

## CELEBRATE

Advent Begins ~ Today  
St. Nicholas Day ~ December 6  
National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance ~ December 7

*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

December 3, 2023

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

### December 3-10, 2023

Today, 10:20-10:50am ~ Fellowship Time  
Today, 11am ~ Worship with Communion  
Today, 11am-4pm ~ GG at the Flea  
Today, 12:15pm ~ Potluck & Congregational Meeting  
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-2:30pm ~ GG at Work  
Tuesday, 9am ~ LifeGroup at C's  
Tuesday, 6pm ~ CLC Elders Meeting  
Wednesday, 10am ~ Prayer Group  
Thursday, 6:30pm ~ Praise Team  
Friday, 9am ~ Ladies Bible Study  
Friday, 6pm ~ Hartley LifeGroup  
Sunday, 9:30-10:20am ~ Bible Breakout for All Ages

### Christmas Potluck Lunch & Congregational Meeting

Stay after Worship today to enjoy a meal together. We look forward to this time of family, fellowship, and food with all of you! Updates will be provided about the progress of the merger, church business will be discussed and be voted on, and future endeavors will be explored.

### Our Daily Bread

Christmas devotional available.

### Next Sunday ~ Christmas Caroling

Stay after Worship for pizza followed by caroling. Details about caroling stops and carpooling are being worked out but will be ready in time to spread Christmas cheer. Make a joyful noise!

### Heroes & Halos Christmas Info

If you'd like to shop for a child, take an angel tag off the tree and sign your name on the sheet next to it. Gifts need to be bagged or boxed, with angel number clearly marked. Drop off into giant Christmas box by the tree in the Great Room, 9am-2pm M-F or Sunday mornings, by December 10 (or the 13th at the latest).

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. Thank you!

### 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!

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

There are still some children in desperate need of sponsors. Schools aren't free in Uganda & there are no government subsidies to help. Without an education & knowing Jesus, the future is bleak for these kids. For \$30 a month, you can give a brighter future. Talk to Marilee & David to learn all about how you can help. Thank you!

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

Take a drive this afternoon & visit us at the Youngstown Flea to start your Christmas shopping!

## WORSHIP

11:00am

Pastor Mike Hileman

### Time of Meditation

*Where I Belong*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Hope

*James & Tiffany Crawford*

### Songs of Worship

*O Come O Come Emmanuel  
Joy Of The Lord*

### Sacrament of Communion

(Gluten-free option available.)

### Song of Worship

*Advent Hymn*

### Scripture

*Isaiah 7:14*

### Message

*A Birth Foretold*

### Closing Song

*Take My Life*

### Joys and Concerns

*Pat Shannon*

### 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

### Prayer for Luncheon

*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