



Sharing the love, hope, and

healing of Jesus Christ through

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The new year is a good time for people to make resolutions and strive to live differently than they did in the previous year. There are some statistics that can make it both depressing and encouraging to make New Year's resolutions. According to a Time Magazine article, 80% of resolutions are broken by February. So by that statistic alone, we might ask, what is the point. On the other hand, according to various studies, new habits can begin to form in as little as 21 days. So, if you are wanting to change your habits, getting through the first month can put you well on your way to changing. The most common resolutions made have to do with bettering ourselves physically, like quitting smoking, eating better, getting more exercise, or getting more sleep. While these are all beneficial, the more important changes that we can make are spiritual. As Christians, we should always be about the process of sanctification. In short, sanctification is the process of dying daily to ourselves and living for Jesus. In that way, the promise of Romans 8:13 can be fulfilled in our lives. "If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

Coming through the season of Advent and the "strong encouragement" to fast one day a week, this is now the time to build on that discipline. We are about to embark on a new Scripture reading plan for the year. I encourage you to participate. Talk to Pastor John for the details. Or, if you have found yourself drawing closer to God with prayer and fasting, continue to participate in fasting in the new year, and pray for our church and our community. Join a small group, whether it is an accountability group or a Bible study. Or you could do both. That way you can be engaged in Scripture study and spiritual growth together. As Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another."

Humanity likes to mark time. While January 1 is another day just like December 31 was, the marker of a new year is a perfect time for us to make a change. And if we arrive at the end of 2024 and can honestly say that our spiritual life is different than it was at the end of 2023, then we are growing in sanctification. As a church and as individuals, we are not supposed to be stagnant. Now is a great time to get moving and be intentional about nurturing our spiritual lives. So, have a transformational New Year.

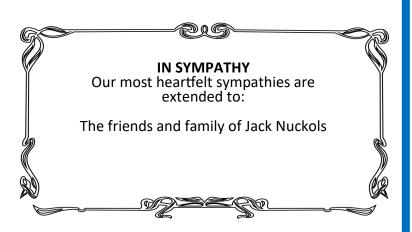
**Pastor Keith** 

#### **NEW BUS TO US CAMPAIGN**

GOD IS SO GOOD!!! ALL THE TIME!!! Our plan to purchase a 15-seat, handicap accessible bus is going very well. This bus won't be a brand new one, but it will be new to us. It will benefit our senior members as well as our youth. Currently, we have accumulated over \$28,000! We so appreciate each one of you who has donated to this project!. Please pray about giving to this campaign. Mark your envelope

"Trustees Capital Projects". Thank you!

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In an effort to be better stewards of our resources, the church has switched to a more unstructured giving envelope format. These new envelopes no longer have dates or member numbers on them, so you will need to write your name(s), along with the amount given, on the envelope. The date can be optional. If you prefer to have a number assigned, you should have already signed up with the church office, and your envelopes are stamped and ready for you to pick up in the Welcome Center.

Offering envelopes are still available for pick up in the sanctuary foyer and the FLC. Please take as many envelopes as you need based on your giving frequency.

## **CornerStone MC Treasurer's Report - November 2023**

<b>Current Month</b>	Budget Items	Specials	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$71,145.82	\$45,597.72	\$116,743.54
Receipts	\$38,240.30	\$5,575.87	\$43,816.73
Disbursements	(\$37,966.14)	(\$6,857.11)	(\$44,823.25)
Transfer	\$565.48	(\$565.48)	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$71,985.46	\$43,751.00	\$115,736.46
Year-to-Date			
Balance 12/31/2022	\$20,063.93	\$75,306.83	\$95,370.76
Receipts	\$497,298.03	\$230,279.84	\$727,577.87
Disbursements	(\$475,764.22)	(\$242,339.85)	(\$718,104.07)
Transfer	\$30,387.72	(\$19,495.82)	\$10,523.20
Closing Balance	\$71,985.46	\$43,751.00	\$115,736.46

#### A Daily Dose of the Truth

#### A Devotional Thought from Pastor John

As we begin 2024 a lot of us are setting goals and creating resolutions. Some might be baby steps (which is a good place to begin). Others may have their eyes set on making huge strides. Which ever it may be for you, just remember one thing, our goals and resolutions should bring us closer to Christ.

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Acts 8:26-31.

I want to strongly encourage you to join me in reading through the Bible in 2024. CornerStone will be reading the Scriptures together using The Bible Recap daily Bible reading plan. This is different from other reading plans in that we will get together once a week to do a recap of what we have read. It will be a chance to share how God is speaking to you and ask questions you may have about the readings for the week. Like Philip and the eunuch, we can learn together as we read through the Scriptures together. I almost forgot, there is also a short podcast to go along with each daily reading. You may have already found a copy of January's readings in the Christmas Eve bulletin. If not, you can pick one up on the Welcome Center in the foyer or stop by the church office. You can easily participate using the YouVersion Bible App by going to the "Plans" section and search for "The Bible Recap". Just make sure you start it on January 1st. Our Recap CornerStone Group will meet on Thursdays at 2pm in the Loyal Followers room beginning January 4th. I would highly recommend using a journal or a notebook to help keep track of thoughts to share and questions to ask. If you need a journal, let me know, I have some in my office.

We will also be offering more CornerStone Groups to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus as well as your CornerStone family. Here are some of the offerings that will start the week of January 21st...

The 2:7 Series, Book 2 - deepening your roots in God's family - led by Cher Kiser Creation Life - God's 8 principals for living life at the fullest - led by Stacia Carwell The Chosen, Season 3 - a visual interpretation of the life of Christ - led by Cynde Elkins Abiding in Christ - the follow up to Living Prayer - led by John Carwell

Keep an eye out for more details on each CornerStone Group. If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please let me know.

#### Questions of the day:

Are you willing to make it a goal/resolution to prioritize getting a daily dose of the Truth during the new year?

Will you join me in going deeper in relationship with Jesus and our CornerStone family by joining a CornerStone Group?

Living the Life God has Given, Pastor John

#### **Honors & Memorials**

#### **Backpack Ministry**

In Memory of Darlene Meyers

Given by John & Sue Lambert

In Memory of Judy Nichols

Given by Kimberly Miller

#### **Choir Fund**

In Memory of Jack Nuckols

Given by Bill & Martha Rice

#### **Missions**

In Memory of Jack Nuckols

Given by Elfi Sologic

#### **Budget**

In Memory of Jack Nuckols

Given by Ken & Peg Williams

In Memory of Teresa Kirkpatrick

Given by Ken & Peg Williams

In Memory of Darlene Meyers

Given by Ken & Peg Williams

In Memory of Patty Umberger Stanley

Given by Lisa Hammond

#### **Costa Rica Feeding Program**

In Memory of Teresa Kirkpatrick

Given by John & Sue Lambert

Trustee's Project/New Bus

In Memory of Jack Nuckols

Given by Greg & Arland White



Thank you for your gift. You are changing lives every day through your support of the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home. Together, as the body of Christ and through God's grace, we can offer children the hope for a better future. - Melinda R. Smith, Vice President of Development, Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes.

On behalf of the United Methodist Mountain Mission, I would like to extend our greatest gratitude and appreciation for your donation. We are deeply grateful for your support and generosity. Without God's blessing and your congregation, we would

not be able to operate and do all God has planned for us here in the mountains. Thank you for you donations and your continued prayers. - Karen Bunn, Executive Director, United Methodist Mountain Mission

To My church family: Thank you so much for the gift bag with all the beautiful Christmas Cards and treats. I also enjoyed the beautiful voices of the Christmas Carolers when they visited. I feel blessed to be remembered this Christmas. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Blessings for a Happy and healthy New Year. Love and Prayers - Faye Lenning

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Your gifts and prayers equip us to go into these crisis zone to share the wonder of that first Christmas. - Franklin Graham, Samaritan's Purse (OCC)

I would like to thank you for your recent gift for Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center's ongoing ministries - The Aldersgate Family

#### Cornerstone Methodist Church 2023

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

- 1. Scan the QR code or go online to https://cornerstonemethodist.itemorder.com/
- se your items and add them to your cart









# Youth & Children's

## **News and Events**

It's been such a joy seeing our church and community celebrate together this holiday season. In the photos below are snapshots of our youth and kids doing just that. Your all's warm welcome at the Community Christmas Party has already encouraged some new kids to start riding the van to church for evening programming. Puppets, Kids Choir, and Stewardship & Missions combined to share joy at Woodland Oaks through song and homemade ornaments. The youth had a fun time fellowshipping at Zane's and my house for their annual Christmas party. And though we don't have photos, many hearts and homes experienced joy with our Wednesday night and senior adult groups caroling. Christmas is not a happy time for everyone in our community, so I am grateful to have been able to partner with you, church, to spread the hope of Jesus this Advent. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. (Isaiah 9:2b). May we continue sharing and celebrating this light within our homes and communities as we enter the new





















Blessings and Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters.

I pray that you all have a very blessed and Happy New Year filled with the love of our Lord. I also pray that each one of us has a closer walk in 2024 with Christ. I am getting very excited about the mission trip. As it gets closer, I feel God even closer, especially after just celebrating Christmas. I read this quote in one of my de-

votions today as I was praying about what to write. "Missionary work should never be an afterthought of the church, because it is Christ's forethought" Henry Jackson Van Dyke.

I thought how blessed that I am in a church that mission work is alive and well. We support so many missions, here at home and across the world.

The camp (farm) is increasing its outreach into more areas in Costa Rica. The feeding programs are teaching about God and providing meals to the poorest of children. People are coming to Christ due to our flowing of His words. Such a blessing! This last week, 78 children were fed in El Mirador, 61 in Vera Cruz and 62 in Pital. Thank God! We have already sent three duffel bags of supplies to Costa Rica when Alicia went to see Joel. I have 9 more bags packed and ready to go. We are still in need of small tubes of toothpaste, quart and gallon size baggies and individually wrapped candy.

Once again, thanks for your prayers and support. God bless you all.

In His Love and Service

- Eduardo



#### 2024 COSTA RICA TRIP

There is a box/stand in the fover and in the Family Life Center with a list of items we need. Thank you for your generosity!

Antibiotic cream

Baggies (quart and gallon) Band-Aids

Bars of soap

Children's scissors Colored pencil and markers

Construction paper Deodorant

Crayons, pens, and pencils

Hand sanitizer (small bottles)







- 1 Jim Hunt Barbara Zimmerman
- 2 Martha Rice Bill Johnson
- 3 Bill Crank
- 5 Zane Johns-Morrison
- 8 Bonnie Thorn Nedra Fennell Teddy Cole
- 10 Madison Duncan
- 14 Steven Shytle Donita Cox
- 15 Justin Bartram
- 18 Goldie Bentine

- 20 Rebecca Easterling Chris Kitchen Randi Dalton
- 21 Matthew Ryan Brad Bartley
- 22 Tish Crawford Ada Johns-Morrison
- 24 Greg White Neil Highley
- 25 Lynn Cohen
- 26 Jordan Sloan
- 29 Sloane Lambert Lou Shytle
- 30 Lois Baker



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day - Office Closed	2 11:00 Friends of the Children 6:30 Words with God	3 8:00 CBS Classes 10:00 Men's Class Meeting 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Bible Study, Children's Choir. Chancel Choir, Puppets, Stewardship & Missions	9:00 Praying for the Church 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Praise Team 6:30 Red Letter Bible Study	5	6
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## South Winds

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Celebrating Jesus, Others, and You!