

If born again was a picture.



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"My friend. He's crazy. And he's tricky too. Why, this morning, when I went to wash my face and shave, as I looked in the mirror, I was shocked to see him, my friend, looking back at me. It made me uncomfortable. I feel I am not worthy of him looking like me. So, I lowered my eyes. Then the man in the mirror said, "It's okay, how about if today you pretend to be me for a change, and see if anyone sees me when they look at you?" I think my friend has more faith in me than I do in myself, but with his help, I will try."

--Jim Harris

OUR PASTOR CHATS:

I am taking some time for renewal this week. I took a half day to meet with some pastor friends and hike the High Knob Fire Tower Lookout in Brandywine, West Virginia. We hiked, talked, listened, and encouraged one another. It was drizzly that day and fog covered the mountain and wafted by wondrously from the view of the lookout tower. There were a few millipedes and orange newts along the trail up and down.

Later this week I will join some pastors I don't know as well for devotions and time in a kayak or canoe on the Shenandoah River. I find these opportunities for renewal fun and destressing. Bishop Sharma Lewis noted earlier in 2021 the stressful time that we have all been under during the pandemic, elections, and more. Bishop Lewis encouraged all clergy to take a week for renewal leave. I am finding it really good to make times for renewal. Making time for God, being in creation, and for Christian fellowship fill me up. The need for renewal is not just for pastors during stressful times. We all need time for renewal. One of God's clearest calls to regular renewal is in Sabbath rest and worship. God shares with us to take one whole day each week for God, rest, breaking from regular work, and enjoying the blessings that surround us. As Bishop Lewis has encouraged me, I pass on her encouragement to us at Keezletown UMC. Let us make time to be renewed in God, rest, relationships, and the blessings around us.

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 July 19th thru Aug 18th:



Happy Birthday to: Triton Bishop, Diana Davis, Audrey Cox, Makenna Eppard, Misty Bodkin, Steve Morris, Kathy Armentrout, Barrett Bowman, Damon Daff, Cooper Pellegrin, Jacob Hall, Jim Dillard, Susan Threewitts, Connor Miller, Hayley Johnson, Adam Ford, Carol Sacra, Creed Combs, Samuel Ramsey, Erin Werner, David Reed, E.L. Davis, and B J Smith; and anniversaries: Steve & Marie Suter (35); David & Jenny Reed (25); Bruce & Barbara Hoover (58); Marvin & Sandra McCray (22); Aaron & Cheryl Dillard (30); Brian & Melissa Kelly (17); and Brent & Mary Combs (11).

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

RELAY TEAM FEEDS CLASS OF '56: The Relay team fed nineteen members and guests of the Dayton High School class of 1956 on July 17th. Linda, Lynn, Tanya, Ginny Joseph, Leah Siler and Joe served a delicious meal of Hawaiian Chicken, Ham with fruit sauce, Mac-n-cheese, green beans, corn on the cob and fresh home-grown tomatoes, followed with a fresh peach desert. Thanks to all who helped.

“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”. Carol Sacra played soft gathering music on the organ as worship began on July 18th, and the bell rang. Her prelude invited us to “Praise Him, Praise Him”, and Brayden brought in the Light of Christ. Scott Dillard, who assisted Pastor Joel greeted everyone and gave a short devotional on putting Jesus on

His throne in your heart every morning. He then led the responsive Prayer of Confession, followed by the church family singing “Lead On, O King Eternal”, and the choir presenting “Why Stand So Far Away, My God” as their anthem. The Psalter from Psalm 89:1-52, the story of God’s steadfast love, was read in five parts by Carol and Neil Sacra, and Kevin and Holly Mason. Psalm 89 is a long chapter began Pastor Joel; it’s a song that tells us about “The Steadfast Love of God”, the title of his message. Ethan the Ezrahite, a very wise scholar, wrote this Psalm about tender kindness, God’s covenant faithfulness, and God saving in the past and continuing to save now. He begins with praise, then into a promise made to David, then a warning, then lamentations, then a blessing benediction with two Amens. Jesus sends us out to help others. Early Jewish Romanian, Elie Wiesel, tells stories of how his family was taken to Auschwitz. Before they were taken away, they buried their treasures in their backyards, only to see their neighbors digging them up as they were taken away. All but two sisters, and himself, were killed in the Holocaust. He wrote stories of the brokenness and hope that have helped people cope with what happened. The lyrics to “It Is Well With My Soul” were written out of tragedy as a man lost his family on a boat trip. It shows the pain and brokenness healed by hope. We need to lift up our hope to God and to others, to comfort when things are not working out, and to share God’s steadfast faithfulness in our lives. With tears of joy and hope, we sang “It Is Well With My Soul”, followed by Scott leading the Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor Joel gave the offertory prayer and Scott closed the service with a responsive Benediction, as Brayden carried out the Light of Christ and Carol played “Amazing Grace”. **THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE IS THE KING OF YOUR HEART.**



AND THEN IT HAPPENED: Tanya was sitting there during the gathering on the 18th and decided to put on her sweater, only to find a fish hook in the sleeve. After working at it awhile, she got it out, but gave her husband the look only a wife can give, and later showed him what she had found. Ironical, I thought, that God sent a fish hook with her to remind us we are all fishers of men.

CELEBRATING A WEDDING: We are pleased to announce and celebrate the wedding of Brian Zylich and Ann Marie Votta on July 24th in the backyard of the bride’s parents’ home in Rhode Island. Brian is the son of Steve and Lori Zylich, brother to Sean and Julie Zylich, and the grandson of Christine Cole. Congratulations and best wishes from the KUMC church family.

FOOLISH OR FAITHFUL? The sweet melodies of “I Love to Tell the Story”, “Jesus Loves Me”, and “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee” were played by Diana during the gathering, and the bell rang for worship on July 25th. The strains of the prelude “His Name is Wonderful” greeted Haiden as she brought in the Light of Christ to an altar of beautiful flowers in memory of Ken Thomas’s son. The greeting “This is the day the Lord has made” was led by Dale Dodrill, who assisted Pastor Joel, and responded to by the church family with, “Let us rejoice and be glad in it”. Joe Liskey came forward to

speaking about Relay for Life on Sept 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., with a yard sale and the auction preceding the relay. Dale then led a responsive Call to Worship about foolish and faithful believers. “O How I Love Jesus” was our first hymn, followed by “No, Not One” presented by the choir. Sherry read the Psalter from Psalm 14:1-7, denouncing the Godless, after which Pastor Joel spoke on “A Song for Fools and Faith”. Psalms can be the hymn book of the Bible; the prayer book of the church coming to them daily. With fire and passion, the Psalmists bring everything to God, they can teach us to pray, they can be a mirror showing us Jesus in us. Picture David playing an instrument and singing this song, ranting over how bad we all are. No one is good—no not one. They love as if God does not matter. Practical atheism asks us to examine ourselves as to where God doesn’t care or matter in our lives. But God is in the company of the righteous and can bring deliverance and renewal of spirit. Legend in Keezletown says when the two churches were next door they would leave the windows open in the summer and when one group sang “Will There Be Any Star in My Crown”, the other church sang “No Not One”. Remembering the hymn “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”, Pastor Joel asked if we can feel the crucifixion, the nailing, the piercing, the laying in the tomb? Jesus is there for the salvation, mercy and restoration of each of us. We all come to Jesus in the same place—needing forgiveness and mercy—with no distinction. Jesus justifies those who believe. What are you going to do with the secret places in your heart that need Jesus? “My Jesus, I Love Thee” was sung by the church family after the message. Dale then led the Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer. Sherry came and advised that we had one more week to help with the Hygiene Items for Spotswood High School and thanked everyone for all that has been given so far. Dale then closed with the Benediction as Haiden carried out the Light of Christ and Diana played “Alleluia”. **JESUS TURNS AWAY NO ONE—NO NOT ONE.**



AND THEN IT HAPPENED (the week before July 25th): Today I heard some folks come into the church who got to work on something right away. I went to investigate. I found two people assembling a new office-style chair for those who will be recording the worship service to sit. It is adjustable, has padded armrests, wheels, and is more comfortable than the folding chair that it will replace. I asked what was going on. These folks have not volunteered to help record worship services that I know of. They were not getting this chair for themselves. They said as Scott Sprague and others will be helping with that ministry that they thought it would be nice if people had a comfortable chair to sit in. Those caring folks also knew well the person who is helping with Audio/Visual ministry this Sunday who told them, it would be nice if that chair were ready this week! This reminded me that there are people around us serving the Lord in all kinds of ways. Acts of kindness, small comforts, providing tools and conditions for those serving is a ministry itself. Take a look around for someone in ministry this week who is serving others (besides the pastor) and consider how you might bless, equip, or encourage them in their service to Christ and our neighbors. —Pastor Joel

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Little fish



Big fish



Happy Bday Steve Happy Bday Barrett



Triton is 1

FUNNY THOUGHTS:

Some mornings it's hard to get out of bed, because instead of feeling like a million bucks, you feel like a bounced check.

I wanted to organize my house and started with passion. Two hours later I looked around and said, "I don't even remember seeing that tornado! What a mess I've made."

At my age, rolling out of bed in the morning is easy. Getting up off the floor is hard.

I read about people my age mountain climbing and salsa dancing. Dang, I have trouble getting my legs in my pants without losing my balance.

UPCOMING STUDIES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Beginning Sept 5th thru Nov 22nd (12 sessions) from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., all ages are welcome to join Max Lucado's study of "Unshakeable Hope". This study has Bible readings and video teachings, and encompasses scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, emphasizing how we can have an unshakeable hope in God over our lives. Please sign up in the narthex and pick up a sheet listing the scriptures for each week, or email Beth Morris (jmorgansmom@gmail.com) by Sept 1st.

PASSION PLAY STUDY: This study is about the people of Oberammergau in Germany who have staged a passion play about Jesus Christ every 10 years since 1634 as shared by Rev Rob Fuquay. This 6 week study will begin Monday Sept 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall and will continue until Oct 18th. Study books are \$13.00 and you may sign up with Pastor Joel or in the narthex.

UPCOMING STUDY FOR NEXT YEAR: More info in upcoming months.

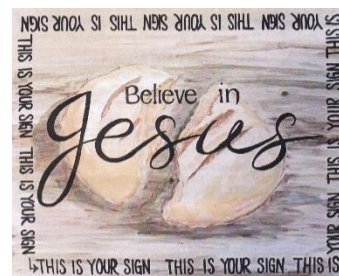
THE WAY STUDY: travel to Israel walking in Jesus' footsteps, from Jan 3rd to Feb 14th, led by Adam Hamilton.

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS STUDY: Jesus' final days, led by Amy-Jill Levine from Feb 28th to Apr 11th.

Updated 90 Day Bible Challenge: Early in 2020 a *90 Day Bible Challenge* booklet was put out for reading a whole lot of the Bible in 90 days. There has been an updated booklet put out with some corrections. Pastor Joel's favorite way to use this challenge has been for reading through just the Gospels and/or Psalms and Proverbs in 90 days. There are a few copies in the narthex and Pastor Joel will mail you one if you want one.

*** AUGUST EVENTS THAT HAPPENED***

WHERE'S YOUR SIGN? As the sounds of "At the Cross", "Standing on the Promises", and "There is a Fountain" were being played, folks gathered for worship on August 1st. The bell rang, and Diana played a medley of "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", as Ryan carried in the Light of Christ. Giving the morning greeting and opening prayer was Ken Thomas, who assisted Pastor Joel. "Break Thou the Bread of Life" was the opening hymn, followed by the choir leading the church family in "Just As I Am". Mac Coffman came to read the Gospel Lesson and talked about how the last hymn reminded him of childhood and the Billy Graham crusades. He then read John 6:24-35, Eating with Jesus. Pastor Joel entitled his message "Bread of Life" and began with "I am the Bread of Life" said Jesus. Jesus uses ordinary things in life to point to God, such as our daily bread. Good food brings us joy, as does Jesus. Crowds followed Jesus because of His healing and teaching, but also because He fed them. The crowds searched for Jesus. Pastor Joel told the story of how he had never tried fried country ham until a breakfast at one of the Fulks Run churches, and his only comment was "Praise the Lord" and continued to stuff himself. Jesus offers himself to satisfy the need for food. Ecclesiastes asks what will satisfy us and tells us to enjoy our daily toil and food, while we worship God who gives us all the good gifts. He then talked about Copper, their beagle, who was not satisfied with just dry kibbles, but had to have a spoonful of wet canned food before he would eat. The Bread of Life in Jesus touches everything in our lives. Worship each day makes everything easier. Jesus said "Believe in God, believe in me", but the people wanted more and more signs. Look to the scriptures if you need a sign and see Jesus show over and over His love. Jeanine Underwood made a beautiful sign showing broken bread with the words "Believe in Jesus" over top of the bread, bordered by "This Is Your Sign". We at KUMC will continue to offer the grace and love of Jesus Christ to anyone when they are ready to see the sign and say yes to Jesus. Next Ken led "The Nicene Creed" followed by "Fill My Cup Lord" as the second hymn. Pastor Joel gave the Invitation to the Lord's table, and the Confession and Pardon. Ken led the morning prayer, and Sherry came to give a report on the CRES and SHS School kits, after which Pastor Joel gave a blessing on them, along with the offertory prayer. He then led us in the Great Thanksgiving, the Lord's Prayer, and the partaking of the Bread and the Cup. Ken came to give the benediction, as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ and Diana played "Jesus, Remember Me". **THIS IS YOUR SIGN. BELIEVE IN JESUS.**



Dedication of Mission Project: On Aug 1st we completed our Mission Project for Health Kit items and School Supplies for Cub Run Elementary School and Hygiene Closet items for Spotswood High School. Sherry gave a count of all that was collected up to that time, and Pastor Joel dedicated and blessed the items. Thanks to Pastor Joel, Carolyn, Brayden, Ann, Ginny, Kathy, and Sherry who separated and counted all the items. They will be delivered before school begins. What a great mission; what generosity! (Pictures follow)



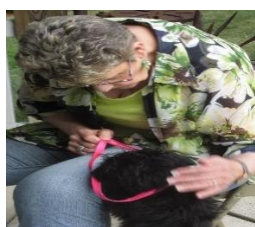
DESCRIBE A PICNIC: a beautiful cool evening, delicious food, good fellowship, good friends, no bugs, and the sound of reminiscing, catching up, and laughter with people you have missed. And that is just what the United Methodist Women had on August 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the covered pavilion at Judy Coffman's home. With 17 members and three guests present, Ann greeted everyone and asked Pastor Joel to give us an update on Wally. Judy gave an update on Susie. Sherry had copies of immediate needs for Open Doors and shared them. Pastor Joel gave the blessing and we all ate and chatted.



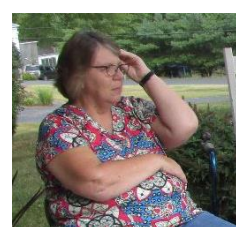
Richard, Faye, and Pastor Joel



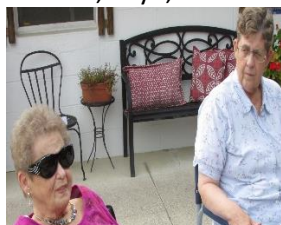
Susan and Ginny



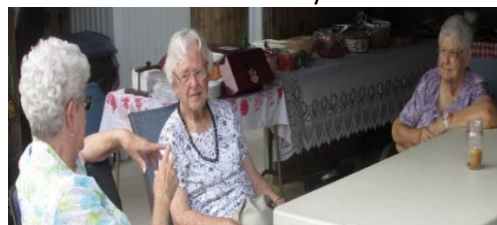
Karen and "Piper"



Cheryl



Becky and Sharon



Carolyn, Chris, and Geraldine



Ramona, Kathy, and Ann

As the sun started to go down, a few folks left, but many stayed until about 8:30, when Pastor Joel came back to find that he still had watermelon left in his bowl, much to his delight. The pandemic kept us apart for a little while, but the love of God and sharing His fellowship brought us back together. Thank you, Judy, for being a great hostess. Our next meeting is Sept 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church social hall.

"YOU ARE SPECIAL": It was wonderful to again hear the organ and piano being played together, as Sandra Clatterbuck and Carol Sacra played the gathering music on Aug 8th, and the bell rang. "At the Foot of the Cross" was the prelude from Carol, and Pastor Joel greeted all in attendance and viewing, and gave the opening prayer. The Church family joined in singing "Praise the Lord Almighty" as the first hymn. Diana read the Psalter from Psalms 139:1-24, the beautiful promise that God has made us and will never leave us. Pastor Joel's message "Known by God" started with "You are known by God—your very thoughts and words". We struggle to know God's thoughts. Every single person is known by God and has His attention. He is where you are. We are each somebody because God has made us. Do we realize that everybody you meet is one of a

kind? God's fingerprint is on each of us. The mini-ballet by InMotion Summer Praise Dance Team followed the message. A description of their presentation follows this worship summary. "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" was sung by the church family as the second hymn, followed by Prayer Time, the Lord's Prayer, the Offertory Prayer, and the Benediction of St Patrick. Carol played "Open My Eyes" as the postlude.

REMEMBER: YOU ARE SPECIAL; GOD DON'T MAKE JUNK.

INMOTION SUMMER PRAISE DANCE TEAM: presented the Mini-ballet "You Are Special" during the worship service on Aug 8th. Rebecca Sprague read the story "You Are Special"



by Max Lucado, before the dance began, which tells the story of Punchinello, the wooden Wemmick who believes that he isn't good enough because of what others say about him. When will Punchinello realize how truly special he is? The world tells kids, "You're special if... if you have the brains, the looks, the talent.". God tells them, "You're special just because. No qualifications necessary.". Only one of those messages will find its place in their hearts. "You Are Special" is a beautiful story that reminds us that we are precious to God just the way we are. It is through spending daily time with him that we begin to see ourselves through his eyes. The ballet began with "Mean Girls" being played and Eli's (the carpenter) puppets dancing to a song about how words can hurt.

"What Seems Natural" played next as the puppets put stars and dots on each other (stars were good; dots were bad). They all started putting dots on Becca for not dancing right and for her ponytails all over her head, and my heart was crying "No, not our Becca", but the dots kept coming and you could see the rejection and hurt on her face. In the next song, "Uncomplicated", she meets a friend with no dots or



stars, and learns that you have to know that you are special for them not to stick. She takes her to Eli, where the puppets are all dancing to "Eli's Workshop". Eli sees her struggle and her dots and comes to her, and in their dance, the dots fall off as

she realizes whose she is, and they dance to "You Are Special". All of the puppets dance together to "Made for Jesus" without dots or stars, helping each other, and smiling. **We all need to put our dots and stars into the hands of God.**



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MET: Susan presided at the Council meeting on Aug 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall with 7 members attending. Pastor Joel opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes for the May meeting, and the June called meeting were dismissed. Chris gave the Treasurer's report with all bills paid. Ann reported that the UMW had an Evening Out Together, a picnic at Judy Coffman's home, and were feeding the Ruritans in September. A question was raised as to when we might be having a church meal. Pastor Joel replied that the PRG committee recommended, according to the newest COVID policies, that masking and social distancing still be recommended for those unvaccinated, or those feeling uncomfortable without the masks. Church meals will, hopefully, return once policies change. A motion that

the recommendation from PRG be accepted, was seconded, and all approved. The UMM reported considering a Catfish dinner in the future, and that Sept 19th will be UMM Sunday with Ken Thomas speaking. Memorials committee reported that they are checking into sound system options for the new video system. Trustees reported that they are investigating a mold problem in the sanctuary. PPR reported that the annual inspection of the parsonage was completed, visually outside, and virtually inside on July 13th. They also voted to freeze wages, and to look into having a Lay Speaker Appreciation time. Chris reported the delivery of the food collection to Massanutten Food Pantry as of Aug 11th. Charge Conference will be Tues, Sept 28th, at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. **All reports need to be to Pastor Joel by Sept 16th. Budget requests should be submitted to Joe Liskey as soon as possible.** Pastor Joel is taking some “renewal” half days and spending time with other clergy. He has tentatively asked for vacation in Dec, Jan, during Spring break, and June. A desk is being built to house the audio equipment, and we were told that the cable for the projector can handle a TV screen, if we would like to update in the future. Tanya and Beth are looking into starting some form of Sunday School. Relay is Sept 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and the relay team will be selling food. A question arose as to whether we will have a Harvest Party. As of the present time, no one has volunteered to get it together and there are questions about riding so closely together on the wagons for the hayrides. A question about having an Election Day meal was raised. Both of these items were tabled until the Sept meeting on Sept 8th at 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men’s Breakfast and Meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, Aug 15th with 12 men present. A wonderful breakfast was prepared by Joel Robinette and



Ken Thomas and enjoyed by all; thank you gentlemen. Following the breakfast and some fellowship time Wes Ford gave a devotional about doing good for others and how we are called to do this even as a silent witness, from Galatians 6:9-10, which says, “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a

harvest of blessings if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.” We know that doing good for others is an ongoing process, and we as God’s disciples are charged with stepping in and being active. After the devotion, Chairman Neil Sacra led a prayer as the men prepared their hearts and minds for the meeting and to do what God calls. First, Scott Dodrill gave an updated treasure report and balance after our group fed the Cross Keys-Mill Creek Ruritans. The Men’s group then discussed continuing to monitor the situation with Jacob Hall and the pledged donation to his college funds as he pursues taking law enforcement classes. Chairman Sacra stated that all the weeks mowing the church lot have been spoken for and would like to thank all who have offered of their time and energy to make this happen this mowing season. He also mentioned that he would like a men’s morning to work in flower bed cleaning, weeding and re-mulching before colder weather gets here. The group also voted to positively

look into having a catfish dinner in early Oct. The discussion was made and understood that we may need to approach the dinner differently with the virus situation. We hope to have a better grip and understanding of how we can proceed come the Sept meeting. Other Items of discussion were Men's Sunday service scheduled for Sept 19th and voted to have Widow/Widowers Christmas dinner at Camp Overlook. In concluding the meeting, I presented to the group in attendance that new officers would need to be elected or re-elected. This vote would take place at our Sept meeting so be thinking of nominees and if God is calling you to serve. Pastor Joel closed us out with prayer. Next meeting is Sept 19th at 8:00 a.m. —Neil Sacra

WHERE'S MY OPPORTUNITY? We listened as Chris began the gathering music with "Rejoice", "The Church is One Foundation", "Let It Be Said", and "Praise the Lord". The bell rang and Ryan carried in the Light of Christ as Chris played "Spirit Song". Pastor Joel gave the greeting to all and read "Directions for Singing" as recommended by John Wesley. The Church family then sang "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "This Is My Father's World". Carson Guiliams came to read the Epistle Lesson from Ephesians 5:15-20 and did a really good job. The title of Pastor Joel's message today was "Making the Most of Every Opportunity" and he began by asking "do we make the most of our time?" We need to imitate God and keep our eyes on Him. Paul writes



about the earthly things we can get lost in. Trouble is everywhere. Sunflowers follow the sun from morning until night and turn again in the darkness to meet the sun. We need to set our eyes upon Jesus every day, even in the dark times. God, who has all eternity, invites us today to make the most of our opportunities. Understanding what the will of the Lord is through worship, prayer, fellowship, and loving others. Be filled with the Lord. Singing allows us to sing from our hearts to Jesus. As long as you are singing to Jesus, your voice or singing ability does not matter. Choose a song you love and sing praises to God each day this week, giving thanks at all times and for all things. The Church family then sang "Be Thou My Vision", "Jesus Loves Me", and "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me", before the Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and the Offertory Prayer, led by Pastor Joel. For the Benediction, all sang "Spirit of the Living God" three times. Chris played "Awesome God" as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ. **USE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE.**

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Cooper is 6



Lake Anna vacation



5:50 a.m. Saturday



Pride of Carol and Jim

MORE FUNNY THOUGHTS:

If you stir coconut oil into your cooked kale, it makes it a lot easier to scrape into the trash.

Skin cells, brain cells, and hair cells die, but somehow those pesky fat cells manage to live forever.

If you are caught napping at work, just lift your head and say "In Jesus' name. Amen".

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.

ITEMS BEING REQUESTED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED:

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.

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.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Mullet complete At the beach Waylon is 5 Snuggling G-ma It's hot—Klines Snuggling G-pa

MORE FUNNY THOUGHTS:

How come I can remember words to 70's songs, but not why I came in this room?

What do sweet potatoes wear to bed? Yammies.

How can you lose weight when your knife and fork want to exercise so vigorously?

How do you count cows? With a cowculator.

*** AUGUST EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE***

21 **Serve Salvation Army**

22 **Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "God Armor" from Ephesians 6:10-20**

Blessing of the Backpacks: For everyone going back to school like students, teachers, and school staff please bring an item you use at school like a backpack (or spatula, or bus keys, or the like) and receive a back to school blessing in worship

24 **Worship Planning @ 6:30 p.m.**

29 **Worship 11:00 a.m.; Service of HOPE Sunday; Message: BJ Smith**

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! August 25th, all Rockingham County Schools, Bridgewater College and James Madison University begin classes.

The church family is proud and happy to recognize our children and grandchildren, our nieces and nephews, as they begin another school year.

Not in school yet (?): Triton Bishop, Henry Martin

Pre-School (3 years old): Lily Sacra

Pre-School: Connor Guilliams

Kindergarten: Adalida Crisman; Nolan Mason

First: Cora Combs, Sam Ramsey

Second: Cooper Pellegrin, Ben Wamsley

Third: Sara Cole

Fourth: James Cole, Andrea Crisman, Austyn Crisman, Carson Guilliams, Nora Grace Jarrels, Leah Siler; Jacob Welsh

Fifth: Caleb Combs

Sixth: Harrison Bowman, Lydia Kelley, Cami Martin; Parker Young

Seventh: Haiden Dillard, Connor Miller, Brayden Morris, Chloe Robinette, Rebecca Sprague, Alli Underwood; Joseph Welsh

Eighth: Hannah Bowman, Cali Martin, Mason Pusey, Kate Ramsey

Ninth (Freshman): Asher Deets, Macie Heishman, Alex Mansfield, Marley McGlaughlin, Hunter Pellegrin, Noah Robinette, Ryan Sprague, Lataya Wigginton

Tenth (Sophomore): Eli Bowman, Kahlyn Smith

Eleventh (Junior): Gabe Deets, Marcus Hall, Joe Johnson Jr, Grady McGlaughlin, Reese Pellegrin, Carson Pusey

Twelfth (Senior): Creed Combs, Damon Daff, Jared Martin, Cari Martin

College Freshmen: Annalee Crisman, Leigha Dillard, Kendra Dodrill, Jacob Hall, Jaden Hall

College Sophomore: Cady Martin

College Junior: Julie Zylich, Sean Zylich

College Senior: Alissa Dodrill

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***** SEPTEMBER EVENTS HAPPENING*****

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 1	Scott Sprague		
Sept 1	Tom Smith	Sept 13	Cheryl Carr
Sept 2	Brandon Bowman	Sept 15	Sandra McCray
Sept 2	Ginny Bowman	Sept 16	Jeanne Taylor
Sept 2	Travis Martin	Sept 17	Mason Pusey
Sept 3	David Clements	Sept 17	Amanda Siler
Sept 3	Leonard Williams	Sept 17	Jan Sites
Sept 7	Nora Grace Jarrels	Sept 17	Emily Carr
Sept 9	Mary Combs	Sept 18	Leigha Dillard
Sept 9	Julie Zylich	Sept 20	Michael Taylor
Sept 9	Sean Zylich	Sept 21	Frank Baker
Sept 11	Kristine Welsh	Sept 23	Andrew Coffman
Sept 11	Tammy Layman	Sept 25	Jared Martin
Sept 11	Jordan Shoemaker	Sept 26	David Miller
Sept 13	Cheryl Carr	Sept 26	Allison Hawkins
Sept 13	Harrison Bowman	Sept 29	Joseph Botkin Jr

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 9, 2006	Mark & Becky Ramsey	15 years
Sept 13, 2003	Ryan & Kathryn Pusey	18 years
Sept 30, 2006	Steve & Beth Morris	15 years

September Events Calendar:

Charge Conference: The KUMC charge conference will be Tuesday, **Sept 28th** at 7:00 p.m. This year we will have charge conference via Zoom and in-person at the church. District Superintendent Rev. Victor Gómez will lead us in worship with a few other churches before we break out into our charge conference time with Pastor Joel and Victor presiding. Please work to have items that need charge conference approval to first be ready for approval at the **Sept 8th** Church Council meeting. Please turn in final forms or reports for charge conference by Thursday, **Sept 16th**.

- 2 UMW meet 7:00 p.m.
- 4 RELAY FOR LIFE 5:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. ROCKINGHAM CO FAIRGROUNDS
- 5 "Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "Taking Notice of the
Jesus' Work" from Mark 7:24-37
- 6 Weave a Basket for Relay 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 8 Church Council meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
- 12 "Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: Guest Speaker
- 13 UMW Serve Keezletown Ruritans
Passion Play study 10:00 a.m.
- 16 All reports due for Charge Conference to Pastor Joel
Weave a Basket for Relay 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 17 Newsletter items due
- 18 Serve Salvation Army
- 19 United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting at 8:00 a.m.
"Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; United Methodist Men's Sunday; Message by Ken
Thomas
- 20 Passion Play study 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
- 26 "Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Don't Stop Jesus Growing in Somebody" from
Mark 9:38-50
- 27 Passion Play study 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Charge Conference @7:00 p.m.

WHY I CAN'T PUT IT TOGETHER: Actual Instructions found in a computer chair package: "Please do not tight the screw until all screw lined up with hole and try to tight it loosely initially in all screws then tight a little bit more in all screws do not overnight one screws that will make other screw hard to tight but tight all screw firmly in the end." WHAT?

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

As we drive through our area, we often see the following signs at business locations: "Now Hiring" and/or "Help Wanted." The next time you see one of those signs, think about Jesus's message as He walked the earth 2,000 years ago. "Help Wanted" to experience and share the LOVE OF GOD with others.

THE CHURCH FAMIY REMEMBERS

Roger Lee Sites, Sr., church member, lost his battle with cancer on July 30th. "Weasle" is survived by sons Roger, Jr and wife Kimberly, Robert and wife Elizabeth, grandchildren Adrian

and fiancée Sarah, Kendra, Damon, and David, and one brother Randy and wife Janet. He was the son of the late Gilbert and Dorothy Sites, and was preceded in death by a sister Peggy.

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Congratulations to Kendra Dodrill, one of the past [#VAFCCCLA](#) state officers who received the Martha Creighton scholarship at the VATFACS Professional Development Institute. She is choosing to [#SayYesToFCS](#) as a future [#FCCLA](#) adviser! Kendra was a member of the Turner Ashby High School chapter advised by Mrs. Joni Lam.

Proud of **Reese and Hunter Pellegrin** on July 23rd, when they each won their respective end of season tournaments at the Pleasure Island youth volleyball camp.

Proud of: Cheryl Dillard, who after working hard for 17 years in the Real Estate business, has now achieved the title of "Associate Broker". Way to go, Cheryl.

Weave for a Cure: a Relay Fundraiser! Come join the fun by weaving a basket Thursday's, Sept. 9th & 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the church. For more details contact Lynn Siler Lsiler78@yahoo.com or 540-560-9061

RELAY FOR LIFE: September 4th at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds

8:00 a.m. 'til Noon: Huge Relay Yard Sale

3:00 p.m. 'til complete: Live Relay Auction

3:00 p.m. 'til 5:00 p.m.: Live music by Eric Comer

5:00 p.m.: Opening ceremony & Survivor Lap

6:00 p.m. 'til 8:00 p.m.: Live music by the Invasion

9:00 p.m.: Luminaria ceremony

11:00 p.m.: Closing ceremony

Come out and support our team and those fighting.

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

The picture of the tree on the front page really touched me to the core. How many of us feel so damaged beyond repair, worn and wrinkled, ugly, dead inside, losing our emotional grip on life? I sincerely pray that if you are feeling any of these things, that God will lead your heart to a place of peace, forgiveness, and renewal, in body, spirit, and soul. He is there waiting for you to be “born again” in His love. He sees what no one, not even ourselves, can see—the beauty within. *Diana*

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Editor's Note

The September deadline for submissions is September 17th. 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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Think about it: no matter how wonderful the hand soap in the bathroom smells, you should never come out of the bathroom door smelling your fingers.