

# Welcome To Community

December 3, 2023

Today's Message

## Tamar & Judah

Matthew 1 & Genesis 38

Parents: today's sermon is rated **PG**



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# Heaven and Nature Sing

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DEC  
**23**

S A T U R D A Y   A T   6 P M

Traditional Candlelight  
Service

DEC  
**24**

S U N D A Y   A T   10 A M

Combined worship  
Service

S U N D A Y   A T   4 P M

Family Candlelight  
Service

S U N D A Y   A T   6 P M

Traditional Candlelight  
Service

# What's Happening

## **Parental warning:**

### ***This morning's message is rated PG***

*In this morning's message Pastor Mike will be talking about some sensitive subjects that may not be appropriate for younger children. Because of the sensitive nature of this morning's message, we encourage parents to consider having their younger children (grade school and younger) attend the children's program this morning.*

## **Advent Kits Are Available In the Lobby:**

As a church we want to help you make space for Jesus in the midst of a busy Christmas season. We've created simple Advent Kits that include a family devotional and advent candles. Pick one up for free in the lobby. Those who wish to cover the cost of their kit can make a suggested \$10 donation.

**Christmas Donation Drive:** We will be collecting until December 8th. Donation boxes will be placed at each church entrance. Donations will be given to community families in need this Christmas. There is still time to donate!

**Ladies:** Join us for a cozy evening filled with delicious treats and heartwarming fun! On December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Bring two dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and get ready to swap, share, and enjoy a variety of delightful confections. Don't worry about containers—we've got that covered! But that's not all! Immerse yourself in the festive spirit with other engaging activities and indulge in our special hot cocoa bar, a perfect companion for your cookie bounty. **RSVP by December 8** to secure your spot in this delightful gathering. Let's make this a sweet and memorable evening!

## **Students: We're going back to Costa Rica!**

In the summer of 2024 we are going back to Costa Rica! We are so excited to once again take a team of students and equip them to make a difference for the kingdom of God. Over the next couple of months, we'll have interest meetings to share more about the trip and answer questions. If you or your student are at all interested in applying to join our Costa Rica team, we strongly encourage you to attend one of these brief meetings. Interest Meeting will be December 17th, 12:30pm-1:15pm and December 20th, 6:30pm-7:15pm

**Kids:** Be sure to bring back an unwrapped gift by December 10th and leave it under the tree in the lobby if you have taken a tag!

**Kids:** Come and unwrap the sweet surprise of candy canes this Christmas Eve at Community Church! Join us from 4-5pm on December 24th at 4:00pm for a special hour dedicated to discovering the hidden story within a candy cane. This festive event, tailored for children from Pre-K to 5th grade, is not just about enjoying a classic Christmas treat; it's about exploring how these simple sweets are a beautiful symbol of God's love for us. Get ready for an engaging time filled with joy, learning, and, of course, candy canes! We'll delve into the greatest story ever told, seeing how it intertwines with the legend of the candy cane and the story of Jesus. This is a perfect opportunity for your little ones to experience the warmth of Christmas in a fun, meaningful way

**Christmas Choir:** Christmas Choir is back! Christmas candlelight services are scheduled for Saturday Dec. 23rd and Sunday Dec 24th. Rehearsals for our special Christmas choir begin Today (12:30 to 1:30pm)

**Encore:** Experience the magic of the holiday season at our Encore Christmas Luncheon! Join us on Saturday, December 9th at 11:30AM for an unforgettable celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy we find in knowing Him. This is a "must event" for everyone, so grab your friends and family and come dressed in your finest Christmas attire. Indulge in a delectable meal with delightful entrée choices, including Tavern Sliced Ham, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Rigatoni with Meatballs. Each meal includes a tossed salad and breadsticks to complement your dish. If you choose the ham or chicken entrees, you'll also enjoy a baked potato and green beans. And don't forget to leave room for dessert! We'll be serving up mouthwatering ice cream to satisfy your sweet tooth. Our breathtaking "Majestic Voices," led by the talented Hal Wright, will serenade you with special musical selections. We've chosen the magnificent Guy's Party Center as our venue, located at 500 East Waterloo Rd, in Akron 44319. Doors will open at 11:30 am, and lunch will be served promptly at 12 noon. Please note that seating is limited, so secure your spot today by signing up online or visit our Connect Center today. Tickets for this extraordinary event are priced at \$25 per person.

## Prayer Needs

### Our Missionary Prayer Focus: **Way Out Prison Ministries**

Way Out Prison Ministries is a non-denominational Christian ministry serving in various types of correctional facilities in Northeast Ohio. They are committed to proclaiming Christ and providing for the spiritual growth of men, women and youth in partnership with local churches at no cost to the community.

Friends Who Are Sick - Nancy Banwart, David Benjamin, Alan Buckley, Cynthia Burdette, Don Burdette, Katie Butcher, Mike Cameron, Wes Cox, Dorothy Green, Charlene Inherst, Gene Inherst, Judy Mervine, Judy Odom, Grace Patterson, Terri Pfaff, Casey Roscoe, Mary Ellen Seibert, BJ Smith, Anita VanBuskirk, Keith Virden, Richard Fox (Coalridge), Al Moses (AlterCare)

### Special Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request and would like to call the prayer chains

Daytime  
8am-6pm

**Mona Hopstock**  
234-678-8006  
**Kathy Walker**  
330-607-4134

Evening  
6-10pm

**Bonnie Hutchison**  
330-644-5352  
**Diana Pryor**  
330-882-9857

Email

**Sonya DeBerte**  
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## Giving

Last Week's General Fund Giving **\$11,730**

Weekly General Fund Need **\$17,345**

Cash or Check payable to "Community Church of Portage Lakes" Online at [www.CCPL.life/Give](http://www.CCPL.life/Give)

## This Week

### Sunday

11:00AM

### Communion

Encore Lead Meeting

### Monday

12:30PM

Ladies Prayer Group

1:30PM

Sister's In Christ Study

6:30PM

Women's Event Mtg

6:30PM

Ladies Monday Study

### Tuesday

6:30AM

Men's Bible Study

8:00AM

Breakfast at HM

1:00PM

Prayer's & Stamping

6:30PM

Missions Board

6:30PM

Men's Bible Study

6:30PM

Women's Board

7:00PM

C & C Small Group

### Wednesday

10:30AM

Encore Cookie Boxing

6:30PM

Kids Clubs/ Small Grps

6:30PM

Broken Vessels Study

6:30PM

Ladies Prayer Group

### Thursday

10:00AM

Encore Bible Study

7:00PM

Galvanized

### Friday

### Saturday

12:00PM

Encore Luncheon