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Recently you probably received a stewardship campaign request. The reasons for this are explained in the letter. In brief, we hope to refinance the mortgage to reduce expenses. This will allow us to continue to provide a space for the ministries that this church committed many years ago of providing a place for scouting and daycare. But in order to secure the refinanced loan, we need to show that we have a balanced budget. Commitments from a stewardship campaign is the way in which we can do this.

I want to take this space to address why giving to the church is important. The earliest example of giving to God in the Bible occurred in Genesis 4. Two brothers, Cain and Abel, brought sacrifices to God. One gave from the produce he had grown as a farmer and the other gave from the livestock he had raised. God was pleased with the livestock and not the produce. This was because of the attitude in which these gifts were brought. Abel had given the livestock with an attitude of wanting to please God. Cain had given the produce with an attitude of meeting an obligation.

At the end of Acts 4 and beginning of Acts 5, another example of giving out of pleasing God and out of obligation occurs. Joseph of Cyprus gave the proceeds of having sold a field he owned because he wanted to share with the other believers. Ananias and Sapphira did the same, but they kept some of the money for themselves and lied about how much they had given. They wanted others to think that that they had done something great, but in reality they were holding back.

From these two examples, we see two ways in which giving can be done improperly. A sense of obligation and wanting others to think great things about the giver. Neither of these is proper. The only right way to give is with a cheerful heart according to 2 Cor. 9:7. And so again, I am asking you to carefully examine what you are able to give, to make a commitment to it and to let the office know what that amount will be so that we can write our budget for 2024. With this the church and live into renewed strength

In Christ
Pastor Jeff



KUMC WINTER CLOSET

On Saturday, Nov. 11 we served our community with our Winter Closet event held at Lebanon Valley Church of Christ. We had a combined volunteer base of 47 from the two churches and students from Cedar Crest.

We handed out winter wear to over 180 individuals with an additional 50 receiving items through a family member. In all we distributed well over 2,000 pieces of clothing.

We prayed for many needs throughout the day, but as the temperatures drop over the winter continue to pray for our community and those that suffer daily from a lack of basic needs such as clothing, food, shelter and medical care.

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated or prayed before, during and after the event.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We want to thank everyone who came out to the Operation Christmas Child packing party on Sunday, Nov. 5. We had 48 people in attendance and packed 100 shoe boxes to be sent out through Samaritans Purse.

We packed 50 boys boxes and 50 girls boxes with those boxes containing clothing, school supplies, hygiene items, toys and more. These boxes will be distributed throughout the world through Samaritans Purse. The child that received the shoe box will enter into a discipleship program to learn about God in their native language.





GETTING TO KNOW YOU

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STAFF?

Our church has many people employed; whether through the church itself or within our daycare ministry. We also have many volunteer leaders in our scouting ministry.

This month begins a new column where we get to know some of these leaders and staff better. December will focus on our longest tenured Day Care staff member; Kelli Strunk:

Below are the answers

When did you start in your current role at Kochenderfer?

I started working at KCDC in 2005.

What is your favorite Bible verse?

1 Peter 3:8 “Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.”

What are some of your hobbies?

Concerts and Eagles football

What is your favorite food?

Tacos

Where is your favorite vacation spot?

Atlanta

Are you an early bird or a night owl?

Night owl

What is the one thing you would like Kochenderfer to know about you that they might not know?

I am a big Eagles fan.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wishing a happy birthday to these brothers & sisters in Christ during the month of December:

Con Snavelly (12/1), Lydia Dominguez (12/1), Mary Mielnicki (12/3), Allison A. (12/5), Karen Mohn (12/9), Melissa Jurina (12/9), Tom Stewart (12/14), Lilley B. (12/15), Alexis F. (12/17), Steve Ruud (12/20), Myles K. (12/21), Hiram Brightbill (12/24), Christian C. (12/27), Vincent V. (12/28), Heather Reber (12/28), Linda Fisher (12/30).

Happy Anniversary to Doreen & Glenn Heisey (12/3), Pat & Gary Miller (12/12), James and Carissa Porter (12/26), Amy & Adrian Haines (12/28).



SATURDAY, JAN. 20 - CUB SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY

SUNDAY, FEB. 4 - SCOUT SUNDAY

SATURDAY, FEB. 17 - DINNER & TALENT SHOW

SATURDAY, FEB. 24 - FIRST AID/CPR CLASS

CHRISTMAS AT KOCHENDERFER

Christmas is fast approaching which means before we know it we will be preparing to bake cookies, schedule visits with family and friends; but most importantly celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The first Sunday in advent will be on Sunday, Dec. 3 with advent services continuing until Sunday, Dec. 24. On the 24th we will be having one combined service during the morning at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary and then one evening service at 8 p.m. in the CLC.

Throughout the month we will have other events including our boy scout troops annual Holiday Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8 a.m. and our day care Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

We hope you can join us throughout the month!

LET'S CELEBRATE: POTLUCK

Join us for our next 5th Sunday potluck on New Year's Eve after combined worship.

Bring your favorite party dish to share and bring your favorite snack mix recipe to exchange

Stay after the meal to enjoy some New Year's themed games



DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Join us for a spaghetti dinner and a talent show on Saturday, Feb. 17. Doors open at 4:30 with dinner served at 5. The Talent show will begin at 6:30.

Tickets will be 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15 (3-and-under are free). Ticket sales and talent show sign ups will open on Christmas Eve. Please see Kelly Mease or visit the Ministry Table on Sunday mornings to purchase tickets or sign up.



FIRST AID & CPR

There will be a first aid & CPR class on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 at 8 a.m. Cost for the class is \$55 per person. Please contact Bonnie Mease for more information.

LEAD TEAM REPORT

The KUMC Lead Team meets at church on Wednesday evenings to pray, discuss church business, and consider possibilities for KUMC that fulfill our mission and vision.

November's meetings focused on the finances of KUMC and exploring more ideas for carefully stewarding our resources and joyfully giving to our community. The total of pledges made for 2024 was reported, along with known numbers for bills such as UMC apportionments and reduced contract costs for a new copier lease. Several ideas were discussed in preparation for planning a 2024 budget. In December we will prayerfully finalize a 2024 budget for KUMC.

The Lead Team accepted the resignation of Jen Neuman and Joe Prentice, for reasons which they themselves explained. The Lead Team also spent multiple times in prayer for specific people of KUMC: for wisdom and love, and strength for Pastor Jeff as he ministers to those of us involved in conflict, trouble, and difficulty. The Lead Team desires that KUMC continues to Invite, Grow, and Serve. Thank you for every supporting action of prayer, encouragement, finances, attendance, and friendship.

December 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	First Sunday of Advent Communion Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 4:56-9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary						
4		Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Entire Church					
5			Fellowship Team Meeting 5:30pm - 6:30pm @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC				
6				Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Pavilion Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ CLC Boy Scout Troop 439 Committee Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Room 202 Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary			
7					Retiree's Breakfast 9:00am - 10:30am @ Offsite		
8						Cub Scouts Parent's Night Out 6:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC	
9							Sisters In Faith Breakfast 8:30am - 9:30am @ Offsite
10	Newsletter Article Deadline Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 4:56-9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary						
11		Cub Scout Den Leaders Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC					
12			Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC				
13				Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm @ Welcome Center (Lobby) Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ CLC Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Pavilion Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary			
14					Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101		
15						KCDC Christmas Program 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC	
16							Men's Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am @ Offsite
17	Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 4:56-9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary						
18		Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6:15pm - 8:15pm @ CLC					
19			Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC				
20				Retiree's Luncheon 12:30pm - 1:30pm @ Offsite Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Pavilion Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ CLC Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary			
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24	Christmas Eve Communion Combined Christmas Eve Day Service 10:00am - 11:30am @ Sanctuary Combined Christmas Eve Service 8:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC	Christmas Day					
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26			Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC				
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29						Cub Scout Open Gym Night/Sleep Over 6:30pm - 11:45pm @ CLC	
30							Cub Scout Open Gym Night/Sleep Over 12:00am - 9:00am @ CLC
31	New Year's Eve Combined New Year's Eve Day Service 10:00am - 11:30am @ Sanctuary Fifth Sunday Potluck 11:30am - 2:30pm @ CLC						

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