminder about your activation e-mail, tap **Cancel**.
3. Securely enter your payment information in the spaces provided.
4. Complete your donation.

Future Donations Will Be a Breeze

Now that you have completed your first donation using Givelify, future giving will be a piece of cake. You will be able to give in just three taps, with no prompts to create an account or enter payment information.

To make the process even more simple, save the organizations you give to the most as **Favorites** or your **Home Place of Worship** using the star and heart icons on their profile.



Givelify
Tap. Give. Done.

Donations to our church have never been so easy!

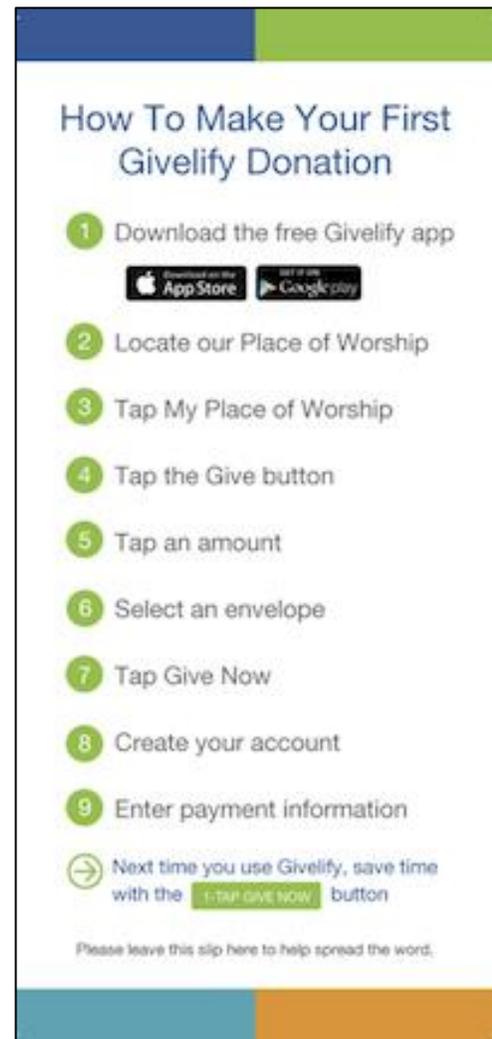
- Give tithes and offerings from your smartphone
- Donate anytime, anywhere
- Track your donations
- Free to download and use

Make us your home church on Givelify

Download on the **App Store** | GET IT ON **Google play**

givelify.com/app

The image shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying the Givelify app interface. The screen shows a list of donations: \$5,000.00 for Sunday Offering, \$1,000.00 for Tithes, \$150.00 for Feed the Homeless, and \$150.00 for Trip to Kenya. A green 'GIVE NOW' button is visible at the bottom of the screen. The background of the ad features the Givelify logo and a QR code.



How To Make Your First Givelify Donation

- 1 Download the free Givelify app
Download on the **App Store** | GET IT ON **Google play**
- 2 Locate our Place of Worship
- 3 Tap My Place of Worship
- 4 Tap the Give button
- 5 Tap an amount
- 6 Select an envelope
- 7 Tap Give Now
- 8 Create your account
- 9 Enter payment information

Next time you use Givelify, save time with the **1-TAP GIVE NOW** button

Please leave this slip here to help spread the word.

The image is a vertical poster with a blue and green header. It lists nine steps for making a first donation. Step 1 includes icons for the App Store and Google Play. Step 9 includes an icon for the '1-TAP GIVE NOW' button. The footer has a blue and orange background.

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 December, the "special need" is baking staples (i.e. sugar, flour, salt, etc.). The bin for donations is located in the narthex. Your contributions of non-perishable foods and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!



Answers: 1) Yes, and a 5th of July, 6th of July... 2) 1 each year 3) All of them 4) Of course not! The man would have to be dead if he has a widow. 5) 70 6) 6 (3 per side) 7) None. Moses was not on the ark! 8) Meat 9) Nowhere. You don't bury survivors. 10) 12 11) 2, one is not a nickel but the other one is. 12) 2 13) 9 14) 60 minutes