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JANUARY 2022

133rd Edition



*And the Snow came on Jan 2, 2022 and covered everything, including the House of GOD.
(Pictures courtesy of Scott Sprague family and Linda Riddle)*

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The Best New Year's Resolution: "Choose this day whom you will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". Joshua 24:15

OUR PASTOR CHATS

On January 16th Keezletown UMC had a return to Sunday School with three classes. There were about 13 people present for the three classes. That is the same number as Jesus and the 12 disciples. Not too shabby! I shared a story about restarting the morning studies on Mondays last year. In September there were three of us together for the first study *The Passion Play*. It was small but we had a splendid time together learning about the history of the Oberammergau, Germany passion play and lessons for our walk with Christ. In November, five of us began *The Difficult Words of Jesus* study and it was a great time for fun, fellowship, and studying challenging things Jesus said. Here is a picture from that study when we shared some treats for



Christmas together. In January 2022, about seven of us will begin *The Way* which will study the way of Jesus Christ. I like that the numbers have grown, but even more those times have been an opportunity for us to grow together in our faith and lives with each other and Jesus.

Let us be praying for our Sunday School teachers Mac Coffman, Chris Cole, and Scott Dillard and everyone beginning to participate. May they grow in their love for one another and Christ in their study, prayer, and life together. In this time of starting again with Sunday School and other such church things, let us enjoy one another and share richly in the grace of Christ. In starting again, it may be a great time to enjoy the “small” in “small groups.” Small groups often give time for everyone to share, ask questions, and be a vital part. May Christ give us joy and grace in our relationships and ministries that will start this year.

Facemasks Recommended: The Omicron Variant is very contagious and affecting local health systems. During this time facemasks are strongly encouraged for all in-person church activities and services. Facemasks are not required for fully vaccinated persons, but it is encouraged that everyone use facemasks during this time, vaccinated and unvaccinated. Let us continue to pray for God to give us grace through the pandemic and deliver us from it.

Off Camera and Off Audio: Not everyone will be comfortable being viewed on camera and heard in audio for online KUMC services that get shared on the internet. Here are some ways to limit being seen or heard in an online worship service if you desire to avoid that. For sound: the audio for the service will be on when gathering music begins and the audio will be off after the postlude. This will minimize the pre- and post-worship conversations being picked up by the sound system. If you sing, say “Amen”, or speak during the service it is possible your voice will be picked up in the audio. For video, camera operators will be adjusting how much of the congregation appears on camera. Those seated in the first six rows of pews or in the chancel (stage) area will have a high likelihood of being on camera sometime during a worship service. Those seated in the back six rows of pews or in the narthex (foyer) will not be on camera (barring an oversight or error).

View Worship Online: The best way to view the livestream of the 11:00 AM worship is to go to: <https://www.facebook.com/keezletownumc/live> or to watch live on the Keezletown UMC YouTube channel. After the service is completed it will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook.

Use Caution in Handicap Parking Area: The new paint in the handicap parking area has a slickness to it, especially when damp or wet. Please use caution near those painted lines. A clear

grip coating will be applied in the future. Please take care.

Susie McGlaughlin has now moved to NC for her treatments. Leslie will donate on the 18th, Susie will be admitted on the 20th and start chemo and then receive the cells on the 26th. She will have to remain there for some time. Here address is 116 Sparger Springs Lane, Durham NC 27705. Please keep Susie, Leslie, Juanita, and the family in your prayers.

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries from Dec 21st thru Jan 31st: Birthdays: Joe Liskey, Jennifer Robinette, Stephen Welsh, Cooper Liskey, Brian Kelley, Maynard Michael, Margie Martin, Virginia Phalen, Melissa Johnson, Gary Heatwole, Mark Ramsey, Barbara Propst, Fay Higgs, Cora Combs, Josh Wanger, Mac Coffman, Barbara Smith, Bryan Wamsley, Ryan Sprague, Lauran Holliday, Charlie Liskey, Tanya Eppard, Leah Siler, Kelli Sprague, Chris Threewitts, Faye Crowe, Brent Combs, Davis Kelley; and Anniversaries: Steve/Gina Shortell (32), David/Mary Nankivell (61), Ken/Faye Hoover-Thomas (31), John/Virginia Phalen (71), Joe/Linda Liskey (45), Noland/Marion Suter (64), Wes/Sarah Crisman (12), Tyler/Courtney Sacra (6).



*** DECEMBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED ***

OUR BREAD IS IN THE FOOD TROUGH: On the 4th Sunday of Advent, the Sunday before Christmas, Dec 19th, Chris played “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”, “Angels From the Realms of Glory”, Angels We Have Heard on High”, “The First Noel”, “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”, and “Come On, Ring Those Bells” as we gathered for worship. The bell rang, and the beautiful “Star of the East” carried us back to Bethlehem, as Scott Dillard brought in the Light of Christ. BJ Smith, assisting Pastor Joel, gave the welcome and announcements, and led the Opening congregational prayer. Kelli and Ryan Sprague came to Light the Fourth Advent Candle of Peace, followed by singing “Light the Advent Candle Four”, and Mary Nankivell coming to recite “The Christmas Guest”, the story of Conrad the shoemaker and his encounters with God on Christmas Day. We then sang Happy Birthday to Mary, before we sang “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, and the choir presented “The King of Glory Comes”. Sherry Summers read the Old Testament lesson from Micah 5:2-5a, a ruler shall come from Bethlehem. Pastor Joel began, when we think about the “Christmas Manger”, the title of his message, from Micah, a prophet 2700 years before Jesus, when there was crisis, labor pains are depicted with joy following, the vulnerable were neglected, the people of God were called to care for others. The pain is for a little while, but the Good News is coming. Some of us are ready for Christmas and the day of Joy coming. Micah wants us to look at the small places to find this joy. Bethlehem was small. Are there insignificant places in our lives where we need to look for God, the manger, the cross, the tomb, the fisherman, you and me? God uses small things to make room for what He can do. Naomi took the king, and the line of Jesus is laid in the food of life”, He says. Jesus of the earth. Will we After the message, moment” in which God after which we sang “Away In a Manger”. BJ then led the Morning Prayer. Ken Thomas, Chair of Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations then gave gifts and thanks for the hard work of Lynn Siler, Scott Sprague, and Pastor Joel, and led us in the offertory prayer. The doxology preceded the singing of the last hymn, “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”, and BJ came to lead the Closing Prayer litany. Scott carried out the Light of Christ, as Chris played “Joy to the World”. **COME TO THE FEEDING TROUGH AND EAT.**



Ruth to Bethlehem and from Ruth comes David, Jesus. Bethlehem means the house of bread. trough. Jesus will feed His flock. “I am the bread would be the one of peace that spreads to the ends look for Christ in the small places and things? Diana Davis came to give a brief witness as a “God had touched her as she sat up her manger scene,

O HOLY NIGHT: The Christmas Eve service, a service of Scripture, singing, Communion, and Candle lighting, on Dec 24th began at 8:00 p.m. with Diana playing on the piano “What Child is This?” as the prelude for Ryan to carry in the Light of Christ. Pastor Joel gave the welcome and Opening prayer along with the church family. “Light the Advent Candle” was sung for the Christ candle, as Chris played on the piano. Pastor Joel, who read all the scriptures began with the Old Testament Lesson from Isaiah 9:2-7, the foretelling of Jesus’s coming, followed by the choir singing “Do You Hear What I Hear?”. We then responsively read Psalm 96, bring praise to the Lord, and Carol, on the organ, led all in singing “The First Noel”. The Epistle Lesson, from Titus 2:11-14, grace has appeared, was followed by the choir singing “O Holy Night”. The Gospel lesson was Jesus’s birth in Bethlehem from Luke 2:1-20. “Holy Night” was the title of Pastor Joel’s message as he began with when we think of darkness and night, we want to get to the light. God brought the light to earth in creation. On Christmas Eve 1968, a Christmas message came from astronauts circling the moon for the first time. They saw earth rising, covered the earth with their thumb, and told of the fragility of the good earth. They read Genesis 1:1-10 as their message. Today when we experience darkness, the Light of God is still here. If you are experiencing grief during this time of darkness, hold on and see it through with memories of joy and love. Jesus gives us the gift to walk in this life and in our grief by giving us memories and walking with us. The shepherds were considered low class people, yet the hosts of angels came to them, not to the kings, but starting with the least of them. We, as a Church family, have gathered newborn baby kits and hats, gloves, and socks, for those less fortunate who come to Mission Central for help. Whenever there is darkness, God is there first with His grace and mercy, bringing others to Him through acts of kindness and the birth of Jesus on this Holy Night. Carol then led the singing of “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and Pastor Joel gave a prayer of blessing for the Baby kits. Diana led the singing of “Away in a Manger”; Pastor Joel gave a prayer of blessing for the Hats, Gloves, and Socks gifts; and Diana led the singing of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”. We then partook of the Great Thanksgiving and the Giving of the Bread and Cup, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. All held their candles high as the Candle lighting took place and we sang “Silent Night”. Pastor Joel gave the closing blessing and Carol played “O Come, All Ye Faithful” as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ and all extinguished their candles and departed.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS AND HAT/GLOVE/SOCK TREE GLORIFIES GOD:

Thank you to all who very generously donated to the Hat/Glove/Sock tree and the Baby Shower for Jesus during the Christmas season. Many, many, many items were given, all



the way from diapers, to onesies, to shoes, to baby wipes, to lotions, oils, washes, and shampoos, to teething wipes, blankets, and tiny knitted hats, and many more. The Hat/Glove/Sock tree was overflowing. As you can see from pictures 1 and 2, to 3 and 4, the tree and manger/altar were full. Pastor Joel gave a blessing and prayer of dedication for all the items at the Christmas Eve Service on Dec 24th. On Jan 5th the items were gathered into bags and boxes to be delivered to MCCCC on Jan 12th. What a joy to see the look on

their faces when they saw how much was there and how many Mothers, babies, and children would benefit. Thank you for sharing Jesus' love by your giving.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Triton's 1st tree



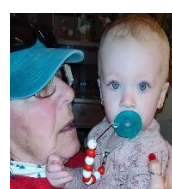
New "jammies"



Girls are home



Santa visits



Grammies Baby



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Santa Glock



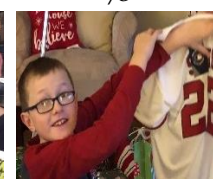
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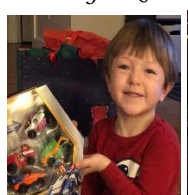
Matching jammies



Santa did good



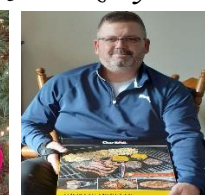
Carson loves it



Connor loves it



Michele tells Santa



Steve's cookin'



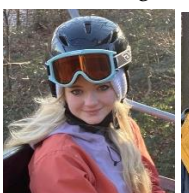
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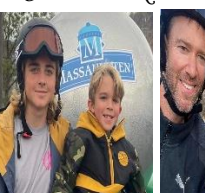
Johnson family Christmas



Christmas beauty



Pellegrins skiing at Massanutten



McGlaughlin/Pellegrins



Underwood girls

MERRY CHRISTMAS: I'll be in VA after Christmas, but won't get to church before heading back to Jacksonville. Sing Joy to the World with all my love to each of you! ♡♡♡ Evalyn

JUST A LITTLE KINDNESS. The first Sunday worship service after Christmas, Dec 26th, began with Diana playing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "That Boy Child of Mary", and "Go Tell It on The Mountain" as the gathering music. Ryan carried in the Light of Christ as she played "O Come, All Ye Faithful" as the prelude. Rev Dave Nankivell, filling in for Pastor Joel who was on vacation, gave the Greeting and Opening Prayer, followed by the singing of "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice", and the Choral Anthem, "The Snow Lay on the Ground". Scott Dillard came to read the Old Testament Lesson from Micah 6:7-8, what should we give. Our own Steve Morris came to give the morning message entitled "The Redeeming Grace of Kindness". Today I will tell you, he began, two stories of kindness and grace that God provides thru us. In 1969 a young wife struggled in her marriage and moved to Tennessee to a Christian home, where she was comforted and advised to return home, where she had a daughter. In the Micah scripture, he is asking us what the Lord requires of us. We must be just, show kindness, and be humble. These were important to the Israelites and should be more important to us. Ruth suffered and struggled, but showed Naomi kindness by staying with her and serving Naomi's God. Back to the couple. They reconciled, had two boys, and made plans to build a house, when tragedy

struck. In July of 1978, the father was in a serious vehicle accident and passed at the age of 31, leaving a widow, three kids, and an unfinished house. Back to Ruth. Boaz did not have to redeem Ruth, but he demonstrated kindness and took her in, redeeming her, and both were blessed to be in the lineage of Jesus. We often forget to just be kind—think of sharing acts of kindness with others. Our acts neither need to be big or seen. They usually cost nothing. Back to the widow. God brought kindness in the form of a Pastor and volunteers who built the house with enough donations that her loan was only \$14,000. This story is my story, my family, my father, my home. Acts of kindness did not stop with the house. The whole neighborhood helped raise us boys, which was a task. For the kindness we have received, we share with others by servitude and our careers. Acts of kindness are reciprocal. How have acts of kindness impacted you? Even Jesus prays for others at His death. Joseph was kind to Mary. The Innkeeper was kind to Mary and Joseph and provided the place for Jesus to be born. God is calling for us to be just, kind, and humble. Let us share God thru our acts of kindness. The singing of “What Child is This” followed the message. Rev Dave led the Time of Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Offertory Prayer, followed by the Doxology. Our closing hymn was “There’s a Song in the Air”, and the Benediction from Ephesians 4:31-32 by Steve. Ryan carried out the Light of Christ as Diana played the postlude, “Silent Night, Holy Night”. **SMALL OR LARGE, DO AN ACT OF KINDNESS.**

A Tribute to Noland Suter: On Dec 29th, KUMC and the Keezletown Community lost a Patriarch and a friend. This quiet, humble, faithful man of God left an indelible print on each of us that he encountered. He was not just a Christian, he lived Christ every day for all to see. How heaven must have cheered when he entered the gates and met Jesus, and received his crown of glory. Noland was married to Marian for 64 years (Dec 28th), and together they raised two daughters and two sons, and enjoyed 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way. They are daughter Jan and Walt Shafer of Keezletown, Brian Shafer, Jordan and Jamie Shoemaker and Alex Mansfield; and Luran and Matt Holliday; daughter Cathy and Ron (deceased) Mart of Blacklick, Ohio, Matt Hensley and Scotlynn and Ella, Jason Mart and Cohen, Tanya Mart and Pat Nelson, and Tasha and Jared Arends and Keeley Mart; son Steve Suter and Marie of Keezletown, Jennifer and Brian Keen and Cooper and Kirk; and son Eric Suter and Kelli of Keezletown, Daniel Suter, Amy and Dusty Taylor and Charlee, Camryn and Damon, and David Suter. Noland is also survived by a small group of very close prayer breakfast friends--Scott Dillard, Randy Churchill, Scott Dodrill, Jeff Robb, Jim Dillard and Pete Ghodes, known as “The Corner Booth Boys.” Noland was a man of God and you knew it, thru his words, but moreso thru the life he lived in gentleness and kindness to others. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Rest in Peace.



A NEW YEAR'S EVE WISH FOR 2022:

Flight 2022 Instructions: Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination -

GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS! Stay Blessed! And welcome in 2022. (Anonymous)

KUMC's 2021 Accomplishments, Challenges, and Activities

With the Pandemic of 2020, and the challenges of staying home, these reflect what we did during the pandemic and after re-opening in 2021.

Church family: KUMC Facebook page shares pictures of events, and dates of upcoming events; have worship CD's available for homebound; purchased new video recording system for on line worship; established PRG committee for new pandemic guidelines; MAP (Mitigation Assistance Plan) approved on June 13th for submission to District for reopening; Karen Mooney passed out cookies on Father's Day; Completed and printed "A Tribute to Don Clatterbuck" ; website allows visitors to hear up to four sermons, and read up to twelve newsletters; worship services posted to YouTube each Sunday

Special Outreach: Wesley Covenant Renewal Service on Jan 3rd; Anointing/Healing part of the Mar 7th worship; New video system activated July 1st; new computer chair for video system in July; a new audio/visual desk for the sanctuary built by Jim Dillard; new sound system in sanctuary approved

Special Recognition: Nora Grace Jarrels did an interpretive dance for worship on Feb 28th; Sharon Martin and Karen Mooney shared a cappella music during the Mar 14th service; Kelli Sprague named HLA Kindergarten Teacher of the year; Jenny and Leigha Dillard featured in a DNR article on Apr 1st; Kelli Sprague sang "Hold On to Me" as Becca danced for Apr 11th service; six high school graduates recognized and gifted on June 6th; Dale Dodrill was the guest speaker for Kendra's graduating class; Jenny Dillard sang "It's a Wonderful Day" on Service of Hope Sunday Aug 29th; Mary Nankivell recited "The Christmas Guest" on Dec 19th

Sunday school studies: "Christian Beliefs"; "Unshakeable Hope"; Advent Study: "All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas"

Messages: "Opening the Treasure Chest"; "A God-given Dream"; "God's Dreams Challenge"; "The Integrity of Dreaming and Living"; "The Giver of Dreams"; "God's Dreams Come True"; "Part of God's Big Dream"; "Let Jesus Be Good News"; "Let Jesus Speak"; "Let Jesus Heal"; "Let Jesus Forgive"; "Let Jesus Take the Cross"; "Let Jesus Welcome"; "Let Jesus Live"; "Children of God"; "Live in Love"; "Faith in Jesus"; "Waiting on the Spirit"; "Spirit Powered Speaking"; "Born Again"; "Whose Will?"; "We in Christ"; "Father's Day Wonder"; "Christ's Love for Home Country"; "Unstoppable Grace"; "The Steadfast Love of God"; "A Song for Fools and Faith"; "Bread of Life"; "Known by God"; "Making the Most of Every Opportunity"; "God Armor"; "Taking Notice of Jesus's Work"; "Who Do You Say Jesus Is?"; "Don't Stop Jesus Growing in Somebody"; "Receiving Little Ones"; "From Silencing to Calling"; "First and Second"; "Beware of Religion for Show"; "Christmas Branch"; "Christmas Messenger"; "Christmas Story and Song"; "Christmas Manger"; "Holy Night"

Special Messages: "Seeking Jesus, Found by Jesus" for Easter Sunrise Service Apr 4th; Mary Nankivell recited three Easter recitations on Apr 4th; Ken Thomas spoke on Apr 11th on "No Doubt"; Dave Nankivell spoke on June 27th on "God is Alive and Well—Give thanks"; "Hope for Us All" by BJ Smith on Aug 29th; "The Word of God" by Ken Thomas on UMM Sunday Sept 19th; Rev Jim Harris spoke on Oct 10th on "He Done Gone from Preachin' to Meddlin'"; "The 5th Sparrow" by Dale Dodrill on Oct 17th; Barrett Bowman spoke on "My Journey" on Nov 14th; Mac Coffman spoke on "18 Inches" on Nov 21st; Steve Morris spoke on Dec 26th on "The Redeeming Grace of Kindness"

Witnesses: BJ Smith gave a witness on Mar 28th; Carol Dillard spoke on Apr 4th; Apr 18th, Tanya Eppard, Wes Ford, and Jenny Dillard all witnessed; Jenny Dillard witnessed on Mother's Day May 9th; Ginny Joseph gave a witness on the Backpack Project on May 30th; Linda Liskey spoke on the New Mother Kits collected for MCCCC on June 13th; Donna Tinsley spoke on Sept 29th about MCCCC; Steve Morris gave a Charge Conference report on Oct 3rd; Dawn Kern, from MCCCC, thanked KUMC for Undie Sunday on Oct 10th; Neil Sacra talked about Don on Nov 7th; Diana Davis witnessed on a God moment on Dec 19th

Special Guests: InMotion Summer Praise Team presented "You Are Special", a mini-ballet on Aug 8th

Bible Study: "How Happiness Happens"; "The Passion Play"; "The Difficult Words of Jesus"

Special Study: Bishop Lewis's "2021 Bible reading Challenge" distributed; Read Mark during Lent

United Methodist Men: requested mowers for Church yard; met in June; Served Cross Keys Ruritans July 1st; served Salvation Army July 22nd; did flower bed cleanup and mulched in Sept; led service on Sept 19th; cleaned

brush at MCCCC on Nov 13th; met Nov 21st; held the annual Widow/Widower Christmas dinner at Camp Overlook with 39 attending on Dec 5th

United Methodist Women: Prepared vegetable soup Feb 20th for freewill offering for Relay for Life team; Kendra D spoke to group about FCCLA; donated funds to Remote Area Medical Clinic in April; held Call to Prayer and Self Denial program in April; served Keezletown and Mt Crawford Ruritans meals in May; gave to AVA project in May; "Evening Together" at Thomas Hose enjoyed by 14 in June; served Keezletown Ruritans July 12th; Aug picnic at Judy Coffman's home; fed Keezletown Ruritans on Sept 13th; met with Annual UMW meeting for Oct and received awards; served Mt Crawford Ruritans on Nov 3rd; gave Christmas donation to Western State; attended District Prayer Breakfast; decorated the Church sanctuary, social hall, and entrance on Nov 22nd; met for Christmas dinner and celebration on Dec 2nd; prepared goodie bags for 25 shut-ins; delivered goodie bags

Relay Team: 2nd Annual Weaver for a Cure Fundraiser raised \$165.00 in April; served Mt Crawford Ruritan meal on June 2nd; served Dayton HS Class of '56 on July 17th; conducted Service of Hope on Aug 29th; participated in Relay for Life on Sept 4th; had Weave for a Cure basket fundraiser in Sept; team turned in \$8000 for year; had Weave a Snowman Basket fundraiser in Nov; fed Mt Crawford Ruritan Christmas dinner to 67 on Dec 1st

Mission Events: collected for Mission Central Baby Kits; collected Cans-4-Conference for MPC; collected Baby and Newborn kits for MCCCC; collected and delivered hygiene items for Spotswood High School; served Open Doors on Apr 24th; collected and delivered health kits and school supplies for Cub Run Elementary School; "Undie Sunday" on Oct 10th collected underwear for MCCCC; made 300 hand-made cards for the troops; collected Hats/Socks/Gloves for MCCCC during December; collected Baby Kits for Jesus for Christmas Eve for MCCCC

"Super Bowl Sunday": Feb 7th we collected 344 pounds of non-perishable food for MPC

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: 116 shoeboxes were dedicated and blessed on Nov 21st

Special Services: ASH Wednesday blessings given at church Feb 17th; Maunday Thursday service Apr 1st; Good Friday Service Apr 2nd; Easter Sunrise Service Apr 4th; a Celebration of Life for Rev Bill Fisher was held on June 27th; Hanging of the Greens on Nov 28th; Christmas Eve service on Dec 24th

Lent Study: "Virginia Roots, Race, and Discipleship" virtual study; Read the book of Mark during Lent; "All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas" during Advent

Charge Conference: was held via zoom Sept 28th with all business approved and Pastor Joel presiding

Salvation Army: individuals served a dinner meal on the 3rd Saturday of each month

Community/Mission: vowed covenant with missionary John Nday; collecting food items for Massanutten Food Pantry each month; collect items for conference kits; served Salvation Army meal once a month; Dedicated health kit items and school supplies for CRES and Hygiene Closet Items for MMS on Aug 1st; Harvest Party and Hayride on Oct 31st; Salvation Army Angel Tree (20 names) gifts dedicated and blessed on Dec 5th; Ann Ford rang the bell for the Salvation Army on Dec 10th;

Feeding the Children Backpack Ministry: served '20-'21 program for CRES and MMS with deliveries to their houses; snacks leftover from the SHS Starry Night Senior Prom were bagged and delivered to Cub Run; completed '20-'21 program with total of 72 children in June; backpacking began again in Sept for 17 children; total at 33 by year end

VA Annual Conference: Virtual on June 18-19; collecting offering on June 13th; collecting for conference to give locally: Cans-4-Conference (for MPCC); Hygiene Closet at SHS; Health kits for CRES; school supplies for CRES; Newborn kits for MCCCC

Church/Parsonage repairs & maintenance: parking lot was resealed and repainted; clean-up and mulching the front of the church and the garden done on Nov 24th; the beloved tree in the corner was cut down on Nov 24th

Deaths: Toby Leroy Propst; Charles Edward Propst; Michael Shane Armentrout; Helen Diana Chapman Williams; Roger Lee Sites, Sr; Karen Elaine Gilbert Harper; Sharon Harris; Elsie Juanita Cline; Wayne Allen Ryman; Wanda Waltine (Wally) Simmers; Maynard Lee (Pop) Sites; Wilton Thomas; Kathleen (Kitty) Propst; Ellen Michael Layman; Robert Noland Suter

Engagement: Josh Wanger and Alissa Dodrill on Dec 2nd

Weddings and Babies: Charles Henry Stanley; Henry Martin; Steve & Marie (Siler) Hardin wed on June 12th; Brian & Ann Marie Zylich wed on July 24th; Corey Shifflett and Christina Martin wed on Sept 25th; Travis Martin and Joanna Bricker wed on Oct 31st;

Kindergartner recognition: On Oct 26th, for Ben Wamsley, Sam Ramsey, Cora Combs, Adalida Crisman, Nolan Mason, and Cooper Pellegrin.

Graduates: Annalee Crisman; Leigha Dillard; Kendra Dodrill; Jacob Hall; Jaden Hall; Toni Underwood.

Over 50 years of marriage in 2021: Frank & Carolyn Baker; Kennis & Carolyn Armentrout; Al & Jackie Liskey; Robert & Janice Smith; Mac & Nancy Coffman; Richard & Faye Higgs; Bruce & Barbara Hoover; Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill; Jim & Carol Dillard; Gary & Barbara Heatwole; David & Mary Nankivell; Noland & Marion Suter; and John & Virginia Phalen.

Proud of: Kendra Dodrill, FCCLA State VP; Chloe Robinette received her black belt in Karate; Leigha Dillard competed on SHS Cheer team as District winners; Noah Robinette received Harrisonburg Rotary Code of Ethics Award for MMS; Jacob Hall graduated in North Carolina in May and is looking into a future in law enforcement; Marcus Hall, also in NC, is bringing home straight A's, planning on joining the ROTC program next year, and the Navy after graduation. Haiden Dillard received a letter from Chris Runion, VA House of Delegates, congratulating her on making the honor roll at Montevideo Middle School; Makenna Eppard finished a four month class and in-person testing restrictions to receive an Advanced EMT certificate; Alissa Dodrill made the Spring Deans' list at Bridgewater College; Emily Carr has enrolled at SNHU to continue online studies toward her BA in Graphic Design; Winners at the Rockingham County Fair were Joseph Welsh and Leah Siler; Kendra Dodrill inducted into the Flory Honor Students at Bridgewater College; Haiden Dillard scored 2 goals for the Muddogs winning games at the NC Pumpkin Shootout Lacrosse Tournament; Alissa Dodrill completing her studies early and finishing college in December; Damon Daff (Senior), Noah Robinette and Lataya Wigington (Freshman) all made the Honor Roll at Spotswood High School in December.

God has again blessed us in 2021; let us continue to be His hands and feet in 2022.

May the tears I cried in 2021, water the seeds I'm planting in 2022.

UPCOMING STUDIES:

THE WAY STUDY: Travel to Israel and learn about walking in the footsteps of Jesus with study author Adam Hamilton in "The Way." This six-week study will begin meeting Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. from Jan 24th-Feb 28th. Study books are \$11 for regular print and \$12 for large print. Sign up with Pastor Joel or in the church narthex.

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS STUDY: Dive deep into the final days of Jesus with study author Amy-Jill Levine in this beginner's guide to Holy Week. The study is great for Lent and will meet Mondays at 10:00 a.m. from Mar 7th – Apr 11th. Large print study books are \$11 and regular print study books are \$10. Sign up with Pastor Joel or in the narthex.

TWO WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:

Bishop Sharma Lewis has once again challenged us to read the Bible, using The **2022 One Year Bible reading plan** which can be found at <http://vaumc.org>. The plan has daily readings from Jan 1st – Dec 31st, with about 2 chapters from the Old Testament, some verses from the New Testament, some verses from Psalms, and some verses from Proverbs. Copies of the plan are available in the narthex.

Pastor Joel has also made a reading plan for KUMC called "**The Bible in a Year**". One thing about this plan is it can be started any day, featuring 4 chapters a day, with 2 chapters reading through the Bible beginning in Genesis, 1 chapter from a song, poetry, wisdom, or instruction book of the Bible like Psalms, and 1 chapter from the Gospels or Acts, allowing you to actually read through the Gospels and Acts three times in 365 days. "The Bible in a Year" is available in print at KUMC and online at the KUMC website www.keezletownumc.com.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



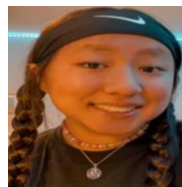
At Panthers Game



Cuteness overload



All-Star Brayden



Gotcha Day 1/2



Snow day off; family fun

***** JANUARY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

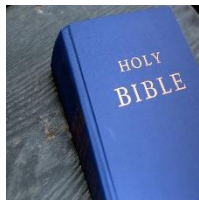
HAPPY NEW YEAR! WISHING YOU BLESSINGS AND JOY!

AS YOU BEGIN 2022 BY SCOTT DODRILL: Blessed to be a Blessing: As many of you know, Michele and I experienced 2 miscarriages before Alissa was born. I had heard of people having a miscarriage before, but never knew its total effect until it hit home. Without a doubt, it was some of the worst days I have lived thru. So, when Michele became pregnant again, we were put thru extensive testing. Some test results were not exactly as we had hoped for, but we were Blessed with a miracle and Alissa was born healthy. I wondered for years why we had to go thru this struggle. Fast forward several years and I met a young lady on a mission trip. She was a great disciple for me and helped rejuvenate my Faith journey at that time. She's now married and had a son, but I recently found out that she was pregnant again. This time there were struggles. Memories of our history came to mind fast. I felt the urge to write her a note. But I delayed. And I delayed some more. When I heard about other issues, I finally got to writing. I told her our story and how Blessed we were. Her response was also delayed. But she was a wife, a mother, full-time worker, and student going back to school....unlike me, she had good reason for delay. Imagine my surprise when she said my timing was perfect! She got it the day before she got the results of her testing. She said it felt like it was the answer she had been praying to God for. The next day she got the call that her baby was genetically perfect. A few other issues were still lingering, but the letter gave her Peace. Someone else understood the struggle she and her husband were working thru. God turned our struggle into an opportunity to reach out to someone else. While we want others to think our lives are perfect, if we are honest with ourselves, we too have been lost at times. But God sent someone to comfort us and help guide us back to the Light. He let us know we were not alone. As we journey thru 2022, let us be mindful of others struggles and let them know they are not alone. God can even use a procrastinator like me!

Scott

IS THE WORD IN YOUR FLESH? The 2nd Sunday after Christmas, Communion Sunday, Jan 2nd, began with Chris playing "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy", "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen", "As with Gladness Men of Old", and "Another Year is Dawning" as the gathering music. The bell rang, Brayden carried in the Light of Christ, and Chris played "Ave Maria". Ken Thomas gave the greeting and led the Church family in reading the "Epiphany" Opening prayer, followed by the singing of "We Three Kings". Pastor Joel read the Gospel lesson from John 1:1-18, the word became flesh. The title of his message was "Word In the Flesh" and he began with, as we begin 2022, think of the word of God in the flesh and in our flesh. John introduces Jesus in a big way—he pulled out all the stops. When you pull all the stops out on an organ, a huge sound comes out. Jesus is the word of God and is God here with us. He created everything. Jesus gives us life and is the light of the world. Jesus shows us what God is like. Some people like the spiritual words of God, but struggle with God in the flesh. Spiritual can be good, but physical can be sinful or fallen. When God creates, He says, all is good. He gave the Israelites rules and lived with them. Jesus is with us from the womb to the tomb. He is light, life, grace, word, and truth to ordinary people, bringing them hope. We are made to do good works. Noland Suter, who just died, was a person of faith, who quietly shared with others his faith. He

was a man of few words, but was kind, gentle, and humble, who served quietly and gently behind the scenes. God's love flowed out in how he lived. We need to stay in the words of God by studying the Bible. Two plans are available thru KUMC. You may be the only Bible someone ever reads. Scott Dillard told a story about Noland at his funeral which I would like to share.



Many folks used to come down Noland's road, which is a dead end, looking for Pack Saddle Golf Course because the GPS led them there. Noland quietly told them the directions, but added "If you want to get to your destination, you'd better be sure you can trust the directions" and would hold up his Bible. Trust the word made flesh—Jesus. Ken then led the Affirmation of Faith from the Korean Methodist Church, and we sang "Angels We Have Heard on High", followed by Ken leading the morning prayer. Pastor Joel gave the Invitation to

Communion, the Confession and Pardon, the Offertory Prayer, followed by the doxology, and he and Ken led the Great Thanksgiving. After the Lord's Prayer, we all partook of the Bread and the Cup, then sang "Go Tell It on the Mountain", with Ken closing with the Benediction, as Brayden carried out the Light of Christ, and Chris played "Auld Lang Syne" as the postlude.

TRUST THE DIRECTIONS OF THE BIBLE.

RURITANS ENJOY MEAL: Due to weather complications on Monday, the 3rd, the UMW served the monthly meeting meal to 18 Keezletown Ruritan members on Tuesday, Jan 4th. Five folks helped with the meal of spaghetti with sauce, salad, bread, cake and ice cream. Thank you to all who organized and helped.

UNDECORATING AND GATHERING: On Jan 5th, after Backpacking was completed, Ann, Ginny, Chris, Kathy, Diana, and E.L. completed taking down the Christmas decorations adorning the Sanctuary and the social hall, and packing them for storage. A special thanks goes to Darryl Eppard for returning all of the items to the garage for storage. While Chris, Ginny, and Kathy took Christmas decor down, Ann, Diana, and E.L. gathered all of the items from the Hat/Glove/Sock tree and from the Baby Shower for Jesus on the altar and prepared them to be taken to MCCCC at a later date. Many bags and boxes were filled.

UMW meeting for Jan 6th was cancelled due to bad weather; new meeting Feb 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

WE ALL NEED BAPTISM. Worship was different this morning, Jan 9th, with no congregation due to the possibility of inclement weather, but Pastor Joel and Scott Sprague continued to experiment with the on-line broadcast and made worship possible for all to see, as Pastor Joel explained in his opening welcome. The opening prayer, "For Baptism of the Lord prayer", was taken from the UM hymnal. The Gospel lesson came from Luke 3:15-22, John proclaiming Jesus and His baptism. Pastor Joel began his message, "The Grace of Christian Baptism", by saying that God puts His mark on Jesus, shows His grace to us, and moves in baptism and in our lives. The people were excited in the time of John, thinking he was the Messiah, but he challenged them instead to repent and look to Jesus, the one that is coming and is greater than himself. In this scripture we see Jesus lifted up and God exalts Him. John says, "This is the One". What is God



doing in Baptism? When we Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we are claimed as God's baptism, Jesus prayed, the moving ahead in His ministry.

He waits for the Spirit. What if we started every day or in every situation with the grace of prayer? Heaven opened as He prayed and the Holy Spirit came upon Him like a dove. When we

are baptized, we get the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to help us share God's love with others. Baptism is a mark on us that we are a child of God, claimed by the grace and love of God. We all need to hear that God loves us. God has no grandchildren—we are all His children. Pastor Joel then led the Reaffirmation and remembrance of our Baptism covenant, with questions and responses, the Apostle's Creed, a prayer over the water, dipping the water, blessing all watching, and giving a Thanksgiving prayer. He then prayed over the offering received this week in the mail, gave the Benediction blessing, wishing everyone a good week, and carried out the Light of Christ. **YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MET: on Jan 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall with ten members present, Susan presiding, and Pastor Joel leading prayer. Minutes and Treasurer's report were given and approved. Scott Sprague has ordered and received three pieces of the new sound system. Ann reported the UMW held their Christmas dinner meeting in Dec; served the Ruritans in Jan; will possibly have a soup sale in Feb; and they delivered all of the Baby Shower and Hat/Glove tree items to MCCCC on Jan 12th, which were much appreciated. **A big thanks goes to the church for their generosity.** Scott reported for the UMM that they had a well attended Christmas dinner in Dec; and they will be meeting Jan 16th to plan for 2022. Mike reported for the Trustees that a new commode will be installed in the 1st stall in the Ladies bathroom; that a termite infestation on the back wall of the sanctuary will be addressed; that Scott Dillard will be investigating the lighting situation in the parking lot, especially at the end of the ramp; and a report that the handicap painted areas are slick when damp or icy will be looked into and possibly repainted in the spring. Chris read a thank you note from the **Massanutten Food Pantry** advising that **KUMC had donated 784 pounds of items in 2021.** Pastor Joel spoke for the PRG committee who are recommending that masks be again worn in meeting areas. Pastor Joel advised that BJ Smith has been asked to serve as an Assistant Minister to the Blue Ridge Charge (three churches) from now until June on every other Sunday, and he has accepted this responsibility. BJ has also expressed to Pastor Joel the willingness to possibly pursue a career in the Ministry. Pastor Joel cited a new Monday morning class starting. He then advised that a question has come up about those on Sunday morning who may not want to be seen on camera. The suggestion has been made to put a blind on the camera so that the section in front of the audio/video desk cannot be seen and allow those folks to sit in that area. Also, the audio for the online services will start only when the music begins and ends, so as to avoid conversations that might be heard that people would not want broadcast. He also advised that the United Methodist Church has agreed to join a settlement the Boy Scouts of America plans to pay out to abuse victims. Susan advised that Relay for Life in 2022 is June 4th. Pastor Joel reminded everyone that Chris and Scott will be starting new Sunday school classes on Jan 16th. Pastor Joel then asked Council what they suggested for Lent services. The final recommendation was that we have the services, with a meal, with only the KUMC family, beginning Ash Wednesday, with speakers from within the church family. A motion was made and approved to accept the four folks added to church leadership—Ken Thomas, Lay leader; Cheryl Carr, Council member at large; Mike Summers, Trustee Chair; and Jan Shafer, SPR member. Meeting dates were set for 2022: Mar 9th; May 11th; July 13th; Sept 14th; and Nov 9th; all at 7:30 p.m.

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 DisasterResponse: 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., and 3rd Tuesdays of each month 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.

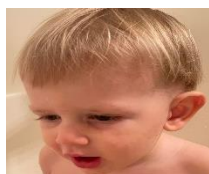
Mission Central Medical Equipment for Caring Closet is open Mondays 9-11 AM and Thursdays 5-7 PM, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. If you would like to help, please call Delores Reid 540-383-6112.

KUMC Backpack Project is packing food for 33 children every weekend at Cub Elementary School. If you would like to help with shopping for food, please contact Lynette Guiliams. If you would like to help pack food bags please come help on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. If you would like to give you may designate your gift to “KUMC Backpack Project.” Let us all be in prayer for the children receiving food, Cub Run Elementary, and the KUMC Backpack Project.

*** JANUARY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE***

- 16 **United Methodist Men’s Breakfast and Meeting at 8:00 a.m.**
Three Sunday School classes resumed @ 9:45 a.m.: Scott Dillard will lead a middle/high school youth class in his old classroom looking at the parables of Jesus. Mac Coffman will lead an adult class on the theme of “Encouragement” in the social hall. Chris Cole will lead a class using “Adult Bible Studies” materials following Revised Lectionary Scriptures in the Prayer Room.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: “When the Wine Runs Out” from John 2:1-11
- 17 **Martin Luther King Jr Day**
- 19 **Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.**
- 23 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: “One Body, Many Members” from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
- 24 **“The Way” study 10:00 a.m.**
- 26 **Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.**
- 29 **Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.**
- 30 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: “The Excellent Way of Love” from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- 31 **“The Way” study 10:00 a.m.**

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



New haircut



Sledding fun



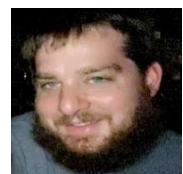
Happy B'd Gary



Lataya being cute



Happy B'd Melissa



Happy B'd Josh

*** FEBRUARY EVENTS HAPPENING***

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 2	Clint Martin	Feb 18	Nancy Armentrout
Feb 3	John Phalen	Feb 18	Kahlyn Smith
Feb 3	Caleb Combs	Feb 20	Courtney Sacra
Feb 4	Alexander Mansfield	Feb 22	Rick Layman
Feb 7	Lynn Siler	Feb 22	Reese Pellegrin
Feb 7	Steve Suter	Feb 23	Steve Zylich
Feb 9	Cole Liskey	Feb 23	Joe Johnson Jr
Feb 10	Kevin Mason	Feb 23	Loretta Eklund
Feb 13	Flossie Walters	Feb 24	Stephanie Liskey
Feb 14	Noah Robinette	Feb 25	David Nankivell
Feb 17	Ken Thomas	Feb 28	Tyler Sacra

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 12, 1993	Joseph & Melissa Johnson	29 years
Feb 16, 1972	Allen & Sharon Martin	50 years

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



Allen & Sharon Martin for 50 years on Feb 16th

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

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 2 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
- 3 UMW Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Sunday school 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m. w/Communion; Message: "The Call of the Sinful and Unsuccessful Fisherman" from Luke 5:1-11
- 7 "The Way" study 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Newsletter items due
- 12 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
- 13 Sunday school 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Sermon on the Plain: Blessings and Woes" from Luke 6:17-26
- 14 "The Way" study 10:00 a.m.
VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
Worship Planning @ 6:30 pm.
- 19 Serve Salvation Army
- 20 United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday school 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Sermon on the Plain: Give As Good As You Get From Jesus" from Luke 6:27-38
- 21 "The Way" study 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Backpack packing @ 1:00 p.m.
- 26 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
Emmaus Teaming
- 27 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 11:00 a.m.; "Transfiguration Sunday"; Message: "Listening for Jesus" from Luke 9:28-36

28 "The Way" study 10:00 a.m.

MARCH Lent Suppers and Services: Beginning with Ash Wednesday and a Spaghetti Supper provided by the Keezletown United Methodist Men on March 2nd, we will have Lent Suppers and Services on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. If you or your small group would like to provide the meal for one of the services, please contact Pastor Joel. Other Lent Suppers and Services will be March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th. When possible, please RSVP by the Sunday before a service to help with having enough food for everyone.

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

While sorting through a file, I found an old tract, EVERY MEMBER IS A WITNESS By Edward Ferguson, Jr. Since we are striving to be better Christians in 2022, I have condensed the five ways listed, to be a positive witness for God. 1. WE WITNESS BY ATTENDING CHURCH. It shows that we believe in the importance of the church and its' work. In this pandemic, virtual is a blessing. 2. WE WITNESS BY BRINGING SOMEONE TO CHURCH. When we invite, it's a sign that we are interested in them, both as a person and in their spiritual welfare. 3. WE WITNESS BY GIVING OUR TIME TO THE CHURCH. The life of the church depends upon the efforts of its members. Each person has gifts and talents, that the church needs to be a vital witness to God. 4. WE WITNESS BY SHOWING CHRISTIAN CONCERN. Any act of kindness shown to others (large or small) is witness to God. 5. WE WITNESS BY SPEAKING TO ANOTHER ABOUT CHRIST. To witness of our faith to another is one of the highest purposes we have in life. Everyone has their own story to share how God has and is working in their life. CONCLUSION: What we do and what we say affect the community of which we are a part. We are witnesses! Either we witness for God, or we witness against God.

THANK YOU

KUMC: As the year draws to a close, we want to say thank you for your support and generosity during these tremendously difficult times. Your contributions allow us to continue our mission of helping those in our community who need it the most. We are truly grateful for your giving spirit. We wish you and your family joy and good cheer during the holidays! In peace, Leeanne Shepherd, Exec Dir, **People Helping People**

Thank you for my present. Love, *Waylon*

KUMC: Thank you for helping make Relay for Life successful, Together, we honor all cancer survivors and remember loved ones lost. We are able to take action against this terrible disease because of your support and your generous donation on 11/16/21. Together, we have come so far. Your gift makes all the difference. Thank you again for helping save lives and lead the fight to end cancer. Warm regards, William Cance, **American Cancer Society**

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Damon Daff (Senior), **Noah Robinette** and **Lataya Wigington** (Freshman) all made the Honor Roll at Spotswood High School in December. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

The Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester at Bridgewater College has been announced for students attaining a 3.4 or better grade point average, and includes our very own **Leigha Dillard**, **Alissa Dodrill**, and **Kendra Dodrill**. Congrats!

The Commission on Professional Credentialing has conferred upon **STEPHEN MORRIS** designated December 7, 2021 the designation of CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (CFO) for demonstrating a high level of competence as witnessed by your peers, by documenting professional, educational, technical, and community service achievements and fulfilling prescribed standards of performance, ethics, and conduct required for CFO. Congratulations, Steve, well deserved.

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

For those of you who are unaware, with this issue I begin my twelfth year of writing this newsletter. Time goes by quickly when you are having fun and doing something you love someone told me when I mentioned it. He was right. I do love writing for you to enjoy, but moreso to glorify and thank Father God for giving me the ability and the willingness and the enjoyment. Thank you to all of you who help me put it together with pictures and news items, and to my wonderful husband who helps me print it, stuff it in the envelopes, and get them mailed to you each month (or as he says, every two weeks...haha). I pray that God will help me to continue sharing his love for a long time and that you continue to enjoy receiving it. *Diana*

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Editor's Note

The February deadline for submissions is Feb 11th . 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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The Greatest Gift was given to us—ETERNAL LIFE.

