

Welcome To Community

January 7, 2024

Today's Message

Redefining Greatness

Matthew 18: 1-6



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 **CommunityChurch**
of Portage Lakes

Let's do
LUNCH



*Seniors (50+)
Saturday January 13
Doors Open at 11:30am
Here in the gym*

Encore: Our next luncheon will be Saturday, January 13th in CCPL's newly remodeled gymnasium. Doors are open at 11:30am for those who wish to arrive a little early. For lunch, we'll enjoy some delicious fried chicken along with salads and desserts provided by attendees. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon so plan on arriving a little earlier. After our chicken lunch, Linda Alexander will share her expertise with Tiffany Studios. It is a great time of encouragement and fellowship you don't want to miss. A signup sheet is provided at the Connect Center today.

New Year,

New You

Ladies, please join us for a morning of renewing our overall health and wellness as we enter the new year!

Saturday, January 20, 2024 • 9-11am • Gym

What's Happening

Kids: Get ready to explore the enchanting world of chimes with our exciting new ministry, Chime Champs! Led by the talented Nancy Broughton, this weekly gathering is specifically designed for children in grades 2nd-8th. Join us every Sunday morning starting on January 14th from 10am-11am in the captivating ambiance of our large group space downstairs. No prior musical knowledge or experience is needed to participate in this extraordinary musical journey. In Chime Champs, your child will not only learn how to play chimes but also cultivate teamwork, foster creativity, and develop a genuine passion for music. See Ms. Nancy if interested in joining!

College & Career: On January 12th, we are kicking off the New Year in style. We will be Ice Skating in Downtown Akron near Canal Park at Lock 2. Skate Rental cost is \$5.00 and if you are skating with your own skates it costs \$3.00. We will be going at 7pm. The easiest place to park is at the State St. parking deck. We invite everyone back to the Hixenbaugh's house after for hot chocolate. We will be having hot chocolate and hanging together while we skate. We want to gather together for some wintery fun and enjoy the hangout.

Visitation Volunteering: Join us for a special event where we empower and equip individuals to reach out to those who are sick or ill in our community. Whether it be through visitation or a simple phone call, you can make a difference in someone's life during their time of need. Join Max Connelly on Monday, January 22nd at 6:00pm to learn more about this amazing ministry.

Week of Prayer: Prayer is a vital practice for all believers as one of the ways we connect with God. The Week of Prayer is a time when our whole church comes together to grow closer to God and pray for one another. Throughout The Week of Prayer our church will have a variety of resources and events to help you grow in prayer including the prayer room. We encourage you to sign up for an hour in the prayer room and to engage with all the church has to offer during The Week of Prayer. This incredible event will be taking place from January 28th through February 7th, 2024. Sign-ups will begin January 14th.

Encore Movie Matinee: On Wednesday, January 24th at 1:00pm we will be showing the documentary "Johnny Cash - The Redemption Of An American Icon". It is rooted in Cash's faith, and tells the story of a man who knew tragedy from the earliest age, stared down the demons of addiction, but could never get away from the Hound of Heaven. This documentary is based on a book of the same title by Greg Laurie that we have in our church library.

Marriage Matters: Marrieds and Engaged Couples are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship, and food on Saturday, January 27th at 6pm in the Chapel. Bring your favorite appetizer and cultivate friendships while playing card and board games. We'll discuss planning additional events and activity options to support marriage and build our fellowship. Registration will begin this upcoming week. Make sure to sign up to secure a spot!

Prayer Needs

Our Missionary Prayer Focus: **Child Evangelism Fellowship**

Child Evangelism Fellowship® is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

Friends Who Are Sick - Nancy Banwart, David Benjamin, Alan Buckley, Cynthia 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)

Special Prayer Needs

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

Daytime
8am-6pm

Mona Hoppstock
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

Cash or Check payable to "Community Church of Portage Lakes" Online at www.CCPL.life/Give

This Week

Sunday

COMMUNION

11:00AM

Encore Lead Meeting

6:30PM

Life 101

6:30PM

SNG

Monday

12:30PM

Ladies Prayer Group

1:30PM

Sister's In Christ Study

Tuesday

6:30AM

Men's Bible Study

8:00AM

Breakfast at HM

6:30PM

Elder Board Mtg

6:30PM

Women's Ministry Mtg.

Wednesday

6:30PM

Kids Clubs/ Small Grps

6:30PM

Broken Vessels Study

6:30PM

Ladies Prayer Group

7:00PM

Choir

Thursday

7:00PM

Galvanized

Friday

7:00PM

C&C Ice Skating

Saturday

12:00PM

Encore Luncheon