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# KOCHENDERFER KORNER

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## 2023 FINANCE UPDATE

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Kochenderfer UMC has done many wonderful things in the 2022 year! We celebrated 150 years as a congregation, held Vacation Bible School and numerous children's events, hired a new Youth Director, and re-envisioned our ministry teams.

We gave scholarships to 6 summer campers, ran our Christian Day Care for 254 days of the year, shared our Sunday services by live stream, and kept our grass mowed and the bushes trimmed. We supported our Boy and Cub Scouts events for 52 weeks of the year, remodeled our old pavilion into a beautiful classroom, and tuned our pianos. We hosted funeral meals, collected donations, gave back to our community, and opened our

# FEATURED ARTICLE

doors to welcome the families of our Day Care children. We are glad to have passed the milestone in July to now less than a half million dollars left for our CLC mortgage. We rejoice that the Day Care has received several grants enabling us to stay open and keep our excellent staff.

While we are delighted to celebrate these activities, we are also concerned that the finance accounts have been dropping to lower levels than we have ever seen. Our budget for 2023 is as trimmed down as we can make it. Here a few numbers:

- \$122.91 - The average donation given to KUMC
- \$4,214 - Average weekly offering in Oct & Nov 2022
- \$31,585 - Average monthly cost of building and operations
- 254 - Number of days the Day Care is open each year
- 78 - Average attendance on Sunday mornings
- 13.25 - Average number of hours per weekday the building is in use
- \$25,190 - Expected utility bills for 2023 (water, heat, electric, trash)

We want to prayerfully consider

how we at Kochenderfer can continue to serve, celebrate, host, support, and keep being a solid ministry for the next 10 years. We may have to find new ways of doing things or find entirely new things to do. Some events may change or cease; some new technology may help us connect with our community; some new people may bring new ideas.

Here are a few ideas we have for the future:

- Renovate the parsonage space for use as meeting area, offices, and prayer group gatherings.
- Replace the carpet in the CLC, and write new prayers in our foundations.
- Update the sanctuary's pew pads, aisle carpet, and chancel platform.
- Host weekly summer events for safe, positive, healthy family outdoor time

What would you add to this list? What spaces can we use in new ways? What items can we repurpose? As we begin 2023, we want to be in regular, careful, constant prayer. We invite you to pray together and alone, aloud and silently, with eyes closed and eyes open. Become more aware of God's heart and God's hands in our midst. Be blessed to use your gifts and talents for building positive and trusting relationships. May you experience God's Spirit in new circumstances.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH?

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Wishing a happy birthday to these brothers and sisters-in-Christ this month: Katoora Rohrer, Garry Jurina, Izzy T, Jaiden T, Deacon S, Barbara Wolfe, Charles McIntyre, Bonnie Carpenter, Eli W, Eileen Sattesahn, Grayson G, Teresa Cramer, Mary Hamilton, Misty Daubert, Hannah S & Eva Nelson! Happy anniversary to: Ray & Jeanette Wise and John & Pat Roberts!

## NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

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As a reminder, the church will be having a combined church service on Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 AM. There will be no Sunday Schools. Come join us in the Sanctuary, start off the new year right with God!

## NEW CHURCH CLOTHING BANK

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Kochenderfer Church will be starting a Winter Clothing Bank to meet the needs of those in the community. Items will be given away during community outreach events in Lebanon City. We will be collecting new and gently used winter hats, gloves, scarves, winter coats, warm shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, elastic pants, socks, and blankets, all year-round. Items can be placed in the wagon in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, see Bonnie Mease or Amy Haines.



Collected items are used help those in need in our community, especially in the frigid winter.

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## BLANKET MAKING FOR VA MEDICAL

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The youth will be taking donated items to make blankets for those in the Lebanon VA Medical Center. This is an outreach opportunity to touch the lives of many veterans there. The youth will be doing this during their Sunday School on January 22 & 29, the congregation's welcome to join!

## PINEWOOD DERBY

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Come support the Boy Scouts as they'll be having their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 21 at 3:00 PM in the church's CLC.

## CHILI COOKOFF & MOVIE

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The Fellowship Team will be having a chili & soup cook-off-showdown! This will be after church at 12:00 PM on Sunday, January 22. The cookoff will be followed by the family-friendly movie: Sing 2. There will be a sign-up to enter the cook-off at the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center, join us for a fun afternoon! If you have any questions, contact Kelly Mease.



Chili - mild or spicy, makes a festive cuisine to add to the fun of the cookoff!

# GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

## LIVING INSIDE- OUT!

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Lead by Courtney & Jen, Living Inside-Out is for children ages 2 - grade 3. We sing praises to God as our opening, have a large group "hands-on" Bible lesson before breaking into age-appropriate groups for more activities. The time together includes a fun way to learn about God's love, care, and plan for each of us. This group meets during the 9:00 AM Contemporary Service.

## CLUB 456

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Kids grades 4 - 6 gather for fun activities, opportunities to help others, build friendships and learn more about how God involves Himself in their lives! The group meets during the 9:00 AM Contemporary Service and led by Glenn Miller and Faith Williams.

## REVOLVE

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Revolve is our church's youth ministry for grades 7 - 12. Lead by our Director of Youth Ministries, this group engages in Sunday School and fun-filled events to keep them intrigued and learn more of Christ! Sunday School meets in their own Youth Lounge, Room 201 during the Traditional Service at 10:30 AM.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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We offer discipleship to further enforce teachings on a Sunday to help you grow in God.

**Worship Breakdown** is a class that meets on Sunday mornings in the CLC at 10:30 AM and is led by Andy Mease & Bonnie Mease. We breakdown the music that was sung as well as the message and scripture that was delivered. **God's Morning Uplift**, led by Alice Miller, teach on how we can get to know our Lord better, have prayer, engaging discussion and dive into the Word, during the 10:30 AM Traditional Service.

# FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

## HOUSE OF PRAYER

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The House of Prayer is a time for believers to come together for a time of aligning our hearts with God prayerfully, as well as remember Christ with communion. If you're looking for spiritual refreshment and rejuvenation in the spirit, this is for you - all are welcome! The House of Prayer is every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

## BIBLE STUDIES

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Join Pastor Jeff as he leads Bible Study, every Tuesday at 10:30 AM. If you have questions, you can contact Pastor Jeff at [pastorjeff@kochenderfer.org](mailto:pastorjeff@kochenderfer.org). Adults, you can also join the **Adult Bible Study** that happens Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Those with questions for this group can contact Bonnie Mease.

## BREAKFAST & LUNCH OPPORTUNITIES

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Once a month, the **Retiree's Breakfast, Retiree's Luncheon, Men's Breakfast** and the **Sisters In Faith Breakfast** for women, meet. **Retiree's Breakfast** meet at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown at 9:00 AM on the first Thursday of the month - January 5. The **Men's Breakfast** meets at Heisey's Diner at 7:30 AM on the third Saturday of the month - January 21. The **Sisters In Faith Breakfast** meets also at Heisey's Diner on the second Saturday of the month - January 14 at 9:30 AM. The **Retiree's Luncheon** meets at 12:30 PM at a different location each month. Contact Judy K for more.

## PRAYER SHAWL

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On the first and third Friday of the month, the Prayer Shawl meets to make knitted items and bless them for those that need comfort. The group meets at 9:30 AM at the church in the Christian Life Center.

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 New Year's Day Combined Service 10:00am - 11:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>2 Office Closed Cub Scout Den Leader's Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Fellowship Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Sanctuary Overflow Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>3 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>4 Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ CLC Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Pavilion Boy Scout Troop 439 Committee Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Room 202 Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>5 Retiree's Breakfast 9:00am - 10:30am @ Offsite Adult Bible Study 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>6 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p>	<p>7 Scouting Event - Pinewood Derby Car Clinic 9:00am - 1:00pm @ Pavilion</p>
<p>8 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</p>	<p>9 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>10 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>11 Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Cub Scout Den Leader's Meeting 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Room 202 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</p>	<p>12 Adult Bible Study 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Sisters In Faith Breakfast 8:30am - 9:30am @ Offsite</p>
<p>15 Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 4:56 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Day Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>17 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>18 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 @ CLC Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Pavilion Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>19 Adult Bible Study 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>20 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Scouting Event - Pinewood Derby Set-Up 6:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>21 Men's Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am @ Offsite Scouting Event - Pinewood Derby 3:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC</p>
<p>22 Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 4:56 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Blanket Making 10:30am - 11:30am @ Room 201 (Youth Room) Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary Chill Cookoff &amp; Movie 12:00pm - 4:00pm @ CLC Chill Cookoff &amp; Movie 12:00pm - 4:00pm @ Kitchen</p>	<p>23 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>24 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>25 Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 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</p>	<p>26 Adult Bible Study 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Communion Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 4:56 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Blanket Making 10:30am - 11:30am @ Room 201 (Youth Room) Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>30 Pack Meeting 6:15pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>31 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>				

# Have A Happy New Year

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