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Feeling low, I asked God, "Why are you taking me thru these troubled and rough waters?" And God replied, "My child, your enemies cannot swim." I'm so glad to be holding the hand of THE ONE who can walk on water.

OUR PASTOR CHATS

Pastor Joel is visiting with his family in Arizona during the completion of this newsletter. He would like to express his appreciation for all the help with church issues and events and his family while he is away, and the well wishes and prayers for his safe travel, his family while he is gone, both here and in Arizona, and for his mother, who is experiencing some medical issues. He is grateful that he has such a caring, loving, and supportive church family. May grace and peace be with you.

DON'S BOOK: Don Clatterbuck was a member of Keezletown UMC who had cerebral palsy, and in God's grace, was blessed with a great faith in Jesus Christ, and caring family and friends who lifted him up in hope. He had such great faith that he lifted many at KUMC up in prayer and encouragement. It took Don great effort to participate in the life of the church and he did it with perseverance and joy. *A Tribute to Don Clatterbuck* is a short book that has been compiled by Diana Davis, containing writings, prayers, devotionals, and memories of Don. There are several people from Don's life and KUMC who have contributed items for the book. This book would be great for devotions, prayer, and reflecting on the grace Jesus has given in the life of Don. The book is available in print at the church and on the KUMC website as of Nov 7th.

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries from Oct 17th thru Nov 19th: Birthdays: Toni



Underwood; Hannah Bowman; Al Liskey; Mike Summers; Charles Stanley; Cheryl Dillard; Connie Hawley; Jenny Reed; Sherry Summers; Ryan Pusey; Faith Stanley; Alli Underwood; Kelly Smith; Daryl Armentrout; Nolan Mason; Lee Siler; David Cole; Evalyn

Campbell; Steve Shortell; Luke Dillard; Marian Suter; and Jim Mooney; and anniversaries: Adam & Kelly Ford (2); Eric & Annika Dean (15); Matt & Lauran Holliday (4); Brandon & Ginny Bowman (17); Stephen & Kris Welsh (11); Steve & Lori Zylich (28); Lee & Amanda Siler (12); and Jim & Karen Mooney (11).

***** OCTOBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

CHILDREN AND UNDIE SUNDAY PHOTOS FROM OCT 10TH:



Undies to be blessed on the altar; Ryan singing; Brayden reading; and Jimmy coming home to share God's love

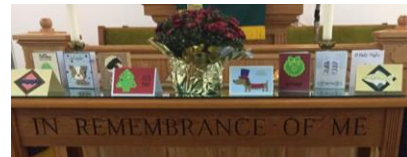
UNITED METHODIST MEN: On Oct 17th, the Methodist Men met for our monthly gathering, with 12 men in attendance, who enjoyed breakfast bagel sandwiches and doughnuts. Following fellowship and breakfast, Len Williams led the group with a wonderful morning devotion. The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes by Dale Dodrill and the treasurer's report by Scott Dodrill. Items discussed were the work at the Clothes Closet by the men on Nov 13th, the annual Christmas meal at Camp Overlook, possible fundraiser(s), breakfast meals sign-ups, mowing of the church lot (for the season), mulching/clearing of church front flower beds, and taking down our beloved tree. Pastor Joel sent us out with a prayer for guidance, charge and direction. One special note the whole group discussed and agreed how we all missed our patriarch Noland Suter, who has been an inspiration to the group and our whole church family.

ARE YOU A 5TH SPARROW? Laity Sunday, Oct 17th began with Chris Cole playing "God Made from One Blood", "Would I Have Answered When You Called", "The Lone, Wild Bird", and "Let All Things Now Living" as we gathered and the bell rang. Brayden carried in the Light of Christ as Chris played "On Eagle's Wings". As Diana Davis came to greet everyone, she repeated the words "And He will lift you up on Eagle's wings...and hold you in the palm of God's hand" from Chris's hymn, and then said "This is the day the Lord has made" and all joined in with "Let us rejoice and be glad in it". It was a touching start to the service. She then greeted all, gave the announcements, and led the Church family in a Laity Litany she had written. The powerful "How Great Thou Art" was then sung by the Church family, followed by joining with the choir on "The Lily of the Valley". Jenny Dillard came to read the Gospel lesson from Luke 12:1-7, the selling of the sparrows, before Dale Dodrill came to speak on "The 5th Sparrow". He started by saying when you are in the pulpit, who has your back? to which we all replied, the cross. What do a compass and the Bible have in common? The compass always directs us north; the Bible always directs us to God. Reading the history of the hymn "His Eye is on the Sparrow", you learn about a bedridden lady and a husband in a wheelchair in a home filled with joy. Someone asked what the secret was to their joy, and they replied "His eye is on the sparrow and I know He's watching me". Dale kiddingly said he didn't bring a bird along with his props, to which he got a good laugh. Jesus is preparing to



send His disciples out and trying to equip them. He picks a small gray brown bird, plentiful, sold to the poor for food as His illustration. Today sparrows are the most abundant bird in the world with 82 million. In that time, 5 sparrows sold for 2 cents; 2 for a penny; the 5th sparrow was of very little or no value, but to God the 5th one was as valuable as the rest. None are forgotten by God. Even the hairs on our heads are numbered by God. Every time a bird lights on the ground, God knows. What about us? God loves us, see John 3:16. Money can't buy it, work won't get it, it's a free gift. The cross is the free gift to all of us. Jesus told His disciples—God's got your back. He's got ours too. We need to be open to listen and look for God in our lives each day. God loves the little sparrows, but He loves us more. The Church Family then shared in singing "His Eye Is On the Sparrow". Leonard Williams followed the message with the

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Dale then returned to the pulpit to thank all of those who had made 300 cards for the troops. They were Cheryl Carr, Michele Dodrill and family, and Tanya Eppard.



Pastor Joel then gave a blessing over them, and offered the Offertory prayer. BJ Smith came to give the benediction, as Brayden carried out the Light of Christ, and Chris played "Christ Beside Me". **GOD LOVES THE LITTLE SPARROWS, BUT HE LOVES US MORE.**

PARKING LOT COMPLETE: Many thanks to **Steve Suter**, who graciously volunteered to buy and paint the handicap lines and arrows on the resealed parking lot on Oct 19th and 20th. There are now three handicap spaces and three regular spaces for those who need handicap access or to park close to the church entrance. Please take care in the parking lot as we adapt to this new pattern. Thanks to the trustees for making more room for people to park close.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



7st s'more



Waylon baking



Visiting the rodeo



Eating cookies



Allyse climbing



Got my shot!

IS YOUR BLINDNESS HOLDING YOU BACK? The soft sounds of "This Is My Father's World", "Wonderful Words of Life", and "O How I Love Jesus" welcomed all to the Oct 24th worship service. The bell rang and Diana played "Higher Ground" as the prelude as Ryan carried in the Light of Christ. Mac Coffman, assisting Pastor Joel, gave the greeting and opening prayer before we sang "Open My Eyes, That I May See". The choir welcomed all to sing "Joy Comes With the Dawn" with them. Corey Guilliams came to read the Gospel lesson from Mark 10:46-52, the healing of blind Bartimaeus before Pastor Joel began his message titled "From Silencing to Calling". This passage has a healing story of not just one person, but many—Bartimaeus, and the crowd. There is lots of blindness here. When blind Bartimaeus cries out, not only does Jesus hear him, but all those around him. Bartimaeus keeps crying out for mercy. The disciples are blind also—they do not believe Jesus for telling of his death or that little ones need to be cared for. Because Bartimaeus is named we know of his importance to Jesus and in the Bible. When little ones call, God stops to hear. Who are the little ones being silenced today? Bartimaeus went to Jesus and was healed and followed Him. Mary Harris recruited a blind lady named Pipey to help her son Paul and Don Clatterbuck. Pipey was a speech therapist who taught Don to say "you". Pipey unsilenced Don. He was our Amen corner. Listen for God's call or a call from a little one. How can I encourage someone calling for Jesus?



The church family then sang “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”, followed by the Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer led by Mac. The 2020 and 2021 Kindergarten children were then recognized by Diana (article follows). Mac came to give the offertory prayer and the Benediction from Numbers 6:24-26. Diana played “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ. **“JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME”.**

RECOGNITION OF KINDERGARTNERS FROM 2020 AND 2021: On Sunday, Oct 24th, Diana recognized, with a gift, from the Church family, seven children either going into Kindergarten in 2021 or having gone into Kindergarten in 2020 and now in first grade. They were Ben Wamsley in 1st grade, son of Laura & Bryan Wamsley, and Sam Ramsey in Kindergarten, son of Becky & Mark Ramsey, and grandsons of Ann & Wes Ford; Cora Combs, in 1st grade, daughter of Mary & Brent Combs, and Adalida Crisman in Kindergarten, daughter of Sarah & Wes Crisman, and granddaughters of Joe & Linda Liskey; Nolan Mason in Kindergarten, son of Holly & Kevin Mason, and grandson of Carol & Neil Sacra; Cooper Pellegrin in 1st grade, son of Leslie & Ben Pellegrin, and grandson of Susie McGlaughlin, and great-grandson of Juanita Sheffer; and Waylon Evans, in Kindergarten, son of Tierney Evans, and adopted grandson of Scott & Michele Dodrill, and the KUMC family. Best wishes to all of you.

A computer joke for those having trouble with their passwords: when told she needed 8 characters and 1 capital in her password to keep it secure, she entered:
“MickieMinniePlutoHueyDeweyLouieDonaldGoofySacramento”

MUDDOGS COMPETE: Oct 25th: An incredible weekend in North Carolina for the Pumpkin Shootout Girl’s Lacrosse Tournament!! Couldn’t have asked for better weather or a more wonderful group of people to hang out with!! Thank you Muddogs Lacrosse for giving these athletes such a great experience and Coach Becky Troutman for leading our girls. The Muddogs won 2 games and lost 2 games. Not bad for their first big tournament. **Haidden Dillard** scored 2 goals in the winning games!! So proud of Haidden and how she has worked to learn, grow, and excel in her playing!! Can’t wait for the spring season to do it again!!



DO YOU NEED A MEZUZAH? On Reformation Sunday, Oct 31st, we had a special guest assisting Carol with the music. Sandy Clatterbuck, Carol’s cousin, again returned to play on the piano, “The Old Rugged Cross”, and “Softly and Tenderly”, while Carol played, on the organ, “I Must Tell Jesus”, as we gathered for worship. The bell rang, and Carol played “Under His Wings” as the prelude, and Ryan brought in the Light of Christ. Len Williams, assisting Pastor Joel today, gave the welcome and led the Opening Prayer. “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (yes, all 7 verses) was the opening congregational hymn, followed by the Choir asking the Church family to help them sing “Make Me a Servant”. The Gospel Lesson from Mark 12:28-34, Jesus answering questions, was read by Neil. Pastor Joel then began his message “First and Second”, by reminding us that today is Reformation Sunday, the day Martin Luther posted his 95 theses. In the scripture, Jesus is asked what is the first commandment? Jesus replies with not one commandment, but two: you shall love the Lord your God with all heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and secondly, love your neighbor as yourself. In Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Moses tells the people who God is and how to love

Him. Jewish people have these two commandments written on little scrolls and put in boxes that they call Mezuzahs worn on their arms, their foreheads, or attached to the door frames in their homes, so that they will constantly be reminded. Jesus added the phrase “all your minds” in the Mark account. What would God add to help you in your faith? The second commandment tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Leviticus 19 says God is holy and so are we. It tells about how we interact with our neighbors, with love and mercy. Martin Luther tried to repent of every sin, but felt like a failure and hated God, frustrated that he could not follow all the rules. When he realized the grace and mercy of God in forgiving us, he was able to have the power of the Holy Spirit to love himself and others. Pastor Joel then told of the life of Lute Armentrout and how he got his faith. Wade, his son, said about his Dad, that Lute following Jesus was easy, he loved the Lord and he loved his neighbors. In faith, we reach out and touch others. “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” was then sung by the Church family, followed by the Morning Prayer, a Reformation Sunday Litany, and the Lord’s Prayer, led by Len. A short video reminding us of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, presented by Lynn Siler was shown, followed by Pastor Joel leading the offertory prayer. Len gave the benediction as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ and Carol played the postlude. **FAITH IS AS EASY AS REMEMBERING GOD AND NEIGHBOR.**



A WEDDING CELEBRATION: On Oct 31st at the park in Bridgewater, Travis Martin and Joanna Bricker were wed in the presence of family and friends. Travis is the son of Allen and Sharon Martin and nephew of Jim and Karen Mooney. Congratulations and best wishes from the KUMC family.

HARVEST PARTY, WHAT A SUCCESS! Seventy plus family, friends, Church family, and the Keezletown community turned out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, Oct 31st, for the KUMC Harvest Party. As Joe Liskey and BJ Smith began grilling hot dogs, with the assistance of Kelly Smith, and Phil Carr started warming up the oil for frying, about 50 people piled on to Bob Threewitt’s hay wagon at 2 o’clock and took off down the road for a fun ride thru the countryside. While they were gone, Phil fried up potato chips, onion rings, French fries, and fried peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with assistance from Lynn Siler, Scott Dodrill, and Cheryl Carr. Waiting on the picnic tables for the return of the hay wagon was crock pots full of chili, a cheese/cracker/meat platter, and lots of drinks. Rev Dave Nankivell gave the blessing and folks began to eat, mingle, and fellowship. A little later, a cake walk began for all the scrumptious items on another picnic table. A couple that had been invited from Furnace UMC won a cake and a jar of the “guess how many” candies, and said what a wonderful time they had. Thank you to all who helped make this a great afternoon for all who attended, and especially to Ann Ford and Joe Liskey who coordinated this successful community event.

FOR A LAUGH:

Sometimes you can’t trust everything you see...even salt looks like sugar.
 Star War fanatics: In case you didn’t know, Yoda’s last name is Layheehoo.
 What kind of car does an egg drive? A Volkswagen.

HALLOWEEN PICTURES



Guilliam pumpkins



Ironman Carson



Connor'd rather sleep



Mooney Triton



Kenna & Glock



Judy C in disguise



Joseph & Jacob



Alli, Vampire Queen

UPCOMING STUDIES:

THE DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS: A Beginners Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings, a study by Amy-Jill Levine showing how difficult teachings of Jesus would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. This six-session study will meet Mondays at 10:00 a.m. from Nov 15th-Dec 20th. Books are \$13 if you would like to help with the cost.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*, will meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. from Nov 28th – Dec 19th. Study books are \$12 if you would like to help with cost of the study. A group of diverse Wesleyan scholars takes you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace for preparing the way for Jesus.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CLASS will be opening on Jan 16th, during Sunday school.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM IS COMING: Two years ago the Memorials Committee began looking at upgrading the sound system for the sanctuary and social hall. Wade Armentrout, a member of KUMC who died in 2016, had shared ideas for the sound system, like wireless microphones. Memorials made progress and had estimates for some upgrades to the sanctuary sound system when COVID hit. We encouraged waiting as we went through so many changes, including beginning to record for online worship services. They did not forget their hopes and plans. In the Summer of 2021 they began their work again and have come up with a new plan for a sound system for the sanctuary and social hall. Our audio/visual specialist Scott Sprague came up with a sound system for \$4,200 that will allow for things like a new sound board, power amplifiers for speakers, new speakers for sanctuary, lines for instrument and microphone inputs, and wireless microphones. The new sound system will integrate well with the video camera system we installed in 2021. Memorials will fund the \$4,200 for materials from donations that have been received for saints like Lute Armentrout, Wade Armentrout, Terry Bowman, Conrad Deeds, Dorothy Deeds, Mary Harris, Sam Hasler, Margaret Hedrick, Sam Hedrick, Hollis Sheffer, and Dorothy Sites. The trustees approved the plan on Oct 13th and encouraged Scott Sprague in the work ahead. Scott will need assistance in installing the new sound system. If you could help, please let him know. He estimates the new sound system will be installed sometime during Winter 2021/2022, and will improve hearing for in-person and online worship and ministries. I am very thankful for Memorials vision and perseverance for this project.

DISTRICT ALIGNMENT COMING: The Harrisonburg and Winchester districts have a new work team for “district alignment” which will look at the combining of the two districts in the near future. From a letter from Rev Gomez: On Sept 23rd, a letter was shared in the Virginia Conference website sharing a district initiative to convene a work team in developing a plan to create a new district between Harrisonburg and Winchester. I have already met with the Staff from both districts. We have great institutional knowledge with the Staff and are working together in having ready as much information as possible to be provided to the work team. I also met with the two Superintendency Committees and discussed the district initiative, the work team having equal representation from both districts, how to better use resources for ministry, and possible modification on the boundaries of a new district. Team members are: Brian Posey, Daniel Wray, Lee Crosby, Susan Catlett, Barbara Phillip, Steven Cunningham, Andy Harbick, Wilma Jennings, Debbie Creech, and Melanie Melester. Since communication is key and as the plan develops, we will send out information through our Facebook pages, websites, emails, and newsletters, as well as a townhall meeting via zoom where anyone can share their thoughts as to how we can better use our resources for ministry. Any suggestions are always welcome.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Carving pumpkins



Just for fun



Handsome boy



Michael wins



Toni U

***** NOVEMBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

MT CRAWFORD RURITANS EAT GOOD: On Wednesday, Nov 3rd, the UMW ladies served thirty Mt Crawford Ruritans a meal of Baked Italian Cube Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cobblers, Ice cream, and Tea, served by Sherry, Ann, Ginny, and Becky.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN met on Nov 4th at 7:00 p.m. with 14 members present. Ann gave the welcome and led the reciting of the UMW purpose. Cheryl gave the World Thank Offering program, which encouraged us to dedicate and challenge ourselves to step out in faith in sharing God's grace to the world. Diana read the Oct minutes, and Kathy gave the Sept/Oct treasurer's report. Mission of the Month was the Thank offering, along with a donation to Western State to help buy Christmas gifts for the patients. Cheryl reported that Wes had agreed to do a cornucopia for the altar for Nov and that poinsettias would cover Dec. Sherry reported that we served the Mt Crawford Ruritans on Nov 3rd. Helping her were Ann, Ginny, and Becky. Susan reported on the Dec 13th meal for the Republican Women, to be served by the UMW and UMM and any church members that would like to help. We are expecting 50 people, with proceeds divided between the UMW and UMM. Chris and Ann reported attending the District Prayer Breakfast where Debra Cline gave a good message. Mission Central reports they are in need of socks, winter shoes and gloves, hats, and hair accessories. We decided to put up the Hat/Sock tree and open this mission to the church family. The Living Ahead Together meeting will be at Mt Valley UMC on Nov 13th at 9:00 a.m. Ann is planning to attend if anyone wants to go with her. The holiday mission for the shut-ins was discussed and we decided to give them bags filled with goodies, like last year. Eighteen persons/couples were suggested to be included. Decorating the church for Christmas will be done on Nov 22nd at 6:00 p.m. **Our Dec meeting will be held at the church, Dec 2nd, with a covered dish meal (gathering at 6:00 p.m. and eating at 6:30 p.m.). We will exchange ornaments and**

a gift bag filled with goodies up to, but less than \$20.00. Please bring your shut-ins items that evening to be put together. Karen Mooney has volunteered to start sending a missionary a month card. We signed cards for Ellen, Noland, Donna, Becky R, Becky A, and Becky C, and after listing those in need of prayer within our families and the church, Diana led the group in the closing prayer before adjournment.

ARE YOU GIVING IT ALL? What a wonderful All Saints Sunday on Nov 7th, as pictures of past Saints of KUMC, family and friends showed on the wall and Pastor Joel gave each attendee two copper coins as they entered the sanctuary. Chris played “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”, “Forward Through the Ages”, “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”, and “When the Saints Go Marching In” as we gathered. The bell rang, and Brayden carried in the Light of Christ as Chris played “For All the Saints” as the prelude. Ken Thomas, assisting Pastor Joel, gave the greeting and announcements, and led the Church Family in an “All Saints” prayer from the hymnal, followed by the singing of “Marching to Zion”, and the choir inviting all to sing “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”. Carol Sacra read the Gospel lesson from Mark 12:38-44, where Jesus denounces the scribes, and the widow gives her offering. “Beware of Religion for Show” was the title of Pastor Joel’s message that began: Jesus invites us to look at two things in this passage. (1) Watch out showing off your religion and (2) look at the poor widow and her offering. Watch out for scribes who show off their status, praying, and expecting to be honored. Beware of those using religion for their own benefit. They have the words of God, but use them only to build themselves up. Not all scribes are like this, however. God holds us to account for how we use the faith we have. As we continue to show worship online, what will we show people? Will we show love, grace, and mercy and the glory of God? Lift up our worship. We need to show God’s love and blessings to us in all we do. As Jesus was watching people giving their offering, He told the disciples to watch the poor widow putting in two coins. The coins that she put in would be worth about \$2.00. What can \$2.00 buy? out of their excess, but she gave all she -but all. What kind of gratitude must them this widow right before He gave widow’s offering is everything God has given to you and me. What is your \$2.00? What has God given you and how are you going to use it? Jesus sees what you give and loves it when you give your all. Ken then led the congregation in the “Apostles’ Creed”, before we sang “Rejoice in God’s Saints”, followed by the Morning Prayer. With the completion of Don’s book, Diana invited everyone to take a book for themselves and others to read and remember how much Don loved KUMC and everyone and how he shared Jesus. Neil then gave a heartwarming, and tear inducing, witness about Don that follows this article. Pastor Joel led the offertory prayer and we sang the “Doxology”, twice, in fact, as the Church family, led by Jenny and Scott Dillard, came up to the altar to place their coins in the offering barrel. As they continued to come, we sang “Jesus Loves Me” a cappella. It was a touching moment. The Invitation to Communion was given, along with the Confession and Pardon, and the Great Thanksgiving, the Lord’s Prayer, and the partaking of the Bread and Cup. Ken gave the benediction as Brayden carried out the



Jesus says that others gave had to live on. It wasn't 10%- she have had? He shows His all on the cross. The

Light of Christ, and Chris played “Let Us Be Bread” as the postlude. **WHERE CAN YOUR \$2.00 BEST BE SPENT?**

NEIL TALKS ABOUT DON: When you saw Neil coming to the pulpit, you knew it was going to be good. After all, he knew Don, good times and bad. He started with “Don was special”, not because he was his uncle, but because God made him that way. The boys that grew up with Don next door didn’t see him as handicapped, and in fact, Don would turn them over his knee and pretend to thrash them with his cane and laugh and laugh. At 2 p.m. Don would disappear from the kitchen to watch his favorite show—wrestling. Cerebral palsy took his muscles, but it did not take his heart or mind. His heart was full of love because of the cross. He loved KUMC and everyone in it and always wanted to attend everything that he could that was going on. When he became a little too much for Grandmother Allene to handle, a suggestion was made to put him in a care facility, but Grandmother told them, “God gave him to me, he is mine”. Don gave his all and we will carry his love with us. How blessed we are to have known him. Then with a shaking voice and looking at Don’s picture, Neil said “I would give everything I have to have him back, because what he shared was priceless”. We need to give our all; look what God did with Don. Needless to say, when Neil finished there were many wet eyes.

ANGEL TREE: The Salvation Army Angel Tree has been set up in the narthex at KUMC and there are 20 wish lists and clothes sizes for children in need in our community. If you or your small group would like to sponsor a child, please select a child to sponsor, go shopping, and return items to KUMC by Sunday, December 5th for the worship service. Please check with Carol Sacra for any questions.

COUNCIL MET: Administrative Council met Nov 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the library, with eight members present. Ann called the meeting to order, and Ken opened with prayer. Diana read the Sept minutes, and Chris gave the Treasurer’s report. Joe reported the 2019 and 2020 audit of the books was completed and asked that we provide a gift card to Kathy Bowen, who did the audit for free. Joe also reported that the KUMC Relay for Life team had turned in \$8000.00, instead of the \$7000.00 reported earlier. The team will be serving the Mt Crawford Ruritan Christmas dinner on Dec 1st. The Harvest Party was a community success with good outreach to many members of the community attending. Thanks to Joe for food, Ann for activities and decoration, and Bob for the hayride. UMW reported meeting in Nov; planning to decorate the church on Monday Nov 22th at 6:00 p.m.; holding a buffet dinner here at the church for their Dec meeting; doing a hat/glove/sock tree to MCCCC again; delivering gifts to the shut-ins; and along with the UMM serve the Republican Women’s dinner on Dec 13th. UMM reported meeting in Oct; helping MCCCC with brush cleanup on Nov 13th with Jeff Miller helping with his backhoe; meeting on Nov 21st; and holding their Christmas dinner at Overlook on Dec 5th. Joe reported for Finance that we are in good shape. Because we had not been paying priority 2 apportionments this year, Joe made a motion that we backpay July, Aug, Sept, and Oct, and begin to pay these again, which was approved. Pastor Joel advised that Scott Sprague has been able to determine the viewership on Facebook and YouTube to be approximately 30 each week. Mike Summers, reported for Trustees that the sound system to help in the sanctuary and social hall was approved and Scott Sprague would be ordering it and asking for volunteer help to install it, at a cost of \$4200.00, which Memorials is paying.

Big thanks to Steve Suter for donating the materials and painting the handicap lines in the parking lot. Tanya reminded everyone about the start of the Advent study during Sunday school beginning Nov 28th and that on Jan 16th, a middle school/high school class will be opening during Sunday school. Ken reported that PPR met Nov 3rd to discuss retaining Pastor Joel and he was asked to stay. Ken made a motion that we get Lynn and Scott (S) a gift card for their hard work. Lay speakers and servants were recognized at the meeting. Pastor Joel is looking into a Lay speakers swap with another church. A question arose about Sherando UMC, but as of yet, no one is being made aware of what they need. McGaheysville UMC will be celebrating the opening of their new sanctuary, thanks to an anonymous donor. Pastor Joel talked about the District realignment and its effects on staff; and that the District meeting will be a zoom meeting on Nov 14th. He then advised that his mother is not doing well and that he will be traveling back to Arizona the 15th thru the 20th to be with the family. Next Council meeting will be Jan 12th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Joel closed with prayer.

NOV 11TH, VETERAN'S DAY: Freedom Is Not Free: IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the journalist, who gave us freedom of the press. IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the poet, who gave us freedom of speech. IT WAS THE VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who gave us freedom to demonstrate. IT WAS THE VETERAN, those who salute the flag, who serve beneath the flag, and whose coffins are draped with the flag, who purchased our freedom. If you love your Freedom, thank a VET! Anon

CLEAN UP DAY AT MCCCC: At 8:00 a.m. on Saturday Nov 13th, after a little coffee from Pastor Joel, eleven men (9 from KUMC and 2 from the church community) began sawing and clearing the brush and trees at MCCCC as a mission project. Helping were Scott Dillard, Scott Dodrill, Ken Thomas, Joe Liskey, Pastor Joel, Neil Sacra, Josh Wanger, Darryl Eppard, and Randy Clatterbuck, along with Jeff and Jordan, our community neighbors. Special thanks to Jeff and Jordan who made things really happen with their back hoe and skid loader, to Neil Sacra for his monster brush whacker, and to Randy Clatterbuck for the use of "old red" his dump truck to clear away the eight loads of brush and trees. Artie Frederick was heard to say "Wow! Wow! Wow! What a transformation you made in a day!" Thank you, Gentlemen, for a tiring, but satisfying, "you did a good thing" day of sharing God's love.



KUMC Backpack Project: The KUMC Backpack Project is now up to serving 29 children from Cub Run Elementary School each weekend. The program has two other churches helping in Mountain View Brethren and McGaheysville UMC. In total there are 73 children in the program so far. Thank you to everyone who has been helping with shopping, packing bags, delivery, prayer, and sponsoring a backpack.

REMEMBER WHEN:



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.

FOR A LAUGH:

If you clean the vacuum cleaner, does that make you a vacuum cleaner?

They've come out with something new—a Senior GPS. It not only gets you where you're going, it tells you why you went there.

I wanted to start eating more vegetables, but somebody spoiled it all by telling me carrot cake is not a vegetable.

If you're singing in the shower, and you get soap in your mouth, does that make it a soap opera?

*** NOVEMBER EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE***

- 13 UMW Looking Ahead Together
14 "Unshakeable Hope" study 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message by Barrett Bowman
Harrisonburg District Conference via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. in the social hall
17 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
18 Weave a Snowman for a Cure 6:00-9:00 p.m.
20 Choir practice 9:30 a.m.
Serve Salvation Army
21 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.; Message: "Not from Here" from John 18:33-37
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Collected and taken to collection site.
22 "Difficult Words of Jesus" study 10:00 a.m.
25 THANKSGIVING DAY
28 Advent Study @ 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Christmas Branch" from Jeremiah 33:14-16
29 "Difficult Words of Jesus" study 10:00 a.m.

*** DECEMBER EVENTS HAPPENING***

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1	Faye Hoover-Thomas	Dec 14	Chrisley Simmers
Dec 3	Beth Morris	Dec 14	Averei Reedy
Dec 4	Carol Dillard	Dec 16	Annalie Crisman
Dec 4	Aaron Dillard	Dec 16	Josh Werner
Dec 4	Eric Dean	Dec 18	Michele Dodrill
Dec 5	Kennis D Armentrout	Dec 18	Brian Summers
Dec 5	Joshua Heishman	Dec 20	Mary Nankivell
Dec 6	Ginny Joseph	Dec 24	Joe Liskey
Dec 7	Wes Ford	Dec 26	Jennifer Robinette
Dec 11	Janet Clatterbuck	Dec 30	Stephen Welsh
Dec 11	Brayden Morris	Dec 31	Cooper Liskey

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 9, 1989	Steve & Gena Dove Shortell	32 years
Dec 17, 1988	Dave & Jackie Werner	33 years
Dec 18, 1960	David & Mary Nankivell	61 years
Dec 22, 1990	Ken & Faye Hoover-Thomas	31 years
Dec 23, 1950	John & Virginia Phalen	71 years
Dec 26, 1976	Joe & Linda Liskey	45 years
Dec 28, 1957	Noland & Marian Suter	64 years

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



Joe & Linda Liskey for 45 years on Dec 25th
David & Mary Nankivell for 61 years on Dec 18th
Noland & Marian Suter for 64 years on Dec 28th

John & Virginia Phalen for 71 years on Dec 23rd
Best wishes from your KUMC family. May you have many more.

December Events Calendar

- 1 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
- 2 UMW Christmas dinner and meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
- 5 Advent Study @ 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "Christmas Messenger" from Malachi 3:1-4
Angel Tree gifts due
Men's Christmas Dinner at Camp Overlook at 5:30 p.m.
- 6 "Difficult Words of Jesus" study 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
- 12 Advent Study @ 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Christmas Story and Song" from Isaiah 12:2-6
- 13 "Difficult Words of Jesus" study 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Newsletter items due
- 18 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
Serve Salvation Army
- 19 United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting at 8:00 a.m.
Advent Study @ 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Christmas Manger" from Micah 5:2-5a
- 20 "Difficult Words of Jesus" study 10:00 a.m.
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE service at 8:00 p.m.; Message: "Holy Night" from Isaiah 9:2-7' Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
Baby Shower Gifts for Jesus blessed
- 25 CHRISTMAS
- 26 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: TBD
- 27 "Difficult Words of Jesus" study 10:00 a.m.
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

2021 Final report for MAKING CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS: We give a great big shout out to all of our card makers across the United States who have supported us for the past 2 years. We can't do this without ALL of you. Each of you is a vital part of our organization. We appreciate you and your financial support to help with shipment. We have received very beautifully creative cards that make us smile knowing our troops will have a chance to send one or more of these cards to their loved ones. With your help we were able to ship 65,820 cards in 2021. Our church sent 300 cards and \$75 to help bring smiles across the miles. Thanks for your support.

THE CHURCH FAMILY REMEMBERS

Kathleen (Kitty) Frances Mowbray Propst, former member of the Keezletown EUB Church, married to Charles Edward Propst, who preceded her in death. She is survived by a son Edward (Doris), a sister Faye Lauria, a brother Nelson Mowbray (Brenda), two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Ellen Michael Layman, lifelong member of KUMC, is survived by her grandchildren that she raised: Krista Reedy and friend, Justin, Misty Khanna and Richard, Randal (RJ) and Amber Smith; great-grandchildren Tristen, Alexis, Averi, Oaklen, Brayden, Gracie, Lisa, Jaylei, and Ryan; a son, Richard, daughter Lori Hart and grandchildren, Holly and Tracy. She was an excellent baker, card player, and enjoyed going to plays and on outings with her friends and family.

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Oct 25th: Brayden is so excited he has been selected to play in the Rockingham County Rec football All Star game. He said “so I get to play another football game!!” Yes he does, proud parent moment... Way to go, Brayden!

“All children need a laptop. Not a computer, but a human laptop. Moms, Dads, Grannies, and Grandpas, Aunts, Uncles—someone to hold them, read to them, teach them. Loved ones who will embrace them and pass on the experience, rituals and knowledge of a hundred previous generations. Loved ones who will pass to the next generation their expectations of them, their hopes, and their dreams.” Colin Powell

CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER—A FEW DECEMBER SUGGESTIONS

United Methodist Women's Dec meeting will be held at the church, Dec 2nd, with a covered dish meal (gathering at 6:00 p.m. and eating at 6:30 p.m.). We will exchange ornaments and a gift bag filled with goodies up to, but less than \$20.00. All ladies are welcome.

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.

Advent suggestion: Instead of Elf on the Shelf, move Mary and Joseph all thru the house on their way to Bethlehem, reaching it on Christmas Eve in the Nativity Scene.

THOUGHTS FOR GIVING TO THE FOOD BANK: Mac and Cheese boxes are good, but be sure to include boxed milk. Boxed milk works great with cereal too. Everyone donates pasta sauce and noodles. Canned veggies and soup are awesome, but can openers are needed unless they are pop tops. Oil is a luxury and is needed for rice a roni. Spices, salt, pepper, tea bags,

coffee, sugar, and flour are all treats. Tuna and crackers are a good snack. Hamburger helper cannot be used without meat. Peanut butter and jelly are received well, but need bread. Cake mix and frosting all need eggs and butter. Dishwashing liquid and feminine hygiene products are much appreciated. Everyone loves Stove top Stuffing.

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

Many years ago when I was giving the children's story at Church one Sunday morning, a little girl maybe 8 years old made me cry. I was talking about how God does not make junk, but that each of us is special. She looked at me with big blue sad eyes and said, "I'm not special". My heart nearly broke and I looked at her and told her just how special she was. Tonight, I hugged and talked with that now young lady, who is a psychiatric nurse, has a nurse husband, and two sweet boys, and just this last week, helped take care of her dying pneumonia-stricken grandmother. What a special person. I can't take the credit for anything except telling her she was special; God did the rest. But I am grateful that I have that wonderful memory to remind me that we all are special to God. Remember, you are special.

Diana

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Editor's Note

The December deadline for submissions is December 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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Psalm 100: A psalm. For giving grateful praise. "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, Y'ALL!