

# Welcome To Community

April 14, 2024

Today's Message

## God Created

Genesis One



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Lead Pastor

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 **Community Church**  
of Portage Lakes



*Men's*  
**WILD GAME  
DINNER**

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 - 6:30PM

Our annual men's night out, featuring a wild game dinner, has been our best event every year. This dinner **includes a wide variety of meats that our own Nick Robeson hunted and trapped.** We will also have chicken for men who want a more conventional dinner. After the meal, we have Jason Hubbard as our guest Speaker. Jason and his family were previous members of Community Church Portage Lakes. Jason serves as a group therapist at the IBH Addiction Recovery Center on S. Main St. in Akron. Prior to that, Jason was involved with Haven of Rest for over two decades. Join us as Jason shares his story of hope, redemption, and restoration. Donation for the dinner is \$10.00. Be sure to sign up in the lobby or online today to reserve your spot!



**GOSPEL  
HYMN  
SING**

BY REQUEST

**APR 28  
4-5PM**

## What's Happening

**Church:** Join us on Sunday, April 21st for a delicious pancake breakfast fundraiser supporting our student missions team as they spread the gospel in Costa Rica this summer! Enjoy made-to-order pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, and more between our two church services from 10:00-11:00am. While the event is free, we gratefully accept donations to aid our team's mission. Let's come together in fellowship and generosity to empower our youth in spreading the love and truth of God abroad."

**Donations:** We have noticed a lot of donations being left in various parts of the church for some time now. If you are wanting to donate something to church, please call Jaime in the church office at 330-644-6121 to see the best place for that donation to be stored. When random bags are left in various places, we don't know what or whom they are for. Thank you for your understanding.

**Encore Movie Matinee** On Wed. April 24th @ 1:00pm we will be showing the movie "Lost Horizon" starring Ronald Coleman, Jane Wyatt, and Edward Everett Horton. When a revered diplomat's plane is diverted and crashes in the peaks of Tibet, he and the other survivors are guided to an isolated monastery at Shangri-La, where they wrestle with the invitation to stay.

**Ladies: Just One More Chapter!** Book Club is meeting April 23, 6:30pm in the Café! Our book for April is *Bridge to Haven* by Francine Rivers. Looking ahead our book for May is *Divine* by Karen Kingsbury. JOMC! Book Club is for all ladies who love to read and want to get together to discuss the stories. Contact Jessica Krege (330-622-3897) if you have questions. All ladies are welcome!

**Membership Class:** On April 28th at 9:15am and 4:30pm come learn more about our church, our common faith, our common beliefs, our common commitment, and what it means to be a member of a church. Our membership class is a 2-part class for anyone 16 or older. The first session will be led by Pastor Don, and the second session will be led by Pastor Mike. A light supper will be served at the evening session and child care will be provided at the evening class for children in 5th grade and under if you let us know it is needed. Attending the class does not obligate you to become a member.

**Fundraiser:** Support our student ministry camps, missions trips, & retreats by participating in our envelope fundraiser. For the fundraiser you take one of the envelopes off the wall and then donate the amount on the front of the envelope. You can return it to either the main office or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If every envelope is taken we'll raise \$4,865! As a way of saying thank you our students work all year to help anyone who needs it by doing yard work, helping people move, or whatever is needed. If there is a project you need help with please feel free to contact us through phone or email: [Josephfurno@ccpl.life](mailto:Josephfurno@ccpl.life)

**VBS Volunteer Registration:** This year, VBS is June 2nd-6th from 6-8:30pm. We need volunteers for pretty much every space. Check out the coffee bar to sign-up for a spot. You are not locked in, Todd Hixenbaugh will call you and chat about the position with you. For more information, email Todd at [toddhixenbaugh@ccpl.life](mailto:toddhixenbaugh@ccpl.life).

**Kids:** This year, Vacation Bible School is happening on June 2nd-4th for Pre-K children (3-5) and June 2nd-6th for elementary children. It will be from 6-8:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Prayer Needs

Our Missionary Prayer Focus: **Rick & Susan Nivens with Wycliffe Bible Translators** Rick and Susan Nivens serve with Wycliffe in the Republic of Indonesia, where there are 700+ languages and 1300 ethnic groups. Wycliffe USA was founded in 1942 by Wm. Cameron Townsend and is named after John Wycliffe who was responsible for the first complete English translation of the whole Bible into Middle English. Wycliffe has the goal "for people from every language to understand the Bible and be transformed."

Friends Who Are Sick - Nancy Banwart, David Benjamin, Alan Buckley, Katie Butcher, Mike Cameron, Wes Cox, Dorothy Green, Charlene Inherst, Gene Inherst, Judy Mervine, Terri Pfaff, Casey Roscoe, Mary Ellen Seibert, BJ Smith, Anita VanBuskirk, Keith Virden, Harry Warner, 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

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## Giving

Last Week's General Fund Giving **\$30,167**

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

## This Week

### Sunday

6:30PM Marriage Matters

### Monday

12:30PM Ladies Prayer Grp

1:30PM Sisters In Christ

6:30PM Ladies Study

### Tuesday

6:30AM Men's Bible Study

8:00AM Breakfast at HM

9:30AM DeBerte Ladies Study

6:00PM Men's Basketball

7:00PM C&C Small Group

7:00PM MOPS

### Wednesday

6:30PM Kids Clubs/Small Grps

6:30PM Broken Vessels Study

6:30PM Ladies Prayer Group

7:00PM Choir

### Thursday

6:30PM Veterans Service Grp

7:00PM Galvanized

### Friday

6:30PM Wild Game Dinner

### Saturday

8:30AM Trustee Mtg & Workday