

## CELEBRATE

National Law Enforcement Day ~ January 9  
Ben & Elycia St. John ~ January 9  
Alivia D'Andrea ~ January 12  
Nancy Stidom ~ January 12

*If we don't have your special days, please let us know!*

### Nursery Care

Available during 11am service for 0-2 year olds in the Nursery.  
(If needed, a "Cry Room" is available in the Sprouts Room during the service for children accompanied by an adult.)

### \* Do We Have Your Email? \*

If you don't receive the Scoop, bulletin, prayer requests, etc. and wish to, please send your email address to [jlynch02@gmail.com](mailto:jlynch02@gmail.com) or [commonground.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:commonground.secretary@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Prayer Requests

Email the secretary by early Monday morning for inclusion in the weekly Joys & Concerns, or anytime to have a prayer request sent.

### Benevolence

If you have a need, please let Monica Guy or Jennifer Lynch know. Requests for help will be kept confidential.

### Offerings

If your donation is for a specific area of ministry, please indicate this on check memo line or envelope. Contributions so noted will be recorded for your tax records. Offering envelopes may be found on table near Sanctuary doors. (Goodness Grows contributions are made out directly to GG.)  
*Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord. - 1 Chronicles 29:11*

### Coat, Clothing, (& More!) Giveaway

Let people know we collect clean, useable items year-round for this annual event, in donation barrel or behind warehouse.

### Online Worship

Streaming on [www.connectinglife.church](http://www.connectinglife.church) then posted to Facebook.



### Goodness Grows

For information on our Non-Profit Mission Project, go to: [www.goodnessgrows4all.org](http://www.goodnessgrows4all.org)

### Common Ground Church Community

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SERVING TOGETHER

January 7, 2024

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Welcome to Common Ground!

Seeking to reflect the unconditional love of God,  
our mission is to help people connect -  
to God, to one another,  
and to God's purpose for the world.

We pray that you experience  
a sense of connection today -  
to God, His people, and His world.

Come Grow With Us!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### January 7-14, 2024

Today, 10:20-10:50am ~ Fellowship Time

Today, 11am ~ Worship

Tonight, 6pm ~ Young Adult LifeGroup

Weekdays, 8:30am-2:30pm ~ GG at Work

Monday, 9:30am ~ Un-Decking the Halls

Tuesday, 10am ~ LifeGroup

Wednesday, 10am ~ Prayer Group

Thursday, 6:30pm ~ Praise Team

Friday, 9am ~ Ladies Bible Study

Friday, 6pm ~ Hartley LifeGroup

Saturday, 10am-1pm ~ GG at Winter Market

Sunday, 9:30-10:20am ~ Bible Breakout

### LifeGroups

Now that the holidays are over, LifeGroups are returning to their normal schedules this week.

### Join the Hospitality Team

Would you like to help on Sunday mornings by greeting, bringing food, or setting up/cleaning up Fellowship Time?

Please let Joyce Jackson know if you'd like to be a part of these welcoming tasks. She'll be making the February schedule before we know it!

### Family File Folder

Did you know that every household should have a "Family File Folder" in the black box at the desk? Please take a moment to check and make sure your family is there. (Many have Christmas cards or other items waiting to go home.) If you don't see your folder, let Jen Lynch know so we can fix that right away! If you notice another name missing from the box, please let Jen know that as well. We sure don't want to miss anyone! Thank you.

### Un-Decorating Time

Come join in the fun of un-decking our halls on Monday at 9:30am. It's time to unplug the lights and wrap up the ornaments until next Christmas. Many hands make light work and we can guarantee smiles and laughter!

### Deacons Meeting Next Week

The first Deacons Meeting of 2024 will be held after Worship next Sunday.

### Rock Kidz Uganda ~ [rockkidzuganda.org](http://rockkidzuganda.org)

Sponsoring a child provides a better quality of life and a future. This \$30 per month covers school tuition, supplies, and boarding. It's a commitment, and a relationship, through graduation and beyond.

### Goodness Grows ~ [goodnessgrows4all.org](http://goodnessgrows4all.org)

We'll be in Columbiana on Saturday from 10am-1pm at the Birdfish Winter Farm & Art Market. More than twenty local artists, crafters, makers, and farmers will be there for this winter community market. Stop in and visit Kitty to learn more about GG and shop local.

## WORSHIP

11:00am

Pastor Michael Hileman

### Time of Meditation

*For All That You've Done (As Family We'll Go)*

### Call to Worship

Scripture Reading/Prayer:

*Audrey Shannon  
Psalm 113*

### Songs of Worship

*Glorious Day  
Living Hope*

### Sacrament of Communion

(Gluten-free option available.)

### Song of Worship

*God With Us*

### Scripture

*Hebrews 5:10-14*

### Message

*Warning Against Apostasy*

### Closing Song

*It Is Well With My Soul*

### Joys and Concerns

*James Wittenauer*

### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

### Benediction

*Have a blessed week, and may you leave  
with a sense of God's Grace and the knowledge  
of your responsibility to His World!*

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### Offering Our Gifts & Our Lives

(Offering Boxes Available)

You are invited to express your gratitude to God and commitment to God's purposes through offerings and spiritual gifts. *All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.*  
1 Corinthians 12:27