

MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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124th Edition



KUMC Easter sign and Dogwood blossoms in Staunton by Rev Jim Harris

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But Judas ate too...when we learn to set at the table with Judas, we will then understand the meaning of Christ.

OUR PASTOR CHATS

We are in the Christian season of Easter which is 50 days long. One day is not long enough to celebrate and remember Christ is risen and lives today. One day was also not enough to send the disciples forth with the good news into all of the world. During this time we remember Jesus appeared to the disciples over a period of 40 days, ascended, and sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Those 50 days were filled with time with Jesus, going from doubt to faith (think of Thomas), reconciliation (Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?"), dealing with fear (there were a lot of doors locked out of fear in those early days!), and waiting for the power Jesus would give in the Holy Spirit.

God knows that people take a long investment of time to build up in the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ. One day or a few is plenty long for many tasks, even Christian ministry: making food and taking it to someone in need, recovering from surgery, or mourning; preparing a Bible lesson or sermon; organizing a mission or fellowship event. The 50 days of Easter were a longer period of immersion into the presence and stories of the risen Christ and waiting to be filled with the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit for Christian living and ministry.

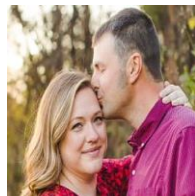
Easter being 50 days instead of just one can be a sign that Jesus makes the time to build up disciples. These 50 days can also remind us to open our lives to the risen Christ to build us up in Christian living and service. They can also challenge us to work alongside the risen Christ in making generous amounts of time for allowing the kingdom of God to penetrate the hearts, thinking, and commitments of disciples and those first learning about Jesus. Christ is risen! Christ is raising up Easter people to share the good news of life in Jesus. Raise us up in grace, risen Christ.

Pastor Joel

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We have received word from Rev Don Hawks who maintains the KUMC website that it has been hacked and will be unavailable for some time. It sounds like it will take some work to unravel the damage done. Let us give thanks for Don's website gifts and pray grace for him and he takes up the challenge of working through the hacked website. The best way to view the livestream of the in-person 11:00 a.m. worship is to go to: <https://www.facebook.com/keezletownumc/live> . After the service is completed it will be uploaded to YouTube and could be watched anytime there or on Facebook.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy 12th



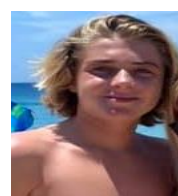
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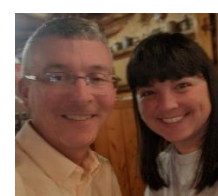
Karen & Sharon



HB Cory



Hunter 14th



Happy 27th

NEW BABY ARRIVES: The KUMC family is proud to announce the arrival of Henry Martin on April 17th at 4:32 p.m. weighing 6 lb 15 oz and 20.5 inches long. He is the son of Margie (Martin) and Chris Martinez and grandson of Sharon and Allen Martin. According to Grandma, he is perfect. Congratulations and best wishes from your KUMC family.

***** MARCH EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

Kendra Dodrill headed to Virginia Beach on March 20th for a week, with her advisor, to film the FCCLA State Conference. This has definitely been a crazy year to be an officer, but many friendships have been made through the computer! Thank goodness for technology!!!

WE RETURN AND A BABY'S VOICE IS HEARD. A heart with the words of Psalm 51:10 shown on the video screen, and "Standing on the Promises", played on the organ by Carol Sacra, was heard as church family gathered once again in the Lord's house on Mar 21st. The church bell rang, and Carol played "Meditation of the Lord is My Shepherd", and Leah Siler brought in the Light of Christ. Pastor Joel gave a warm welcome to all that had returned and commented that Lynn was excited to be making a bulletin for worship after a year of none. All were asked to stand for the opening prayer, "A Collect for the 5th Sunday in Lent"; and then to join in saying the words to "And Are We Yet Alive" as Carol played the hymn on the organ. Neil Sacra came to read the Gospel Lesson from Mark 8:31-38, Jesus foretelling His death and resurrection. Pastor Joel came to the podium smiling (yes, you could tell) and reminded us all how beautiful the sounds of a baby in church is, and how it must please the Father to welcome Triton to his first time at KUMC worship. What a joy to share coming back. He then spoke on "Let Jesus Take the Cross", starting with the question, "How many crosses are there in the church, or in your home, or amongst your jewelry?" Seems to be a strange symbol for a religion. Jesus' cross was big and heavy, so heavy that Simon of Cyrene had to help carry it. Peter wanted Jesus to put the cross down and rebuked Him, trying to cut out the devil, but was rebuked instead. Peter later denied Jesus three times, but in the end, took up his cross and became a true disciple. Why use a cross as a symbol of faith? Jesus took on the share of sin for all of us on a cross. Wherever there is misery Jesus is there. Look around you for those who need Jesus, and take up the cross Jesus has for you. Prayers for the people, and the Lord's Prayer followed the message. Pastor Joel was elated to let folks know that one-half of the cost of the new camera system has been donated, and gave a big Thank You to Scott Sprague for his leadership and expertise. A Blessing called "A Prayer of Saint Patrick" was responsively read for the closing. It was: "Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left, Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise, Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us, Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear that hears us. Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ, May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us." Carol played "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" as Leah departed with the Light of Christ and the service ended. **NO MATTER WHAT SIZE YOUR CROSS, JESUS WILL HELP YOU CARRY IT.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS EACH WEEK DURING THE SERVICES AND ONLINE VIDEO INCLUDED: Apr 15th & 22nd "Summer Market Basket Weaving" in the social hall 6-9 p.m. for Relay for Life; Donations welcome for Video Camera Equipment; the Maunday Thursday Apr 1st, Good Friday Apr 2nd, and Easter Sunrise Apr 4th Services; UMCOR; Mission Central donations; Relay flower available; Read the Gospel of Mark during Lent; Massanutten Food Pantry collection; send your tithes/offerings; Newsletter & Pray Every Day resources; Backpacking and delivery drivers

needed; a list of those who donated, in honor and memory, the lilies and tulips in the sanctuary at Easter; and a Mission meeting on Apr 30th.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR: On March 26th, it was announced that our very own Kelli Quesenberry Sprague was named HLA Kindergarten Teacher of the Year. She was featured in an earlier article in the DNR in which she said: "I recently returned to the classroom after 16 years; teaching Kindergarten, 5 and 6 year olds, through the Rockingham Home Learning Academy and it has been such an amazing, stressful, heartwarming, and rewarding experience. My students log into with the same smile and excitement they had on have many families who take the time to regularly work with their child. It is my hope that these survive virtual Kindergarten, but that they thrive as a result of our time together." Congratulatlons, and well deserved, Kelli. Your Church family is so proud of you.



frustrating, overwhelming, their meetings, each day, their first day of school! I express appreciation for my students do not simply

HOSANNA! HOSANNA! WELCOME JESUS! Palm Sunday, March 28th—gather branches to wave if you are not in person worshipping was the first scene shown in the video; followed by Mark 11:9:

"Hosanna! 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Diana Davis played, as gathering music, "Rejoice the Lord Is King", "Crown Him with Many Crowns", and "All Hail the Power", and the bell rang. She then played "Because He Lives"

as the prelude, as Becca Sprague brought in the Light of Christ. BJ Smith assisted Pastor Joel today and gave the greeting, followed by an opening prayer that all in attendance read. The first hymn was "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus", read and hummed as the branches waved.

the Gospel lesson from Pastor Joel then spoke on Mary Nankivell reciting how Conrad welcomes arrive. Remember the



lost child; Conrad welcomed and shared with each of them in their need, as he could.

The disciples in the Scripture tried to keep the little children away from Jesus, who, in turn, goes to them and gathers them in His arms. Jesus goes to the least with the best God gives. "Those", "others", and "them" are words not to use—we are all people—the least of them—and God wants us to love as He does. Who are the little ones around us? We need to celebrate and welcome ALL to Jesus. "Hosanna,



Loud Hosanna", played by Diana, followed the message as the second hymn. BJ then gave a wonderful testimony about his childhood in Keezletown, goofing off in church, realizing in adulthood, after a traumatic event, that he needed Jesus, and now living a blessed life because he gave his life to doing what the Lord has asked of him. He then led Prayer time and the Lord's Prayer. Scott Sprague came to explain the video system and to say how thrilled he was that we are almost at the goal of paying for it before

Pentecost. All read the closing prayer; Becca carried out the Light of Christ; and Diana re-played “Because He Lives” as the postlude. **JESUS GOES TO THE LEAST WITH THE BEST GOD GIVES.**

A CORONA PANDEMIC FUNNY: Corona is driving us crazy...I went to the bathroom at the restaurant. I washed my hands, opened the door with my elbow, raised the toilet seat with my foot, switched on the water faucet with a tissue, then opened the bathroom door to leave with my elbow, and when I returned to my table I realized...I forgot to pull up my pants!

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Mud Dogs time



Two beauties



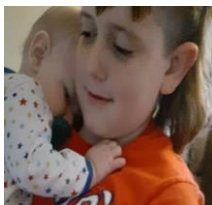
T-ball Connor



Brayden pitches



In San Juan PR



Awwwwwww



Welsh family hiking



Proud Sr parents



Pirate Carson

BIBLE STUDY

90 Day Bible Challenge: Pastor Joel has made up a 90 Day Bible Challenge where you could read through the entire Bible in 90 days. If you are desiring to spend significant time daily in the Bible this might be a good reading plan for you.

Bible Reading: Bishop Sharma Lewis is challenging us with thematic Bible reading plans from intentionalbygrace.com which has different topical readings in 21 day intervals. To learn more and read the Bible this year thematically, visit www.vaumc.org/2020BibleChallenge

***** APRIL EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

DILLARD CELEBRITIES IN THE DNR: On April 1st, an article in the DNR entitled “A Year of Virtual Learning Brings Out Resilience” by Megan Williams, featured our very own Dillard family, with a picture of Leigha sitting at the dining room table on her computer and Jenny giving an interview. Paraphrasing Jenny’s words, Scott continued to work as usual when the pandemic hit, but her work stopped at the preschool. This gave her the blessing of being at home with Leigha and Haiden, taking on the challenge of academics, in which they both did well, but struggling with the social aspect, especially for Leigha, a Senior, missing her peers, but growing more independent. It was a no-win situation, but school divisions, whether virtual or in-person, kept the learning moving forward. We weren’t nearly as affected as many, according to Jenny. Great job, Jenny and Leigha!

"Think what a better world it would be if we all—the whole world—had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon, and then lay down with our blankies for a nap." Robert Fulghum

MAUNDAY THURSDAY: It was a cold evening, April 1st. The wind was blowing, and the



snow flurried over us as we sat in the church garden, as if to remind us of the doom that Jesus was to tell us that night as we dined with Him and He washed our feet. It made one think of Peter warming himself by the fire at the home of Caiaphas the night before Jesus died, or wonder more about Jesus exposed to the cold. Tanya read



from John 13 and Mark 14, the stories of the Passover meal, the washing of the disciples' feet, the revealing of the traitor, communion, and Jesus praying in the garden to do God's will. We ate the wafer and drank the juice in remembrance, and we prayed. We sang praises to Him with "Jesu, Jesu" and remembered the total Easter story as we sang "Go to Dark Gethsemane". We departed, remembering, and blessed.

GOOD FRIDAY: This evening, April 2nd, as we sat in front of the cross with its black shroud, our thoughts were led to the last seven sayings of Jesus: "(1) Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. (2) Today you will be with me in paradise. (3) Woman, behold, thy son! Behold, thy mother! (4) My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (5) I thirst. (6) It is finished. (7) Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." After scriptures passages from Luke, John, and Psalms were read, we also sang "O Love What Hast Thou Done?", "Remember Me", and "Were You There?" to help us remember the suffering, the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. We need to believe, and be thankful, that Jesus knows us in our suffering, and that He loved each of us so much that His words were "not my will, but thine be done".



EASTER SUNRISE: April 4th, Easter morning was another cold day, but the sun broke



thru over the mountain and the warmth of Jesus filled our hearts as we stood in the Keezletown Cemetery and welcomed the resurrection of our Lord, with prayers and singing. Pastor Joel spoke on "Seeking Jesus, Found by Jesus" from John 20:1-18, the story of

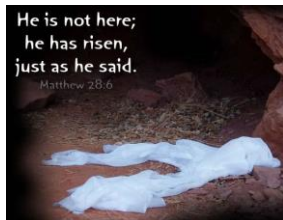


Mary and the disciples finding the empty tomb, talking with the angels, and spreading the word that Jesus arose from the dead and lives. We sang "Low in the Grace He Lay" and "He Rose" to celebrate His resurrection. He Lives and I am Forgiven—Hallelujah!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! Beautiful Easter music was being played by Carol Sacra and MaKenna Eppard as we entered the lily and tulip filled sanctuary on Easter morning, April 4th, and the bell rang. Our hearts soared as Carol played the ever-beautiful "Holy

City”, as many hummed and mouthed the words “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to our King”, as Ryan brought in the Light of Christ. What a grand way to start the service. Carol Dillard, adorned in her Easter hat, assisted Pastor Joel and gave the greeting, as well as a brief testimony about remembering Easter’s past, in her own childhood, and the childhood of her boys. She reminded us of God’s promise in John 3:16, that He will love us no matter how unlovable we can be, and that by believing we will have eternal life with Him. A responsive Call to Worship preceded hearing and reading the hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”. Mary Nankivell recited, via video, three of her Easter stories:

“Troublemaker”, “Three Rusty Nails”, and “Sandals”. The Gospel lesson was read by Haiden from Mark 16:1-14, 19-20, the women go to the tomb, speak with the angels, and



Jesus appears. Pastor Joel then spoke on “Let Jesus Live” by beginning with the crucifixion and the resurrection are not the end of the good news of Jesus Christ—we have a living Savior. Let Jesus live in you, in your faith, and in your relationships. The Gospel of Mark was added to, after the women left the tomb afraid to speak, but the addition shows us that Jesus’ good news

never ends. The faithful women followers were there for Jesus, even to the end. Now we let Jesus live by the love and dignity of Jesus in our relationships because of what He has done for everyone. Jesus heals, speaks, forgives, takes our burdens, lifts us up, and welcomes all to God. Will we let Jesus live? Carol then lead all in an Affirmation of Faith from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:14-20. Pastor Joel gave an Invitation to Communion and led the Confession and Pardon, followed by the Offertory Prayer. The great Thanksgiving was read, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. All were asked to take the Bread and Cup with them and either share outside or at home. He then gave the blessing and all departed as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ and Carol played “Because He Lives” as the postlude. **WILL YOU LET JESUS LIVE?**

EASTER PICTURES:



The Dillards



Alissa, Michelle, Kendra



Triton's 1st



Wally and Michele



Kathy, Will, and Kate



Brayden cooking



Michael & Faith



In Easter's past

EASTER THOUGHTS:

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."- Kate McGahan

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."- Martin Luther King Jr.

"If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave but it won't stay there."- Clarence W. Hall

"Easter is very important to me. It's a second chance."- Reba McEntire

"All I really need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!"- Charles M. Schulz, *Peanuts*

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Apr 5th It's Official! Leigha Bridgewater College to continue Leigha, we wish you the very your future. Much love from



Dillard announced today that she has chosen her education. She's going to be an Eagle. best and know you will do great things in your Church family.

THANK YOU: Karen Mooney and Sharon Martin would like to tell you how much your well wishes, cards, calls, e-mails, facebook greetings, and the balloons and posters in Sharon's driveway, meant to them as they celebrated their 70th birthday on April 7th. They are both so appreciative for the love of their families, friends, and church family, and both feel truly blessed to be so loved.

LADIES MEET: The UMW met in the social hall on Apr 8th at 7:00 p.m. with nine ladies present. Ann called the meeting to order and all recited the UMW Purpose. Chris presented the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program, "She Leads Empowering Women to Make a Difference", that showed that women are also to receive God's kingdom inheritance, making it clear that women and men are equal. Mission of the month was the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Cheryl distributed new UMW directories, asked for volunteers for programs for 2021, and had the flower calendar for those who wanted to sign up for a specific date. Sherry advised that we will serve the Mt Crawford Ruritans on May 5th. A donation sheet was passed. Ginny reported on delivering the Christmas bags with Ann and read a number of Thank You cards from those receiving them. The successful soup sale on Feb 27th took in \$1200.00, with a portion going to the Relay for Life Team. Sherry advised that we need to concentrate on hygiene and school kits, and the new baby kits for Mission Central. A list of items for each was distributed. Cards were signed for Susie McGlaughlin, Arthur Mitchell, and Mary Jane Propst. Chris read from the Prayer Calendar and closed the meeting with prayer.

If you see Scott Sprague, ask him if that persistent pigeon drove his bus?

LET GO OF THE ROOT! The worship service for the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 11th, began with gathering hymns of “Standing on the Promises”, “He Leadeth Me”, “This is



My Father’s World”, and “Jesus Loves Me” played by Diana. The bell rang, and Haiden brought in the Light of Christ, as Diana played “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” for the prelude. Pastor Joel gave the opening welcome with “Christ Is Risen!” and all replied, “Christ Is Risen Indeed!” followed by the opening prayer. A beautiful, heart touching rendition of “Hold On to Me” was sung by Kelli Sprague as Special Music as Becca Sprague did an

interpretive dance as she sang. Neil came to read the Gospel lesson from John 20:19-31, Jesus appearing to the disciples and again to Thomas. Our guest speaker, and Church family member, Ken Thomas then spoke on “No Doubt”, by beginning with a story about a little boy seeing a plaque of persons dying during their service. He asked the Pastor, “Which service, the 9 or 11?” Ken promised not to bore us to death. The Disciples were hiding and afraid. Jesus came to them and said “Peace be with you” and showed them His hands and sides, but Thomas was not with them, and when he was told, he did not believe, but doubted until he could see for himself. Later when they were again meeting, and Thomas was there, Jesus appeared again and showed Thomas His hands and side. Thomas said, “My Lord and my God”. Jesus asked him, “Do you believe because you see? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” He filled the disciples with the Holy Spirit and allowed them to forgive sins. A man walked along a path overlooking a cliff one dark evening. He fell off the path and grabbed a root sticking out as he fell. He pleaded with God to save him and God answered, “Let go of the root”. The man asked if he could speak to someone else. How much faith do we have—let go of the root. Ken said, “My name is Thomas, but I believe that Jesus came, was crucified, died, was buried, and rose again, for my sins and your sins. I cannot let go of the root, but I know who is waiting at the bottom when I fall.” We then hummed “Blessed Assurance”, followed by Ken leading the prayer time and the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor Joel led the offertory prayer, before we hummed “Victory in Jesus” as our closing hymn. Pastor Joel gave the blessing, Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, and Diana played “Jesus Loves Me” as the postlude. **LET GO OF THE ROOT!**

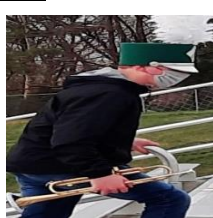
MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



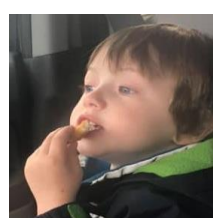
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Football Apr 1



Ryan band '21



Chicken Nuggets



Triton & Momma

WAYS TO GIVE AND HELP OTHERS

Church Giving: The best way to share your tithes and offerings with KUMC at this time is checks through the mail. Your giving is very appreciated! KUMC, 1456 Indian Trail Rd, Keezletown VA 22832

Salvation Army Meal: Ann and Wes Ford have still been coordinating and providing a monthly supper for the Salvation Army Shelter. If you would like to help with preparing a meal and dropping it off at the shelter please contact Ann and Wes.

US Disaster Response: Giving through the United Methodist Committee on Relief 100% of your donation goes to the designated cause and works for long term relief. For United States disaster relief designate your gift to "UMCOR US Disaster Response: Advance #901670." For international disasters please designate your gift to "UMCOR International Disaster Response: Advance #982450."

Mission Central Children's Clothing Closet is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m., and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with all volunteers wearing masks and appropriate social distancing. Contact Artie Frederick at 540-208-7669 to help.

Mission Central Medical Equipment for Caring Closet is open Mondays 9-11 AM and Thursdays 5-7 PM, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. If you would like to help, please call Delores Reid 540-383-6112.

Basic Video Camera System: KUMC has a goal to raise \$7,000 through donations for a basic video camera system and we hope to raise the full amount by Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. \$6,405 has been given so far. Praise Jesus! This system will allow us to extend worship services beyond the building for homebound, sick, or those unable to be in-person. It will also serve people who will visit KUMC online before attending in-person.

ITEMS BEING REQUESTED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED:

BACKPACK MINISTRY: Cub Run Elementary School has 72 students so far who could use our help with food on weekends and in this time direct delivery to their homes. We have 59 children who have been sponsored this year. Praise the Lord! There are more students in need and \$125 would sponsor a student for the 2020-2021 school year for weekend food. Checks can be made out to "KUMC Backpack Project" and sent to KUMC. We are doing direct delivery to homes. The regular time for packing backpacks is Thursdays at 12:30 PM. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Joel.

Delivery Drivers Needed: The KUMC Backpack Project will continue with direct delivery to homes through the end of this school year. Delivery drivers are needed for upcoming Fridays beginning April 23, 2021. If you would like to help please contact Pastor Joel.

Cans 4 Conference: in honor of the 2021 VA Annual Conference, you are invited to drop off at KUMC, 4 food items (or more!) to go toward the MPC Food Pantry by Sunday, June 13th.

Hygiene Closet at Spotswood High School: To aid local high school students in need you can donate any of the following items: shampoo / conditioner; soap; shaving cream; razors (men / women); toothpaste; deodorant (men / women); Band-aids; feminine hygiene products (pads / tampons); toilet paper; tissues; hand sanitizer; Lysol disinfectant spray; facemasks (10 disposable, 1-2 reusable). We will have a special dedication time on Sunday, August 1st.

Newborn Kits for Mission Central Clothing Closet: Please fill kits with all new items. Requested items: NB size disposable diapers; 2 receiving blankets; one large blanket; 2 cloth diapers; one baby wash/shampoo; one 0-3 month onesie; one 0-3 month sleeper; 6 feminine pads; one soft toy; one reusable bag. Additional items that could be included: 6 nursing pads; rash cream; stretch mark cream; changing pad; nasal aspirator; baby nail clippers; brush/comb.

We will have another Baby Shower for Jesus on Christmas Eve and bless all newborn kits collected on June 13th.

Mission Central Children's Clothes Closet: is in need **Right Now** for New footed infant sleepers sizes 0-3 months to complete the gift bags. Please help if you can.

FUNNY THOUGHTS:

If Smart Water doesn't make you smarter, that explains why the Thin Mints aren't working.
If I drop corn flakes and accidentally step on them; does that make me a cereal killer?
Writing sewing machines songs makes you a Singer songwriter, or sew it would seam.
If we learn from our mistakes, and I keep making them, will I be a genius one day?
Wouldn't it be wonderful if our bank accounts filled up as fast as our laundry baskets do?

*** APRIL EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE***

- 18 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "We in Christ" from 1 John 1:1-2:2
- 21 Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.
- 22 "Summer Market Basket Weaving" in social hall 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. for Relay for Life
- 24 KUMC serve Open Doors
- 25 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Children of God: from 1 John 3:1-7
- 28 Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.

REMEMBER WHEN



Jennifer/Chris



Dodrill/Bowman kids



Spragues



All dressed up



Concert goers



Bus trip to Sight and Sound



1st year T-ball



Brayden 2017



The Dodrills



G'ma & G'daughter



Sisters in heart

*** MAY EVENTS HAPPENING***

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Scott Dillard	May 16	Alexis Myers
May 6	Holly Mason	May 16	Lataya Wiginton
May 7	Gena Dove	May 23	Lori Zyllick
May 8	Sam Hedrick Jr	May 26	Walt Shafer
May 8	Joseph Johnson	May 26	Bruce Hoover
May 9	Lula Belle Dodrill	May 27	Tara Meadows
May 9	Allyse Dillard	May 27	Charlotte Bahle
May 14	Nancy Coffman	May 29	Connor Guilliams
May 14	Erica Heishman	May 30	Beth Cole
May 15	Barbara Knickey	May 31	Patrick Propst

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 4, 2002	David & Janet Clements	19 years
May 6, 1996	Mike & Erica Heishman	25 years
May 16, 1971	Mac & Nancy Coffman	50 years
May 18, 1956	Al & Jackie Liskey	65 years
May 18, 2013	Jonas & Emily Blake	8 years
May 18, 2013	Jamie & Jordan Shoemaker	8 years
May 18, 2019	Andrew & Whitney Krauss	2 years
May 20, 2017	Brian & Amanda Summers	4 years
May 26, 1962	Robert & Janice Smith	59 years
May 28, 1983	Walt & Jan Shafer	38 years

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OR MORE: CONGRATULATIONS to church family couples that have been married 40 or more years in May:



Mac & Nancy Coffman for 50 years on May 16th

Robert & Janice Smith for 59 years on May 26th

Al & Jackie Liskey for 65 years on May 18th

Best wishes from your KUMC family. May you have many more.

May Events Calendar

- 2 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m., w/Communion; Message: "Live In Love" from 1 John 4:7-21**
- 3 **UMW serve Keezletown Ruritans 7:00 p.m.**
- 5 **UMW serve Mt Crawford Ruritans 7:00 p.m.**
- 6 **Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.**
UMW meet 7:00 p.m.
- 7 **Backpack deliveries**
- 9 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Faith In Jesus" from 1 John 5:1-6**
- 12 **Church Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
- 13 **Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.**
- 14 **Backpack deliveries**
Newsletter items due
- 15 **Serve Salvation Army**
- 16 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Waiting on the Spirit" from Acts 1:1-11**
Summer camp registrations for Camp Overlook due
- 20 **Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.**
- 21 **Backpack deliveries**

- 23 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Spirit Powered Speaking" from Acts 2:1-21
27 Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.
28 Backpack deliveries
30 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Born Again" from John 3:1-17
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DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

Dwight L. Moody was an American evangelist and publisher who died in 1889. This is one of his devotionals. Titled: "Our Inheritance" John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Did you ever think that when Christ was dying on the cross, He made a will? Perhaps you have thought that no one ever remembered you in will. You have been remembered, if you are in the kingdom. Christ remembered you in His will. He willed His body to Joseph of Arimathea, He willed His mother to John, the son of Zebedee -- and what a legacy it was! Better than bonds and stocks -- and He willed his Spirit back to His Father. But to His disciples He said, "My peace, I leave that with you; that is my legacy, My joy, I give that to you." "My joy," think of it! "My peace give I unto you" -- not our peace, but His peace! Christ rose to execute His own will. If He had left us a lot of gold, thieves would have stolen it in the first century: we never would have got it; but He left His peace and His joy for every true believer. God, thank You for Your many blessings, including the inheritance of peace. Amen

THANK YOU

KUMC: Thank you for being a grandparent to Camp Overlook and for your generous donation in December 2020. It is partners like you that are preparing the way for blessing and faith experiences in ways we cannot imagine in the future. Thank you. Rev Tommy Crosby, Exec Dir

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

CONGRATULATIONS: **Leigha Dillard** and the Spotswood Competition Cheer team came in 1st place at the Harrisonburg and Turner Ashby district competitions. They came in 2nd place at the Spotswood competition and their cumulative scores made them the District Winners! They finished 3rd in Regionals on April 10th at Fluvanna, and Leigha made 1st Team All Region. So proud of this team and all they have accomplished in this challenging year! Go BLAZERS!



SUMMER CAMP AT OVERLOOK: will resume for children and youth in 2021. The impact a week of camp can have on somebody is like taking a whole year of Sunday school classes or worship services and putting them all together in a whole week of prayer, fun, scripture, recreation, worship, and interacting with people of faith. We have summer camp brochures, registration forms, and rate schedules. Please check them out and be in prayer for camp, share about camp with children you know, and consider helping sponsor children financially to attend camp this year. Jenny Dillard will be helping children register and seeing what financial assistance might be needed to help get children to camp. If a child wants to go, we want to help them get there. Please talk to Jenny Dillard about registering a child for camp by May 16th at (540) 421-5366.

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

Last night we talked, or rather I talked, and He listened. I just started telling Him all the things that were bothering me, big and little, the things I couldn't do anything about, and the things I needed to work on, all the things that were bothering me. Funny thing is, right after I finished listing everything off, I said Amen...and fell asleep. These days give us so much to worry over, and time seems to be flying by faster than ever, with never enough time to do all the things we want to. He's your Father, He listens to every word you say, just tell Him what's going on. It doesn't have to be fancy, just talk to Him like He was sitting right there with you. Tell Him everything. You have nothing to lose but the stress and worry. And you'll find that things work out a whole lot smoother. Who knows, you just might find the rest for your heart and soul that you need. God bless you. *Diana*

Editor's Note

The May deadline for submissions is May 14th. My home number is 269-8511 or e-mail me at AntDyna@comcast.net. I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy preparing it for you. God bless you all.

“He knew the price of those sins was death. He knew the source of those sins was you and since he couldn't bear the thought of eternity without you, he chose the nails.” Max Lucado



