

CornerStone Methodist Church

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

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We have all said it or heard it said, "I've had an epiphany!" What we mean is a revelation about an issue. Maybe it is a problem we are trying to solve or some bit of knowledge that we didn't previously understand. And then it becomes clear...an epiphany.

On January 6th, we celebrate Epiphany. This is the day that we commemorate the arrival of the Magi to see the child Jesus. If you wonder why I called him a child and not a baby, be in worship on the 8th of January and we will talk about it. But for now, the thing we need to notice is that the Magi found the child and worshiped. I believe this was a transformational event in their lives. I believe they were changed forever.

We have just come through the Christmas season. We too have experienced the birth of Jesus, God incarnate, come to save humanity from our sin and restore us to a right relationship with God. My question is, how have we been changed?

This is the season of the year that people make new year's resolutions. People are trying to muster the will power to put a new practice in place in their lives that will make them better, emotionally, physically, mentally. But the thing about new year's resolutions is they are difficult to keep by our own will power. By 1 week, 25% will drop the resolution and by February 1, the average American will call it quits. Instead of making resolutions based on our will power, I want to encourage all of us (me included) to allow our Epiphany of Jesus to transform us.

We have all experienced him, his birth, his love and grace. Now, let's allow the Holy Spirit to change us. If we are simply trying to get rid of some bad habit, we will likely fail. But if we allow the Holy Spirit to replace that with a virtue that is edifying to ourselves and the body of Christ, we will succeed. Why? Because the Holy Spirit instead of our own will power is the motivation. As you begin this new year, seek God, asking the Holy Spirit to transform you into the person he wants you to be. And you like the Magi can be transformed by your Epiphany with Jesus.

Pastor Keith

A Firm Foundation A Firm Discipleship Thought from Pastor John

Let's start the 2023 New Year off on a good note by reading Matthew 7:24-27.

About a month ago, I had mentioned to Clancy (the lead guitarist in our Praise Team) that I wanted to learn how to play the bass guitar. Being the always thoughtful teacher and encourager, he handed me a bass guitar and simply said, "now just learn the notes on the bass clef." Great advice and it is also a great biblical principle.

Being able to read the bass clef and translate that knowledge to the bass guitar provides me with a musical foundation that enables me to play along with the band. Having a firm foundation of faith enables us to make beautiful life-transforming music and it enables us to handle any and every situation that may arise in life. Not because we are awesome, strong, and powerful on our own; but because we have built trust in God, we have been transformed by His power, blessed with the Holy Spirit, and live in a nurturing community of faith.

Not only did Clancy get me headed in the right direction to build a firm foundation on the bass guitar, but Barb (our pianist) also added to my process of growth. She lovingly grabbed a Daily Bible Reading Plan bookmark and jotted down the notes on the bass clef. I am so blessed to be surrounded by a musical family (and yes, I call them family) who make time to guide and teach. I am also blessed by a great faith family (and yes, I am talking about you) who make time to encourage, teach and share life with me. With people like you around, that great hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," rings melodically in my heart and mind.

How can you build a firm foundation? There are plenty of ways to get started. Here are just a few:

- 1) Join us in our Daily Bible Reading Plan being in the Word every day is transformational
- 2) Talk with God every day conversation builds relationship
- 3) Practice a new spiritual discipline or brush up on one you haven't used in a while (i.e. fasting, meditation, simplicity or confession) practice builds and enhances the foundation.

Let's start 2023 off on a good note. Forget about resolutions, those simply require your own will power; however, making a covenant between yourself and God (this brings Him and His power into the equation) to build a firm foundation of faith in Jesus Christ.

Question of the day:

What one thing can you add to or adjust in your daily routine to help build a firm foundation in your spiritual life?

Living the Life God has Given, Pastor John

CornerStone Treasurer's Report - November 2022

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$14,033.25	\$88,098.13	\$102,131.38
Receipts	\$34,884.69	\$21,911.17	\$56,795.86
Disbursements	(\$45,802.48)	(\$23,015.31)	(\$68,817.79)
Transfer	\$10,387.88	(\$1,724.78)	\$8,663.10
Closing Balance	\$13,503.34	\$85,269.21	\$98,772.55
Year-to-Date			
Balance 12/31/2021	\$47,132.83	\$48,918.30	\$96,051.13
Receipts	\$421,941.83	\$107,521.55	\$529,463.38
Disbursements	(\$483,556.68)	(\$104,903.88)	(\$588,460.56)
Transfer	\$27,985.36	\$33,733.24	\$61,718.60
Closing Balance	\$13,503.34	\$85,269.21	\$98,772.55

Honors & Memorials

Budaet In Memory of John Michael Sleeman Given by John & Arleen Sleeman

> In Memory of Sue Williams Given by Karen Davis Given by Carol Barnhorst

In Memory of Bill Meyers Given by Carol Barnhorst

In Memory of Garnet Riffe In Memory of Bill Meyers Given by Stella Pennington

In Memory of Pat Barada In Memory of Mona Morgan Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

Voices of Praise In Memory of Sue Williams Given by Mark & Paulette Meenach

> **Bus Campaign** In Memory of Mona Morgan Given by Helen Johnson

Chancel Choir In Memory of Sue Williams Given by Kay Gevedon

Costa Rica Farm In Memory of Mona & Gene Morgan Given by Kathleen Morgan Filkins

> Backpack Blessings In Memory of Garnet Riffe In Memory of Bill Meyers Given by Jim & Susan Hunt

Operations Christmas Child In Memory of Judy Gearheart In Memory of Bill Meyers Given by Bryan & Joan Flanery

Puppet Ministry In Memory of Sue Williams Given by Carla Skaggs

Our most heartfelt sympathies are extended to:

The family and friends of Sue Williams.



EMERGENCY NEEDS** Men's & Children's Winter Clothes & Coats, Socks & Underwear, and **Good Pots and Pans**

The processing plant needs: Coffee, Creamer & Cups, Paper Towels, 13 Gallon Black **Trash Bags**

The truck will pick up at

CornerStone

January 17.



God continues to shower our church with many blessings! Our campaign continues to accumulate the amount needed to purchase a 2-4 year old gently used 15 passenger bus that is handicap accessible. At the present, we have accumulated close to \$20,000!

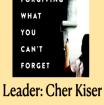
If you would like to give toward this campaign, please mark your envelope, "Trustees Capital Projects". Thank you to all of you who have given gifts!

Leader: Pastor John Hosts: Karen Dial

Book \$15 Mondays 6:30pm

Beginning the week of January 9th FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET

Life Group Studies



The Workbook of LIVING PRAYER MAXIE DUNNAM Leader: Janis Campbell

Host: Cynde Elkins Book & Workbook \$20 Thursday 6:30pm

Host: Pastor John Book \$12 Tuesdays 10:00am





Senior Adults from CornerStone crossed the Ohio to tour The Christmas Cave in Minford and then stopped for dinner on the way home.

The January gathering will be Monday, January 9, 2022 @ 6:00p.m. at Bella Fonte. Members pay for their own meals.

Please call our church office @ 606-324-6961 or Mike Corwin to RSVP.

Dear Friend of Aldersgate,

On behalf of all of us at Aldersgate Camp, I would like to thank you for your gifts of \$1,000 in October and \$1,000 in December.

Your generosity helps Aldersgate to better serve our campers and guests. In all that we do, we strive to point them to Jesus, to reach them where they are, and to help them grow. Your contribution will be utilized in accordance with your wishes. Gifts not designated will be utilized for camper scholarships, improvements, or programming.

On Saturday, October 22, a work day was held. About 30 people came out to prepare camp for the fall and the coming retreats. They painted doors, cut down trees and cleaned up areas around camp. The pool slide was taken down in preparation for a new on next year.

We are excited about the Giving Tuesday donations which were designated for new/upgraded Adventure Activities. The Low Ropes course will be upgraded. A zip line and a climbing tower are also being planned with these

funds. These activities will help our campers and retreat guests encounter God in many and fun ways.

God Bless You, Haley Andes Director of Operations



Dear Church Family,

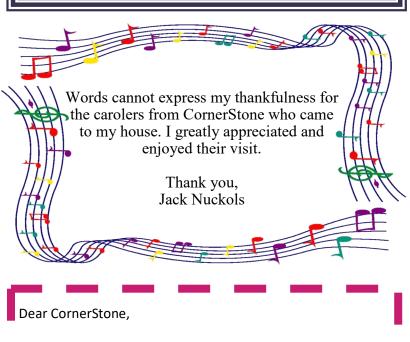
I have tried to reach out to as many of you as possible, but I feel this is the best way to communicate with everyone. It is with deep sadness but also excitement for the future, that I have submitted my resignation as Church Secretary. My last day in the office will be Friday, December 30th.

This has been one the hardest decisions I have ever made, but I have given much prayer and consideration to my decision. While I have enjoyed my time at SAUMC/ CornerStone, I believe this is the best step for me. My position here has been perfect for our family and allowed me to raise our children and even help with our grandchildren as needed. Now it is time for me to move on and explore other opportunities for growth and stability for our future.

I appreciate the continued support of the staff and church members who have prayed with me over making the best decision. Your encouragement is greatly treasured.

My time here has been full of growth, learning and understanding. I will miss my co-workers and visits with church members the most. I'll forever be grateful for this congregation and the warm welcome I felt when I was hired for this position, as well as all of the support and friendships gained over the years. I will still be attending church, so I will see you around for services and activities. Thank you all for your love and kindness!

Blessings to all in the New Year and to New Beginnings, Karen Morgan



On behalf of the Ironton Catholic Community, I want to thank you for donating 15 padded chairs and two chalkboards. We had just recently repurposed a building into an education building and needed these things greatly.

Love in Christ, Kelly Beaumount

Youth & Children's

Our children and youth ended 2022 with lively Christmas celebrations and a revisiting of the yearly wonder of the incarnation of God.

NEWS AND EVENTS



As we enter 2023, I would

like to say THANK YOU from our Stewardship & Missions class. During our November bake sale to raise money for the hunger crisis in Afghanistan, our church poured out \$616.74 for neighbors across the globe. Many of you participated in the Global 6k for Water at

Central Park last May, whether that was volunteering, donating money, or participating in the race. You donated baby blankets for Boyd County's annual baby shower for new mothers in our community, and most recently we caroled together for shut-ins and seniors in both Ashland and Huntington.

Two more notes from Stewardship & Missions:

- 1) Come join us! If you are not already involved in a Wednesday night group, you are more than welcome to participate. This group is for all ages and has spanned from elementary kids to seniors. If you're already involved in another group, there are numerous ways you can still participate with us in missions.
- 2) Consider adding *walk/run a 6k* to your list of New Year's Resolutions! This year's 6k for Water is scheduled to take place at Central Park on Saturday, May 13th, at 9:00 am. I hope to see you there!

Please be in prayer for our five confirmands and their mentors and teachers in the second of three Confirmation retreats this school year. This retreat will take place January 13th-14th, and youth will be confirmed at the end of spring. Thank you for your immense support and prayers. –Genée

Dear Church Family,

I pray that you had a very Blessed and Merry Christmas season. I also pray that God will fill you with His Love and Blessings in this new year.

This is the last month before your team leaves for Costa Rica. We are so excited to be Cornerstone's mission team and to be God's hands and feet doing His will.

We will be able to tell you more about the camp's progress under Paul's leadership when we return.

The feeding program in Pital and El Mirador are going very well. We have an average of 150 children per session now. As I keep saying they have their stomachs and souls filled each time. That is a true blessing.

I was concerned about money when we decided to help feed the children in El Mirador. I had prayed about that several months before I said, "Yes, we can help". This Bible verse kept coming to my mind as I prayed.

Matthew 21:22 - And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Maybe I did not have enough faith when I started praying. I felt totally at peace once God put this Bible verse in my head along with a couple of more verses. My point is, that if you pray and really believe God is hearing, nothing is impossible.

I am blessed and honored to be a member of this church with you. God has used many of you to support the feeding program with prayers and gifts, along with supporting the other ministries in Costa Rica.

Attached are some pictures from the last feeding program in Pital. Pictures are more difficult to get from El Mirador. We do plan on having VBS, ladies' crafts/devotions, men's devotions and feeding the children in Pital and El Mirador when we are there. We also are praying about inflatables if we have enough money to rent. If anyone would like to support this, you can give a donation to the church and the children in Pital and El Mirador.

and mark your envelope "Costa Rica Inflatables".

Thanks for your prayers, support and love for this ministry.

In HIS Love and Service Eduardo



Until next year, God is first. Send our thanks to each one, Eduardo, Pastor John, Pastor Keith, and the whole church, many thanks for the support and unconditional love for this project. - Natalia





Jim Hunt 20 Rebecca Easterling Barbara Zimmerman Chris Kitchen Martha Rice Randi Dalton Bill Johnson 21 Matthew Ryan 20 Al & Becky Gehringer Bill Crank 22 Tish Crawford Zane Johns-Morrison Ada Johns-Morrisor Bonnie Thom 24 Greg White Nedra Fennell Neil Highley 25 Lynn Cohen Teddy Cole Jack Nuckols 29 Sloane Lambert 10 Madison Duncan Lou Shytle 14 Steven Shytle 30 Lois Baker Damola Asafa Donita Cox 15 Justin Bartram 18 Goldie Bentine

Sun Thu Fri Sat Tue Wed Mon 9:00 Pray for the Church 5:45 Dinner 10:00 Combined Worship 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Praise Team 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Stewardship/Missions 6:30 Red Letters Study 6:30 Puppets / Kids Choir 6:30 Life Group-Forgiving Office Closed 14 10 11 12 13 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:00 Sanctuary & Drive-In 6:00 Senior Adults @ 5:45 Dinner 9:00 Pray for the Church 6:00pm Fri - 6:00pm Sat 6:30 Chancel Choir 10:00 Sunday School Bella Fonte 10:00 Life Group-Living Prayer 6:30 Praise Team 6:30 Bible Study 11:15 FLC & FB Live 6:00 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Trustees Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Stewardship/Missions 2:00 Stephen Ministiry 6:30 Life Group-Theology 7:00 Scouts 6:30 Red Letters Study nfirmation 6:30 Puppets / Kids Choir 5:30 Youth & God's Gang 6:30 Life Group-Forgiving Retreat 5:30 Women's Class 15 18 16 17 19 20 9:00 Sanctuary & Drive-In 6:30 Life Group-Theology 10:00 Life Group-Living Prayer 5:45 Dinner 9:00 Pray for the Church 6:30 Emmaus Gathering 10:00 Methodist Men 6:30 Finance Meeting 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Praise Team 10:00 Sunday School 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Stewardship/Missions 11:15 FLC & FB Live 7:00 Admin Council 6:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 Youth & God's Gang 7:00 Scouts 6:30 Red Letters Study Martin Luther 6:30 Puppets / Kids Choir 5:30 Women's Class King Jr. Day 6:30 Life Group-Forgiving Mountain Mission Pick-up 22 23 24 26 27 28 9:00 Sanctuary & Drive-In 6:30 Life Group-Theology 10:00 Life Group-Living Prayer 5:45 Dinner 9:00 Pray for the Church 6:30 Chancel Choir 10:00 Sunday School 6:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Loving Arms 6:30 Praise Team 11:15 FLC & FB Live 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Scouts 6:30 Stewardship/Missions 6:30 Red Letters Study 2:00 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Puppets / Kids Choir 5:30 Youth & God's Gang 6:30 Life Group-Forgiving 5:30 Women's Class 29 30 9:00 Sanctuary & Drive-In 6:30 Life Group-Theology 10:00 Life Group-Living Prayer 10:00 Sunday School mah 7:00 Scouts 11:15 FLC & FB Live 5:30 Youth & God's Gang 5:30 Women's Class

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