#### **CELEBRATE**

Connor Cole ~ Today
Jack Snyder ~ December 13
Mike & Kempsie D'Andrea ~ December 15
National Wreaths Across America Day ~ December 16

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 <code>jlynch02@gmail.com</code> or <code>commonground.secretary@gmail.com</code>. 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 then posted to Facebook.



#### **Goodness Grows**

For information on our Non-Profit Mission Project, go to: www.goodnessgrows4all.org

#### **Common Ground Church Community**

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December 10, 2023



# 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**

#### December 10-17, 2023

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

Today, 11am ~ Worship

Today, 12:15pm ~ Pizza & Christmas Caroling

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

Tuesday, 10am ~ LifeGroup

Wednesday, 10am ~ Prayer Group

Wednesday, 5:30pm ~ H&H Set Up

Thursday, 6:30pm ~ Praise Team

Friday, 9am ~ Ladies Bible Study

Saturday, 9:30am ~ H&H Dinner Prep

Saturday, 12:30-4:30pm ~ H&H Christmas Dinner

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

#### **Christmas Caroling Today**

Stay after Worship for pizza followed by caroling. We have plenty of stops to make for fun, fellowship, and Christmas cheer. Make a joyful noise!

#### **Bible Breakout Next Sunday**

On December 17, the adults will meet upstairs while kids/teens hold Christmas practice in the Sanctuary.

#### **Christmas Card Box**

Sending Christmas cards? Save a stamp & drop them in our card box for church family members. We'll sort them into Family File Folders at the front desk. Don't see your name in the files? Please let Jen Lynch know. Be sure to check your file as cards have already gone in plus some folks still have cards waiting from Christmas 2022!

#### Heroes & Halos Christmas Info

Thank you for helping the angel tree families have a special Christmas! If you haven't brought your gifts today, please bring them by Wednesday (December 13) so lists can be checked and details finalized for the big day.

Christmas prep December 13, 5:30pm

Dinner prep December 16, 9:30am

Christmas Dinner December 16, 12:30-4:30pm

Volunteers welcome! Talk to Pam if you would like to help.

#### Searching for Nativity Figurines for Heroes & Halos

H&H would like to decorate the tables for Christmas dinner using nativity figures & Bible verses. Do you have any old nativity sets (people or animals) that you no longer use? If so, please drop them off by December 13. Big thanks to those who have found some for us already!

### Christmas Eve Breakfast & Candlelight Worship

Potluck Breakfast, 9:30-10:50am, with service to follow at 11am. Invite friends and family to join us as we celebrate the birth of the King!

# Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical Jr.

Christmas fun next weekend in Columbiana at the special needs production, Friday & Saturday 7pm, Sunday 2pm.

Dustin Snyder will be there to make you smile!

#### Rock Kidz Uganda ~ rockkidzuganda.org

Sponsorship opportunities are available to help students in Masaka. Talk to Marilee & David for more info.

#### Goodness Grows ~ goodnessgrows4all.org

Harbel's Market is stocking Jungle Jam and Juicy Jam at the Winter Market, Saturdays from 11am-3pm.

#### WORSHIP

11:00am Pastor Mike Hileman

#### **Time of Meditation**

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Peace
Youth

#### Songs of Worship

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Away in a Manger Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

#### Scripture

Matthew 12:18-21

#### Message

Jesus, the Life Foretold

#### **Closing Song**

O Come All Ye Faithful

#### **Joys and Concerns**

Jen Lynch

#### 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!

### 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