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(Storm on the mountain by Beth Morris on 8-28)

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"Even though you say nothing, He knows; even though you do not pray, He knows; even though you cannot believe it, He comes thru. Through all our doubt and fear to ask, He knows and He provides. Why are we so surprised at such love?" (dld)

OUR PASTOR CHATS

Paul wrote a letter to Timothy in which he instructed him to be ready to share the love of Jesus in season and out of season: "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching....As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully" (2 Timothy 4:1-2, 5 NRSV).

Tomorrow night (September 21) I will preside for the first time at a charge conference and it will be for John Wesley United Methodist Church, which is a historically African American congregation in Front Royal on the Winchester District. I was assigned to preside by our district superintendent Rev. Victor Gómez who now serves two districts with about 158 congregations which are organized into more than 100 charges. Victor certainly needs the help! I will be blessed to have a KUMC member, Ken Thomas, drive me to John Wesley UMC and I will invite Ken to share briefly about his faith in Christ and some about Keezletown UMC. This is not the normal way I have done things before. There is a lot of that going around. Paul reminds us above that it is always the time for sharing the love, message, and work of Jesus Christ. The need for God is never out of season. The church and our community will always need the grace of Jesus Christ for forgiveness, life together, healing, and peace.

This scripture was not just for Timothy. Neither for just Ken Thomas and myself. As followers of Christ let us be ready to carry out our ministry fully even in these times when things are still so unsettled during the pandemic. As a congregation we have taken some first steps in doing worship, sharing the love of Jesus in mission, and even begun trying out ways of doing small groups and faith development. May God give us grace to move in ministry in this season and every season, though it be unfamiliar, different, or ever-changing. We need Jesus. The church needs Jesus. Our community needs Jesus. Come Holy Spirit, and make us ready.

Pastor Joel

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries from Aug 19 thru Sept 17th :



Happy Birthday to: Jackie Liskey; Brian Zylich; Abigail Welsh; Elinor Botkin; Jeb Painter; Darryl Eppard; Carmella Bahle; Amy Wigington; Kendra Dodrill; Carson Pusey; Scott Sprague; Tom Smith; Brandon Bowman; Ginny Bowman; Travis Martin; David Clements; Leonard Williams; Nora Grace Jarrels; Mary Combs; Julie Zylich; Sean Zylich; Kristine Welsh; Tammy Layman; Jordan Shoemaker; Cheryl Carr; Harrison Bowman; Sandra McCray; Jeanne Taylor; Mason Pusey; Amanda Siler; Jan Sites; Emily Carr; and anniversaries for Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill (60); Wayne & Becky Ryman (24); Mark & Becky Ramsey (15); and Ryan & Kathryn Pusey (18).

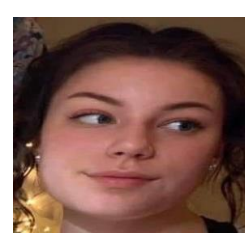
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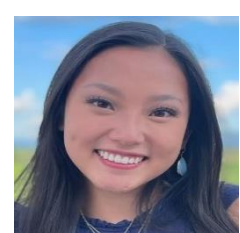
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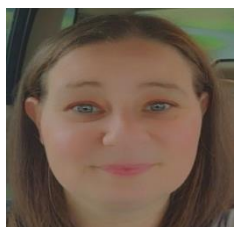
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Happy 21 Abigail



Happy 18 Leigha



Happy Bday Kris



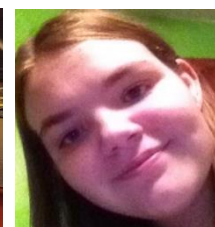
Happy Bday Tammy



Harper is 2



HB Harrison



H Bday Emily

TWO NEW ADDRESSES: Susie McGlaughlin & Juanita Sheffer, 3067 Preston Lake Blvd, Rockingham VA 22801; and Faith Stanley, 13167 Lea Ann Lane, Maidens VA 23102

*** AUGUST EVENTS THAT HAPPENED***

Delivery 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. Supplies were delivered the week of Aug 8th.



Pastor Joel, along with Chloe, Noah, Haiden, Alli, Carolyn, Brayden, Ann, Ginny, Kathy, Jenn, and Sherry, counted and packed, blessed, loaded, and delivered all of the items collected. Thank you for helping these young people get a good start on this educational year.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR was August 15th thru 21st. KUMC is proud of all who participated and would like to recognize the winners: Grand Champion Youth Show – Joseph Welsh (Spring Yearling); Grand Champion Suffolk Ram Open & Junior – Leah Siler; Reserve Grand Champion Suffolk Ram Junior – Leah Siler; Grand Champion Suffolk Ewe Open & Junior – Leah Siler; and Reserve Grand Champion Suffolk Ewe Junior – Leah Siler. Congratulations to those who won and those who showed.



Joseph showed a steer



Jacob showed pigs



Jacob showed his ribbons





Leah and her ribbons



Carson showed a goat



Fun at the fair



In the big tractor wheel

AT THE FAIR WITH JENNY DILLARD: So we took the little gray Ford Focus to the Fair last night and as soon as the parking attendants directed me to pull into the upper field as you go in on the right - I knew this could be bad! There was enough traction on the remaining areas of grass to pull in to a parking space but pulling out into the wet, deeply rutted, squishy mud was gonna be a completely different story! As we went to leave we said a little prayer and hoped the car could handle it. It could not 😞 We immediately got stuck and stuck good. A gentleman turned the corner with his two blond headed little girls and saw my plight. Without hesitation he offered to try and give me a push - first from the back which did not work and then from the front to angle me differently. IT WORKED! I was able to catch just enough grassy edge to gun it out of there! I do not know who this Good Samaritan was and I was yelling thank you out the window as we quickly pulled out to try and avoid getting stuck again! Whoever you are - THANK YOU! There are still really good people out there willing to help others and I am indebted - I will pay it forward! PS - really, really sorry about your shoes!!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR ARMOR ON? As we gathered on Aug 22nd, the melodies of “Through It All”, “Jesus, Savior Pilot Me”, and “Onward Christian Soldiers” filled the air, and the bell rang. “Here is Love” was the prelude from Diana as Brayden carried in the Light of Christ. Len Williams, assisting Pastor Joel, gave the greeting and led the opening prayer, before his grandson, Parker Young, came and played, as Special music, a wonderful rendition of “Amazing Grace” on the saxophone. The Church family then sang “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”, before Pastor Joel gave a “Blessing of the Backpacks” and other school items for all those returning to school. Haiden read the Epistle lesson from Ephesians 6:10-20, put on the armor of God. Pastor Joel then spoke on “God Armor”. Standing up for Jesus, proclaiming Jesus, bringing mercy and grace to all, Paul reminds us Jesus came to save sinners, to deliver us through Satan’s battles. Be strong in the power of the Lord. We are filled with God’s strength when we put on the armor of God: truth, righteousness, readiness to share, faith, and salvation in the spirit in the word of God. You need to put it on, but you means y’all. We need to help each other put it all on. Even Paul, who was in chains, asked for prayers to struggles, we need God to give us proclaim boldly god’s love. During strength, we need God to give us put on the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes for readiness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God? When do you need help in God’s armor to stand up for God? The singing of “Soldiers of Christ Arise” followed the message. Len then led the Morning prayer time and the Lord’s prayer, and read the Benediction from Ephesians 6:23-24, “Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.” **DON’T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR ARMOR!**



BACK TO SCHOOL PICTURES



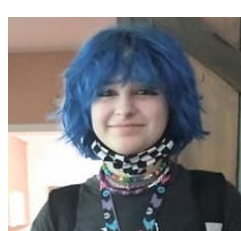
Leigha moving in



Leigha/Kendra 1st day



7th grade Haiden



7th grade Alli



11th grade Joe Jr



Jacob 4th



Joseph 7th



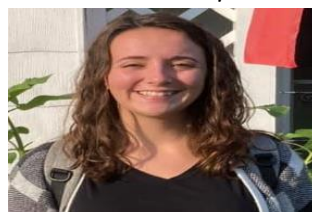
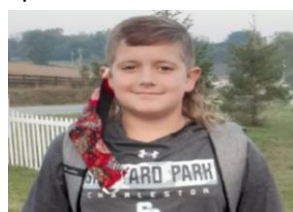
Damon 12th



Cooper 1st; Hunter 9th; Reese 11th



4th Carson/Preschool Connor 7th Brayden



Last 1st day of college



1st 1st day of college

SERVICE OF HOPE: Every year, right before Relay for Life, we stop to remember and honor those who have fought their battle with cancer and lost, and those who are still fighting...today, Aug 29th is that day. A lovely bow covered with hearts naming those we remembered sat in front of the altar. As we gathered, Diana played “My Hope is Built”, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”, “Hymn of Promise”, and “Blessed Assurance”, and the bell rang. Haiden carried in the Light of Christ as Diana played “You’ll Never Walk Alone”. Joe Liskey came to give the Welcome and Announcements and to remind everyone to come out to the Fairgrounds from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 4th. Michele Dodrill led the Affirmation of Faith, written by a former KUMC Relay for Life Team, followed by the Church family singing “Because He Lives”. speaker for the celebration, read the Epistle 15:13, be filled with hope. What is hope?, desire for certain things to happen. In his “Us All”, he told us that hope comes from the believed in us, to be reconciled to God, in in His promises. Reading John 19:28-30, finished”. What does that mean? Jesus finished what God asked, so that we would have hope, be redeemed, and have eternal life. Relay is about Celebrating, Fighting Back, and Remembering. We Celebrate hope, in those we have lost, and in those still fighting. We



B J Smith, our lesson from Romans BJ began. It’s the message, “Hope for cross. Christ whom we have hope Jesus said “It is

Fight Back because God did not give us fear, but hope. We Remember. How can we ever forget the struggles, the loved ones, the caregivers? He then talked about his grandfather, who taught him many things, and how he wished he was still here. “I want to remember not how he died, but how he lived”, he said. It all goes back to the cross; that is where hope begins and remains today. We need to turn all our prayers to the cross for a cure. “It is finished” was the beginning of our hope, and that is why we Celebrate, Fight Back, and Remember. sing a wonderful rendition of “What a has become a tradition for Service of then read some hope quotes, sunshine comes after the rain, and that cancer away. She then showed us and two year old little boy fighting cancer, presentation of the names of those we remembered and honored. We then quietly, some with tears, watched the video of the pictures of those we remember and honor. Pastor Joel led the Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, and the church family sang “Jesus Is All the World to Me”. Michele closed the service with the Benediction and Haiden carried out the Light of Christ as Diana played “Standing On the Promises”. **CELEBRATE, FIGHT BACK, AND REMEMBER.**



Jenny Dillard then came to Wonderful Day”, which Hope Sunday. Michele reminding us that COVID did not keep told the story of Asher, a followed by the

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Little farm boy



Flower lady



Proud Momma



Momma and son



Guarding buddy



Becky’s g-baby

ONGOING AND UPCOMING STUDIES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Began Sept 5th and will go thru Nov 22nd from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. All ages are welcome to join Max Lucado’s study of “Unshakeable Hope”. Please contact Beth Morris (jmorgansmom@gmail.com),

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 six week study began Monday Sept 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall and will continue until Oct 18th. Contact Pastor Joel; seats are available.

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

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

I listened with pride as the three year old little girl carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."

***** SEPTEMBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN met Sept 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall with 9 members and Pastor Joel present. Ann called the meeting to order. Diana gave a devotion entitled "Autumn Is Coming" reminding us that God's promise is that death is temporary and life is eternal. July minutes were read and approved, as August meeting was the annual picnic. Kathy gave the Treasurer's report and our Mission of the Month was to UMCOR. The UMW Annual meeting is set for Oct 7th, our meeting night, so Ann asked if the group would want to attend as our meeting, with carpooling at 6:30 p.m. to Otterbein UMC. Cheryl asked for flowers for Sept and volunteers responded. Sherry gave the menu for the Ruritan meal on Sept 13th and passed a donation list. The next meal will be in Nov for the Mt Crawford Ruritans. All of the present officers have agreed to serve one more year. Sherry was recognized for the outstanding work she does on both the Food committee and the Missions committee. It was suggested that a helper would be nice to assist her and everyone was asked to consider this position. Sherry then spoke about the continuing needs for school supplies for SHS for binders, backpacks, and pens. We will address starting collecting other items again at the Nov meeting, keeping in mind the "Baby Shower for Jesus". The Living Into Our Purpose report was completed and a candle was burned to complete the report. The Undie Sunday collection is tentatively set for Oct 10th. Pastor Joel will contact Linda Liskey for more info and verification of the date. The District Prayer Breakfast is Sept 18th at 9:00 a.m. at Donovan Memorial. The Looking Ahead Together meeting will be held Nov 13th. Sherry, who is on the District Nominating committee, advised that there will be many open positions in the district for our consideration. Chris read from the Prayer calendar. Karen talked about what fun the "bingo" game was at the July meeting and asked if we could do something fun at each meeting, and then volunteered to do something in Nov. Ann shared a brochure that she received from Mt Olive Brethren Church in Pineville about a program they are presenting on Oct 23rd called Women's Evening Together Aspire which Pastor Joel will be sharing with the church family. Care reports were then given on Susie, Wally, Becky A, Donna, and Fay Crowe. Cards were signed for Michele Dodrill, Wally Simmers, Chloe Robinette, Donna Forren, Marie Suter, Becky Armentrout, Becky Crown, Susie & Juanita, Barbara Smith, and Nancy Armentrout. Diana closed the meeting with prayer. Next meeting is Oct 7th.

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

CELEBRATE, FIGHT BACK, AND REMEMBER:

Relay began bright and early on a sunshiny Saturday, Sept 4th, as BJ and Joe pulled into Campsite #36 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Joe started unloading items for the yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon, as BJ started warming up the grill to make breakfast sandwiches to sell to buyers looking for treasures. With a few treasures left on the sale table, Joe, BJ, and Pastor Joel gathered them up, and headed for Good Will. They met up with E.L., Diana, and Kelly at The Galley for some lunch, then the three headed to the corn field and picked 75 ears of corn to sell, and headed back to the campsite. At 3 p.m. the Auction officially began. Walmart had graciously donated a trailer load of TVs and vacuums for the auction, and water bottles, which they gave away freely throughout the campsites. It went on until 8 p.m. and cleared around \$14,000. KUMC had baskets, a rooster from Joe, and other items in the sale.



About 4:30 p.m. BJ started the big grill and the little grill, with his helpers, and people started lining up before the cheeseburgers and mushrooms were even ready. Phil was cooking the corn, which did not sell as well as anticipated, but was very good. At 5 p.m. the opening ceremony began and the survivors and caregivers walked their laps around the track. About 7 p.m. the eating crowd slacked off and everyone sat back and chatted. We were entertained by three hot air balloons that were giving rides in the field fairgrounds and enjoying up as the sun was going down. At 9 p.m. the Luminaria ceremony was held and at 11 p.m.



Relay was quite different this year. The crowds were fewer, the campsites were fewer, but the spirit for doing what we do and why was still there. The beauty in remembering those who fought and are fighting will always touch our hearts. The team anticipates clearing a little over \$7000.00 and are grateful to all who donated, who participated, and showed their love and caring to support those fighting cancer, as we Celebrate, Fight Back, and Remember.

How many United Methodists does it take to open a Ketchup bottle at Relay?
Three. (In our defense...it was on very tight.)

HOW HARD DID JESUS WORK? On this first Sunday, Sept 5th, Carol greeted us on the organ with “Beautiful Isle of Somewhere”, “Sunday”, and “Cling to Thee” as we gathered and the bell rang. Brayden brought in the Light of Christ as Carol then played “The Solid Rock” as the prelude. Pastor Joel gave the morning greeting to all and led the Opening Prayer “For Grace to Labor”. Joe Liskey came forward to give an encouraging update on Relay for Life that had happened on Saturday, the 4th (see article on Relay for details), and to offer bargains for leftover food. He



reminded us that though the leftover eggs were different shell colors, they were all the same inside (a good lesson to remember). “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee” was our opening hymn, followed by Neil reading the Gospel lesson from Mark 7:24-37, the woman’s faith and Jesus heals a deaf man. Pastor Joel began by wishing everyone a Happy Labor Day and spoke on “Taking Notice of Jesus’ Work”. We need to take notice of Jesus’ work in the passage read by Neil and every day. People notice what we do. Virginia has a car inspection (Arizona did not), so when Pastor Joel took his car to a recommended station, they checked the horn and signals and gave him a sticker and a sheet with all the things that should have been checked. Other people noticed the same actions and the station was shut down. People notice our work. When and where Jesus went, He could not escape notice. We hope people see and know Jesus when they see us. But is it by our hats, crosses, and T-shirts, and would they know Jesus if we had none of those on? Have you noticed the stress in folks, due to staffing, task changes, and emotional pressure during the pandemic, without the rest needed? People wanted Jesus to do what they wanted, so He went away to rest, and took the long way home, where He was not known. He is interrupted in His journey by a Gentile woman who has a demon in her child. This a Holy Interruption that proves God’s grace is for everyone. The 2nd Holy Interruption comes with the deaf man, taken aside, to interact with Jesus. We need to face our Holy Interruptions and be open to share God’s love. Notice what Jesus is doing and where He can use you. Jesus is working—rest in Him. An Affirmation of Faith from the Church of Canada was then read, and the Invitation, and Confession and Pardon given, before we sang offering barrel was brought recognition of the new AV to Jim Dillard for such Visual article) Pastor Joel Thanksgiving and the followed by the Lord’s Prayer, and the Benediction using the Prayer of St Francis. Carol closed the service with “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” as Brayden carried out the Light of Christ. **JESUS IS WORKING—REST IN HIM.**



“Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”. The forward and prayed over. A special desk was given along with many thanks beautiful craftsmanship (see Audio then led the Church family in the Great partaking of the bread and wine,

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, “What was Jesus’ mother’s name?” One child answered, “Mary.” The teacher then asked, “Who knows what Jesus’

father's name was?" A little boy said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The boy said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



OUR AUDIO-VISUAL EXPERTS: In case you may have wondered who is behind the scenes, this is what it looks like on Sunday morning at the back of the Sanctuary. Scott Sprague (in the green) is assisted by his son, Ryan, in producing and sharing the video of the worship services. As you can see there are three monitors and two keyboards, and other electronic “stuff”. We were honored to accept the new AV desk that is housing this equipment so expertly and caringly crafted by our own Jim Dillard. It is an exquisitely detailed and beautiful desk. Thank you, Jim, and thank you Scott and Ryan, and the Dillard family, who assist in making it possible to share God’s word on Sunday mornings to those unable to attend.

Administrative Council met Sept 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall with 9 members present, with Susan presiding and Pastor Joel opening with prayer. Aug minutes were approved as read. Treasurer reported all bills paid. A check given anonymously was received in the amount of \$10,000 for church improvements. The Election Day Meal was discussed, and it was determined that due to COVID and conference regulations on large group gatherings, that the traditional meal would not be feasible, and unless other options could be found, that it would be best not to have it. The UMM have decided to cancel the Catfish dinner in Oct. Ken will be speaking on UM Men’s Sunday Sept 19th. The UMW have elected officers; have a district prayer breakfast on Sept 18th; and are serving the Keezletown Ruritans on Sept 13th. Joe advised that Relay on the 4th went well, with not as many teams participating. The team was able to sell breakfast sandwiches during the early morning yard sale; entered items in the auction; sold fresh picked corn on the cob at the campsite, along with cheeseburgers, grilled mushrooms and drinks, bringing in about \$1000 in food totals; and made \$7000 plus total and were number four team overall. Under Finance, Joe presented the 2022 budget, with slight increases, which was approved. Memorials will meet to look at a proposed upgrade to the sound system that Scott Sprague has been working on. The cost will include participation by those able to help install within the church to keep costs down. Joe reported for the Trustees that the parking lot will be resealed, new lines painted, and more handicapped spots will be added at the sidewalk. This should begin in Sept. Wes, speaking for Missions, is anticipating having Mission speakers to come and speak to the church “to get a fire started under the congregation” in the future. Tanya reported that Beth started the Bible study during the Sunday School hour on Sept 6th, with good attendance, and good discussion. Susan was approached by a group to see if the

church would be willing to serve approximately 50 people a Christmas meal. Susan is negotiating a date and cost before a decision is made. We are going to have a Harvest Party on Halloween afternoon, Oct 31st. Joe will work with the eats, Ann will work on other activities, and a decision as to the hayrides will be made closer to the date (in relation to the COVID situation). In Pastor Joel's report, he submitted two motions for acceptance: the \$5,000 parsonage exclusion, and the list of KUMC Lay speakers and servants; both were approved. He then mentioned that Lynn is having trouble finding greeters; that Charge Conference will be via zoom on Sept 28th at 7:00 p.m. with himself presiding; and that he has completed 1.75 CEUs of training. He then presented the 2022 Lay Leadership Nominations for approval, which were approved. Next meeting is Nov 10th at 7:30 p.m.

9-11 Never forget. For those who sat in terror on the planes. For those who never saw it coming in the buildings. For those who jumped instead of burning (some holding hands). For the firefighters who NEVER stopped FIGHTING. For the police officers who never stopped PROTECTING. For the paramedics who never stopped giving AID. For the co-workers who died together. For the ordinary people who became extraordinary examples of courage. For the loved ones of the lost and the lost themselves. And for the uncommon valor in the face of unspeakable evil...NEVER FORGET. (by NYS.FOP)

GRANDPARENTS AND LEMON ICE CREAM: Happy Grandparents Day on this Sept 12th, as we began gathering to "Majesty, Worship His Majesty", and "There's Something About That Name". The bell rang, Brayden carried in the Light of Christ, and Diana played "Will You Follow Jesus?" as the prelude. Pastor Joel greeted everyone, gave the opening prayer, and the Church family sang "Together We Serve". The trio choir sang "Let It Be Said of All" before Ryan came to read the morning Gospel Lesson from Mark 8:27-38, who do people say that I am? Pastor Joel's message was entitled "Who Do You Say Jesus Is?" Discipleship happens in this passage from Mark, leading us, bringing us into peace and salvation. During a time of prayer, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" and "Who do others say that I am?" Peter answered "You are the Christ". This is a title meaning the Promised One for the world. Jesus foretold of His suffering, death, and resurrection, but Peter told Jesus that that could not be right. He did not understand. When we don't understand, Jesus invites us to follow Him, to grow and to live in grace. The more we learn, the more we grow in faith and the bigger God's love gets to us. Pastor Joel's Nana made the best lemon ice cream and he would eat and eat it. He would carry salt and sometimes even crank the freezer, just to enjoy his favorite ice cream. He asked her for the recipe, which she shared with



him. His family is not as fond of it, but it brings back wonderful memories for him. When he went to visit his Nana when she was sick, all she wanted was some lemon ice cream, which he and his brother went home and made and took to her. There was healing grace in the lemon ice cream. Grandparents teach us so much by sharing the love of God.

We need to share the question of who people think Jesus is so we can share God's grace and love. "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" was our second hymn, followed by a Blessing of the Grandparents. Pastor Joel then read a prayer for 9-11, and led the

Morning Prayer, Lord's Prayer, and Offertory Prayer. His benediction was "A Prayer by John Hunter", which said "Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts. That what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives. Thru Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen". Brayden carried out the Light of Christ as Diana played "Fairest Lord Jesus". **EAT YOUR ICE CREAM WHILE YOU SHARE THE LORD.**

Ruritans Eat Well: On Sept 13th, at their meeting, 19 Keezletown Ruritans enjoyed a meal of meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, baked apples, rolls, cake, ice cream, and tea, served by UMW ladies Ann, Kathy, Carolyn, Chris, and Sherry. Thank you to all who donated food.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS: The KUMC parking lot was resealed the week of Sept 12th and parking space lines were repainted. The handicap parking section closest to the church entrance will be painted in a new pattern soon and is currently unmarked. Please continue to park close to the entrance if you need handicap parking. The trustees at KUMC have installed some new removable pipes to the downspouts to help carry water away from the foundation of the building. This will require some extra work for those who graciously mow the church lawn in removing them and reattaching them to mow.

IT'S BACKPACK TIME: The KUMC Backpack Project is starting up for an eleventh year of delivering weekend food to school children. So far, we will be working with Cub Run Elementary School and joining with McGaheysville UMC and Mountain View Brethren to share the love of Jesus in this way. The first shopping trip was Wednesday, Sept 22nd; the first packing day of food bags will be Wednesday, Sept 29th at 1:00 PM, if you could come help pack bags. If you would like to give toward this ministry you can write a check or give funds to "KUMC Backpack Project." \$125 will sponsor a schoolchild weekend food during the school year. If you would like to help with shopping and stocking the Backpack room, backpacking, delivering, or sponsoring, please email Lynette Guilliams at lynettegwilliams@yahoo.com or contact Pastor Joel.

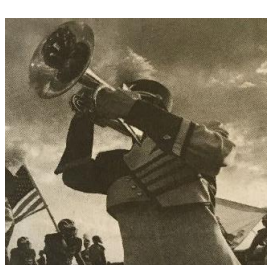
MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



1st B'water cheer



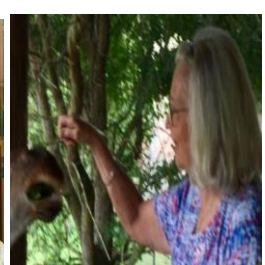
1st Football Game



Ryan solo in the DNR



18th Gotcha Day



Evalyn feeds giraffe

***** SEPTEMBER EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- 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.**

WAYS TO GIVE AND HELP OTHERS

Church Giving: You may share your tithes and offerings with KUMC at this time by 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.

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 has a basket in the narthex and 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. 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.

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 a Baby Shower for Jesus on Christmas Eve and bless all newborn kits collected.

***** OCTOBER EVENTS HAPPENING*****

Rev Jim Harris will be preaching at KUMC on October 10th, based on Luke 4:14-30, and titled "He Done Gone from Preachin' to Meddlin".

UNDIE SUNDAY is a time we can collect new underwear for children in our community to be distributed at the Mission Central Children's Clothes Closet. This year, Undie Sunday will be Oct 10th. You can help by donating new underwear for boys and girls sizes 4 and up (especially sizes 6 – 8). Also needed are men's sizes small and medium for bigger boys. It is okay if you are not a shopper, you could make out a check to "Mission Central Children's Clothing Closet" and someone will do the shopping for you. Donations may be left at the church or give Joe Liskey a call for pick up at 540-820-4017.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Oct 1 | Neil Sacra | Oct 10 | Joel Robinette |
| Oct 1 | Haiden Dillard | Oct 10 | Peggy Smith |
| Oct 1 | Ryan Welsh | Oct 15 | Phillip Carr |
| Oct 3 | James Cole | Oct 18 | Toni Underwood |
| Oct 4 | Cheryl Foley | Oct 19 | Hannah Bowman |
| Oct 4 | Sarah Crisman | Oct 19 | Al Liskey |
| Oct 5 | Randy Clatterbuck | Oct 22 | Mike Summers |
| Oct 5 | Mike Heishman | Oct 22 | Charles Stanley |
| Oct 8 | Marie Siler | Oct 26 | Cheryl Dillard |
| Oct 8 | Ellen Laymen | Oct 30 | Jenny Coffman Reed |
| Oct 9 | Morgan Bishop | Oct 30 | Sherry Summers |
| Oct 10 | Patti Bowman | Oct 31 | Ryan Pusey |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Oct 3, 1992 | Scott & Michelle Dodrill | 29 years |
| Oct 3, 2015 | Michael & Faith Stanley | 6 years |
| Oct 4, 2014 | Justin & Kristin Roach | 7 years |
| Oct 7, 1978 | Darryl & Tanya Eppard | 43 years |
| Oct 12, 1968 | Jim & Carol Dillard | 53 years |
| Oct 12, 2014 | Kevin & Holly Mason | 7 years |
| Oct 15, 1977 | Bob & Susan Threewitts | 44 years |
| Oct 15, 2011 | Matthew & Amber Coffman | 10 years |
| Oct 19, 2019 | Adam & Kelly Ford | 2 year |
| Oct 21, 2006 | Eric & Annika Dean | 15 years |
| Oct 21, 2017 | Matt & Lauran Holliday | 4 years |
| Oct 23, 2004 | Brandon & Ginny Bowman | 17 years |
| Oct 23, 2010 | Stephen & Kristine Welsh | 11 years |

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



Darryl & Tanya Eppard for 43 years on Oct 7th

Bob & Susan Threewitts for 44 years on Oct 15th

Jim & Carol Dillard for 53 years on Oct 12th

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

October Events Calendar

- 1 First backpacks delivered
- 3 **"Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**
Worship 11:00 a.m. with World Communion; Message: "Receiving Little Ones" from Mark 10:13-16
- 4 **Passion Play study 10:00 a.m.**
- 7 District UMW/KUMC UMW meet Otterbein UMC; carpool at 6:30 p.m.
- 9 **Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.**
- 10 **"Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

- Worship 11:00 a.m.; Children's Sabbath; Message: "He Done Gone from Preachin' to Meddlin" by Rev Jimmy Harris from Luke 4:14-30
 UNDIE SUNDAY—bring children's underwear for MCCCC
 Faithful Men perform at 6:00 p.m. at Verona UMC for WRE
- 11 Passion Play study 10:00 a.m.
 15 Newsletter items due
 16 Serve Salvation Army
 17 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.; Laity Sunday; Message: "The Fifth Sparrow" by Dale Dodrill from
 Luke 4:13-30
 Card for Troops Due
- 18 Last Passion Play study 10:00 a.m.
 19 Worship Planning 6:30 p.m.
 23 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
 24 "Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "From Silencing to Calling" from Mark 10:46-52
- 26 Staff-Parish Relations Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 31 "Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "From First to Second" from Mark 12:28-34
 Harvest Party in the afternoon

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

The team, **Making Cards For Our Troops**, located in Riva, Maryland extends their gratitude for all who have made cards for our troops to send back to their loved ones. This will be their 6th year and they have established some new guidelines for this year. I. New guidelines are: They WILL NOT send the following cards. 1. Store bought cards 2. Postcards 3. Cards remade from old cards 4. Cards made with many stickers 5. Computer cards 6. Bling cards 7. Cards with GLITTER of any kind. It sticks to uniforms, difficult to remove, and the reflective substance makes our military a target. II. They WELCOME cards that are simple, elegant and thoughtful. 1. Cards MUST be A2 size (5.50" x 4.25") with envelope. NO EXCEPTIONS please. 2. If you use dark colored card stock as a base of the card, please put a piece of white card stock inside for writing on. 3. Type of cards for this year: Christmas, Thinking Of You, Birthday. 4. Non-card makers can participate by making a donation to help cover the cost of shipping boxes from Maryland to the Middle East. III. Deadline: Sunday Morning Worship Service on October 17th. I can pick up cards. Dale Dodrill cell # 770-402-0752

THE CHURCH FAMIY REMEMBERS

Karen Elaine Gilbert Harper, wife of Rev Isaac Eugene Harper, friend of KUMC family, survived by daughter Julie Ann and husband Billy, and three grandchildren, Allison, Dustin, and Sophie.

Sharon Harris, wife of Rev Hugh Harris, a retired UM pastor, who served the Blue Ridge Charge and Keezletown UMC as his first appointments, 1960-64, and sister-in-law to Rev Jim Harris.

Elsie Juanita Cline, whose son-in-law is Frank Summers who attends KUMC.

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

During the week of Sept 6th, Bridgewater College's Director of the Flory Honors Program Dr. Brandon Marsh and President Bushman celebrated the incoming Flory Honors students with an induction ceremony at the President's House. These students maintained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.8 or higher and displayed a strong academic curriculum, and included our own **Kendra Dodrill**.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Barrett Bowman**, who has accepted and begun a full-time assistant's position in the English Language Learners department at Spotswood High.

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cottonwool, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he gooos.'

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

Last night I sent out a personal thought on my Facebook page about being sad over all that is happening, and the power of prayer to bring hope and renewed faith. The beautiful words of love I received from others reading it, encourages me to continue to share God's love. I share these from a beautiful hearted Evalyn: "It has been a season of difficult experiences for so many we know and love. It can be hard to leave our concerns at the altar...tiny joys can form a beautiful arrangement." Please accept my humble joy flowers, Dear Lord. Amen. *Diana*

Editor's Note

The October deadline for submissions is October 15th. My home number is 269-8511 or e-mail me at AntDyna@comcast.net. I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy preparing it for you. God bless you all.

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You may pray and pray until you think God isn't listening, but when you get it all out, you may be quiet enough to hear Him saying "I am here, and I know".

