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Sunrise at the Eppards and Wolf moon sunset at the Dillards

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"I could walk a mile in your shoes, but I already know they're just as uncomfortable as mine. Let's walk next to each other instead..."

Tunda Meyers

OUR PASTOR CHATS: Diane Chapman Williams died on June 1, 2021 and one of the first things her family shared with me was her Bible. It was a study Bible with thin pages but at the beginning and end were heavier pages she covered with “Meaningful Verses” which she also wrote quotations, summaries, or insights about. Diane’s daughter Jennifer shared that she remembered her mom saying some of these things. That suggests to me that Diane wrote some of these words of God on her heart so much so they came out in her speaking and relationship with her daughter. I would like to list some of those verses with Diane’s comments about them. Read and see what from the Bible spoke to Diane. What will speak to you today? What words from God do you need to write down on your heart so they may come to be in your life?

Isaiah 40:8 – “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God shall stand forever.”; *Psalms 118:29* – “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good...” ; *Isaiah 30:21* – “...you will hear a voice behind you saying, This is the way; walk in it.”; *Jeremiah 30:22* – “So you will be my people & I will be your God.”; *Matthew 28:20* – “Surely I am with you always...” ; *Romans 4:13, 14* – “We receive salvation, we don’t earn it.”; *Mark 9:24* – “...I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief...” ; *Mark 18:27* – “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”; *James 1:17-25* – “Every good & perfect gift comes from God...” ; *Proverbs 3:5-6* – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart...” ; *John 15:13* – “Greater love hath no man...” ; *Job 19:25* – “I know that my redeemer lives...” ; *1 John 4:19* – “We love because he first loved us.”; *1 John 3:16-20* – “This is how we know what love is...” ; *Nehemiah 8:10* – “...the joy of the Lord is your strength.”; *Psalms 30:19* – “How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as He hears, He will answer you!”; *Hebrews 11:1* – “Faith is being sure of what we hope for & certain of what we do not see.”; *Romans 3:23* – “...all have sinned & fall short of the glory of God”; *Psalms 62:5-8* – “...my hope come from him...God is our refuge.”; *1 Corinthians 10:13* – “...He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. He will also provide a way so you can stand up under it...” ; *Deuteronomy 6:4-6* – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, & all your strength.”; *John 1:14* – “And the word became flesh & dwelt among us.”; *Job 1:21* – “The Lord gives & the Lord takes away.”; *Psalms 27:14* – “Be strong, take heart, & wait for the Lord.”; *1 Timothy 6:17* – “God richly provides us everything for our enjoyment.”; *1 Timothy 6:10* – “The love of money is the root of all evil.”; *James 2:17* – “Faith without work is dead.”; *Psalms 62:5-8* – “My soul finds rest in God alone...” ; *1 Peter 3:8-12* – “Control your tongue”; *Philippians 4:13* – “I can do everything...” ; *Romans 8:28-39* ... “all things work together for good”; *Luke 6:27-36* – “...turn the other cheek”; *Philippians 1:3* – “I thank my God every time I remember you”; *Isaiah 49:16* – “I have engraved your name on the palm of my hand.”

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.



Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries from May 16th thru June 20th:

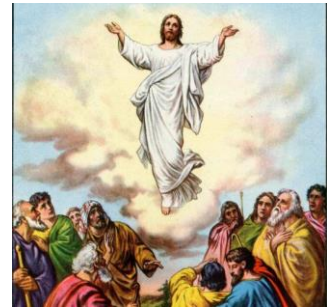
Birthdays are: Lori Zylich; Bruce Hoover; Walt Shafer; Charlotte Bahle; Tara Meadows; Connor Guilliams; Beth Cole; Patrick Propst; William Armentrout; Chloe Robinette; Carolyn Baker; Donna Forren; William Painter; Ben Pellegrin; Joseph Welsh; Ramona Crowe; Carson Guilliams; Jeanine Underwood; Scott Dodrill; Linda Liskey; Lydia Kelley; Barbara Hoover; Judy Coffman; Matthew Coffman; Kennis R Armentrout; Carolyn Armentrout; John Harless; Barbara Fisher; Susie McGlaughlin; Robert Smith; and

Destin Shortell; Anniversaries are: Al & Jackie Liskey (65); Jamie & Jordan Shoemaker (8); Andrew & Whitney Krauss (2); Brian & Amanda Summers (4); Robert & Janice Smith (59); Walt & Jan Shafer (38); Donnie & Jeannine Underwood (19); Scott & Kelly Sprague (17); Bryan & Laura Wamsley (11); Phil & Cheryl Carr (36); Chrisley & Teresa Simmers (5); Neil & Carol Sacra (41); and Mike & Sherry Summers (41).

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

IS YOUR NECK SORE? On this Ascension Sunday, May 16th, Chris played “Shout to the Lord”, “Jesus, Name Above All Names”, and “All Hail King Jesus” (as the choir, yes, the choir, hummed and sang along) as we gathered for Worship, and the bell rang. Her prelude was “In Moments Like These” as Ryan brought in the Light of Christ to an altar decorated with beautiful irises. Diana Davis, assisting Pastor Joel today, gave the greeting and a short story of a little boy who needed filling up with love, followed by the Congregational reading of the Opening Prayer, “The Ascension”. The returning choir then shared “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”, followed by the first hymn, “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”. Neil came to read the Scripture from Acts 1:1-11, the Promise of the Holy Spirit, and the Ascension of Jesus. Pastor Joel then spoke on “Waiting on the Spirit”, but began with a thank you to Neil and a prayer of thanks for his healing surgery. It is the last Sunday of Easter, so we proclaimed “Christ Is Risen!

Christ In Risen Indeed!” Ascension Sunday, when Jesus ascended into the clouds as his followers watched. Luke told us the story twice—the end of Luke—the beginning of Acts. These are words for those God loves, but with God there is always more He shares with us and we share with others. Jesus promises that we will receive the power to witness in and to the world. We need to desire the Holy Spirit. The disciples stayed together; we gather together to share and wait. Who are you waiting with and how are you waiting? Before ascending, the disciples asked Jesus when Israel would be restored and if they would be in charge? Jesus told them one day God will restore—wait. We need to be ready to accept the Holy Spirit and witness. The disciples kept looking up to the clouds until angels came and told them Jesus would return. You don’t have to get a sore neck looking up—He will return. One can witness right where we are, but this week, wait on the Holy Spirit and God to give you the power to share. The second hymn was “All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine”, followed by the Morning Prayer, Offertory Prayer, and Lord’s Prayer, led by Diana. Pastor Joel gave the benediction imploring us to “wait for the promise of the Father”. Ryan carried out the Light of Christ as Chris played “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”, and all departed.



THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME—WAIT.

DO YOU SPEAK HOLY SPIRIT? Today is Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, May 23rd, and we celebrate as we gather by hearing “Spirit Song”, “Spirit of the Living God”, “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”, and “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”, played by Diana. The bell rings, calling us to worship, as Brayden brings in the Light of Christ and Diana plays “Come, Holy Spirit”. Ken Thomas, assisting Pastor Joel, welcomes all in worship and on line, excited to be free from masks, and welcomes the choir back. He leads the church

family opening prayer, “Day of Pentecost”, followed by the choir presenting “Breathe on Me”. “Surely the Presence of the Lord” was sung three times as the opening hymn. Diana read the morning Scripture from Acts 2:1-21, the Coming of the Holy Spirit. “Good morning, Preachers” began the message “Spirit Powered Speaking” from Pastor Joel. Preachers are those who tell the good news thru the power of the Holy Spirit—you



and me. Pentecost was 50 days after Passover, when they were all together, 120 believers, waiting for the Holy Spirit. It came on all, not just the 12, tongues of fire and the ability to speak in another language. People, hearing them, questioned them as drunk, but Peter let them know it was the Holy Spirit being poured on all of God’s people. John Wesley believed you could only preach in a church building, but was led to preaching to those in the fields, and found such a passion for preaching outside that he said “The World is my parish”. The disciples spoke in other languages, celebrating that they could share with those who had not heard of Jesus in words they understood. God uses our voices to bring the Holy Spirit to others, so that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. The old-time hymn “Pentecostal Power” followed the message. Ken then led all in the Morning Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Offertory Prayer. Pastor Joel, giving the benediction, told us to “Get out of here—go and share” as Brayden brought out the Light of Christ and Diana played the chorus of “Spirit Song” as the postlude. **AS THE HOLY SPIRIT BURNS IN YOU—SHARE.**

HOW CAN I BE BORN AGAIN? Trinity Sunday, May 30th, began as Chris played “Glorify Thy Name” and “Father, I Adore You” for the gathering music, and the bell rang. Ryan carried in the Light of Christ to an altar decorated with a beautiful red and white flower arrangement given by Barbara Knicely, as Chris played the prelude, “Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”. Pastor Joel greeted all and led the Opening Prayer, “Trinity Sunday”, followed by our first hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”. The choir then sang “Holy, Holy”, before Neil came to read the Gospel lesson from John 3:1-17, Nicodemus visiting and questioning Jesus. Pastor Joel’s message was entitled “Born Again” and began with “we lift up the Trinity this Sunday”. Nicodemus comes to Jesus by himself in the night to question him. Jesus tries to tell him about the Trinity, not just himself, but how they all work together in rebirth—being born anew. Nicodemus, though a religious leader, after hearing about being born again, asked how. Jesus told him by water and the spirit, holy gifts given by God. We have been given time since being reborn, what will we do with it? Martin Bayne, a co-founder of the Methodist Church was chosen to speak at church one Sunday morning, but found that no words came. Embarrassed, he started praying for words and knowledge for himself. Nicodemus, and



we need to ask for this rebirth. Are we in worship or online trying to live without being born again? The Son of Man came to seek and save. "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" was sung as the second hymn, followed by the Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer. A Backpack Program witness from Ginny Joseph was then read by Pastor Joel (see details under Backpack Project completed on June 4th), before the Offertory Prayer. Pastor Joel's Benediction was "Friends, as we go today, let us go in the power and love and life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" as Ryan departed with the Light of Christ. **THEN, the God moment came:** Chris started playing "God Bless America" and everyone that could stand in their pew and sang. It was a heart touching moment. **ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?**

SUMMER JOKES:

What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish? Swimming trunks!

Why did the dolphin cross the beach? To get to the other tide!

Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish!

Why do fish like to eat worms? Because they get hooked on them!

What is a shark's favorite sandwich? Peanut butter and jellyfish!

PROM REACHES BEYOND THOSE ATTENDING: On May 30th, many donations of snacks were generously given by the community for the Spotswood High School Starry Night Senior Prom. Your Spotswood Blazer's love did not go to waste, but was shared with some of our littlest future Blazers! 75 goodie bags were put together for the Cub Run Food Backpack program that is facilitated through Keezletown United Methodist Church, who have been delivering food bags to their homes all school year long. These bags will be well received as an end of the year treat!!

Memorial Day 2021. World War 1 memorial erected by the Dayton American Legion Post 27 in 1924, renovated in 2009. To commemorate those who, at the call of country, left all, endured hardships, faced danger, and finally passed out of sight of men by the path of duty, giving up their lives that others might live in freedom. Inscribed: "They Tasted Death In Youth That Liberty Might Grow Old. 1917 WORLD WAR 1918". This is located near downtown Harrisonburg at the intersection of South Main Street and South Liberty Street. (Photo by Ron Huffman)



FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Papaw's garden Cooper T-ball Brayden loves dirt Last School day Haley was home

Best buds

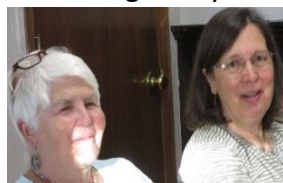
IT DOESN'T PAY TO GOSSIP: From **LAUGH WITH THE LADIES:** Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Milton, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Milton (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing! Milton, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing. Later that evening, Milton quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house ... Walked home... And left it there all night. You gotta love Milton!

***** JUNE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

RELAY TEAM SERVES RURITANS: Thirty Mt Crawford Ruritans enjoyed a “summer picnic meal” on June 2nd, served by the KUMC Relay Team. The meal consisted of Hawaiian chicken sandwiches, grilled hotdogs, macaroni salad, baked beans, ice cream with strawberries and chocolate syrup, and iced tea. Helping serve the meal were Lynn and Marie Siler, Ann and Wes Ford, and Joe Liskey. Good job, Team.



LADIES EAT OUT: Fourteen United Methodist Women met for their June meeting on June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Thomas House in Dayton for an enjoyable “Evening Together”. Our hostess kept us laughing as she delivered the delicious homemade menu items and kept the water pitchers full. We took time before the meal to talk about the graduates’ recognition on Sunday, the kits to be completed, the update on the folks involved in the fire, updates on the shut-ins, and changes being made to have all return to church and try to get back to normal. It was good to get out and enjoy being with other church ladies. Our next meeting is July 1st at 7:00 p.m.



BACKPACK PROJECT COMPLETED: The last deliveries for the 2020-2021 Backpack project were made on June 4th. Ginny Joseph reported, via Pastor Joel, during the worship service on June 6th, that the kids loved getting the food bags, and so did the smiling parents, as they delivered them each Friday. The final total of students assisted at Cub Run Elementary and Montevideo Middle school was 72. Many thanks are due to the volunteers, Lynette and Carson Guilliams, Jenny Dillard, Darryl & Tanya Eppard, E.L. & Diana Davis, Ann & Wes Ford, Jeanine Underwood, Sherry Summers, Chris Cole, Ginny Joseph, Pastor Joel and Jenn Robinette, and to all who supported this project. We will need volunteers again next year to support, buy, pack, deliver, and pray for this very worthwhile mission.

GRADUATION AND EXPECTATION. We listened and chatted as Carol played the gathering music for June 6th, Graduate recognition Sunday. The bell rang, and she played “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” as the prelude, as Haiden brought in the Light of Christ. Sherry Summers, assisting Pastor Joel, gave the welcome, a prayer, and led the “Call to Worship”. We celebrated being able to sing with the glorious “Lord of the Dance”, followed by the choir presenting “In Remembrance of Me”. Leigha Dillard came to read the Gospel lesson from Mark 3:20-35, Jesus being accused by His family and teachers of the law. Pastor Joel then spoke on “Whose Will?”, by stating that when he graduated he didn’t have a care in the world until his folks dropped him off at his dorm and left and he realized things were up to him now. He had expectations, but God had plans. When Jesus did healings and miracles, He was doing God’s will. He was questioned because of this and accused of being crazy. When His family appeared to take Him away, He told them that everyone was His Mother and His Brothers, and that He needed to do the will of God. As Scribes tried to question what Jesus was doing, He takes the radical love of God to all, going against the traditional. Do we put traditional over the love and will of God? When we are in the love of God, it is bringing together the Trinity within each of us and sharing it with others. What if Jesus had not done the will of God, only of people? What if we don’t do the will of God? “A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church” was responsively read after the message, and we sang “My



Hope is Built”. The six graduates were then recognized by their school, their future school, and their career choices. Leigha Dillard and Kendra Dodrill were present, and Austyn and Adalida Crisman stood in for Annalie Crisman. (All graduates are shown on the “Senior Page” later in the newsletter.) The Invitation to the Great Thanksgiving was given, along with the Confession and Pardon, and the Morning Prayer. Pastor Joel led the Great Thanksgiving, then offered a prayer for Marie Siler, who is getting married this week, Scott Dodrill, who will be officiating at the wedding, and Dale Dodrill, who will be giving the Commencement Speech at the Turner Ashby graduation. Sherry came and gave the Benediction, Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, and Carol played “This Is the Day of New Beginnings” as the postlude. **DON’T LET YOUR EXPECTATION OVERLOOK GOD’S WILL.**

WORSHIP PLANNING HAS RESUMED: Pastor Joel and Chris met on June 8th at 6:30 p.m. to plan the music for the worship services for June. If you would like to help plan for July, please come at 6:30 p.m. on July 6th.

MORE SUMMER JOKES:

What is a frog's favorite summertime treat? Hopsicles!

Why should you never blame a dolphin for doing anything wrong? Because they never do it on porpoise!

Where do sheep go on vacation? To the Baa-hamas!

How do you know that the ocean is friendly? It waves!

Why do fish swim in saltwater? Because pepper water would make them sneeze!

KENDRA INTRODUCES & DALE SPEAKS: A special event occurred on June 11th on the Football field at James Madison University. Kendra Dodrill proudly introduced her "Papaw", Dale Dodrill as the Commencement Speaker for the 2021 Graduating Class. In turn, Dale watched Kendra parade across the stage to receive her diploma. What a great memory for the Dodrill family.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!



Annalie Crisman graduated from Marvin Ridge High School, and will be attending Central Piedmont Community College and the University of North Carolina. She is the daughter of Wes and Sarah Crisman.



Leigha Dillard graduated from Spotswood High School, and will be attending Bridgewater College to study Biochemistry and Spanish. She is the daughter of Scott and Jenny Dillard.



Kendra Dodrill graduated from Turner Ashby High School, and will be attending Bridgewater College to study Family and Consumer Science Education. She is the daughter of Scott and Michele Dodrill.



Jacob Hall graduated from West Caldwell High School, and will be attending Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute to pursue a career as a SWAT law enforcement officer. He is the grandson of Wayne and Becky Ryman.



Jaden Hall graduated from Waynesboro High School and will be attending Blue Ridge Community College and James Madison University studying Civil Engineering. He is the son of Kevin and Holly Mason.



Toni Underwood graduated from Spotswood High School and will be starting training for a new job. She is the daughter of Donnie and Jeanine Underwood.

FUN GRADUATION PICTURES



Best friends now and then



Wally and Kendra



"Papaw" speaks

WEDDING CELEBRATION: Congratulations to Marie Siler and



Steve Hardin on their marriage on June 12th at Owl's Roost Farm in Keezletown, the home of Marie's grandparents, Al and Jackie Liskey. Lynn Siler escorted her daughter down the aisle and the couple were married by Scott Dodrill, with the help of lots of family and friends in a

beautiful outdoor wedding, with 88 people attending and guests traveling from 12 different states. Much love from your KUMC church family and BEST WISHES to Marie and Steve, who will be living in Auburn Alabama.

“WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST”. Today’s service, June 13th, opened with Diana playing “He Leadeth Me”, “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”, and “Great is Thy Faithfulness” as the church family gathered. The bell rang, and Ryan carried in the Light of Christ as Diana played “Sweet Hour of Prayer” for the prelude. Mac Coffman, assisting Pastor Joel today, greeted everyone present and viewing, and led the opening prayer, which was followed by the singing of “We Gather Together”, and the choir presenting “We Are the Body of Christ” as their anthem. Neil came to read the Gospel lesson from 1 John 1:1-2:2, the Word of God and God is Light. “We in Christ” was the title of Pastor Joel’s message, beginning with us not knowing who wrote John or who it was being written for. We need to put ourselves in the word--it starts with “we”. We are asked to live and walk in the light. Be careful, things look different in the light and the dark. Walk in the light, see your sins and failures, your brokenness, to bring them to God for forgiveness, healing, and grace. When the grace of “we” comes thru in the life of the Church, then God’s love shines thru to others. We are sinners; we have an advocate; we can be that grace for one another. “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” was our next hymn, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. Linda Liskey She referred to a devotion by Jesus being born in a manger to in the lower society. Jesus vulnerable, and reached out to the unfortunate. Thank you, Church Family, for the wonderful and generous gifts for the expectant mothers. Thank you for being Jesus to these less fortunate. We dedicate and bless these gifts, these givers, and these recipients. Pastor Joel then dedicated the Cans 4 Conference, and the conference offering in the offertory prayer. Mac came to give the Benediction, Ryan carried out the Light of Christ, and Diana played “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” as the postlude. **ARE YOU A PART OF THE “WE”?**



BABY ITEMS DEDICATED on Sunday, June 13th: Diapers-9 pkg=436 diapers; Wipes-4 pkg; Large Blankets-12; Receiving Blankets-8; Baby Shampoo/Wash-10; Burp Cloths-3; Soft Toys-3; Onesies-20 (13 Girls/7 Boys); Sleepers-52 (28 Girls/24 Boys); Mom's Needs-2 pkg = 48; Reusable Tote Bag-12; Extra Items: Binkies-3 pkg=6; Brush/Comb Set-3; Nail Clipper-2; Diaper Rash Ointment-2; Baby Lotion-1; and Bottle Brush-1.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MET: Eight members of the Administrative Council and Pastor Joel met after church on June 13th to review and approve the MAP (Mitigation Assistance Plan) for procedures to bring the church family back to events and activities in a safe manner. These recommendations were submitted by the PRG committee of Pastor Joel, Sharon Martin, and Sherry Summers. After discussion, Joe Liskey made a motion that we accept the MAP Plan and send to the District Superintendent; Ken Thomas seconded, and Council approved.

POST-COVID RE-ENTRY GROUP: A new team called “PRG”, which includes Pastor Joel, Sherry Summers, and Sharon Martin has been formed at KUMC to apply new guidelines from the VA Annual Conference to our local church after May 28th, by making

plans to be submitted to our Dist Supt Rev Victor Gómez for approval. If you would like to be part of this new PRG team please contact Pastor Joel. We also want to express our appreciation to the 2020-2021 **Healthy Church Team** of Randy Clatterbuck, Carol Sacra, Jan Shafer, Sherry Summers, and Susan Threewitts, who have been a great blessing to our church working through guidelines from the Commonwealth of VA and the VA Annual Conference during the pandemic.

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 coordinate and provide a monthly meal 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 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 5-7:00 p.m., and from 5-7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. 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.

ITEMS BEING REQUESTED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED:

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 thru Dec 24th.

*** JUNE EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE***

18-19 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

United Methodist Men meet at Ruritan Pavilion at 9:00 a.m.; breakfast and meeting

21-27 Pastor Joel on Vacation

27 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: Guest Speaker Rev David Nankivell**

30 Camp Overlook Mudding on the Mountain Registration due (see below)

Body to mind: remember—do not sit on the floor to do something, unless you have a plan to get up.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Snuggles



Birthday fun



Soup day helpers



Dodrill brothers

*** JULY EVENTS HAPPENING***

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Lee Threewitts

July 2 Becky Ramsey

July 3 Becky Crown

July 5 Caleb Hall

July 6 Patsy Smith

July 11 Kelcey Seaman

July 11 Dale Dodrill

July 11 Michael Stanley

July 14 Chad Higgs

July 16 Rebecca Sprague

July 17 Allen Martin

July 24 Diana Davis

July 25 Audrey Cox

July 27 Makenna Eppard

July 28 Misty Botkin

July 29 Steve Morris

July 29 Kathy Armentrout

July 29 Barrett Bowman

July 29 Damon Daff

July 30 Cooper Pellegrin

July 30 Jacob Hall

July 20 Triton Lane Bishop

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 4, 1990	John & Cheryl Foley	31 years
July 4, 1992	Mike & Cecilia Hawkins	29 years
July 5, 1993	Randy & Janet Clatterbuck	28 years
July 13, 2002	Charlie & Stephanie Liskey	19 years
July 19, 1986	Steve & Marie Suter	35 years
July 20, 1996	David & Jenny Reed	25 years
July 20, 1963	Bruce & Barbara Hoover	58 years
July 26, 1999	Marvin & Sandra McCray	22 years

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



Bruce & Barbara Hoover on July 20th for 58 years

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

July Events Calendar

- 1 **UM Men serve Cross Keys Ruritans**
- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m., w/Communion; Message: "Christ's Love for Home Country" from Mark 6:1-13
- 6 **Worship Planning, 6:30 PM**
- 10 **Choir practice 9:30 p.m.**
- 11 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Unstoppable Grace" from Mark 6:14-20**
- 12 **UMW feed Keezletown Ruritans**
- 13 **Staff-Parish Relations Meeting, 6:30 PM**
- 16 **Newsletter items due**
- 17 **Serve Salvation Army**
- 18 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "The Steadfast Love of God" from Psalm 89:1-52**
United Methodist Men's Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 24 **Choir practice 9:30p.m.**
- 25 **In-Person/Online Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "The Steadfast Love of God" from Psalm 89:1-52**

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

"Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? Matthew 10:29 Aren't five sparrows for two small coins? Yet not one of them is overlooked by God. Even the hairs on your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows." (Luke 11:6-7) Buy four sparrows and get the fifth one free. What was the value of the fifth sparrow to the seller? Answer "zero". Was the value of the fifth sparrow any less to God, than the other four? Answer "No". If these little birds, are ever before the face of the "God of the Universe,"

know that He is ever watching us in the most trivial details of our lives. You are worth more than many sparrows.

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.

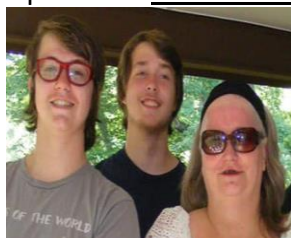
SUMMER CAMP AT OVERLOOK: There will be six weeks of camp with various programs to choose from beginning June 21st for children and youth who have completed kindergarten through becoming seniors in high school. Jenny Dillard is helping with questions about registrations and financial support through KUMC and can be reached at 421-5366

THE CHURCH FAMILY REMEMBERS



Helen Diane Chapman Williams, KUMC member and friend is survived by her husband of 50 years, Leonard, their daughter, Jennifer Young, and husband John; their son, Christopher Williams and wife, Lara; eight grandchildren; a sister, Denise Sager and husband Kenny; and a great aunt, Frances Plecker; along with many cousins and friends.

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD



Update on **the Hall boys**: From Becky Ryman, we learn that **Jacob** graduated in North Carolina in May and is looking into a future in law enforcement. **Marcus**, also in NC, is bringing home straight A's, planning on joining the ROTC program next year, and the Navy after graduation. **Caleb**, here in Virginia, is well and doing what he needs to do for Harper. It is really a blessing to see them all working so hard for the future. We are all proud of the young men they have become.

Haiden Dillard: In a letter from Chris Runion, VA House of Delegates: "Congratulations on making the honor roll at Montevideo Middle School, in a year that had its fair share of difficulties. You have adapted and overcome the challenges you have faced in this environment and that is to be admired. The flexibility, determination, and resilience you have displayed in achieving the honor roll during this past year is beyond measure; what you have learned about yourself facing these challenges will only propel your success. You will end up doing great things."

Makenna Eppard finished a four month class that took a year longer than usual to finish due to COVID-19 and in-person testing restrictions and received a certificate saying the

following: "National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians hereby certified Makenna D Eppard as an Advance EMT duly registered together with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto in consideration of having satisfied the prescribed national stands for certification. In Testimony Whereof, the seal of National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians and the Signatures as authorized by the Board of Directors are hereunto affixed this Fifteenth day of May, 2021 A.D. Signed by the Board Chair and Executive Director and stamped with a seal." Congratulations, Makenna. We are so proud of you.

Bridgewater College congratulates Alissa Dodrill for being named to the spring semester Dean's List, those students who have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average of a possible 4.0. Alissa's commitment to school will allow her to finish in December 2021. We are all so proud of you, Alissa.

Emily Carr has been accepted at SNHU, where she wants to continue with online studies towards her BA in Graphic Design with a concentration in Web Design. SNHU has accepted all her credits from other schools and she will be going in as a junior, and if all goes well, will graduate by the end of 2022. She has finished everything at BRCC and ended up with A's and B's in everything. She will start classes with SNHU on June 28th. Congrats, Emily.

A Tribute to our dear friend, Jim Harris: Jim posted in Facebook: "62 years ago I started



working and I have never stopped...until now. A month from today (June 27th) will be my final day as the pastor of Weyers Cave United Methodist Church. My first job, at age 11, was as a Grit Newspaper boy. At age 13 I went to work at Massanutten Caverns cutting grass, and I eventually became a tour guide. The summer between my senior year and college I worked at WSVB Radio & TV as a groundskeeper and

gopher. During my freshman year at VCU I worked a student aid job in the cafeteria, as a salesman in the bargain basement of Miller & Rhoads, as a file clerk for Miller & Rhoads, and as a parking attendant at a downtown car park. I joined the Navy after my freshman year and became a photographer, serving in Florida, Mississippi and the Northern Atlantic during the Vietnam War. After the Navy I lived for a time in Cincinnati and was a glass-blower in a thermometer factory, then a shoe-salesman, and then at two different jobs as a photographer, the last one was a baby photographer. They transferred me to Virginia and I moved back home. I worked next as the commercial photographer for WHSV TV (and also operated a camera for the 6 pm news, and the sound board for the 11 pm news). After that I was the Camera & Jewelry Manager at the brand new Harrisonburg K-Mart. I entered the United Methodist ministry in July of 1975, and have served for 46 years, the last 18 mostly as interim or part-time." **Best wishes from your friends in Keezletown and at KUMC in this new chapter of your life. You have definitely made a difference in a lot of our lives—thank you.**

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MY PERSONAL NOTE:

This issue almost didn't happen! On June 3rd, my computer started acting funny, and on June 4th, it died. That's the same day we went to get a new one, not knowing (due to the pandemic) that the new one was not in stock and would have to be shipped to us, supposedly on Monday. After cancelling and rescheduling appointments with the Geek Squad for Monday, the computer finally arrived Tuesday morning (I know, shipping is backed up too due to the pandemic). Taking the old and new computer to Best Buy, we find out that it may be as much as three days before the transfers can be completed. Dear God in heaven—seven days—without my computer--there is nothing that will humble you more than realizing how addicted you have become to your computer, as to have it die after 8 years, and have to wait a week before you can get a new one up and running again; not to mention the worry if they (the Geek Squad, who are the BEST!) could get all of your documents to transfer, plus, they have a new Word document program! I am so grateful that the Good Lord in Heaven wanted me to continue doing this newsletter and was able to make things work out even over and above my anxiety. Maybe He was trying to tell me that I need to concentrate more on Him and less on the computer. I can tell you, I'm a much happier, less anxious lady today—just ask my husband...haha. Enjoy your newsletter! *Diana*

Editor's Note

The July deadline for submissions is July 16th. 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.

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