



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

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



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JUNE - JULY 2019

A SEASON OF CHANGE

More than 40 years ago, a gentleman named Bernard Ighner wrote a song that has become somewhat of a jazz standard entitled, “Everything Must Change.”* The opening line simply says, “Everything must change. Nothing stays the same.” Looking at everything that has been going on in the world around us lately, that would certainly seem to be the case. And it is no different right here at Ledgewood.



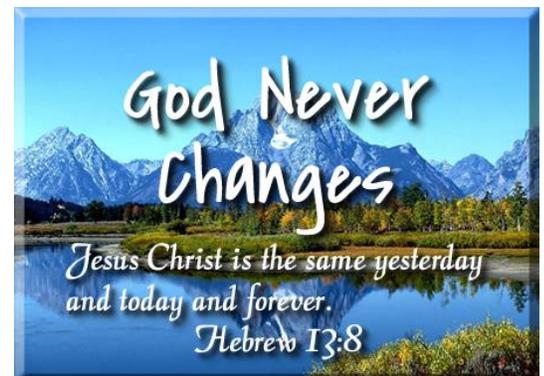
At the end of May, we said farewell to our extremely gifted and talented pianist, Alissa Bodner, as she embarks upon a new position in the Akron area. Her departure from our church family leaves a void that will be difficult to fill; however, we trust that God not only has great things in store for Alissa, but for our church as well.

We are grateful to God for already making provision for us to be able to continue worshipping Him in song by sending several wonderful guest musicians to stand in the gap during this season of change, and we trust that God will continue to shower us with blessings.

Change does seem to be inevitable. In fact, it has been said that the only thing constant in life is change. However, the scriptures remind us that God does not change. In Malachi 3:6 we read, “*I the Lord do not change...*” and in Hebrews 13:8 we read, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” And that is really good news for us today!

Despite the changes we may see occurring all around us, God does not change nor does His promise change to never leave us nor forsake us (*see Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:5, Hebrews 13:5*). That should give us a sense of calm and reassurance whenever we embark upon a new season of change. And one thing we know for sure is that, in this region of Ohio, we can count on the seasons to change with great frequency. But thanks be to God, that whatever season we may find ourselves in, God has promised to be right there along with us!

*“*Everything Must Change*” words and music by Bernard Ighner,
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A Note from the Pastor:

While going through some old files recently, I came across a devotional I wrote almost twenty years ago. And yet it still has some relevance in this present age in light of the hustle and bustle that threatens to crowd each day. There are just so many distractions that call for our attention, that it becomes all too easy to try to push God off to the side – that is until we really need Him to answer our prayers and bless us, right away!

With all of the hardship and devastation that we are witnessing on a daily basis, it is more critical than ever that we remain intentional about spending time before the Lord in prayer, study and worship; keeping in mind what we read in 2 Chronicles 7:14, *“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* And it seems fair to say that our land is in need of a healing like never before.

The devotional is shared below with the hope that it will be a blessing as well as offer some food for thought as we call upon the Lord to bless not only us, but our communities, our nation and our world.

With much love, your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi

GIVING GOD OUR BEST

“Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair...” (John 12:3, NKJV)

How often have I squeezed God in between menial household chores? Asking Him to wait while I emptied the wastebasket or washed those few dishes. How often have I not done something He called me to do because I had something else to do first? What in the world could I be thinking? What could possibly be more important than spending time with God and doing His will? Who do I think I am to relegate God to a point when I have time for Him? Thank God, He doesn't put a reverse spin on that wacky idea!

I have a loving Father, a merciful Creator, who made time for me (literally) and still makes time for me each day. He makes time to get me up and start me on my way. He makes time and takes time to

remind me where I left my keys or remember what I was about to forget on my way out the door. He makes time and takes time to forgive me and help me get back on the path of His righteousness. And most importantly, He makes time and takes time to love me far more abundantly than I deserve and far more than I could ever love Him in return.

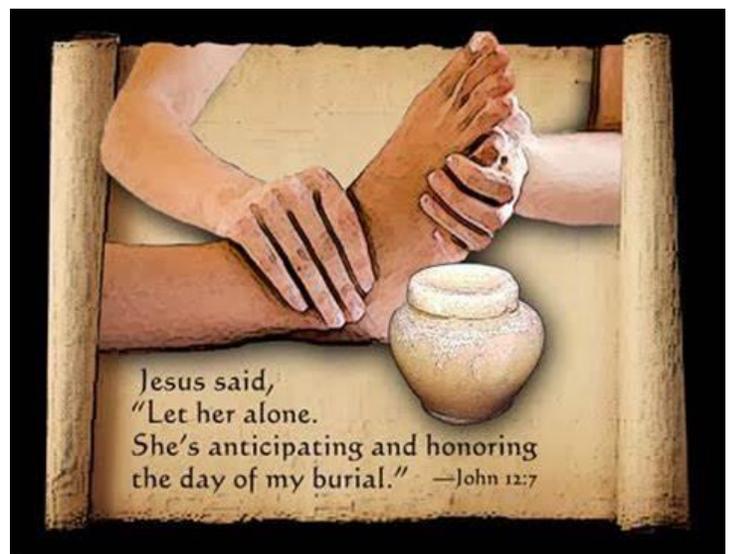
Instead of giving Him what's left, I need to always give Him my best; my first fruits so to speak. Mary anointed Jesus' feet with the most costly oil she had and wiped His feet with her hair. She could have used a less expensive oil and an old rag, but she didn't. She gave her very best to the Master.

When we are asked to give of our time, talent and treasure, do we truly give our best or do we only give what's left? When we bring clothes for the clothing drive, is it something we bought in this decade or is it an old tacky out-of-date outfit that we hid in the back of the closet in 1980? When the offering plate is passed, are we giving an offering that truly acknowledges all that God has done for us; or are we putting in just the change we got from the salon after we got our hair and nails done? And when we bring food for the hunger drive, is it the favorite canned goods we bought for ourselves or just the leftover stuff even the kids and the dog won't eat?

God calls us to feed His people. In John 21:15 – 17, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him. When Peter responds "yes," Jesus tells him to feed His sheep. Who are His sheep? Well, according to what we find in Psalm 100:3, "...we are His people and the sheep of His pasture..." So, when Jesus tells us to feed His sheep, He is telling us to feed His people. Should we give God's people our best or simply what's left? When we feed His people, His sheep, are we not called to feed them as we would feed Him? In Matthew 25:40, we hear Jesus saying, "*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*" Do we honestly want to stand before the Lord and answer Him as to why we gave Him only what was left instead of our best?

In Hebrews 13:2, we are reminded, "*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.*" If God calls us to do this for His people as well as for strangers, how could we expect Him to want any less than this for Himself? What does He want us to do? What should we be willing to sacrifice and give up for Him? No less than our very lives. As Jesus taught, "*Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life*" (John 12:25).

So, the question remains, are we giving Him our best or hoping He will let us get by with giving only what's left? God gave His VERY best for us so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Would we really give Him any less?



A Little **LIGHT** Humor Blast from the Past...

BIBLE HUMOR

By Charlie Church Mouse

- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A. Noah – he was floating his stock while everyone else was liquidating.
- Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter who went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
A. Honda – because the apostles were all in one Accord (*Acts 2:1*).
- Q. What is one of the first things Adam and Eve did after being kicked out of the garden?
A. They raised Cain.
- Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
A. He said, "Your mother ate us out of house and home."
- Q. What do you call pastors in Germany?
A. German Shepherds!
- Q. What is the best way to get to Paradise?
A. Turn right and go straight!
- Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A. Sampson – he brought down the house!

Hope you got a little chuckle from the above!

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-- Submitted by Eva Henderson



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Worship Service	Sundays – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages	(Resumes in September)
Official Board Meeting	Next meeting, Thursday, June 13 th 7:30 p.m.
FREE Community Breakfast	Every Third Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Friday Family Fun Fellowship	Every Fourth Friday 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, June 2nd **SUMMER HOURS BEGIN!** *Worship service will start at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will resume in September.*

Sunday, June 9th **Pentecost Sunday** *is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.*

Friday, 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 16th **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.*

Thursday, July 4th **Independence** *commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 by the Continental Congress.*



LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FREE
MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019
SERVING 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Menu includes: Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Sausage
Salmon patties, Orange juice, Coffee, Tea
... and more!

Questions??? Please call Jeff Angle 440.564.5912

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kathie Morris	June 3	June Kocsis	June 26
Karen Jeric	June 9	Sue Johnson	June 27
Perry Howland	June 11	Ja'Meir Washington	June 28

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Gene Minor	August 1	Elizabeth Angle	August 27
Libby Cohn	August 20	Lee Miller	August 28



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jeana & Clint Hardman	June 17	Marilyn & Jim Lucas	June 25
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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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. We have been 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. Throughout the summer months (June, July & August) we will be collecting **peanut butter & jelly, quick bread mixes, canned tuna and boxed cereals**. Donations may be placed in the plastic bin under the coat rack in the narthex. As always, your contributions of non-perishable foods, paper products and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!

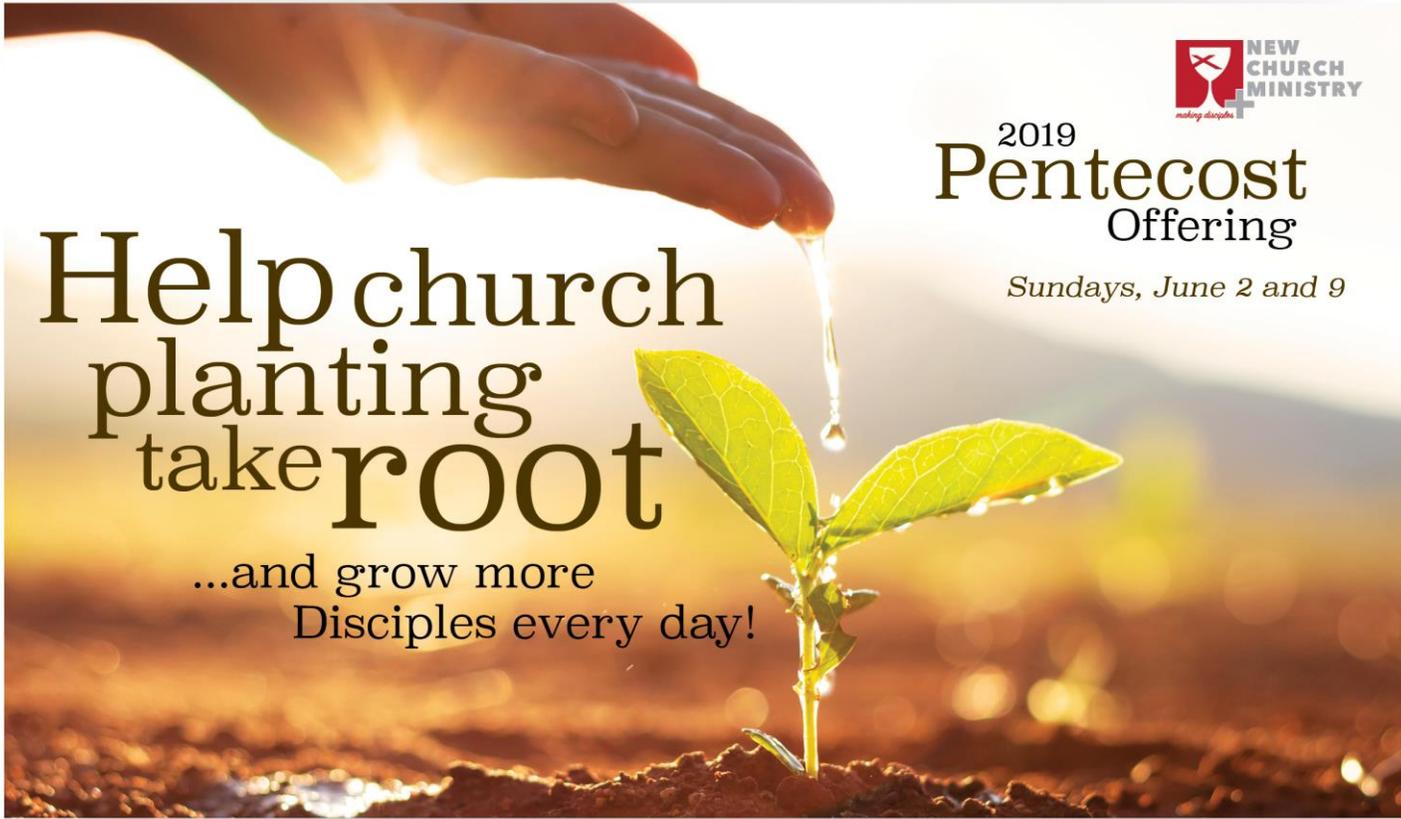


REMEMBER, HUNGER NEVER TAKES A HOLIDAY!



2019 Pentecost Offering

Sundays, June 2 and 9



Help church
planting
take **root**

...and grow more
Disciples every day!

How is the Pentecost offering used?

To help our new church movement continue to take root!

Each year, half of this offering stays in the local [Region](#) or Area where it's collected to start and uphold new churches.

The other half is used across the United States and Canada by [New Church Ministry](#) to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call ... to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples.

But they need the nurturing and generous support of people like you through the 2019 Pentecost Offering, June 2 and 9.

Please help our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit ... and grow more Disciples every day!

Please give generously to this year's Pentecost offering.



Where meaningful connections are made
and purposeful actions begin

JOIN US SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center

7060 Woodland Ave. – Chagrin Falls, OH - 44023

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Presented by the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches

Member congregations of the Chagrin Valley Council of Churches invite you to join us for an afternoon of Common Ground conversations centered around the topic of our environment. This event will be located at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center – rain or shine – food will be provided and all aged are invited to attend.

Register Here: <http://bit.ly/CG2019> ChagrinFalls

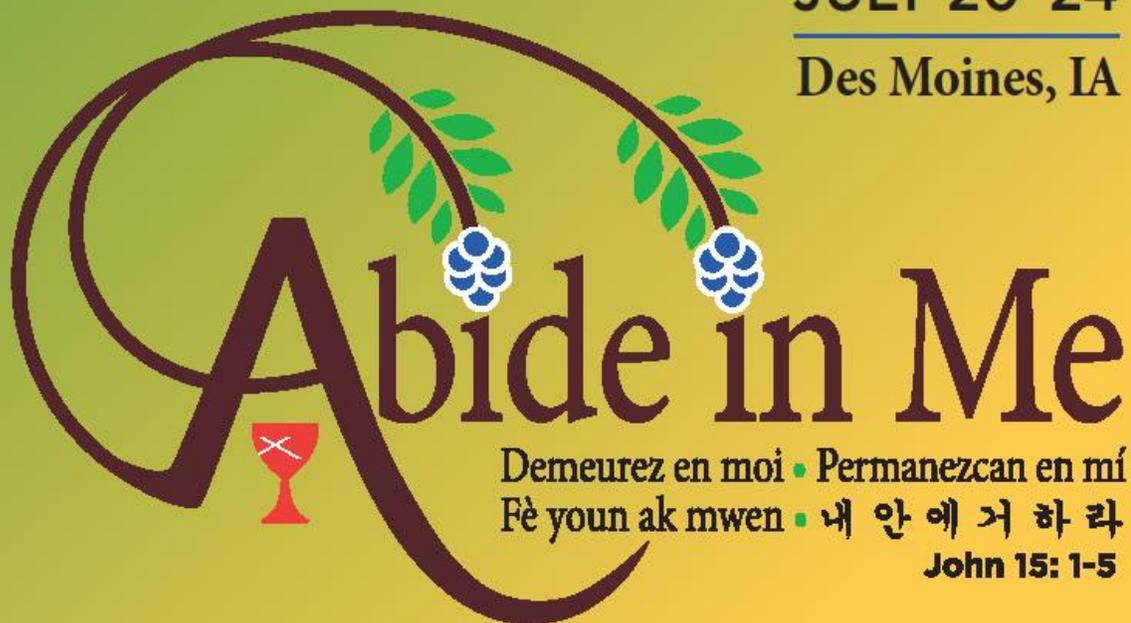
Contact 440-247-6030 with questions

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

JULY 20-24

Des Moines, IA



Saturday night
General Minister and
President Teresa "Terri"
Hord Owens



Sunday night
Rev. Dr. Nancy Gowler,
pastor, First Christian
Church, Puyallup, WA



Monday night
Rev. Ruben del Pilar,
pastor, Community
Worship Center, Gardena,
CA



Tuesday night
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale,
pastor, Ray of Hope
Christian Church, Decatur,
GA



Tuesday night
Rev. Mark Briley, pastor,
Harvard Avenue Christian
Church, Tulsa, OK



Wednesday morning
Rev. Dr. William J.
Barber, II, co-leader, Poor
People's Campaign: A
National Call for Moral
Revival

**Go to the website
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- ✓ Download Bible studies on the theme text
- ✓ Organize a promotional Sunday with worship materials
- ✓ See many of the educational offerings
- ✓ Check out many of the hotel and meal options

**Early bird discounted registration
deadline: March 31, 2019**



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