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On July 4th, Pastor Joel announced from the pulpit that he was beginning his 10th year at KUMC, to a round of applause. He said he had been here so long he felt like a piece of the furniture. You are, Joel. You are a LAMP, that shares your light and the light of Jesus with all of us. Keep shining...we think we'll keep you.

OUR PASTOR CHATS

Jesus told stories with seeds to describe the kingdom of heaven. The things of Jesus Christ may begin small, but the love of God grows, spreads, and bears life-giving fruit.

My sister Heather sent me flower seeds from Iowa where she lives. She told me a little about the flowers that they would have tall stalks and bear beautiful flowers. I planted some of the seeds in Spring and they have just put on their first flowers in mid-July. One of the biggest surprises in these flowers so far is that though the stalks look the same, there are some different colors in the flower petals. It has been fun for me to take these unfamiliar seeds, plant them, watch them grow, wonder if there would really be flowers or if I misunderstood, and then see pink petals and burgundy blooms.

We are entering a season in the church where we will be restarting ministries after the pandemic. As a church we will do so in a time when not everyone has the same comfort level for meeting together. I am praying this will be a fun, joyful, and surprising time to plant Gospel seeds of ministries like Sunday school, small groups, mission and more. May God help us plant, wait, and see what blooms in the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ. *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 June 21st thru July 18th:



Happy Birthday to: Miranda Shortell, Kathryn Pusey, Janice Smith, Adalida Crisman, Jacob Welsh, Lynette Guilliams, Jamie Shoemaker, Diane Ritchie, Wally Simmers, Lee Threewitts, Becky Ramsey, Becky Crown, Caleb Hall, Patsy Smith, Kelcey Seaman, Dale Dodrill, Michael Stanley, Chad Higgs, Rebecca Sprague, and Allen Martin; Happy Anniversary to: Ben & Leslie Pellegrin (18), Rick & Tammy Layman (19); David & Beth Cole (15); Joel & Jenn Robinette (21); Richard & Faye Higgs (65); E.L. & Diana Davis (48); Wes & Ann Ford (41); John & Cheryl Foley (31); Mike & Cecilia Hawkins (29); Randy & Janet Clatterbuck (28); and Charlie & Stephanie Liskey (19).

*** JUNE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED***

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT: For the second consecutive year, the VA Annual Conference was held virtually, with Methodists all over the state getting together online instead of in person as normal. The 2021 Conference did seem to be smoother than last year, but definitely not ideal. It is just not the same when you cannot meet and greet folks in person; but the Methodists persevered and made it happen. Bishop Sharma Lewis led the sessions on June 18th and 19th from Richmond with the theme of "United as One". Thanks to Pastor Joel, Chris Cole and myself were able to get connected and figure out how to vote using our phones, as we met in the social hall, a real experience for both of us. There were a lot of rules that had to be established as well as money concerns. Various positions for the conference were elected and reports were given. There are three churches in the Harrisonburg District that have closed their doors. Let's keep those folks in prayer as they search for a new congregation. The purpose of the VA Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its' local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church, all to the glory of God. Folks statewide were able to accomplish this by collecting items

to be given to our neighbors in need. While this is quite different from previous years, our contributions are being distributed locally. Thank you for the many contributions you have made in recent months that were sent to our local food pantry at Massanutten Presbyterian Church. We are also collecting school supplies and health kits for Club Run Elementary School and hygiene closet items for Spotswood High School. Newborn kits have already been sent to Mission Central and we will continue to collect these until later in the year. Thank you so much for helping to be Christ's hands and feet to our community. You are making a difference. **Ann Ford**, Lay Member Annual Conference

MEN'S GROUP MEETS AFTER 16 MONTHS: On a beautiful Sunday morning, June 20th, the Men's Group met at the Keezletown Ruritan shelter, with twelve men in attendance. We welcomed and enjoyed Brandon Bowman's son, Eli, to our gathering. Let me say that Eli sure has grown over our 16 month absence during COVID. The group enjoyed a nice filling breakfast along with a wonderful dose of fellowship by all. Following breakfast, Neil Sacra, read a devotional story based on the theme "sacrifice", showing how a character in the story sacrificed just as God had with his own son, instructing us to make sacrifices for others around us to strengthen, nurture, and love them as we go through our spiritual walk with God. Chairman Neil called the meeting to order, and the group voted to serve the Cross Keys Ruritans July 1st, and to make the 3rd Sunday of September (9/19) Men's Sunday. Sign-up sheets were passed around for both food donations and for volunteers to serve the meal. The group also discussed working on a project at the Clothes Closet, plus serving a meal to the Salvation Army. Both projects were tabled until Neil could get more information before proceeding. Sign-up sheets for mowing at the church were also passed around. We will have passed the midpoint of the mowing season in the next couple of weeks and I would like to thank all who have given of their time to mow the church lot so far this year. The meeting was then closed with prayer. Neil S, Chairman

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! It's the 4th Sunday after Pentecost, June 20th, and Father's Day, as we gather to Chris playing the piano and folks chatting. The bell rings, Chris plays "Abba, Father", and Ryan brings in the Light of Christ. B J Smith, assisting Pastor Joel, gives the welcome and tells a brief story of how he didn't listen when his grandfather was trying to teach him how to sharpen a saw, something that he could have used when his grew too dull to cut down the tree he needed to cut down. He then led the responsive Call to Worship, followed by the church family hymn, "Bring Forth the Kingdom", and the choir's presentation of "A Christian Home". Corey Guilliams came to read the Gospel Lesson from Mark 4:26-34, the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Pastor Joel began his message, "Father's Day Wonder", with "Happy Father's Day" and telling everyone that he was wearing a special tie, his own fathers, that he had asked for and been given. He began with what is the Kingdom of God like and what does it do? In High school, he did not understand Chemistry, but had two helpers, the valedictorian of the class and his younger brother, who loved science. He wanted to know how everything was working, but was told that they didn't have time to explain, but it would work. Jesus is our lab partner in this passage and in life. He tells us it works, not how, but to just believe. Mustard seeds were in a bag in the bulletin and we were asked to put one seed in our hand. Since they are so small, you can drop them easily, as he did during his message. Jesus uses seeds for potential to grow the Kingdom of God in people,

disciples, sinners, and the Holy spirit to share with others. Peace, Love, and grace, is the Kingdom of God living in people. He told of how he watched his children being born, wondering how he could have been a part of this wonder. The children have the fingerprint of God on them, just as we all do. He has watched them grow, being kind, helping others, wondering how all this happens, and knowing that God is instilled in them. The Kingdom of God is like the smallest of the seed to become a giant tree for the birds to nest in. God comes in small ways every day, but He also gave the greatest gift of Jesus on the cross, hears our prayers, sends us friends that care, and the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to do what He would have us do—big or small. Take what He has given you and plant it. The second Church family hymn was “Happy the Home When God is There”, followed by B J leading the Time of Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor Joel then told that \$200.00 had been collected for VA Annual Conference, but that we would love to send \$300.00 if there were those who still wished to donate. He then led the Offertory Prayer. Not sure who was going to do the Benediction, B J and Pastor Joel did rock-paper-scissors, to much laughter, and B J gave the benediction, as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ. Karen Mooney, who had placed a basketful of homemade cookies on the altar for Father’s Day, greeted everyone at the door as they left and gave them cookies. **TAKE YOUR SEED AND PLANT IT!**

CELEBRATING SOME OF THE KUMC FATHERS



AND THEN IT HAPPENED: I love God moments and another one happened this Sunday. Right in the middle of prayer, Lily (Sacra) giggled. What a glorious sound. When talking to her parents (Tyler and Courtney) later, I assured them that no one was offended, in fact, that the most wonderful sound to the Father’s ears is the laughter of children in His house. Thank you, Father, for the laughter of a child.

Pastor Joel, Jenn, and family, are spending time together this week (the 21st thru the 27th) to be with family and friends and celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary from your KUMC family, and many more.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS REPORT: Per Debbie Creech, Exec Admin Asst at Harrisonburg District Office on June 21st, here are the statistics at the conclusion of the "Community Cans & Kits" collection: Harrisonburg District has collected: School Kits – 369; Hygiene Kits – 440; Over 1,200 pounds of food. Ministry partners receiving the Cans and Kits are as follows: Manor Memorial - will go to Hope Distributed Food Pantry; Grottoes UMC - will go to the Elkton Food Pantry; Keezletown will go to the Massanutten Presbyterian Food Pantry; Strasburg UMC collected 313 pounds of food given to the Compassion Cupboard in Strasburg. School kits are being distributed to: Charterhouse School (UMFS); Various Rockingham County School Partnerships. Health Kits will be distributed to: Valley Open Doors Thermal Shelter; (and possibly Mercy House Women's shelter). Thank you to everyone who contributed with school kits, hygiene kits, sewing kits, and canned food items.

SUMMER JOKES:

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road; she was given a ticket for littering.

Two silk worms were in a race; they ended up in a tie.

What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie? Sofishticated

If an Anteater eats fire ants for dinner, when he gets indigestion, should he take ant acid?

What do you get when you pick a pig's nose? Ham Boogers...I know, snot funny!

CAN YOU GIVE THANKS IN EVERYTHING? “The Church is One Foundation”, “God of Grace”, and “Precious Name” were being played by Diana as the gathering music for Worship on June 27th. The bell rang, Peggy Smith brought in the Light of Christ, and Diana then played “How Great Thou Art” as the prelude. Ken Thomas, leading the service for Pastor Joel who was on vacation, greeted those in attendance and watching, and let the responsive Call to Worship from 1 Corinthians 15:20, 53-55. Our first hymn was “How Firm a Foundation”, followed by a trio of Tanya, Sharon, and Diana, singing “All Your Anxiety” for the choral anthem. Faye Crowe came to read the Epistle lesson from Colossians 3:12-17, admonishing us to do everything in Jesus’ name. Rev David Nankivell gave the message today entitled “God is Alive and Well—Give Thanks”. He began by telling us that this message was written a year ago to be given



during the pandemic, but he became sick and could not do it. There will be trials and tribulations in our lives and at the end, we cannot be apart from God. God is alive and in control, but we have forgotten. God is alive and well, and we need to give thanks in all things. 2

Corinthians says to humble ourselves and pray and He will hear and heal. We compromise; we need to wake up. We belong to Christ and He is waiting for us to come back to Him. In 1 Thessalonians, the people questioned when the end of time was coming. Jesus told them no one knows except the Father. We need to rejoice, pray, and give thanks in everything. Are you ready? Live everyday as if it's your last. We then sang “Rescue the Perishing”, followed by Ken leading the Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory Prayer. David then gave the benediction, Peggy carried out the Light, and Diana played “Onward Christian Soldiers” as the postlude. Many

thanks to Corey Guiliams who taped and facebooked the service in Scott's absence.

ARE YOU READY IF IT'S YOUR LAST DAY?

AND THEN IT HAPPENED: Right before the Offertory prayer on Sunday, the 27th, Ken Thomas looked down at his paper and began: "Little Johnny came to Church on Sunday morning with his piggy bank in his hand. He walked up to the preacher and handed it to him. What's this, asked the preacher. Little Johnny said, well my Dad told my Mom that you were a poor preacher, so I thought I'd help you out!" Needless to say, the Church family was laughing so hard. Then Ken got a sheepish grin, put his hands on his head, and said "I think I better pray now". What a wonderful lighthearted God moment. Thank you, Ken.

CELEBRATING BILL: Rev William Richard "Bill" Fisher went to be with the Lord on April 16, 2020, with his lovely wife of 52 years, Barbara, holding him. Today, June 27, 2021, we were able to celebrate his legacy. Over a 40 year ministry, he Pastored 13 appointments in Georgia and Virginia, including KUMC from 1972-1976. Bill's motto and devotion remained steadfast to "Making Jesus Famous". He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a daughter, Sandy and spouse Lindo, a son, William Zachary (who looks just like his father) and spouse Rachel, 14 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and a sister Ellen. Many family members and friends spoke beautiful words of tribute to Bill, and a few times, as Bill would say about himself, we got "sweaty eyeballs". He was a man unlike any other, and he touched many lives in his journey. We know he struggled, especially when he had to speak, but the heartfelt, off the cuff, words that came from him touched our hearts and encouraged us to continue living in and loving Jesus. Well done thou good and faithful servant. You made a difference.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



The Stanleys



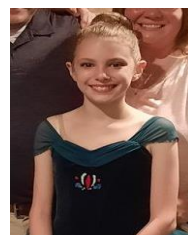
Carmella



Jacob & Joseph



Band awards



Dancing again



Happy 80 Dale

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

MORE SUMMER JOKES:

How does a farmer find new cows to buy? He looks in the cattlelog.

A farmer can tell you that a cow fart comes from the dairy air.

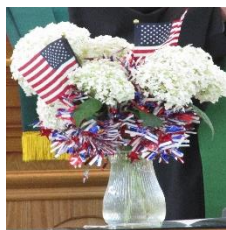
Which farm animal is a famous painter? Vincent Van Goat
Why did the one cow hurt the other cow? They had a beef against each other.
Today I grilled a chicken, but he still wouldn't tell me why he crossed the road.
What do you call a pig that does karate? "A pork chop!"

***** JULY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

UMM SERVE: the United Methodist Men served the Cross Keys-Mill Creek Ruritan Club meeting on Thursday, July 1st. The total of 63 persons served included 45 members and 18 guests. The guests included 5 scholarship winners from the SHS class of 2021 and their families. Thank you to all of the men who donated money, donated items to prepare, prepared food, set up and cleaned up after the meal, and served the meal. A very large thank you to Carol Dillard who so graciously and willingly prepared the main course of chicken tetrazzini that we served. It was a good night of working for others.

LADIES MEET: The UMW met on July 1st at 7:00 p.m. with eleven ladies present, finally without masks and social distancing. Ann called the meeting to order and we repeated the UMW Purpose. Diana gave a brief devotion on laughter, followed by the reading of the May and June minutes, which were approved. Kathy gave the Treasurer's report, and we chose to give to the Salvation Army as our Mission of the Month. Cheryl needed flowers for three July Sundays, and received volunteers for each. Sherry advised that we would be serving 25 people at the Keezletown Ruritan Club meeting on July 12th. Ann and/or Chris will be giving Diana an article for the newsletter about VA Annual Conference. We will dedicate the remaining hygiene, school, and health kits on August 1st, during worship. We are going to have our annual picnic in August, and Judy Coffman graciously offered her pavilion area for the night. We will meet on August 5th at 6:00 p.m. Upcoming District Events included: finishing the LIOP report and submitting by September 19th; a Prayer Breakfast in September, date TBD; an Annual Meeting on October 7th; and Looking Ahead Together on November 13th. The group then enjoyed snacks, drinks, and a revised form of "what you might do during summer" bingo, with lots of chatting and laughing. Cards were passed to sign for Barbara Smith, Maynard Sites, Frank Baker, Susie & Juanita, Fay & Richard, Patsy Smith, Dale Dodrill, and Ellen Layman. Chris read from the prayer calendar and Ann closed with prayer. Next meeting will be a picnic on August 5th at Judy Coffman's home.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY. We enjoyed the sounds of "Heal the Nations", "Song for the



Land", and "Let There Be Peace on Earth", as Chris played our gathering music for the July 4th worship service. The bell rang, Tanya brought in the Light of Christ, and Chris played "Lift Every Voice and Sing" as the prelude. Diana Davis, assisting Pastor Joel, gave the greeting and opened with a reading about the 15

seconds of patience we need to have with each other, followed by an opening prayer read by the church family. We sang "America" as the first hymn, and the congregation joined the



choir in singing “God Bless America” as the anthem. Mac Coffman read the Gospel lesson from Mark 6:1-13, the story of Jesus’s rejection in Nazareth. Pastor Joel began his message by wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July and reminiscing that as of today he is beginning his 10th year at KUMC (which prompted a round of applause) and that he felt almost like a piece of the furniture. Scripture tells us that Jesus goes to his hometown, Nazareth, preaches, teaches, heals, and shows mercy, but also sends out His disciples. God’s love and mercy transforms us. John Cline moved to Broadway from Pennsylvania, as a German Baptist Brethren. He had walls in his house that moved so people could worship there, and gave land for a church. He traveled to West Virginia preaching and teaching, and was part of a peace movement who talked with the northern and southern leaders during the civil war. The ordinary people in your town can be used by the grace of God, meaning us, to change each other and those we meet. “Christ for the World We Sing” was our second hymn, followed by the Invitation to Communion and the World Methodist Social Affirmation. Diana led us in the Morning and Offertory Prayer, followed by Pastor Joel leading the Great Thanksgiving Celebration and the Lord’s Prayer. Diana gave the benediction, as Tanya carried out the Light of Christ, and Chris played “America the Beautiful”. **ORDINARY PEOPLE DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS WITH GOD’S GRACE.**

WORSHIP PLANNING committee, Pastor Joel, Chris, and Diana, met on July 6th at 6:30 p.m. to select music for worship during the rest of July and August. Anyone is welcome to help.

I’LL TAKE JESUS AND THE LUMPS: On July 11th the worship service began with Diana playing “Come Away with Me”, “Are Ye Able”, and “To God Be the Glory” as the gathering music, and the bell rang. Haiden carried in the Light of Christ as Diana played “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”. B J Smith assisted Pastor Joel, gave the greeting and led the Opening Prayer from the hymnal, followed by the singing of “Grace Greater than Our Sin”. The choir presented “Grace Alone” as their anthem, followed by Neil Sacra reading the Gospel Lesson from Mark 6:14-29, John the Baptist’s death. Before Pastor Joel could begin his message, “Unstoppable Grace”, Sharon Martin said, “that’s a really sad story”, and Pastor Joel agreed. He then asked all to say “Unstoppable Grace”. Jesus is bringing grace to people, sending out his disciples with the power of God; and the disciples return to tell Jesus what God is doing. Herod hears these stories and wonders. He thought he had killed this grace with John’s death and here is more. We can refuse God’s grace, but it doesn’t stop Him from offering. If you are breathing and your heart is beating, you are receiving god’s grace. Don’t wait to say yes to grace. Herod killed John to save face and show power. Bill Fisher suffered with dementia and was hospitalized for fulltime care—no one could visit. But a patient needed a Pastor and Bill listened and shared God’s grace. Changes now and in the future for KUMC will need to include God’s grace. John spent his whole life pointing to Jesus and God, knew God’s grace was in him and baptized Jesus, and died to save all of Herold’s court. Our lives are in the Lord; go with Him; and let His grace see you through. Bill Fisher was highly criticized at one of his churches for changes being made, but said, “when it comes to going with people or with Jesus, I’ll take Jesus and my lumps.” Unstoppable Grace is

on the loose. The church family enjoyed singing “Victory in Jesus” as the next hymn, followed by B J leading the Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor Joel then mentioned that all of the new video equipment had been installed (except for the video console) and that today was the first day we were using it, thanking everyone who had helped to make it possible. He also asked for interested persons to see Scott Sprague about learning how to help out using the equipment. He then gave the Offertory Prayer and B J closed with the benediction. Diana played “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” again as Haiden carried out the Light of Christ. **WALK WITH JESUS AND GRACE, AND TAKE THE LUMPS.**

And Then It Happened: Diana played the prelude but finished before Haiden had a chance to get the candles lit. As she walked up the aisle, Pastor Joel began to sing, “Just a closer walk with thee” and Diana again started playing, as the choir joined in with “grant it Jesus is my plea” and others began “daily walking close to Thee, let it be, Dear Lord, let it be”. You could feel the Holy Spirit breathe in the Sanctuary.

NEW SYSTEM ACTIVATED: During worship on July 11th, we had the new video camera system running for the first time with internet, sound, and cameras all connected together. Let us give God some praise! It has also been one year since KUMC hired Scott Sprague to serve as an Audio-Visual Specialist to help us record and stream worship services in order to share worship for those unable to attend in-person worship. We will soon have a prayer of dedication for the new system. We are waiting for completion and installation of a platform and cabinet/console that is being made by Keezletown members for the video system. When Scott Sprague was hired it was not for him to do all of the Audio-Visual ministry of the congregation, but help us share that ministry in and beyond the walls of the church. Part of Scott’s position is to train and equip others in the church in how to be part of Audio-Visual ministry. As the new system is getting working, please be praying for people who will serve in this ministry for our congregation and community. **If God is calling you to serve in Audio-Visual ministry at this time, please talk to Scott Sprague.**

UMW SERVES RURITANS: Sixteen Ruritans enjoyed a meal of baked Italian Chicken, potato salad, baked beans, rolls, tea, sheet cake and Ice cream on July 12th served by Ann, Kathy, Chris, and Sherry. Ann prepared the potato salad; Karen prepared the baked beans; chicken was donated by Ginny, Diana, and Faye Crowe, and prepared by Sherry; Sheet cakes were prepared by Judy and Sherry; Rolls were provided by Chris, Ice Cream was provided by Ginny, and Tea was provided by Sherry. Thank you to all who helped.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Ten men met on Sunday morning, July 18th, at 9:00 a.m. at the church, enjoying wonderful fellowship and a super breakfast prepared by Jim and Scott Dillard. Our devotion was based on Hebrews 4: 12 telling us to make it a point to speak the Word of God in our lives day in and day out, or a better way to say it is “Be a walking testimony of his power and victory”. Chairman Neil Sacra called the meeting to order. Business from the prior meeting in June was discussed: feeding at the Salvation Army, and working with cleanup at the Clothes Closet. We thanked Jim Dillard who stepped up to lead the serving at the Salvation Army on Thursday, July 22nd. Neil Sacra will continue to look into the needs of the Clothes Closet. The final three slots for mowing the church lot have been taken; thanks to all who gave of their time

and effort this mowing season. Scott Dillard made a motion that we give a scholarship fund amount to Jacob Hall. Jacob, who was a faithful part of our Men's group until he and his family moved to North Carolina, where he plans to attend a local community college and study law enforcement. Several items were presented to the group as items that would be coming up at our next meeting to be thinking about how we wish to proceed on them. Our next gathering will be Sunday, August 15th. We encourage all men to come and join in the fellowship.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



After baseball



Relaxing



Five beautiful young ladies



Summer Cool Ka'Leah and Brynleigh



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.

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.

Kits for Baby Shower for Jesus: We will have another Baby Shower for Jesus on Christmas Eve. This year we are asking for newborn kits which will be shared in our community through The Mission Central Children's Clothing Closet. You don't have to wait for Christmas to assemble and give newborn kits as newborns come all year long. 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.

NEWS FROM HAYLEY JOHNSON: (posted in July from Washington state:.) Yesterday, my service



at Edmonds College came to a bittersweet end. Although this year wasn't anything I could have ever expected, I'm thankful for exactly how this year turned out. Huge thanks to everyone who supported Michael and I through moving across the country during a pandemic, all the staff at the college who worked hard to make my service term meaningful, and most of all, the students who I got to meet, know, and serve along the way. Here are just a few highlights of my service term: the Green Team and I hosted over 15 virtual events that engaged with over 230 students this academic year. Every week, I served in our campus food pantry, and just since January 2021, we have distributed over 40,000 pounds of food to our 1160+ students and employees. Since November, the Green Team and I have done monthly water quality monitoring in two local creeks in Mukilteo, WA. I created a video with the help of Green Team staff about our water monitoring project. (https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wM-zf4v_PEE) We established two NEW monitoring sites in Perrinville Creek, which is directly impacted by our runoff from campus and is currently facing a lot of challenges due to the high development in the area. I have been here a year now, and with the job ending on July 15th, have decided to stay on for another program. Best wishes, Hayley from your church family.

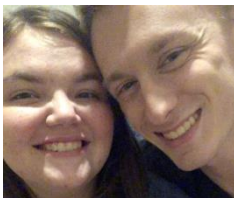
MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Scout camping



West VA fun



Emily & Josh



Lovin' Kenna



SC Baseball

ITEMS BEING REQUESTED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED TIL AUG 1ST:

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.

POST-COVID RE-ENTRY GROUP: A new team called "PRG" has been formed at KUMC to apply new guidelines from the VA Annual Conference to our local church. If you would like to be part of this new PRG team please contact Pastor Joel, Sherry Summers or Sharon Martin.

The Salvation Army has been able to continue its' ministry throughout the COVID pandemic. They have made some physical improvements in the building and the number of residents is slowly increasing as things are getting back to normal. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to continue to feed the residents the third Saturday of each month. Some months we have stayed and served the meal and other times we left the food for the staff to serve. Currently there are about 10-12 residents who have been enjoying the meals and are always very appreciative. Last month the Salvation Army Captain paid us a visit while we were preparing the meal. He asked that we pass his appreciation onto you for your help with this ministry. So...Thank You!!! **Ann and Wes** (and thank you to Ann and Wes for continuing this Mission project)

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Coffman kids 2012 Memories 2019 Happy Birthday, Wally Myrtle vacation Happy 16th

***** JULY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- 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: "A Song for Fools and Faith" from Psalm 14:1-7**

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Baby Whisperer Adalida is 5 Dale spitting seeds His Competition All grown up Jacob is 9

***** AUGUST EVENTS HAPPENING*****

“You Are Special”, a mini-ballet will be presented by **InMotion Summer Praise Dance** at KUMC for Sunday worship on **August 8th**, and will include our own Becca Sprague.

Blessing of the Backpacks (or spatula, or bus keys, or the like that you bring) for everyone going back to school like students, teachers, and school staff, a blessing will be given in worship on Sunday, **August 22nd**.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1	Jim Dillard	Aug 20	Jackie Liskey
Aug 4	Susan Threewitts	Aug 23	Brian Zylich
Aug 4	Connor Miller	Aug 24	Abigail Welsh
Aug 6	Hayley Johnson	Aug 25	Elinor Botkin
Aug 6	Adam Ford	Aug 25	Jeb Painter
Aug 7	Carol Sacra	Aug 27	Darryl Eppard
Aug 10	Creed Combs	Aug 28	Carmella Bahle
Aug 12	Samuel Ramsey	Aug 29	Amy Wigington
Aug 13	Erin Werner	Aug 31	Kendra Dodrill
Aug 14	David Reed	Aug 31	Carson Pusey
Aug 16	E.L. Davis		
Aug 18	B J Smith		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 10, 1991	Aaron & Cheryl Dillard	30 years
August 13, 2004	Brian & Melissa Kelly	17 years
August 14, 2010	Brent & Mary Combs	11 years
August 20, 1961	Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill	60 years
August 30, 1997	Wayne & Becky Ryman	24 years

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



Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill on Aug 20th for 60 years

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

August Events Calendar

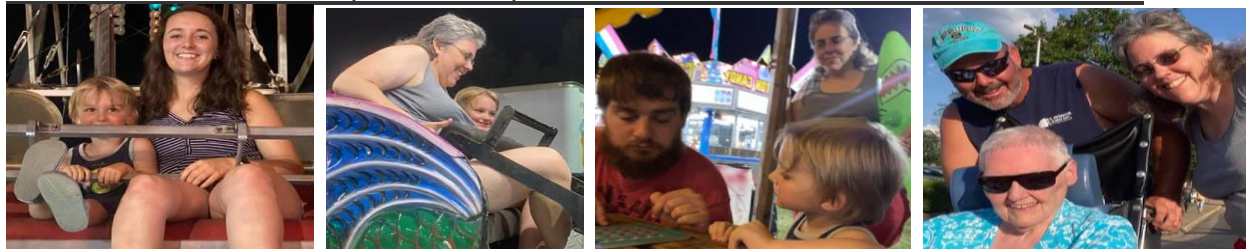
- 1 **Worship 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: “Bread of Life” from John 6:24-35**
Dedicate School supplies, Health Kits, and Hygiene Closet items
- 3 **Memorials Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**
- 5 **UMW picnic/meeting at Judy Coffman’s home at 6:00 p.m.**
- 7 **Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.**
- 8 **Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: “Known by God” from Psalm 139:1-24**
InMotion Summer Praise Dance present the Mini-Ballet “You Are Special”
- 11 **Council Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.**
- 13 **Newsletter items due**

- 15 [United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting at 9:00 a.m.](#)
 [Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Making the Most of Every Opportunity" from Ephesians: 5:15-20](#)
- 17 [Worship Planning @ 6:30 p.m.](#)
- 21 [Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.](#)
 [Serve Salvation Army](#)
- 22 [Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "God Armor" from Ephesians 6:10-20](#)
 [Blessing of the Backpacks](#)
- 29 [Worship 11:00 a.m.; Service of HOPE Sunday; Message: BJ Smith](#)

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

A few years ago, I was visiting with a senior co-worker at the local hospital. The conversation included my concern for our two granddaughters in this rapidly changing world. She said, "they will be fine. Your grandparents had the same concern about you and you are doing okay. It's just different times." A short time later she graduated from this life. Since then, I was introduced at Dayton UMC as Alissa's grandfather and Kendra introduced me as her grandfather at TA's graduation. I think my co-worker was right. We live in a changing world. Every age, has its' challenges and we never stop learning. Sometimes, it's easier to do things the same way than look for a possible easier/different way. An example, Kendra drove as we traveled to JMU for her graduation for her 1:30 p.m. arrival time. We started late, every stop light was red, and emotions were higher than normal. Where I would have turned right from route 42, she went straight through the light. I commented and Kendra said, "I thought about going that way but I am listening to her (cell phone directions)." It was the perfect route, no traffic and we were on time (1:29). My way would have made us late. Lesson learned: My ideas and ways of doing things may not always be the best for today. Learning to navigate in this technology society isn't easy for me, but for our youth, it's part of their culture. When I graduated from college in 1962, with a degree in math and physics, the slide rule was equivalent to the computer today. On July 20, 1969, Edwin Aldrin used the slide rule for math calculations as he and Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. Today, high school graduates only read about it in history books. Good News: GOD IS STILL THE SAME. Hebrews 13:8

THE DODRILL FAMILY, WAYLON, AND BRIDGEWATER LAWN PARTY FUN



THANK YOU

Dear KUMC, Thank you so much for everything. The music was beautiful and special. I will never forget you allowing Parker to play the flute. I know Mom was smiling down. Thank you for your friendships and the newsletters are amazing.

And that lunch was the perfect ending for all of us to a beautiful service and a very long week. Please pass along our gratitude to all who helped. Part of my heart will always be in Keezletown. Much love from **Jennifer, Len, and Chris**.

Thank you for the wonderful service and meal that you provided for my Mom...Love, **Chris Williams**. P.S. Everything was delicious, especially that mac & cheese!!

Dear Keezletown Church, Thank you so much for welcoming us into the community. You all have been so kind to our family! We want to thank you all for all the help you have given to us after our home fire. We truly do not know what we would've done, had God not placed you in our lives. The Bible says that we shall know one by their fruits. Thank you for sharing yours to be true. Thank you! May the Lord above bless each and every family within this church!! With love & appreciation, **The François Family**...Thank You Keezletown...

Thank you for being at Bill's Celebration of Life Sunday....Your words, the scripture, the prayers uplifted and encouraged us when we needed it most. The entire service was healing for me. So many people took time to be a part of it. The refreshment committee did a wonderful job and the decorations were beautiful....Enclosed is a check for the cook book I received Sunday. Looking forward to trying some of the recipes. Your Sister in Christ, **Barbara Fisher**

Dear Friends in Mission: Thank you for your gift of \$492.00 to US Disaster Response and \$392.00 to International Disaster Response received 06-04-21. Through your financial support, we are sharing 100% of donated funds to those in need. "Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors." Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, **UMCOR**

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Cooper Pellegrin has amazed us at surf camp this week! His most awesome instructor James has him catching wave after wave and he is even paddling out himself. Way to go, Cooper.



During his week at Camp Shenandoah Boy Scout Camp, **Ryan Sprague** received merit badges for swimming qualification, model building, rifle environmental science, and fire safety. Congrats!

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MY PERSONAL NOTE:

There are good days and there are bad days. As we grow older, and more physically and mentally painful, sometimes they seem to meld together, and it gets harder to remember the good days. There is one encouraging thing to remember about every day—Jesus is with you, no matter how you feel, what you are doing, what you are thinking, whatever is going on, how much your body hurts, how lonely you are feeling—HE is with you. Yes, I know, some days it's mighty hard to feel His presence or see His blessings, but just like the air that you cannot see, He is there. And somewhere in the quiet, He is waiting for you to close your eyes and say His name, and feel His love come upon you. This life is temporary, our pain is temporary, our loneliness is temporary, but Jesus is eternal, and we, as believers, will live eternally with Him and His love. Close your eyes, say His name, and feel His presence. Amen.

Diana

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Editor's Note

The August deadline for submissions is Aug 13th. 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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