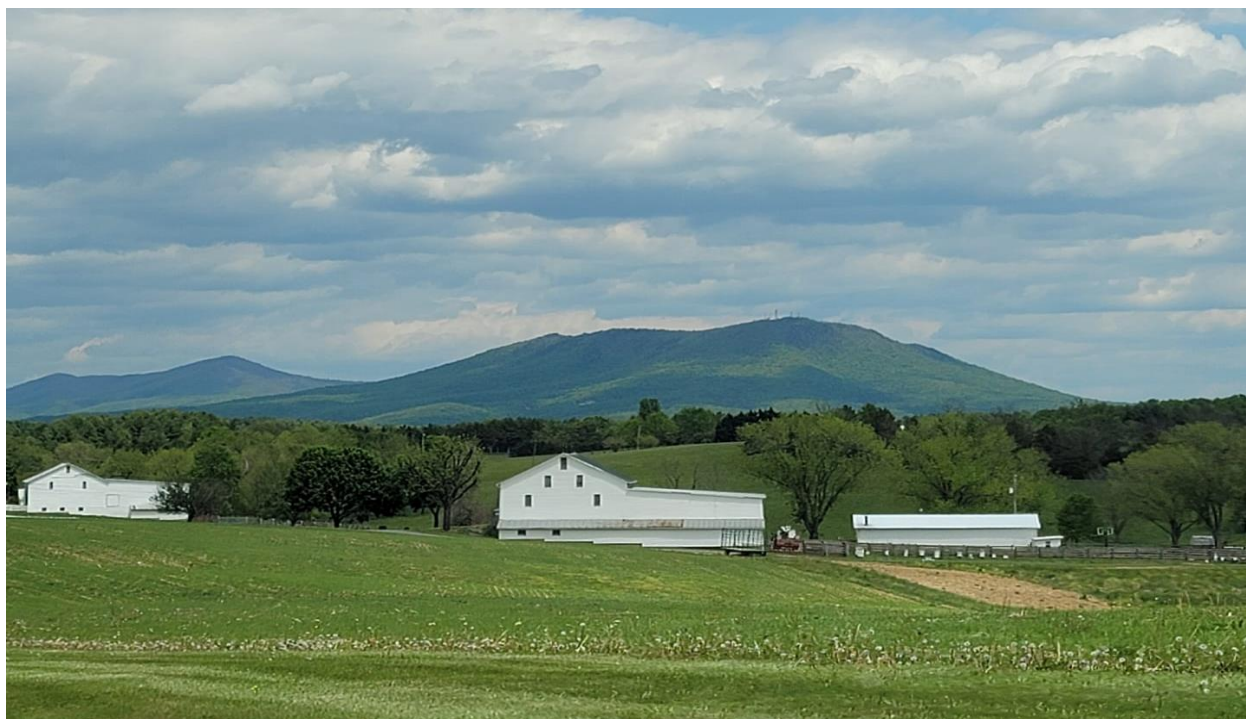


MOUNTAIN ECHOES

MAY 2021

125th Edition



We welcome Spring as the Peak turns from purple to green. Courtesy of our own Rev Jim Harris

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"What is Love? By Emma K. Age 6

Love is when you're missing some of your teeth but you're not afraid to smile because you know your friends will still love you even though some of you is missing."

OUR PASTOR CHATS

There will be something different about the 2021 Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church this year. In previous years we have taken health kits, cleaning kits, and school kits that are collected into trailers and delivered to depots and then gotten to places of need in the United States. This year the depots are reportedly full. Rather than telling us not to do anything, our Virginia Annual Conference invited us to look closer at our communities for where help is needed. I have been very thankful. Some folks from our KUMC Mission and Outreach Team reached out locally and three new ways were found to help in addition to two ways we have already been involved in helping that we desired to continue. What I have been thankful for is that many of the same types of items that we collected to send "somewhere" in the United States were needed right here in local newborns, children, teenagers, and people facing hunger and this invitation from our conference helped us take a fresh look in our community.

A pastor told me about a time he served a church that was right on the beach. He told me it would have been sinful for him to not walk on the beach every day when God had placed him there. I like that story because it invites us to look around at the joy, rest, and wonder that God has put right in our community.

As pandemic restrictions ease in the coming weeks and months, many of us will take fresh looks at family, friends, neighbors, community, and ways of living our faith in Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit open our eyes to see the needs and joy that are right around us. May Christ give us faith to enter into joy and service that are right here. *Pastor Joel*

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 can be watched anytime there or on Facebook.

Vacation for Pastor Joel: Pastor Joel will be on vacation June 21st-27th. Rev David Nankivell will be on call for pastoral care during that time at 298-6049.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 18th thru May 18th: Birthdays: Jan Shafer, Juanita Sheffer, Lily Sacra, Randy Sites, John Foley, Bob Threewitts, Scott Dillard, Holly Mason, Gena Dove, Allyse Dillard, Lula Belle Dodrill, Nancy Coffman, Erica Heishman, and Lataya Wiginton; and Anniversaries: Kennis & Carolyn Armentrout (57); John & Jennifer Young (5); Randy & Jan Sites (25); David & Janet Clements (19); Mike & Erica Heishman (25); and Mac & Nancy Coffman (50).

CAN YOU MOW? Neil Sacra, Chairman of KUMM, is in need of volunteers to mow the church lot. Families, groups, or friends can join together in maintaining our beautiful church on the outside. It takes approximately two hours to complete the mowing, push mowing, and weed eating, and all equipment is available in the building. Please call Neil at 540-234-0013 at least one week in advance to schedule your volunteer time. Many thanks for helping keep God's yard beautiful.

It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles, running like the winded.

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

DONE OR ON MAINTENANCE? The 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 18th, started differently. Where was Pastor Joel? Chris played the gathering music, the bell rang, Chris played “Holy Is He/Holy Is the Lord”, Leah brought in the Light of Christ, and still no Pastor Joel. Tanya Eppard came to the pulpit and greeted everyone and announced that Pastor Joel was under the weather; then said “Christ Is Risen”, to which we replied “Christ Is Risen Indeed”. She led us in the opening collective prayer, followed by the 1st hymn, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”. Diana read the Epistle lesson from 1 John 1:1-2:2, Christ forgives our sins if we believe. Our three messengers then came to speak, beginning with Tanya, who talked about waking in the middle of the night from the steroids she had to take after her cat gave her poison oak; talking to God; and asking Him what she could do about the troubling thoughts of knowing that all the orphaned immigrant children were alone at the border, and that we are instructed in the Bible to take care of the immigrant. Wes Ford was next and told us that he had been instructed to talk on three things. Number one was getting out of bed, and he asked if God had ever spoken to us. He told how when he decided not to do something God was asking, he heard loud noises that no one else heard. He said God talks more to his heart than his head. Number 2 were the changes in the Conference Kit project, which were explained in the bulletin. Number 3 was how he was involved with Open Doors and the RAM project. KUMC will be serving the Open Doors on April 24th if you wish to help or donate. He helps them every week by mopping the floors. He also went to volunteer at the Remote Area Medical project by helping set up equipment, and registration. He then Read John 15 and Luke 13 which talks about pruning the fig trees that don’t produce fruit, and said we need to be a fruitful church. Jenny Dillard was the last speaker,



and she spoke on being done. She likes done—once and done, but life isn’t once and done—just like housework, life takes maintenance. She then told of her Emmaus experience in which she met Jesus anew in an intimate and overwhelming experience, even though she thought she knew Jesus before. It was like walking from the darkness into light. Choosing Christ isn’t a one and done; it’s an everyday choice and maintenance. Camp Overlook, where this experience occurred, is reopening for campers, day and overnight, and we already have interested youngsters. If you know of others who want to go, or can help with scholarships for these young people, please let Jenny know. Tanya then led our Time of Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, followed by Scott Sprague announcing that we only need \$600.00 to pay for the camera system, and leading the offertory prayer. Tanya gave the benediction blessing, Leah carried out the Light of Christ, and Chris played “O How I Love Jesus” as the postlude.

ARE YOU ONCE AND DONE, OR ON MAINTENANCE?

UMM FOR APRIL 21ST: Neil sent out an e-mail to all United Methodist men stating that Church mowing time is here and a signup sheet is posted. The Mower is in the building, along with push mowers and a weed eater; gas and oil will be available. Please weed the flower beds. Special thanks goes to Frank Baker for mowing the first two weeks and Darryl Eppard for spraying the weeds around the church and in the flower beds. We are planning a Men’s gathering at church or the Ruritan shelter in late May for a meeting/and or breakfast. The Clothing Closet needs someone or a group to clear brush along the SPCA road that is making it dangerous to pull onto the road.

2nd Annual Weaver for a Cure Fundraiser: “Summer Market Basket” was led by Lynn Siler



on April 15th and 22nd, in the church social hall from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with social distancing and face masks. The basket size made was 12" X 6" X 8" with a handle. Participating were Carol Dillard, Stacey Shifflet, Carol Sacra, Nora Grace Jarrels, and Carolyn Baker. \$165.00 was raised for the Relay Team. Thank you all for your participation.

FEEDING OPEN DOOR FOLKS: KUMC volunteers, Ann and Wes Ford, Lynn Siler, and Joe Liskey helped feed 36 folks at the Open Door shelter on the evening of April 24th. Folks enjoyed taco salad, cake, and ice cream. Many thanks to all who donated food or money for this needy project.



WHAT'S ON YOUR NAME TAG? What a wonderful “makes you feel good when you leave” worship service we had on April 25th, the 4th Sunday of Easter. As we gathered MaKenna was playing “Morning Has Broken”, and the bell rang. Haiden brought in the Light of Christ, as MaKenna played a beautiful, calming rendition of “Clair de Lune”, to a lot of Amens and applause. BJ Smith assisted Pastor Joel and began with saying that it’s been so long that we’ve worn masks, he wondered if we would know each other when we didn’t have to wear them. A lot of giggles followed. The opening prayer was a responsive reading with the words “we come to be your people, O God”, followed by the 1st hymn “Christ is Risen”. Jim Dillard came to read the morning Epistle and began with John 3:1-7, before being stopped by Pastor Joel. The actual reading was from 1 John 3:1-7, which says that we are children of God, but seeing the first scripture about Nicodemus and becoming a child of God, he asked Jim to read both passages. It was a good mistake. Pastor Joel then spoke on “Children of God”, beginning with thanking everyone for the great job they did last week filling in when he was sick, showing that the church is “We in Christ”. When we wear name tags identifying roles, who we are, what we do, opinions. Would we put on a “Child of God” others with the same name tags? Being a world sets us apart because of our love and puts this name on us, not only called, but ok’d by God. Prevenient grace wants us to be a child of God. Justifying grace by Jesus removes our sins, and new birth happens, but we still need to confess and see our sin and seek forgiveness. A relationship with God allows us to see our sins. Sanctifying grace helps us to grow in God’s love. The late Rev Bill Fisher asked “are you alive and wiggling?” We each then turned to the person next to us and said “You are a Child of God; I am a Child of God”. Pastor Joel then said surely Bill is looking down saying “Hallelujah--they are wiggling!” So that we could let the folks at home and those watching later know, the camera was turned to the congregation, who repeated “I am a Child of God” and pointing at the camera, repeated “You are a Child of God”. We then celebrated, clapped, and hummed the moving “Shine, Jesus Shine”, as MaKenna played. As BJ began the time of prayer, Sharon Martin stopped him to tell of a young man she had met who has dealing with hundreds of incurable tumors throughout his body and asked for prayer. It was a God moment. During the Morning Prayer, we were asked at certain times to repeat “may we be more like Jesus”, and we ended with the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor Joel told us that we have almost paid for the video equipment and led us in the Offertory prayer. As BJ was about to give the benediction, Neil Sacra asked he if could speak. His words were sincere, emotional, and heartwarming, as he asked Jim to forgive



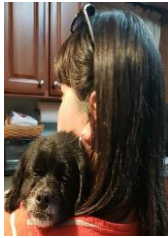
we show others our and sometimes our name tag and look for child of God in the our relationships. God

him for giving him the wrong Scripture and that he was so thankful that we as a congregation were so supportive and forgiving when mistakes happened, and that he was learning more and more why Grandmother Allene and Uncle Don loved this church family so much, and that he was so glad to be a part of it. Another God moment. BJ then led the church family in a responsive benediction, Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, and MaKenna played “Up From the Grave He Arose”. What a great service. **WHAT DOES YOUR NAME TAG SAY?**

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Precious hugs



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Getting Big



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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

This touched my heart, so I am sharing it with you:

From the book "Hey God, Hey John" by John Roedel

"Nothing to Cure"

Me: Hey God.

God: Hey John.

Me: Cure autism.

God: No.

Me: Why?

God: There is nothing to cure.

Me: Huh?

God: Autistic people aren't broken. They aren't sick. They are just people singing a beautiful song with lyrics that are foreign to you.

Me: But sometimes I don't understand what song my son is singing...

God: That's Okay. Forget the lyrics and just sit back and enjoy the melody.

Me: I don't like to see him struggle.

God: All flowers struggle just before they blossom.

Me: If you won't cure autism, what will you do?

God: I'll have you help me cure something else.

Me: What's that?

God: Ignorance.

***** MAY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

“LIVE IN LOVE”: The May 5th Sunday worship video began with a beautiful orange and red cross drawn by Scott Dillard with the words “Live In Love” written on it. Carol Sacra played the gathering music and the bell rang. As she played “When Morning Gilds the Skies” for the prelude, sunshine poured in the windows and Brayden brought in the Light of Christ. Steve Morris, assisting Pastor Joel, gave the greeting and the responsive Call to Worship. “To God Be the Glory” was the opening hymn, followed by Carol reading the Epistle lesson from 1 John 4:7-21, God is love and we should love one another. Pastor Joel then spoke on “Live in Love”, by asking us to think about God’s love and how we ought to love one another. Martin Luther did not see God as love, only as holy, righteous, and punishing. We miss the God of Jesus Christ and the Bible when we leave out the love. Luther was transformed when he met Jesus and was able to share love. John shows us what God has done. We need to know God and share His love. God loves us because He loves us, which allows us to love others because of who they are—loved by God. In giving to others with health kits, food items, hygiene closet items, and schools supplies, we share God’s love. Don’t just think about it, but live it. “When Charity and Love Prevail” was the second hymn for today, Affirmation of Faith”, the Confession and Prayer led by Steve. Pastor Joel then led all in and the Lord’s Prayer. The closing prayer, led by Steve, was read by all. Brayden took out the Light of Christ as Carol played the postlude. **SHARING IS LOVING.**



LADIES SERVE RURITANS: On May 3rd, twenty-two Keezletown Ruritans enjoyed a delicious meal of Beef BBQ, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Brownies, Ice Cream, and Tea, served by Ann, Carolyn, Sherry, Susan, and Ginny from the UMW.

FIRE IN KEEZLETOWN: On May 4th Fire crews from multiple Rockingham County stations and the City of Harrisonburg responded to a house fire in the middle of town on Indian Trail Road shortly before noon. This house is owned by Jean and Carole Francois, and their children Elijah, Jecanson, and Jousevanie and is right beside Frank and Carolyn Baker. Thankfully this event occurred when the family was awake and able to exit the building safely. The cause of the fire is under investigation. A GoFindMe page has been started.




LADIES SERVE OTHER RURITANS: On May 5th the Mt Crawford Ruritans enjoyed a meal of Lasagna, salad, bread, cake, ice cream, and tea, served by Ann, Donna, Chris, and Sherry from the UMW.

LADIES MEET: The Keezletown UMW met May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall with masks, social distancing, and ten women present, and Ann presiding. Cheryl presented the program entitled “Even Heroes Have Bad Days”, letting us know that none of us are exempt from bad days. On those days we need to change something, and to remember that we need God every day. Diana read the April minutes, correcting the amount of the soup money given to the Relay Team to all of the money. No Treasurer’s report was given, but, as suggested by Karen, the AVA Care (Advocate, Validate & Awareness) program in Harrisonburg, which helps ladies with unexpected pregnancies, was selected as our Mission of the Month. Cheryl needed flowers for May 9th, 16th, and May 30th. We have 25 geraniums for May 23rd.

Sherry stated that we served the Keezletown Ruritan meeting on May 3rd, with many good comments; and our next time to serve them will be Sept 13th. She also stated that we served the Mt Crawford Ruritan meeting on May 5th, again, with only good comments being heard, and we will serve them again in Nov. Under old business, Susie's status was given and ladies were asked to continue to bring meals, call, and send cards. A list was passed with available dates to help. During this time, Judy also shared that Fay and Richard need visitations and cards; that Faye Crowe had just returned from a hospital stay; and that Ellen Layman could use visits and cards. In honoring the high school graduates, Annalee Crisman, Leigha Dillard, Kendra Dodrill, Jacob Hall, Jaden Hall, Joshua Seaman, and Toni Underwood, it was decided that all would be sent a card that included a gift card. Sherry spoke on the new Baby kits and passed out a new list for health, school, and newborn kits, with a few changes. Under new business, we discussed sponsoring a camper to Camp Overlook Summer camp, to which four young people have expressed interest to Jenny. After discussion, a monetary donation will be given to Jenny to use at her discretion. Suggestions were made for an "Evening Together" restaurant, with Thomas House being selected. Susan was asked to make the reservation for June 3rd. Ann announced that we would be allowed to sing with masks beginning Sunday May 9th in worship service. Cards were signed for Juanita and Susie; Faye C; Fay & Richard; Ellen (all thinking of you); Maynard Sites (get well); Sharon Martin (congratulations on grandson); Kelli Sprague (congratulations on teaching award); Edith Carper (new baby); and Nancy Coffman (loss of sister). Meeting was adjourned.

"Things I'm Super Good At By I Might Be Funny: Forgetting someone's name thirty seconds after they tell me. Leaving laundry in the dryer for days. Buying produce...and throwing it away two weeks later. Making plans. And then immediately regretting making plans. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I forgot the directions. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now"."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: As Church family gathered for the May 9th Mother's Day Worship service, Diana played "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "I Am Thine O Lord", and the bell rang. Haiden brought in the beautiful orange roses Be the Glory" as the the greeting. She celebrating 50 years of that Al and Jackie



Light of Christ to an altar decorated with to honor the Mothers, as Diana played "To God prelude. Jenny Dillard, assisting Pastor Joel, gave announced that Mac and Nancy Coffman were marriage on May 16th, and Joe Liskey announced Liskey would celebrate 65 years of marriage on May 18th. What a joy! She then led the Opening responsive prayer, and spoke for a few moments on the joy of Motherhood. She recalled watching Kendra Dodrill being born and stealing her heart; about having her two girls become a part of the Dodrill family; about Barbara Smith becoming a grandmother to her two; about how certain ladies in the church become Hugging Mothers to all of the children; but most importantly, how KUMC has such an ultimately giving nurturing spirit. We then sang, yes sang (PTL!), "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me". Brayden read the Epistle Lesson from 1 John 5:1-6, before Pastor Joel gave his message entitled "Faith in Jesus". He began with "Happy Mother's Day" and talked about the challenge Mothers have getting the family ready for church or gathered for worship, and how thankful he was for faithful Moms, and the many women like Moms who share faith and encouragement with all God's children. There is no expiration date on being a Mother.

Motherhood and Christian discipleship is walked in our whole lives, together in joy, and in God's love. We know we love because we obey (we then sang the 1st verse of "Trust and Obey") thru faith and the love of God given to all. Loving others is not always easy. A little boy carried his little brother, who had a bad leg, to school each day. When asking if it was a burden to carry him, he said, no, he isn't heavy, he's my brother. Motherhood can be hard, but sharing the burdens and love can be a great joy. Jesus puts the love in our heart to share. Two Hallelujahs: #1, we have collected all of the money for the new video system, all \$7000.00; and #2, the reaction, caring, and support shown by the Keezletown community and KUMC when our neighbors, the Francois family, had a fire at their house. The love shown was overwhelming. "Happy the Home When God Is There" was sung as the second hymn, followed by Prayer Time and the Offertory Prayer, led by Jenny. Pastor Joel then asked each person to find a Mother, or Mother figure, in the sanctuary and lay a hand on them as he prayed a prayer of blessing and Benediction. Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, and Pastor Joel and Karen Mooney, with Haiden assisting, gave out the roses to the ladies of the church and Diana played "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" as the postlude. **BLESSINGS ON ALL THE MOTHERS AND "LIKE A" MOTHERS.**

SOME KUMC MOTHERS PAST AND PRESENT



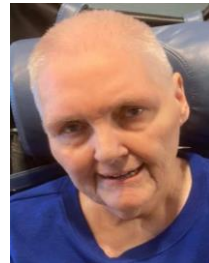
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WE DID IT!!! The Basic Video Camera System Goal was met on May 9th, three weeks early! KUMC had set a goal to raise \$7,000 by May 31st, but thanks to your generosity, we can now move ahead with planning for installations and learning how to use the new system 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. Praise the Lord! And THANK YOU!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL met on May 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall with masks and social distancing, with ten members present. Susan called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel opened with prayer. High points of the March minutes were read, and the balance dismissed, with one correction,

that being Conference is June 18th-19th via Zoom. Chris gave the Treasurer's report. The video equipment is paid for, but additional desk modifications and connectors may still need to be paid. A motion was made, seconded, and approved, to send a portion of the Rise Against Hunger monies collected to RAH to use now, and the balance to use when we have the event later. UMW met in May; are going to Thomas House for their "Evening Together" meal in June; held the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program in Apr; and served two Ruritan meals during May to Keezletown and Mt Crawford. UMM reported needing volunteers to mow the church yard and that they would be meeting on May 27th at 6:30 p.m. Finance reported that all bills are paid. A copperhead snake was found in the parsonage dining room. Jenn dispatched it and Pastor Joel cleaned out the cellar. No more were found. Missions committee reported serving Open Doors on April 24th. PPR met on Mar 5th to do the Clergy and Staff Evaluation. A parsonage review will be upcoming, and they will meet again July 13th. Susan asked if any thoughts or plans had been mentioned for upcoming events such as the Election Day meal. It was decided this would be better discussed when restrictions were lifted. Joe announced that the Relay Team had five members; that the team would be feeding the Mt Crawford Ruritans a picnic type meal on June 2nd; and that there would be a Relay Sunday in August. Ann brought up the items being collected, and Joe then advised that Staples had generously donated three boxes full of supplies for the cause. Pastor Joel reported that the Healthy Church Team would be disbanded and a new Post-Covid Re-Entry Group (PRG) would be formed, to create guidelines for returning to KUMC, which would be submitted to the DS for approval and begin after July 1st. Bishop Lewis has asked that all Pastors take a week of renewal leave before September 2021 to assist with burnout/fatigue from the challenges of the pandemic. Pastor Joel will participate in a Day Apart for clergy on May 24th. Graduates will be recognized during worship on June 6th. VA Annual Conference will be June 18th-19th virtually. Chris, Ann, and Pastor Joel are KUMC representatives. Kit dedication and a VAC offering collection will be conducted in worship June 13th. Pastor Joel will be on vacation June 21st thru 27th, and celebrate his and Jenn's 21st wedding anniversary during that week. Susan adjourned the meeting and Diana closed with prayer. Next meeting will be Aug 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts:

Do songbirds get mad at hummingbirds because they don't know the words?

If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?

I have an Etch-a-Sketch memory—I shake my head and forget everything.

If a house gets dirty by itself, why can't it clean itself?

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

Gathering Non-Perishable Food items: Our local food pantry at Massanutten Presbyterian Church is still taking donations to serve people in Keezletown, Penn Laird, and McGaheysville. Items can be dropped off at KUMC.

Clothing for Mission Central: being collected in basket in narthex.

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: 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.

Virginia Annual Conference 2021 will be held virtually on June 18th-19th. You can join online at the conference website or at KUMC to view the conference: Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 8:45 a.m. to Noon. This year’s Offering goal is \$200,000 and will benefit our Partnerships of Hope including: (1) Theological Education for Leaders in Mozambique; (2) Shade and Fresh Water Ministry in Brazil; and (3) support for street children and making a provisional Methodist denomination in Cambodia, as well as give support to those working with Food Insecurity in Virginia. We will collect for the 2021 VAC Offering through June 13th. Conference is asking for kits this year in a new way. Rather than assembling kits which will go to depots and then be distributed to areas of need in the US, the VAC is asking churches to connect to local needs with kits and items. The KUMC Missions and Outreach Team has identified several ways to give needed items locally so far including: food for the MPC Food Pantry, hygiene supplies for the Spotswood High School Hygiene Closet; school supplies for Cub Run Elementary School; health kits for Cub Run Elementary School; and newborn kits for the Mission Central Children’s Clothing Closet. Please see how you can give below.

“I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I’m supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I’m praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.” St Mother Teresa

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! 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 thru June 4th. 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.

Health Kits for Cub Run Elementary School: Cub Run Elementary School students would benefit from health kits. Here is a list for making a complete kit. CRES Health Kit: one comb (sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth, no pocket combs or picks), one fingernail clipper, bath soap bar (3 oz. or larger), bandages (full box, preferably clear), toothbrush (child sized or slightly larger, not adult), toothpaste, digital thermometer, one one-gallon resealable bag. We will have a special time to dedicate items on Sunday, August 1st.

School Supplies for Cub Run Elementary School: Cub Run Elementary School students will be helped in their learning with school supplies. CRES would prefer items donated loosely rather than pre-packaged kits. Here is a list of school supplies needed: blunt scissors (not plastic, preferably Westcot or Fishers type), one-subject notebooks (wide ruled), loose leaf wide ruled paper (100 – 200 pages), #2 pencils, hand-held pencil sharpener (1 inch or longer), cap erasers, glue sticks, 24 count crayons, 12 count colored pencils, 8 count markers. There will be a time in worship to dedicate school supplies 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.

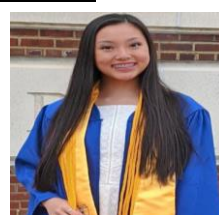
MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Baseball back hit



Visiting Wally



Checking the fit



An Evening Out

***** MAY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- 16 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Waiting on the Spirit" from Acts 1:1-11**
Ascension Sunday
Summer Camp Registrations 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**
Pentecost Sunday
- 26 **Trustees meeting 6:30 p.m.**
- 27 **Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.**

- 28 **Backpack deliveries**
UM Men meet at 6:30 p.m. in social hall
- 28 **Backpack deliveries**
- 30 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Born Again" from John 3:1-17 Trinity Sunday**

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Triton driving Green Lantern Allyse and June Chris assisting Connor watching Champs 5/16

***** JUNE EVENTS HAPPENING*****

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	William Armentrout	June 16	Matthew Coffman
June 2	Chloe Robinette	June 17	Ann Vanpelt
June 2	Carolyn Baker	June 17	Kennis R Armentrout
June 2	Donna Forren	June 18	Carolyn Armentrout
June 3	William Painter	June 18	John Harless
June 5	Ben Pellegrin	June 20	Barbara Fisher
June 5	Joseph Welsh	June 20	Susie McGlaughlin
June 6	Kim Lam	June 20	Robert Smith
June 6	Ramona Crowe	June 20	Destin Shortell
June 8	Carson Guilliams	June 20	Marvin McCray
June 8	Jeanine Underwood	June 22	Miranda Shortell
June 9	Scott Dodrill	June 23	Kathryn Pusey
June 10	Linda Liskey	June 23	Janice Smith
June 10	William Miller	June 24	Adalida Crisman
June 11	Lydia Kelley	June 25	Jacob Welsh
June 11	Cecilia Hawkins	June 25	Lynette Guillaums
June 12	Barbara Hoover	June 26	Jamie Shoemaker
June 14	Becky Castner	June 28	Diane Ritchie
June 14	Judy Coffman	June 30	Wally Simmers

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 2, 2002	Donnie & Jeannine Underwood	19 years
June 5, 2004	Scott & Kelly Sprague	17 years
June 5, 2010	Bryan & Laura Wamsley	11 years
June 8, 1985	Phillip & Cheryl Carr	36 years
June 11, 2016	Chrisley & Teresa Simmers	5 years
June 14, 1980	Neil & Carol Sacra	41 years
June 14, 1980	Ben & Leslie Pellegrin	18 years
June 22, 2002	Rick & Tammy Layman	19 years
June 24, 2006	David & Beth Cole	15 years
June 24, 2000	Joel & Jenn Robinette	21 years
June 25, 1956	Richard & Faye Higgs	65 years
June 28, 1973	E.L. & Diana Davis	48 years
June 28, 1980	Wes & Ann Ford	41 years

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



Neil & Carol Sacra for 41 years on June 14th
Mike & Sherry Summers for 41 years on June 14th
Wes & Ann Ford for 41 years on June 28th
E.L. & Diana Davis for 48 years on June 28th
Richard & Faye Higgs for 65 years on June 25th

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

June Events Calendar

- 1 Graduate submissions to Pastor Joel
- 2 UMW meeting at Thomas House for "Evening Together" at 6:30 p.m.
Backpack packing at 12:30 p.m.
- 4 Backpack deliveries
- 6 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m., w/Communion; Message: "Whose Will?" from Mark 3:20-35
Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 8 Worship Planning meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 13 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "We in Christ" from 1 John 1:1-2:2
Va Annual Conference Sunday; Dedication of Cans-4-Conference and Kits collected;
Conference offering taken
- 15 Newsletter items due
- 18-19 2021 Virginia Annual Conference virtually
- 19 Serve Salvation Army
- 20 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Father's Day Wonder" from Mark 4:26-34
Father's Day Recognition
- 21-27 Pastor Joel on Vacation
- 27 In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: Guest Speaker
- 30 Camp Overlook Mudding on the Mountain Registration due (see below)

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

Five years ago, Kendra and I visited a former co-worker at Sunnyside Retirement Home. During our visit, he told us of a Parable of the Long Spoons. I had long forgotten the story until recently, Kendra asked me the man's name and said she was thinking about the long spoons. I want to share the "Parable of the Long Spoons" written by Sofo Archon. One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of vegetable stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell". Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful vegetable stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The man said, "I don't understand". God smiled. It is simple, he said LOVE. These people learned early on to share and feed one another. While the greedy only think of themselves.

CAMP OVERLOOK:

Camp Overlook Presents Mudding on the Mountain, a 1 mile trail run with 10 messy-muddy obstacles just for kids ages 4-14, including The Gauntlet; MUDDpit; Tirestep carwash; Lumberjack log walk; Netted creek cross; Climbing wall blaze; Chapel hay maze; Slip-n-slide; Muddy Over-Under Log Crawl; and Mt. Overlook, on Saturday, Aug 21st from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Registration is now thru June 30th; the \$25.00 fee includes race, T-shirt, finisher medal, and lots of mud. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/.../VA/Keezletown/muddingonthemountain>. Join us on the mountain for a mud run like no other, running through the mud pit, climbing on hay bales, climbing on logs, and having a muddy good time for a good cause.

SUMMER CAMP AT OVERLOOK: There will be six weeks of camp with various programs to choose from beginning June 21st for children and youth who have completed kindergarten through becoming seniors in high school. Jenny Dillard is helping with questions about registrations and financial support through KUMC and can be reached at 421-5366. If a child wants to have fun and meet Jesus on the mountain, we want to help get them there. Please register campers by May 16th.

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Honoring Graduates: We will have a time to honor graduates from high school in worship on June 6th. Graduates and their families are invited to submit a photo, favorite Bible verse, diploma/degree and school, and plans for the future (if any!) by June 1st to Pastor Joel. Graduates include: Annalee Crisman, Leigha Dillard, Kendra Dodrill, Jacob Hall, Jaden Hall, and Toni Underwood.

NOAH RECEIVES AWARD: Noah Robinette, son of our own Pastor Joel and Jenn, has received the Harrisonburg Rotary Code of Ethics Award for Montevideo Middle School, at a zoom meeting on May 10th. He was selected from the school's students on the basis of truthfulness, fairness, consistency, dependability, integrity, service to others, concern for others, friendliness, depth of commitments, and reverence. Congratulations, Noah, we are very proud of you and the outstanding young man you have become.

Celebrating **Leigha Dillard** receiving a REFI Scholarship from Molson/Coors!! Congrats!



VAFCCLA First Vice President, **Kendra Dodrill** assisted in the Opening Session of the 2021 VAFCCCLA Virtual State Leadership and Recognition Conference. Congratulations, Kendra, on receiving a scholarship from the FCCLA Leadership Foundation in recognition of your outstanding work as a 2020-2021 Virginia FCCLA State Officer. In a letter from one of the state advisors, it was stated that Kendra's enthusiasm for FCCLA (even in front of a Zoom screen) was evident and frequently mentioned by the members and advisers she served. The closing paragraph of the letter states: "The Virginia Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America has been enriched through your leadership. We wish you much success and look forward to working with you in the future, particularly as you 'Say Yes to FCS' and join our ranks as a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher and FCCLA adviser!" Kendra has also received the Sue Yancey Family Scholarship through the Rockingham Education Foundation Inc. Kendra will be starting Bridgewater College in the fall and will major in Family and Consumer Sciences education. We are so proud of you and look forward to what the next chapter of schooling holds for you.

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

Oh Holy Spirit, what would you have me write? Share that though the struggles have been hard, always remember that God's eyes see all your struggles; God's ears hear your every cry; God's heart breaks when yours is breaking; and God is always reaching down with His hand to lift you up when you fail or fall, to wrap you in His arms and let His heart fill yours with healing and love. May each of you reading this be filled with His love.

Diana

Editor's Note

The June deadline for submissions is June 15th. 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.

Springtime arrives in the glorious splendor of the many colored irises.

