

CELEBRATE

Shirl Criss ~ December 19
Megan McMaster ~ December 19
First Day of Winter ~ December 21

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 or 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 then posted to Facebook.



Goodness Grows

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

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SERVING TOGETHER

December 17, 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 17-24, 2023

Today, 10:20-10:50am ~ Fellowship Time
Today, 11am ~ Worship
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-2:30pm ~ GG at Work
Tuesday, 10am ~ LifeGroup
Wednesday, 10am ~ Prayer Group
Thursday, 6:30pm ~ Praise Team
Friday, 9am ~ Ladies Bible Study Breakfast
Friday ~ GG Christmas Lunch
Sunday, 9:30-10:50am ~ Christmas Eve Potluck Breakfast

Christmas Card Box

Bring your cards in by this Friday so they're available for pick up on Christmas Eve. We'll pop 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 the file as cards have gone in plus some folks still have cards waiting from Christmas 2022!

Christmas Eve Breakfast & Candlelight Worship

Potluck Breakfast, 9:30-10:50am
Service, 11am

Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share as we enjoy great fellowship and food before the Christmas Eve service. Invite friends and family to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with special music, readings, and more.

Hospitality Team

You are invited to be a part of our Hospitality Team! We welcome anyone who would like to help on Sunday mornings by greeting, bringing food, or setting up/cleaning up Fellowship Time. Please let Joyce Jackson know if you would like to volunteer to be a part of any (or all) of these uplifting tasks.

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical Jr.

Today at 2pm is the last opportunity to enjoy this Christmas treat at the Vagabond Theater in Columbiana. Dustin Snyder will be there to make you smile!

Benevolence Sunday ~ December 31

On the 5th Sunday of the month, we take a special offering for the Benevolence Fund. Money given to this fund is used to care for church family members. Checks can be made out to CLC with Benevolence on the memo line or donations can be made online. Thank you.

Heroes and Halos

Thanks for the support for Christmas Dinner & Angel Tree!

Rock Kidz Uganda ~ rockkidzuganda.org

The newsletter for December has been sent out. It is full of information - talk to Marilee to start receiving it. If you'd like to contribute to gifts of food for the kids' families for Christmas and their break from school, RKU will be wiring money on December 20. If you'd like to become a sponsor, we have 11 kids who don't currently have one.

Goodness Grows ~ goodnessgrows4all.org

Our Community Supported Agriculture program for 2024 is now enrolling. Info is available on the GG table. Fresh produce throughout the growing season makes a fabulous Christmas gift! GG also has jam available, with more flavors being made during the next few days.

WORSHIP

11:00am
Pastor Mike Hileman

Time of Meditation

Prayer Group
Trust and Obey

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Joy

The Shannon Family

Songs of Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High
The First Noel
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Scripture

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Message

His Death Foretold

Closing Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Joys and Concerns

Ben St. John

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