

KOCHENDERFER KORNER

In This Issue

RENEWED STRENGTH

KUMC WINTER
CLOSET

OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD



RENEWED STRENGTH

PASTOR JEFF

*"You are to walk in every **pathway** that the Lord your God commanded you, so that life may go well for you."* (Deuteronomy 5:33, ISV)

With this month's newsletter, I want to share with you about a project that Kochenderfer Church's leadership have been taking. In 2022, the United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania began a program called "Pathways." Our leadership determined to begin this work of receiving spiritual and strategical guidance from a facilitator assigned to us. Over the course of the last year, we have been assessing and learning about what it means to be a fruitful congregation.

Our specific focus was initially in the area of making new disciples as one of the core principles of our Mission Statement is: "Invite to an intimate, committed relationship with God."

However, after a year working on this pathway, we discerned that it is important for us to make our focus on sustainability. This pathway's focus is on the ability to have the finances for a sustainable long-term future for our congregation's ministry and mission.

This pathway is necessary because we are still paying down the mortgage that was taken 20 years ago to build the CLC extension of the

church. The monthly cost of this mortgage has gone up, as have the monthly cost of just about every other operating expense. In October 2003, the ground breaking for the extension began and the completion of that work was in May 2004. The Lead Team and I believe that the past 20 years of ministry that has happened in the CLC is worthy of celebrating. And thus, we are going to celebrate over the next 7 months. And we are going to look forward to what God can do in the future. We don't yet know where this is taking us. But I have faith that wherever God is taking us is going to be exciting and a renewal of the strength this congregation has!

In Christ, who renews our strength,
Pastor Jeff



KUMC WINTER CLOSET

Fall crisp air has arrived and before you know it winter will be upon us. We have been busy collecting winter items all year in preparation for our winter closet giveaway on Saturday, November 11. We have many items collected to giveaway to those in need ranging from hats and gloves, blankets, winter clothing, coats, socks, boots, sleeping bags and more. We need your help to make this mission a success.

The giveaway will be held at Lebanon Valley Church of Christ, 25 North Fourth Street in Lebanon. We chose this location as it is more accessible to those in the city who walk. Volunteers are needed to transport and set up items on Friday, November 10 starting at 5:30 p.m. as well as to setup, distribute and tear down on Saturday. There will be a sign-up sheet on the ministry table to help on one or both dates.

We will collect any last-minute winter clothing, coats, and blankets until October 15th. Any left-over items will be donated to Lebanon County Christian Ministries and local schools to be given to those in need. This will be our last collection for the foreseeable future, so please consider donating unwanted winter items to this mission and in the future to Lebanon Christian Ministries. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items to this warm and worthwhile cause. For more information contact Bonnie Mease.



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Everyone is welcomed to attend our church conference from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 24 which will be held in the Sanctuary.

While everyone is encouraged to attend, only professing members will have a voice and a vote.

Business will include: approving the nominees for Lead Team and other church officers, approving candidates for ministry, as well as set pastoral compensation (salary, housing and reimbursable expense amount) for 2024.

FALL FESTIVAL

Our church will be hosting a Fall Festival for the families, staff and leaders of our scouting and day care ministries from 3-8 PM on Saturday, Oct. 21. Activities will include a hayride, pumpkin decorating, hot beverages, a meal and more! We need your help as the body of Christ and the body of KUMC. Please prayerfully consider helping with the event and reaching out to the ministries that regularly use our building. See Andy Mease for more information or sign-up at the ministry table in the lobby on a Sunday morning!

TROOP 439 CHICKEN BBQ

Troop 439 will be selling tickets for Kauffman's Chicken BBQ at the triangle at Home Depot from 10 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, October 14. Cost of the tickets is \$11.00 which includes a half chicken, baked potato, roll, applesauce and bottled water. Please see Karen Miller or any Scout for tickets!

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK

Our next fifth Sunday potluck will be on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11:30 AM following combined worship in the sanctuary. Please bring a covered dish to share. We will also have a dessert-off. If you would like to participate please bring a dessert - in addition to your covered dish for the potluck - that people can sample and vote on for their favorite. A time of fellowship will follow.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEEDS

With our Operation Christmas Child packing party set for Sunday, Nov. 5; our OCC team is hard at work collecting items. Here is their list of October's needs for the November packing party:

The collection theme is: Toys (such as):

- Cars
- Balls (Not super balls)
- Dolls
- Stuffed Animals
- Small puzzles
- Slinky
- Yo-Yo
- Small plastic figures (dinosaurs, animals)
- Small Frisbee
- Small board games
- Card games

Please place all donations in the welcome center labeled Operation Christmas Child. See Jen Mease or Courtney Brakey with any questions. Please note that all of these items will need to fit in the shoeboxes.



SUNDAY, NOV. 5 - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

SATURDAY, NOV. 11 - WINTER WEAR GIVEAWAY

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 - THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AT KUMC

SATURDAY, DEC. 2 - TROOP 439 HOLIDAY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 - RUN TO THE MANGER: STORY AT THE STABLES

FRIDAY, DEC. 15 - KCDC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE AT KUMC

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wishing a happy birthday to these brothers & sisters in Christ during the month of September: Gabrielle Eby (10/3), Roxy Griffen (10/4), Darian Kreiser (10/6), Emily Glant (10/8), Cheryl Smith (10/10), Rita Eisenhour (10/13), Joe Krall (10/14), Carol Ruud (10/15), Laurabeth Kapp (10/20), Alexander Shepp (10/20), Gary Miller (10/21), Jennifer Calixte (10/22), and Madison Hoerner (10/22).

Happy Anniversary to Josh & Emily Glant (10/1).

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Special Sunday - World Communion Sunday Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>2 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Entire Church</p>	<p>3 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Fellowship Team Meeting 5:30pm - 6:30pm @ CLC 101 Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Board of Review 5:30pm - 8:30pm @ Pavilion 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 @ 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</p>	<p>5 Retiree's Breakfast 9:00am - 10:30am @ Offsite</p>		<p>7 Sisters In Faith Breakfast 8:30am - 9:30am @ Offsite Troop 439 Kaufman's Chicken BBQ 10:00am - 1:00pm @ Offsite</p>
<p>8 Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>9 <i>Colours Day</i> Cub Scout Den Leaders Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Entire Church</p>	<p>10 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>11 Learning To Pray Class 10:00am - 11:00am @ CLC 101 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 @ Pavilion Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ CLC Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary Learning To Pray Class 8:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>12 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Learning To Pray Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>13 Daycare 2-Year-Old Class Fall Celebration 1:00pm - 4:30pm @ Welcome Center (Lobby)</p>	<p>14 Men's Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00pm @ Offsite Fall Activities for Church, Daycare and Scout Families 3:00pm - 8:00pm @ Entire Church</p>
<p>15 Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>16 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Entire Church</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 @ Pavilion Boy Scout Troop 439 Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ CLC Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>19 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p>	<p>20 Daycare 2-Year-Old Class Fall Celebration 1:00pm - 4:30pm @ Welcome Center (Lobby)</p>	<p>21 Men's Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00pm @ Offsite Fall Activities for Church, Daycare and Scout Families 3:00pm - 8:00pm @ Entire Church</p>
<p>22 Newspaper Article Deadline Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>23 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Entire Church</p>	<p>24 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Church Conference 6:00pm - 9:00pm @ Sanctuary Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>25 Learning To Pray Class 10:00am - 11:00am @ CLC 101 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 Learning To Pray Class 8:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>26 Small Group Bible Study 11:00am - 12:30pm @ CLC 101 Learning To Pray Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>27 4th Saturday Worship 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Sanctuary Cub Scout Movie Night 7:00pm - 9:30pm @ CLC Main Parking Lot Cub Scout Movie Night (Intramural Weather) 7:00pm - 9:30pm @ CLC</p>	<p>28 4th Saturday Worship 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Sanctuary Cub Scout Movie Night 7:00pm - 9:30pm @ CLC Main Parking Lot Cub Scout Movie Night (Intramural Weather) 7:00pm - 9:30pm @ CLC</p>
<p>29 Combined Worship Service 10:00am - 11:30am @ Sanctuary Fifth Sunday Poduck 11:30am - 2:30pm @ CLC</p>	<p>30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting/Trunk-or-Treat 6:15pm - 9:00pm @ CLC Main Parking Lot Cub Scout Pack Meeting/Trunk-or-Treat 6:15pm - 9:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>31 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>				

KOCHENDERFER CHURCH



1105 Kochenderfer Road
Lebanon, PA 17046
Address Service Requested