

## CornerStone Methodist Church

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

# May 2023

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We have been in a season of transition for a while now. First, we transitioned from being Centenary and South Ashland United Methodist Churches through our merger into CornerStone Methodist Church. Now more recently, we have been through a discernment process culminating with our church conference where we voted to transition out of the United Methodist Church. Finally, we had our congregational meeting where we voted to transition into the Global Methodist Church.

This season of transition is not yet over. There are still details that need to be worked out along with the upcoming founding conference for the Kentucky Area of the Global Methodist Church. However, after seasons of discernment and more meetings than I can count, we have charted our course forward.

In this season of transition, I am pleased to report several things that have not changed. Pastor John and I have received notice that our ministry credentials have been accepted in the Global Methodist Church, and we will continue in ministry here at CornerStone for the coming year.

I am excited about our future ministry together. Our growing system of small groups is an essential piece of our discipleship plan for the church. I know that, under Pastor John's leadership, all aspects of our discipleship will flourish.

I am also increasingly aware that we have a large Spanish-speaking population here in the greater Ashland area that has no opportunity for Protestant worship in their native language. So I am exploring and discerning options for offering worship in Spanish here at CornerStone.

These are just two of the many places God is moving in our church community to invite us and our neighbors into the journey of grace as we move together toward sanctification. God is at work among us. My challenge for you is to be in prayer for your church community and Pastor John and myself as we lead this church. Pray that we would follow God's leading, and that, as a church, we can engage our community with the message of the Gospel. And I believe it will be very exciting to see what God will do.

Pastor Keith

## One Bible Verse Can Make a Difference

A Transformational Thought from Pastor John

If you are like me, you probably have a favorite Bible verse. Mine happens to be James 1:21, which says, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." I really like this verse in the King James Version because it makes me think and ask questions. What is "superfluity of naughtiness"? What is "the engrafted word"?

I love the *Star Wars* movies and various TV shows that have sprung up over the past few years. If you are a *Star Wars* fan, then you know that May 4th is a awesome day in this galaxy and one far, far away - all I have to say is "May the 4th be with you."

All jesting aside, "May the force be with you" sprang to life from an old Christian saying that George Lucas had heard many times early in his life. That blessing/saying, "May the Lord be with you" and its response, "and also with you," made an impact. The things we hear and see every day do have an influence on our lives.

I once heard a pastor say, "The things you begin to play with will eventually play with you." How true that is, especially when that thing is not covered with the presence of the Holy Spirit. I play guitar, but the guitar does not play me. Why? Because I chose to glorify God by learning to play only Christian songs. I am using what I have to worship the Lord my God and Him only.

My favorite Bible verse has been transformational in my life. As I dug deeper into its meaning, I was convicted to remove any and all things from my life that might keep me from hearing and responding to God's Word. Sin and the accompanying distractions it brings keep us from hearing God's Word for our lives.

I hope you have a favorite Bible verse or two that you know by heart and keep in your heart and your head that prompts you to be transformed by the renewing of your mind (another one of my favorite verses). You can play on your phone as you read God's Word, but don't let your phone distract you from hearing His Word for you. At the very least, keep that one verse in the forefront of your mind - it is transformational. May the Lord be with you!

Questions of the day:

-What is your favorite Bible verse? -How have you applied that verse to your every day life?

Living the Life God has Given, Pastor John

## CornerStone MC Treasurer's Report - March 2023

<b>Current Month</b>	Budget Items	Specials	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$16,268.03	\$49,691.01	\$65,959.04
Receipts	\$39,438.06	\$4,291.70	\$43,729.76
Disbursements	(\$43,821.32)	(\$10,106.00)	(\$53,927.32)
Transfer	\$2,165.93	(\$2,006.07)	\$159.86
Closing Balance	\$14,050.70	\$41,870.64	\$55,921.34
Year-to-Date			
Balance 12/31/2022	\$20,063.93	\$75,306.83	\$95,370.76
Receipts	\$126,331.64	\$16,841.37	\$143,173.01
Disbursements	(\$138,314.43)	(\$44,589.98)	(\$182,904.41)
Transfer	\$5,969.56	(\$5,687.58)	\$281.98
Closing Balance	\$14,050.70	\$41,870.64	\$55,921.34

### Honors & Memorials

<u>Budget</u> In Memory of John Michael Sleeman Given by John & Arleen Sleeman

<u>Music Fund</u> In Memory of Ruth & Sam Cohen Given by Barry & Lynn Cohen

In Memory of Andrew Caudill Given by Mark & Paulette Meenach

#### Trustee's Project/New Bus In Memory of Robert Shavers Given by Harold, Jared, & Janice Watson

<u>Costa Rica Feeding</u> <u>Program</u> In Honor of Peter Ronay on his birthday Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

<u>Costa Rica Farm</u> In Memory of Doug Taylor Given by Mark & Paulette Meenach In Memory of Katherine Spears Given by Mark & Paulette Meenach

<u>Mission</u> In Honor of Darlene Meyers on her birthday Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

Backpack Blessings In Memory of William Smith Given by Ann Cossett



We will have a church-wide Spring Clean-up Day at Centenary UMC on May 20, 9 AM.

All help is appreciated!



"A million thank yous for welcoming us and caring for us so well. We love Ashland, and a huge part of that is because of Cornerstone. Thank you for all that you do, not only for us, but for the entire community. We are continuing to pray for the church and the work you do. Thank you for your faithfulness." - Grove City College ICO Ashland Team

"Thank you so much for the very generous gift to Chloe and Bradley to rebuild their home. Your prayers, love, and support mean the world to us! Love you." - Kim & Matt Wart

"I want to thank my church for the beautiful cards and notes that I received recently. Also thanks for the goody bag with all the delicious candy and other items that are so nice. Have a wonderful holiday season, and may God's richest blessings be with you." - Ray McCann

"Thank you all for the cards, gifts, and delicious snacks that you brought us over the holidays - what a wonderful ministry. It means a lot to both of us. We thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness. With much love." - Tootsie & Toby Williams

Tim Crawford sent a warm word of thanks for the church's generous gift to Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic.

Patricia (Tish) Crawford expresses her thanks for everyone for the spring cards and the get well wishes.



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. We have presently accumulated over \$20,000 toward our goal. A bus this age is priced between \$65,000 - \$85,000. If you would like to give toward this campaign, please mark

your envelope, "Trustees Capital Projects." Thank you to everyone who has donated!



Youth & Children's

Connection is a crucial part of our faith journey, and I have a strong hunch that the more positive connections our young peo-

## NEWS AND EVENTS

ple have with individuals in the church, the greater likelihood they will continue in a faith community throughout their lives, even if they do not remain part of our worship community. I had several strong connections within the church growing up, and I have friends who did not. Our perceptions of church as adults are very different. I pray that our youth - who so desperately seek connection and belonging - find it in the church.

Although the day of our Easter event was overcast and windy, many of our youngest church members came to participate in crafts and play, and we had the opportunity to interact with some new faces. Thanks to the creative work of Anita, Junior, and Martha, we had a beautiful empty tomb set up for Easter weekend, and other generous adult and youth volunteers served at the event. Thank you!

Some ways to support our young people this month are, first, to celebrate them during the May 7th Sunday morning services. We have four seniors we will be recognizing this year, not only for their academic and extracurricular involvements, but also because they are ours and we want to encircle them with love regardless of what they achieved in high school and what they plan to do after.

A second way to support our young people this month is to be at church Sunday morning, May 21, for one combined service that will include confirming some of our youth in church and having a baptism! A fellowship meal will take place at Armco Park that afternoon. (And if anyone needs additional incentive, Larry Kirkpatrick will be our grill master.)

Lastly, on Saturday, May 13, CornerStone is hosting a 6K for Water at Central Park at 9 am. We had a blast last year, and we hope even more of you will participate this year. This event is through World Vision (the same nonprofit that organizes the 30 Hour Famine). The goal is that every person on our shared Earth has access to clean water, and each registration fee is a step towards reaching that goal. You can sign up to walk/run in the 6K by visiting <u>glob-al6k.worldvision.org/team/ashlandcornerstone</u>. If you want to participate but are not up to completing the distance, we need volunteers on race day and will gladly put you to work. Please contact Genée if you are available to volunteer.

Connection. You might be part of the reason a child or young person continues in the church someday. We can love God without loving the church, but how desperately we need it! Let's continue praying together that our young people have positive associations with the church, then let's be the answer to that prayer.

-Genée



Miranda Caskey will be a graduate of Fairview High School. She plans to pursue a Bachelors' degree in Interior Design and Business.



Brooke Cook will be a graduate of Boyd Co. High School. She plans to seek certification in both Education and Special Education.





Ashton Stidham will be a graduate of Fairview High School. She plans to major in Early Education and continue her basketball career.



Madison Carwell will be a graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School. She plans to attend ACTC for her general education courses



Hello my church family,

The past three years I was blessed to be able to go to Costa Rica and serve. Over the past two years in college, God has grown my heart even more for the nations. I will be returning this fall for three months to serve the people I have come to know and love. I would not have traveled to Costa Rica this year if it was not for the person who gave me their ticket. I am seeking

financial support. Your support will go towards my room and board, plane ticket/ transportation, and basic personal supplies. Camp Nehemias works hard to keep the cost as low as possible. Anything I am blessed with beyond my expenses will be given to Campmento Nehemias to further support their mission and outreach in Costa Rica. Titus 2:7-8 says "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works...so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us." To hold my integrity and help me stay accountable, you can give two ways: online at <u>https://www.ashlandcornerstone.org/</u> (on the giving page select Costa Rica Intern) or a check made out to Cornerstone Methodist Church with "Joel Costa Rica" in the designation memo. To keep up with me, <u>click here</u> and request to join my Google newsletter. I will send updates about my trip's progress and events while I am there!

With Love, Joel Katterheinrich



MAY Items of the month: "WOW" GIFTS & TOYS

Suggestions: Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Soccer Balls (deflated w/ pump), Musical Instruments, Cars, Books, Puzzles, Games, Slinkies, Yo-Yos, and Jump Ropes

There will be a collection box in the foyer to drop off your gifts. Each gift should be able to fit in a shoebox. We will gladly accept donations for postage. Each box costs \$10 to ship.

**2024 COSTA RICA TRIP** There is a box/stand in the foyer 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 Colored pencil and markers Crayons, pens, and pencils Erasers Rulers Shampoo (travel size) Vitamins (children's, prenatal, and seniors) White Twin Sheet Sets



Children's scissors Construction paper Deodorant Hand sanitizer (small bottles) School glue and glue sticks Toothpaste (travel and large size) and seniors)



Keith and Alicia Katterheinrich and Scouting BSA Troop 109 are proud to announce

### Benjamin T. Katterheinrich

has achieved the rank of

### Eagle Scout

through hard work, perseverance, and dedication

May 14, 2023 2:30-4:30pm (Ceremony at 3) CornerStone Methodist Church 2203 29th Street, Ashland Kentuck

#### IN SYMPATHY

Our most heartfelt sympathies are extended to:

- ° The family and friends of William Smith
- ° The family and friends of Andrew Caudill



The Ladies Class Meeting is centered around heart-felt sharing with other women committed to working through their faith one day at a time.

Our time includes connecting through fellowship, reflection on God's presence and care, opportunities to share our highs and lows, and support through prayer. Open to <u>all</u> ladies, in all seasons of life and faith. Why not come and join us?

Date: Sunday evenings after Easter

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

For more information contact: Alicia Katterheinrich 922-9791 We meet at the Lighthouse. Park in lot on the Sanctuary ramp side, house on other side of lot.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that our Lord drew you closer and into a deeper relationship during the Easter season. God is so good all the time!

There are many good things going on with the Costa Rica camp and its mission. Paul and Amy have received four teams since we departed. They continue to upgrade the camp and reach out into the surrounding areas, feeding and making disciples of the children,

preaching in Pital, and adding new underserved areas. I am sure God is well pleased with all of these.

The feeding program continues to reach the children in Pital with food and spiritual guidance. We just sent \$600.00

to allow Natalia and Martin to purchase food and supplies for this ministry. We were not able to finish the bathrooms in Pital due to lack of time and funds, but we are in the process of trying to raise the remaining amount of \$950.00. Our prayer is that this money will be raised in the next couple of months.

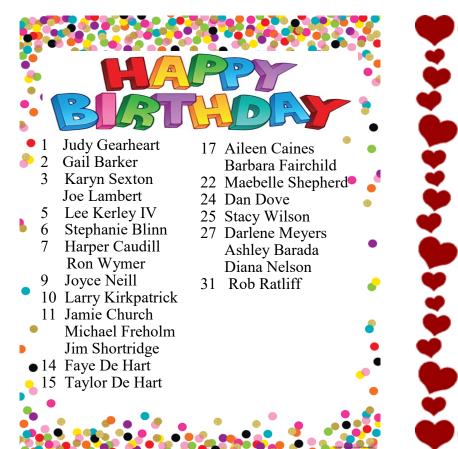
As I was in mediation discerning what God wanted me to say, He put Matthew 11:25 in my mind: "At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children."" I feel God put that into my mind as I was thinking about all the children your team fed while we were there and seeing all those faces smiling, laughing, eating, and learning about God. Thanks to everyone who has prayed for and helped financially. This mission is only possible due to all of you. Please continue to keep this in your prayers.



In His Love and Service, Eduardo

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11 CJ & Tayler Justice
John & Stacia Carwell
15 Kevin & Stephanie Neill
19 Dan & Mary Jo Dove
23 Kent & Teddi Mansfield

Happy Anniversary





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