

KOCHENDERFER KORNER

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The word “holiday” derives from two words: “holy” and “day.” Thus, in its original meaning “holiday” was meant to mean days that are set aside as holy. However, we also have secular holidays. September has two of them: Labor Day (the first Monday in September) and Patriots Day (September 11). But they (whoever “they” are) have created other holidays to commemorate and celebrate other things, or just for fun. The website nationaltoday.com lists many, many days such as this. For example, September 1 is Ginger Cat Appreciation Day and National Tofu Day, to name a few. September 3 is National Pet Rock Day. September 6 is National Coffee Ice Cream Day.

There are many others, and every day has multiple things that someone is celebrating.

Perhaps one of the more well-known days in September is Grandparent's Day on the second Sunday of the month.

The history of this day dates to 1969 when a 9-year-old boy named Russell Capper suggested, in writing, to President Nixon that a day should be set aside to honor grandparents. In the early 70s, Marian McQuade, a member of the West Virginia Commission on Aging and Nursing Home Licensing Board took up the cause resulting in West Virginia Governor Arch Moore declaring the first Grandparents Day in 1973. Within a few years, Marian

McQuade, had urged 43 states to do the same. And in 1977, Senator Jennings Randolph brought it before the Senate, leading to adoption by them, then the Congress, and finally President Jimmy Carter declaring a national Grandparents Day in 1978.

Perhaps one of the most important things that comes from days like Grandparents Day or other days that celebrate people are the relationships. During the month of September, the Scriptures we will read on Sundays and the sermons that are preached from them will deal with relationships. On September 3, we will wrap up the series on Sabbath while thinking about how practicing Sabbath can help us to see that all people are equal in God's eyes.

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BACKYARD WORSHIP

ADRIAN HAINES

So, if you've not been part of our backyard worship series that occurs on the 4th Saturday throughout the summer, you've missed out on some wonderful evenings that we have been able to be outside in God's creation and worship him through music and word. We have been using the book by Dr. A.W. Tozer to guide our worship times during this series. The book is called *Whatever Happened to Worship: A Call to True Worship*.

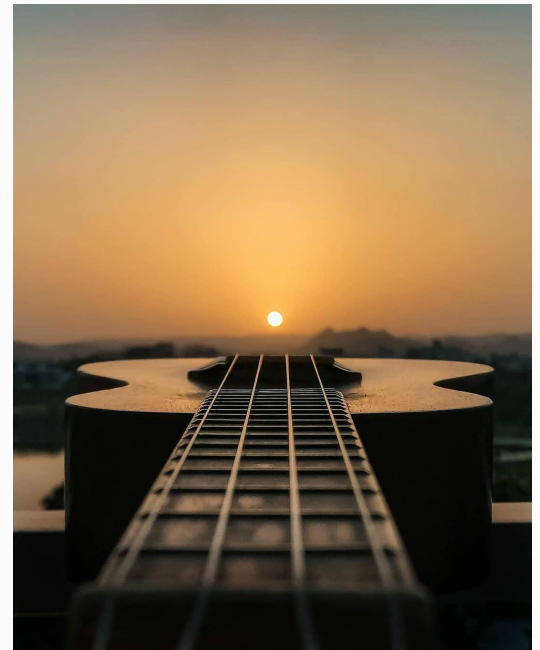
During our June worship we went over the dangers that we can face as Christians. We can sometimes have the "we made it attitude" and pat ourselves on the back. But, we know from scripture that isn't all there is.

Worship requires a "Be Prepared" attitude. Our identity is also given to us by God. It is not some ID card we can pull out and use to prove we are His rather, it is a way of life, a connection between the Spirit and us that frames how we worship and how we live. Without that connection we never can truly worship.

July was about New Birth. We must remember that we don't just go to church to worship. To worship God is to know Him and recognize just how much respect and awe he deserves. We must understand more about Him, His love, mercy, grace, what pleases Him, and what brings disappointment. Our worship reflects who we believe God is. Do we have an honest fear of God, the one who holds power over all, death, life, heaven, hell, even eternity? Will we allow it to change us, to shape us into a new creation that is personally and hopelessly with God our Father?

August we talked about why we bother coming to worship along with what sacrifices are required and how we can apply those to worship today.

Although we won't be outside, we are planning to continue these fourth Saturday worship night's through the fall. We hope to see you with us on Saturday, Sept. 23.



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On September 10, we will think about the relationships that couples have as we read Genesis 2:4-25 and the account of God's creation of men and women. On September 17, we will read about the birth of Isaac as found in Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7 as we think about relationships between parents and children. Then on September 24, we'll turn to Genesis 32:9-30 to look at the relationships between both the individual and God as well as the relationship between siblings.

I hope that you will join us to learn more about relationships and what God has to say about it.

In Christ, who renews our strength,
Pastor Jeff

LEAD TEAM UPDATES

Our recent meetings have focused on our upcoming celebration of 20 years for the CLC. Several events, fundraisers, and celebration activities are being discussed, researched, and planned. We look forward to celebrating what has happened in our CLC addition the last 20 years, and joyfully praying for much more in the next 20.

It is the time of year to make plans for next year, and so names are being suggested to Pastor Jeff to fill positions in our church leadership teams. This important step must happen before our charge conference in the fall.

The KUMC staff handbook has received a fresh update, with careful editing and scrutiny by Angela Arnold and Sara Bordner. This is an important document for support and protection for our daycare and church staff, and we are pleased to be able to approve our policies, expectations, schedules, and benefits to our ministry employees.

We continue to look carefully at finances, and explore ideas for more carefully stewarding our resources, more joyfully giving to our community, and more cautiously spending on items and cutting unnecessary subscriptions.

The Lead Team desires that KUMC will together fulfill our mission to Invite, Grow, and Serve. Thank you for your support of prayer, encouragement, finances, attendance, and friendship.

FALL KICKOFF

Join us for our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, Sept. 10. Combined worship will begin at 10 a.m. by the firepit and will include promotion Sunday for our children and youth that will be moving into new Sunday School classes. We will also do our blessing of the backpacks during the service as well.

Following worship at approximately 11:30 a.m. join us for our potluck luncheon. Bring one dish (hot or cold) to share.

After the meal we will have a few activities: Bingo, board games and coloring.

As a reminder: You will be responsible to clean up what you bring. Members of the fellowship team will be around to help assist you in setting up your covered dish or cleaning it up.



LESSONS FROM MISSIONS

In late July several members of our congregation traveled to Dawson Springs, Kentucky for a mission trip. Many lessons were learned along the way. Here are the 10 lessons that were learned as shared by Alice Miller during the August 13 worship service.

- Lesson 1:** Prayer is required
- Lesson 2:** When God calls you to do something - DO IT!
- Lesson 3:** There are no small acts of service
- Lesson 4:** Do all things like you are doing it unto the Lord
- Lesson 5:** Everyone has a story
- Lesson 6:** You have to have a good foundation
- Lesson 7:** It's not about you
- Lesson 8:** Give whatever you have to God
- Lesson 9:** Doing good is contagious
- Lesson 10:** Be Prepared

Thank you to Roland and Alice Miller as well as Garry Jurina and a member of our Revolve Youth Group Marissa Jurina for doing the Lord's work.

Scan the QR code below to watch Alice's message.



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 for September's collection:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothbrush covers
- Ivory soap
- Wash cloths
- Band-aids
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Tissues
- Stick deodorant

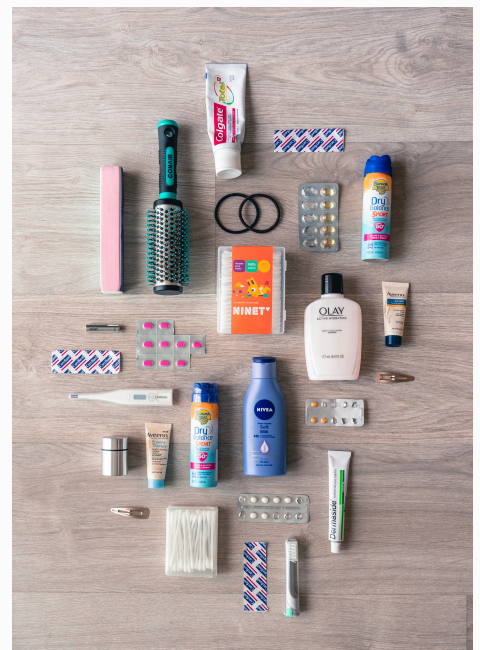
Please place all donations in the welcome center labeled Operation Christmas Child. See Jen Mease or Courtney Brakey with any questions.

SARCC DRIVE

Making A Difference of Lebanon PA will be hosting their 7th Annual Collection Drive from September 1 - 24. Items that can be donated during that time are:

- Socks
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Soap
- Combs & Brushes

Kochenderfer Church will be one of the drop-off points for the donation drive. Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, where drop-offs can be made in the Welcome Center.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Barbara Burgner (9/12), Bernie Mease (9/19), Pastor Rod Shearer (9/21), Sarah Smith (9/26), Angela Arnold (9/27), Scott Miller (9/27), and John Watson (9/28).

Happy Anniversary to Jen and Ron Neuman (9/4), Teddy & Bonnie Carpenter (9/14), Larry & Sandy Linebaugh (9/19) and Ron & Mary Mielnicki (9/24).

MEMBERSHIP CARE TEAM

Our Membership Care Team will be holding a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 5-6:30 p.m. in room 101.

If you're interested in becoming part of this group or want more information; please see Bonnie Mease or Sandy Linebaugh!

CUB PACK 439 FLAG RETIREMENT

Cub Pack 439 will be holding their annual Flag Retirement ceremony on Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:15 in the CLC parking lot. For more information please see Scott Miller!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Oct. 14 - Scout Chicken BBQ

Sunday, Oct. 29 - Combined service & 5th Sunday potluck

Sunday, Nov. 5 - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Saturday, Nov. 11 - Winter Wear Giveaway

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC</p> <p>Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>4 <i>Labor Day</i> Fellowship Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Sanctuary Overflow</p>	<p>5 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p> <p>Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>6 Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 439 Committee Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Room 202</p> <p>Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>7 Retiree's Breakfast 9:00am - 10:30am @ Offsite</p> <p>Membership Care Team 5:00pm - 6:30pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Sisters In Faith Breakfast 8:30am - 9:30am @ Offsite</p>
<p>10 Newsletter Article Deadline</p> <p>Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC</p> <p>Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p> <p>Fall Kickoff 11:30am - 2:30pm @ CLC 101</p> <p>Fall Kickoff 11:30am - 2:30pm @ CLC</p> <p>Fall Kickoff 11:30am - 2:30pm @ Kitchen</p> <p>Fall Kickoff 11:30am - 2:30pm @ Welcome Center (Lobby)</p>	<p>11 KCDC Grandparent Day Brunch 10:00am - 11:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>12 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p> <p>Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>13 Learning To Pray Class 10:00am - 11:00am @ CLC 101</p> <p>Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101</p> <p>Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary</p> <p>Learning To Pray Class 8:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p> <p>Learning To Pray Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Men's Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am @ Offsite</p>
<p>17 Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC</p> <p>Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p> <p>Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>20 Retiree's Luncheon 12:30pm - 1:30pm @ Offsite</p> <p>Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101</p> <p>Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>21 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Contemporary Worship - Children's Sunday School, Club 456 9:00am - 10:30am @ CLC</p> <p>Traditional Worship - Adult Sunday School - Revolve 10:30am @ Sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am - 11:30am @ CLC 101</p> <p>Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC</p>	<p>27 Learning To Pray Class 10:00am - 11:00am @ CLC 101</p> <p>Lead Team Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ CLC 101</p> <p>Prayer Meeting (Communion) 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ Sanctuary</p> <p>Learning To Pray Class 8:00pm - 9:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>28 Small Group Bible Study 11:00am - 12:30pm @ CLC 101</p> <p>Learning To Pray Class 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ CLC 101</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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