

Sharing the love, hope and healing of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit!

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As I prepare to write my article for the February newsletter, there is so much on my mind that I am having a hard time focusing on what to say. By next Sunday, we will have consecrated our mission team for our trip to Costa Rica. Later in February, we will be having our Charge Conference to make a final decision about the potential merger with Centenary UMC. And with the omicron variant, it seems that many in our church family are dealing with COVID in ways that we haven't in the past.

On my second computer screen, Bible Gateway is open to Isaiah 61. In reading the words of the prophet Isaiah that Jesus claimed were fulfilled in himself when he preached in Nazareth, the part that resonates with my soul is verse 3, "to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit." We are in the midst of the most contagious (though it seems the least symptomatic) wave of the pandemic. We are engaging in the very difficult work of merging two churches into one. And we are preparing to travel yet again to a foreign land to be ambassadors of the Gospel. There are so many things that could go wrong.

But God says that He is taking away the ashes and the mourning from his people. And we will be people of praise instead of a faint spirit. I must admit that I have had seasons where my spirit wanted to be faint. I have questioned if this is all worth it. But in my heart, I know that it is. It is worth it to do the hard things for the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah closes the chapter with these words in verse 11, "For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations." I believe that we are on the brink of something new and amazing and righteousness and praise will sprout up to the glory of God. And so it is all worth it.

Pastor Keith

Honors & Memorials

Costa Rica Farm

*In Memory of Drexel Blanton*Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers

In Honor of Ed Spears
Given by Paul & Vicky Brenner

In Memory of Glen Nunley Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

Budget

In Memory of Drexel Blanton Given by Carl & Mary Warnock

In Honor of Cheryl Spears
Given by Paul & Vicky Brenner

Backpack Ministry

In Honor of Marth Rice on her Birthday Given by Becky Gehringer

Music

In Honor of Marth Rice on her Birthday Given by Lou & Bev Moore

Shut-in Ministry

In Memory of Drexel Blanton
Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper
Given by Dick & Trish Wheeler
Given by Garnet Riffe
Given by Gary & Victoria Riffe Blanton
Given by Steve & Myra Riffe Reid

Costa Rica Feeding Program

In Memory of Jane Gordon Given by Lou & Bev Moore

In Honor of Dot Ellington on her Birthday Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

Carpet Campaign

*In Memory of Dan Cooksey*Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper

In Memory of Drexel Blanton In Memory of Dan Cooksey Given by Susie Carter

In Memory of Pat Consiglio
Given by Richard Martin, Jr.
Given by Tony & Carole Consiglio

Mission Committee Report

The Mission Committee meeting was held on January 11, 2022 to discuss distribution of funds from the Christmas/Easter account. The money was used and distributed for the following ministries:

Mountain Mission for gasoline \$200.00 Red Bird Mission \$200.00 Costa Rica Supplies \$300.00 Two Hearts \$175.00 Shelter of Hope \$200.00 Safe Harbor \$200.00 For Jamie's Sake \$100.00 **Thailand Methodist Mission** \$200.00 **UMCOR** \$200.00 \$1775.00 **Total**

Fourth Sunday School Offerings was also discussed. Shown below are the areas that will receive the funds for 2022:

January 23, 2022 Safe Harbor
February 27, 2022 Good News Club
March 27, 2022 Two Hearts
April 24, 2022 For Jamie's Sake
May 22, 2022 HBM Camp
June 26, 2022 Backpack Ministry
July 24, 2022 UMCOR

July 24, 2022 UMCOR August 28, 2022 Salvation Army

September 25, 2022 Neighbors Helping Neighbors

October 23, 2022 Operation Christmas

November 27, 2022 Costa Rica Children's Supplies December 25, 2022 Costa Rica Feeding Program

We also received \$150.12 from Kroger's for the mission fund. I feel this could be much more if everyone just remembered to link their Kroger's card to the church. If you have any trouble doing this see Steve Myers, Don Neikirk or Ed Spears. This is free money for just shopping at Kroger's.

The committee wants to thank all of you who have given funds to this ministry. We know God gets all the glory for these missions and having HIS plans carried out.

South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report - December 2021

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Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Totals	
Beginning Balance	\$45,403.93	\$32,474.71	\$77,878.64	
Receipts	\$42,837.46	\$21,339.14	\$64,176.60	
Disbursements	(\$41,559.28)	(\$4,895.55)	(\$46,454.83)	
Transfer	\$450.72	\$0.00	\$450.72	
Closing Balance	\$47,132.83	\$48,918.30	\$96,051.13	
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/2020	\$41,064.97	\$123,454.78	\$164,519.75	
Receipts	\$467,531.72	\$101,389.06	\$568,920.78	
Disbursements	(\$455,100.36)	(\$176,100.54)	(\$631,200.90)	
Transfer	(\$6,363.50)	\$175.00	(\$6,188.50)	
Closing Balance	\$47,132.83	\$48,918.30	\$96,051.13	

The January meeting of Senior adults got snowed out. Plans are to meet for dinner and fellowship the SECOND THURSDAY, <u>Feb. 10</u>, at <u>5pm</u> at <u>The Kentucky Cafe</u>. Attendees will order and pay for their own choices off the menu. Please call the church to make a reservation by Wed, Feb 9.

Mark your calendars now for the MARCH senior adult luncheon at the church on Saturday, March 5. We will be having a special guest "speaker". HINT: He is a former pastor at SAUMC!

Care and Share Rack

Please save your old wearable coats, warm hats, winter gloves and winter boots to donate to our "Care and Share" rack. We are placing a coat rack and two plastic tubs on the porch of our Light House for anyone to pick up whatever they need.

All sizes are needed.



The church kitchen is missing two large, white roasting pans. If you borrowed them, please return them. Thank you!

Dear Ladie

What a nice treat you brought to me! I loved all the snacks and candy in my bags, but most of all I enjoyed visiting with you. I hope you will come again. God bless each of you and the work you do for SAUMC.

Love, Opal

To my friends, acquaintances and church,

Thank you so much for all the many beautiful greeting cards---birthday, holiday and good wishes. Also, for the bags of goodies of all kinds. I sincerely thank you, and appreciate it all. May God bless everyone and the church.

Ray McCann

Ladies of South Ashland,

Tootsie and I want to thank you for always remembering us on holidays during the year. It is very special to be remembered and we appreciate your constant thoughtfulness. Both of us wish you ladies a very healthy, happy New Year!

Love, Tootsie & Toby

Jack and I loved all the goodies, cards, love and good wishes for the holidays. It means so much to know our church family is thinking of us. God's Blessings are every morning I get up. Thanks again for all you do!

Much love to all! Jack & Betty Nuckols

Valentine Cards for Our Senior Members and Friends

Let's spread our love for our senior members and friends with many Valentines to let them know we are thinking of them. In the church foyer, you will find a box to place addressed Valentine cards for them. These need to be dropped off at the church no later than Sunday morning, February 13.

Kaelyn Wellman Tootsie Baldock Stella Pennington Mona Leibee **Dot Ellington** Tish Crawford Margaret Hanks Maxine Romick Bob Wheeler **Toby Williams** Bill Turner Aileen Caines Bill & Linda Meyers Mike Yazdandoust Jean Duncan Ray McCann Billie Brown

Opal Clarke Maxine Toney Sue Williams Dr. Malcolm King Faye DeHart Sonnie Blanton Harry Wurts Mary Wheeler Teddy Cole Lois Early Jack & Betty Nuckols Garnet Riffe Ann Cooksey Shirley Dixon Faye Lenning Bill Clinger Sheila McKee

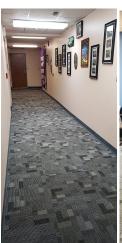
CARPETING CAMPAIGN

Our church members are THE BEST!! Thanks to you, carpeting on the upper and lower levels of the Education Building have now been completed! We know a lot of you are cautious about coming inside, so we posted these pictures so you can get a glimpse of what the Sunday School classrooms look like with new carpeting.

Now, on to our next project! We have an estimate of \$18,000 to carpet the sanctuary. The good news is that we have already accumulated \$10,500 in this campaign. Our goal is in sight...and sooner than we anticipated!

We are deeply grateful for all the gifts we have received. We could not do this without you! If you would like to give toward this project, please mark your envelope, "Carpeting". Thank you again for

your help!















Dear Church Family.

We need your help to raise more money for missions, that cost you nothing at all. All you have to do is get a Kroger's Plus card and link to our church. Please help us to reach more missions efforts that our church supports.

Kroger Community Rewards - Kroger

1. Create a digital account. A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. www.kroger.com

Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

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2. Link your Card to an organization.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

- 1. Sign in to your digital account.
- 2. Search for your organization here.
- 3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.
- 4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

3. Your organization earns.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Neikirk or Ed Spears.



Youth & Children's

Although winter is more often associated with hibernation than growth, February has potential to burst with new life. It

NEWS AND EVENTS

seems that every soul longs for new beginnings, and while we can resolve for a fresh start anytime, the genesis of a new year seems an ideal time to do so.

Despite the fact that some of our children's and youth evening programs have been cancelled recently due to COVID and weather, life and ministry do not have to become still. Although only two kiddos were present for children's church the Sunday that a winter storm was projected, the class heralded in the New Year with style! (I'm sorry I don't have pictures!) While we felt it prudent to cancel our Winter Blitz youth trip to Louisville for the health and safety of those we shepherd, youth were still able to livestream the sessions from their homes. Our Stewardship & Missions class, as well as youth Sunday School class, have come up with resolutions for 2022 that we would like to strive to accomplish together. Some of these include:



planting trees/forming a community garden



collecting winter clothes for neighbors in need



volunteering at an animal shelter



serving the Neighborhood



supporting literacy in our community



sending medical kits to persecuted Christians around the world



filling the Blessings Box across the street



making cards/gifts for seniors/shut-ins



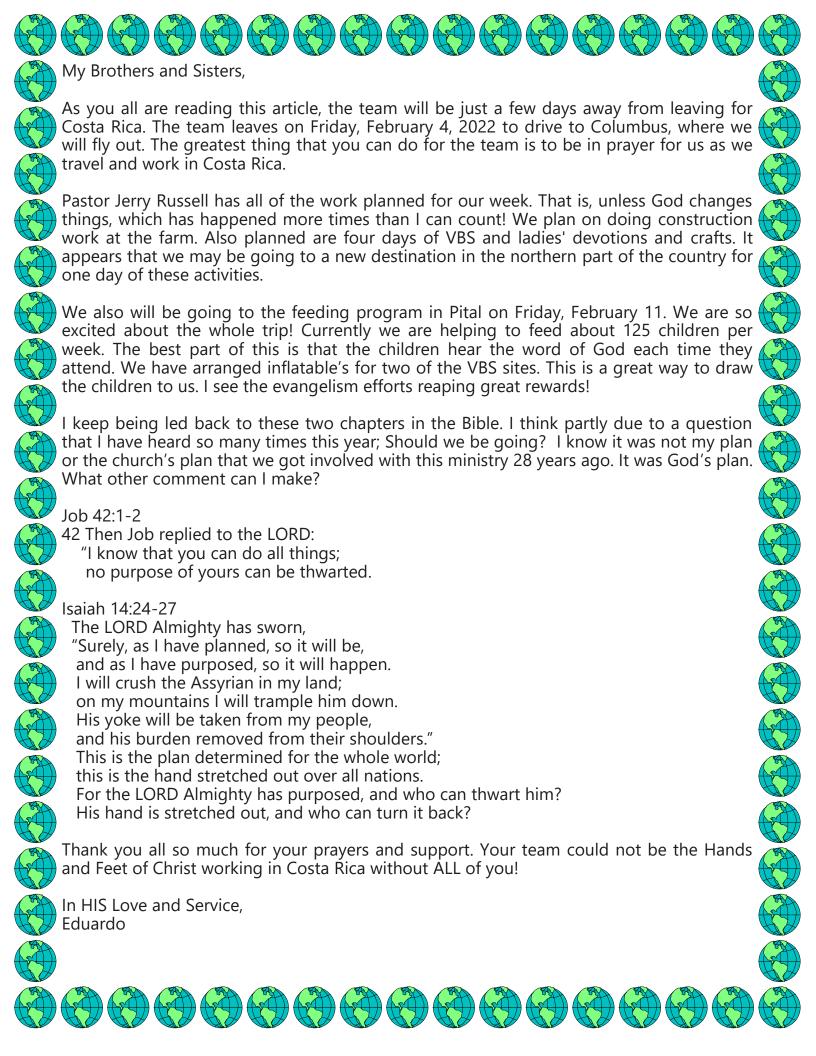
hosting a 6k run/walk for clean water across the globe.

Alone, these goals might be challenging to attain, but together, I believe lots can be accomplished. Please pray for our children's and youth ministries as we resolve to serve our local and global communities in these ways and more. I am grateful for the ways our young people want to serve, and I continue to pray they experience the transformative Spirit of God in their lives this year.

What do you resolve in 2022? Perhaps God is calling you to *do*, or perhaps God is calling you to *be*. In whatever ways God's Spirit urges us individually or collectively this year, I pray we listen to that voice. And even in the days of hibernation/quarantine, of cold/darkness, may we seek life. Snow, cold, and

even COVID cannot block out Light. And as the beauty of creation attests, light causes growth to happen.

-Genée



Kappy Birthday!

- 2 Karen Hinkle
- 3 Joan Flanery
- 6 Cynde Elkins Daniel Shytle James Highley
- 11 Aaron Fitzpatrick
- 12 Bill Rice Georgia Rigsby
- 13 Rodney Miller
- 14 Jim Fennell
- 16 Lou Moore
- 17 Tre' McClanahan Kailyn Barada Lois Early

- 18 Ben Katterheinrich
- 20 Sherry Hackworth
- 22 Harold Watson
- 24 Dot Ellington John M. Bentine



Kappy Anniversary!

14 Tony & Rose Grossl22 Dick & Trish Wheeler



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Scouts	2 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Children's Choir 6:30 Puppets 6:30 Stewardship & Missions	3 6:30 Praise Team 6:30 Cub Scouts PAILY NOOZ GROUNDHOO DAY	Cestor Ricar Mission Team Leaves	5
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