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(Our decorated Crosses from the past)

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John 19:28-30 "After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

OUR PASTOR CHATS

Easter greetings to you all. Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! I am writing this on the second day of Easter Season which is also known as the Great Fifty Days. It is a joyous time of celebrating Christ's resurrection, appearances, ascension, and Pentecost. It is a season that reminds me that from any suffering, rejection, or death like Jesus' on the cross, God can bring resurrection and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ (check out Romans 8!). There is a heaviness upon my heart though because there is a tearing apart happening in our United Methodist Church. There are many who will be leaving the United Methodist Church beginning May 1, 2022 to join the new Global Methodist Church and it looks likely that there will be a years-long timeframe of annual conferences, congregations, pastors, and laity departing the UMC for the GMC. One of my pastoral concerns is that when churches split up or close it is never a clean break. For a visual, take a piece of dry spaghetti and hold it at the ends and break it in half. You will find it breaks into more than two pieces. It is similar when there are splits in the church at any level—some stay, some leave for another church, some drop out of church altogether, or take a step back from church involvement due to the issues of strife around splits. Our Virginia Annual Conference of the UMC will be working with congregations and pastors that plan to leave for the Global Methodist Church. These are surely the times for us to live our faith that Christ lives and reigns over all. These are times to pray for one another. This is not the time to tear down the body of Christ but to build up the people of God across the whole church (not just the local congregation or denomination). There will be people with many questions, anxiety, and anger over this time of tearing apart in the UMC. May Jesus give us grace to continue in faith to love God and love our neighbors as we do ourselves. We do serve the risen Christ who comes to heal, save, forgive, and make us one. When the United Methodist Church is splitting apart it is evident how much we still need the ways of Jesus. It calls me to humility and repentance and asking for others for prayer. Please be praying the United Methodist Church, the Global Methodist Church, and the Church. Our hope, life, and faith is in Christ Jesus our living Lord. Let us seek Jesus and build up each other in Christ's grace. *Pastor Joel*

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.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Please let Becky Ryman know if you need any events or occasions shared on the church fb page. Just text any info to 540 246 2570 or email to rsryman@gmail.com.

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.

Prayers for United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia: There are United Methodist Churches and ministries in both Ukraine and Russia. Bishop Eduard Khegay is a UMC bishop who serves Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. As we pray, let us remember those United Methodists, other Christians, and all who have been caught up in this conflict that the peace of Christ may come.

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries from Apr 1st thru Apr 30th: Birthdays: Kristin Summers, Christine Cole, Jacob Stanley, Marshall Liskey, Karen Mooney, Sharon Martin, Cory Guilliams, Marcus Hall, Justen Cox, Gracelynn Knight, Hunter Pellegrin, Jaden Hall, Benjamin Wamsley, Ryan Heishman, Kristen Roach, Henry Martin, Matthew Holliday, Jan Shafer, Mary Jane Propst, Sara Cole, Jamie Werner, Lily Sacra, Juanita Sheffer, Randy Sites, John Foley, Bob Threewitts; and anniversaries: David & Kathryn Miller (18), Scott & Jenny Dillard (28), Kennis & Carolyn Armentrout (58), John & Jennifer Young (6), and Randy & Jan Sites (26).



BEAUTY AT NIGHT:



Just in case you haven't been by the Church at night lately, we wanted to show you the beautiful new spot lights and border lights that were generously given and installed by Neil and Carol Sacra, with wiring assistance from Scott Dillard. Both crosses, and the KUMC sign and emblem, as well as the Cross light at the end of the ramp enhance the beauty of God's house. Thank you, Neil, Carol, and Scott.

***** MARCH EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

THE GOOD OLE DAYS RETURNED: On Mar 19th at 5:00 p.m., the United Methodist Men began



to serve their first Pancake Supper fundraiser in quite a while. The tables were decorated with little green leprechaun hats and mint candy and we enjoyed pancakes (yellow and green), scrambled eggs, fried sausage patties, sausage gravy, maple syrup,



and tea. Scott Dodrill, donning and vest, tried again, as he leprechaun voice, to eat a green her husband, and everyone brought in \$700.00, which will



his green leprechaun hat usually does, to entice Diana, with his pancake, which she refused and gave to laughed. The free will offering endeavor benefit Weekday Religious Education and

Camp Overlook. Thank you to all who attended, ate, and gave.

THE CROSS IS HIS THRONE: On the third Sunday of Lent, Diana played "More Love to Thee, O Christ", "My Jesus, I Love Thee", and "Let It Be Said of Us" as we gathered for worship on Mar 20th, and the bell rang. Ryan carried in the Light of Christ as Diana played "Written in Red" for the prelude. Cathy Sites assisted Pastor Joel and gave the greeting and announcements, followed by the Church family reading a Psalter from Psalm 27:1-4, 11-14, and the singing of "My Hope is Built". Diana presented the Special Music as she sang "Seeking Me". Cathy returned to read the morning Gospel lesson from Luke 26:63-23:5, Jesus before Pilate. The message title today was "Questions and Allegations Aimed at Jesus", as Pastor Joel began with telling how those who hated Jesus tried to trap Him with their questions and allegations. He was beaten,

insulted, and told to prophesy. “Are you the Messiah?”, they asked. Then they took Him to Pilate with false claims. Pilate asked, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus tells them they will not believe Him if He tells them. We are not always open to listen or believe the word of God. Some were there that would believe. Have you ever pre-judged someone? He then told the story of the Emmett Tillman lynching, the Stanford University prison experiment, and the Iraqi prison account of mistreatment. When there are folks who are in Jesus’ position, would we speak up? When people would not, or did not believe Jesus, He told them He would be seated at the right hand of God. The cross becomes His throne
 cross, at that throne, for say that I am”, asking Him respond to unbelief? In this cross and the throne. The Did my Savior Bleed”,
 Ukranian National Anthem, “Shche ne Vmerla Ukrainy I slave, I viola” or “Ukraine’s Glory and Freedom are not Dead yet” on the flute. Cathy led the Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, with Pastor Joel giving the offertory prayer, and leading the doxology. Cathy led the Church family in “A Prayer of Saint Patrick” as the benediction and Diana closed with “My Hope Is Built”. **THE CROSS IS HIS THRONE.**



here on earth. There’s room at the everyone. Jesus answers Pilate, “you what he believes. How will we time of Lent, may we see Jesus on His Church family then sang “Alas! And followed by Parker Young playing the

HALLELUJAH!!! SPRING IS HERE.

SPRING FUNNIES:

If music is coming from your printer, maybe it's your paper jamming.

Dryers don't shrink clothes, refrigerators do.

How do you make a bandstand? Take away their chairs.

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

I hate telling people that I am a taxidermist. When they ask me what I do every day, I say, ya know, stuff.

If a car is being driven by a sheep, is it a lamb bikini.

“Entering the Passion of Jesus” study met on Mar 21st with four ladies and Pastor Joel leading. Amy-Jill Levine again talked from inside the temple about the Sadducees questioning Jesus about the divorced lady; the widow’s giving; and what is the greatest commandment. Dollar bills were laying on the tables to begin the discussion on the widow’s giving.

4th Lent Service: Pastor Joel welcomed all to the 4th Wednesday night Lent service on Mar 23rd, and invited all attending to come and enjoy a delicious loaded potato bar with homemade gingerbread and lemon sauce for dessert, prepared by the Neil & Carol Sacra family. The service began with the singing of “O, How I Love Jesus”, accompanied by Carol on the piano, and a prayer for our speaker, Rev Al Tuten, from Mt Zion UMC. Rev Tuten began by expressing his humbleness and gratitude, but stating that when we are called, we answer. In 1st Corinthians 15:1-11, we read of the Resurrection of Christ. I relate to this, he said, especially verse 8, one abnormally born, or coming late to Jesus. Church was every Sunday morning when I was a child, beginning Saturday night with shoe shining, clothes laid out, and Sunday School lessons read.

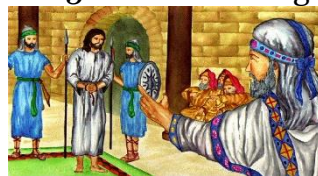


During my college years, Jesus never took His eyes off of me, even though I may have taken mine off of Him. After marriage, my wife and son started going to New Hope church. The first Sunday we went, a Communion Sunday, I struggled, feeling unworthy, not wanting to go to the altar and take the elements. But Jesus intervened with the words “Do This In Remembrance of Me” and after taking the elements, my burden was lifted and He brought me back. I took my eyes off Him, but He never took His off of me. In 2016, God nudged me to preach. How are we called? My key to how we have been called is 1 Peter 3:15. Sanctify Christ in your heart as Lord. Always be prepared to tell the hope in you. When you speak, speak with gentleness and respect. Each of us walk a different journey. It’s about building a relationship with Jesus, and talking about it with respect. We must maintain that vital connection with Jesus. Talk with Him to know what your call is. Pastor Joel then led a prayer for Susie McGlaughlin, her family, and Chaplin Melissa Fretwell, followed by the singing of “It Is Well With My Soul”, and the closing benediction.

A TRIBUTE TO SUSIE: We honor and remember our dear friend Susie Sheffer McGaughlin, who peacefully went to be with Jesus on March 27th after a courageous struggle. She has won the victory and what a wonderful reunion she must have had with John, her husband, and Hollis, her Dad. As a member of KUMC, she is dearly missed, but more so by the wonderful family she leaves behind: her Mom, Juanita Sheffer, her children, Leslie, and husband Ben Pellegrin, and Chad, and wife Jill McGlaughlin, and grandchildren, Reese, Hunter, and Cooper Pellegrin, and Grady and Marley McGlaughlin. We will miss her friendship and her smile. You fought a good fight, Susie, and you won. May the stars shine bright in your crown. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 21st at Keezletown United Methodist Church.



I WANT A MIRACLE: Worship for the fourth Sunday in Lent began on Mar 27th with Carol playing “Meditation on “The Lord’s My Shepherd” and “I Will Extol Thee”, as we gathered and the bell rang. Ryan carried in the Light of Christ as Carol played “For Me to Live Is Jesus” as the prelude. Ken Thomas greeted those in attendance and online and gave the Opening Prayer. Sharon Martin and Karen Mooney came to give an inspiring a cappella rendition of “Down to the River to Pray”, before the Church family sang “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”. The choir followed with an a cappella round of “Father, I Adore You”. Rebecca Sprague read the morning Gospel lesson from Luke 23:6-12, Jesus with Herod. Pastor Joel’s message entitled “Signs, Miracles, & Spectacle Instead of Jesus” starts in Luke 23 on the morning of Jesus’ death as he comes before Herod, who wanted to see that Jesus is a Galilean and excited to see a wonder, he teaching. He wants to be wanted just the miracles



a miracle from Him. Pilate hears sends Him to Herod. Herod was doesn’t care about Jesus or His king of the Jews. Have you ever and not God’s love and peace? Jesus was being objectified as the miracle worker. Do you limit folks to what you want, rather than what they can give? Herod wanted to limit Jesus to miracles rather than the Son of God. Jesus was silent. The cross, the grave, the empty tomb are the signs that Jesus gives us today. When the miracle we are praying for doesn’t happen, we question if we should keep on praying. But we need to look to Jesus, the Crucified, who knows our suffering and brings us help. He stands before us—will we receive Him? The Church family was invited to sing “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” before Ken led the Morning

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Sherry Summers came to report on the Kits for Conference, stating that in April we will collect cleaning kits, in May, hygiene kits, and anytime, school kits. Her goal is fifty combined kits by June. She then offered the Offertory prayer followed by the Doxology. Ken gave the Benediction from Romans 15:13, and Ryan carried out the Light of Christ as Carol played "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus". **JESUS LOVING US IS THE MIRACLE.**

"Entering the Passion of Jesus" study met on Mar 28th with six ladies and Pastor Joel. We discussed at length the comparison of the anointing of Jesus's head and feet by the woman in the four Gospels. Amy-Jill Levine's video from within the temple reiterated what we had discussed.

5TH Lent Service: We gathered on Mar 30th to share in a meal of freshly grilled hot dogs with all the fixin's, namely catsup, mustard, onions, relish, cheese, sauerkraut, and chili, along with coleslaw, baked beans, and two kinds of potato chips, along with tea and lemonade. For dessert we had cream puffs, Bavarian cream puffs, and brownies. Thanks to BJ and Kelly Smith, Donna Forren, Karen Mooney, Geraldine Armentrout, Scott Dillard, and E.L. and Diana Davis for the yummy picnic meal. Pastor Joel opened the service by asking Karen Mooney and

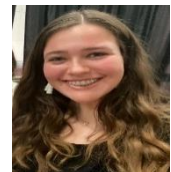


Sharon Martin to share two a cappella hymns, "Jesus, Name Above All Names" and "Days of Elijah". Those in attendance then sang "Victory in Jesus" and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" as Diana Davis played the piano. Rev Gordon Meriweather from Mt Tabor UMC and the District Office then came to speak. He gave a



welcome from the District office and said "I love these dinners". Tonight, I want to talk about humility. Early church leaders said the root, the mother, the nurse, the foundation, and the bond of all virtues is humility. It brings it all together. We don't listen to each other. He then called the children in attendance to the front and told them they were great and that all the adults should be just like them. He then asked the group, "Are you vulnerable for the Lord?" How many of you watched Rocky and Bullwinkle? They were humble, yet set the evil right and loved them. Humility alone brings together patience and love. I've always battled my ego. Jesus had an ego too. Merchants in the temple angered him; he got upset with the Pharisees; he got upset with the sleeping disciples in the garden. He was human. God responds to a humble prayer. Be humble with one another and yourself. Pastor Joel closed the evening with a benediction blessing.

KENDRA TRAVELLED: Kendra Dodrill and two other girls from Bridgewater College headed to Virginia Beach on Mar 31st for the FCCLA State Conference weekend. She was really excited to go and see her friends, as well as help at the Expo on Apr 1st promoting BC's FCS program. She arrived safely back home on Sunday Apr 3rd, tired, but with lots to tell.



HAPPY RETIREMENT: Congratulations to Leonard Williams who retired from his job on Mar 31st after almost 25 years with the Virginia Department of Environmental Control. Before that, he did research and development of agricultural chemicals for over 25 years and worked on corn and grains, peanuts, cotton, tobacco, turf grass (world class golf courses), orchard fruits (apple, peach, cherry), grapes and cranberries all over the country! He also worked with herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, nematocides, and all kinds of stuff. Now it's time to sit back and enjoy relaxing with your grandson and your family.



ONGOING STUDIES:

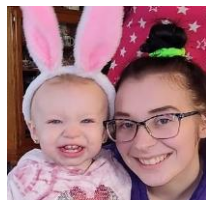
"PSALMS: EPIC OF EDEN" STUDY: This study written by Sandra Richter is from her Old Testament "Epic of Eden" series and will focus on the Psalms which are the songs and prayers of the people of God. Learn more about the Psalms, faith, and prayer in this 8 week study which will meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning April 25th. Study guides are \$17 if you would like a book. Sign up in the narthex or with Pastor Joel.

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



Carmella/Mommy



Happy 13th



New friends



Happy Bd Cory



Watch "Jammers"



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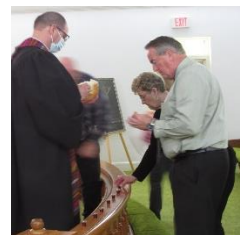
Overlook Summer Camp: Do you know a child or youth who would enjoy a week at summer camp, fun, and to grow in faith? There are many summer camp opportunities at Overlook for children and youth who have completed K – 11 grades. Grab an Overlook brochure, talk to Jenny Dillard, or visit overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com to learn more. There are UMC, family, and groups discounts, and funds to help with the cost of camp.

*****APRIL EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR: The fifth Sunday of Lent, Apr 3rd worship service began with Carol playing "Lo, the Good Shepherd" and "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" as the gathering music. The bell rang and she began to play "Walking With the Savior" as the prelude, as Pastor Joel brought in the light of Christ. After the welcome to all, Pastor Joel explained the four vases of roses sitting around the podium, as recognition of four babies born in the church family in 2021-2022. They were Henry Martin, Alexandria Bahle, and then gave the Opening sang "Were You There?". she had written entitled "Go Thru the Dark to Find the Light", followed by the choir



singing “Break Thou the Bread of Life”. Neil came to read the gospel lesson, but first thanked Pastor Joel for using pictures from his family Bible as the bulletin covers. He read from Luke 23:13-31, Jesus sentenced to death and the crucifixion. Pastor Joel began his message entitled “The Crowd Was Shouting, “Crucify”, by telling us this scripture tells us about the day of Jesus’ death and four different people: Pilate, those shouting, Simon of Cyrene, and the weeping women. Pilate seems to be in charge and wants to release Jesus, repeating His innocence three times. He flogged Him instead and released Barabbas. He gave into the crowd shouting, “Crucify”. What would you do, knowing someone is innocent? How will you handle peer pressure? The people crying out preferred Barabbas because he killed the Romans. Jesus taught them love, not revenge. Do we prefer Barabbas who rids us of our enemies, or what Jesus offers? Jesus, after being flogged, fell carrying the cross beam and Simon of Cyrene was commanded to carry it and follow Jesus. Our crosses seem to be too much, but we have Jesus to help



The women of Jerusalem are weeping and wailing for Jesus as He went by them. Jesus told them to stop weeping for Him and to weep for Jerusalem, for those that might reject love, and those who would not believe. Do not weep—resurrection is coming for Jesus, and for all who believe. The Church family then sang “O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done” and repeated the Affirmation of Faith. Along with the Prayer Time, we were given the Invitation, the Confession and Pardon, the Offertory Prayer, and the Doxology was sung, before the Lord’s Prayer was recited and the Great Thanksgiving was given. For the first time in a very long time, we were invited to the altar to accept the bread and drink from small cups. (Those who did not feel comfortable still had the pre-made sacraments to partake in their pews.) Pastor Joel and Ken served those unable to come forward. Pastor Joel gave the benediction as Ken carried out the Light of Christ and Carol played “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” as the postlude. **IT FELT GOOD TO COME TO THE ALTAR.**

“Entering the Passion of Jesus” study met on Apr 4th for our fifth study with 6 ladies and Pastor Joel leading as Amy-Jill Levine talked about Jesus’s last meal with His disciples and the washing of their feet, and how we celebrate Communion. A very good discussion followed about Communion, suicide forgiveness, and the differences in the related stories in the Gospels.

RURITANS ENJOY MEAL: The Keezletown Ruritan club enjoyed a meal of lasagna, salad, Italian bread, cake, ice cream, and tea served by eight ladies of the United Methodist Women on Apr 4th at their monthly meeting.

6th Lent Service: “Pent Up Potluck” night. April 6th was the last of the Lent services and we treated ourselves to an overwhelmingly delicious potluck meal, with a full table of entrees and a



full table of desserts. We also were treated to special entertainment from “The Jammers” from Linden Heights Baptist Church who sang for us: “The Old Country Church”, “I Cannot Tell”, “The One Who Died for Me”, “Til the Storm Passes By”, “Gone”, and “For Those Tears”. Pastor Joel then introduced our speaker, Rev Eduardo Carrillo from

Cedar Grove UMC and Mountain Valley UMC, who began his message by saying he was not told what to talk about, had prayed about it, and was still wondering. Everyone



laughed. He said that prayer is a good spiritual discipline, asking who prayed in the morning, who prayed at night, and who fell asleep praying? Prayer is a relationship and God needs to talk with us. He used to watch “The Simpsons” in Mexico, and liked Homer,



the father, who always seems to get into a mess, and bargained with God in a “come to Jesus” moment by his bedside with a plate of cookies. He asked if there were any sons or daughters attending tonight and told us all that we were our parents answered prayers. He was only given a 10% chance of being born, but his mother prayed, first that he be born, then that he could walk and talk, promising God that she would see that he served the Lord if He would answer her prayer. God did, and now years later, he is Minister. Prayer can be many things, asking God to listen to us, us listening to God, even an ATM prayer, where we are asking for all kinds of things. And there are prayers with no words—that’s when we depend on Romans 8:20, where the Spirit speaks to God for us. Prayer can help us, inform us, and transform us in our discipleship. Do you pray for your family? Have you been to a mountaintop and prayed? Have you prayed in the valley? Did you pray during the Pandemic? God answers the prayer, not the pray-er. Prayer gets us in relationship with God and others. Pray ‘til the storm passes by; prayer without ceasing; pray to know God’s voice in your life. Pastor Joel then thanked all who had helped with the Lent services, then asked us to pray the Lord’s Prayer before he closed with a blessing.

PRAISE GOD FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS FOR ASHER BRAVE:

Many of you have asked about Asher’s results from his rescan two weeks ago. We have been waiting for the doctor at CHOP to consult with us on the findings. We had that consultation yesterday (April 7th) and we received good news! While Asher still has some lesions on his spine and skull, the doctors believe the lesions are nonactive. We got a lot of our questions answered by Dr. Hogarty, and we are so thankful for him. Asher will have another scan in a few months. If all is good, he will then have annual scans for 5 years. After almost 2 years, Asher had his port or “tubie” as he knows it removed. We want to say thank you to everyone who has prayed over Asher and helped us along the way. The last two years would have been a lot more difficult without everyone’s love, prayers and support.



UMW “United Women in Faith” met Thursday, Apr 7th at 7:00 p.m. with 14 members and two guests present. Ann called the meeting to order and we repeated the UMW Purpose. Our program, presented by Dale Dodrill, was about the Military card program, Marching Ahead 2022, the church was been involved in since 2014. This year Dale is planning on taking homemade cards to shut-ins to assemble and to ask the UM Men’s group to make cards also.



Michele and Cheryl, assisting Dale, passed out pre-made cards to be assembled to the group, who made 75 cards in a

short period of time. It was a fun project and beautiful cards were assembled. Diana read the March minutes, which were approved, and Kathy gave the Treasurer’s report. Karen suggested

the Mission of the Month be Samaritan's Purse, specifying the money to be used for Ukraine relief, which was approved. Cheryl reported that the flower calendar is open and that 30+ flowers have been ordered for Easter. Sherry reported that the donation sheet for the May 3rd serving of the Mt Crawford Ruritans will be e-mailed soon. Sherry then reported on the conference kits and we agreed to assemble as many as we have items for following the May 5th meeting. Ann announced the Evening Together at Mt Valley UMC at 7:00 p.m., with carpooling at 6:30 p.m. Jenny Dillard has asked the group for Camp Overlook Scholarships for campers this year. This will be our Mission of the Month for May once Ann has a count as to how many are going and how much the group can help. May graduates that were listed were Damon Daff,



Alissa Dodrill, and Cari Martin. Pastor Joel has asked the group to schedule UMW Sunday for Sept 18th. Chris read from the Daily Prayer Guide, and a card was signed for Juanita Sheffer for her birthday, as well as twenty



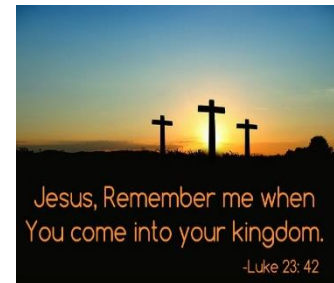
cards to go in the Easter baskets that were being assembled after the meeting for those on the shut-in list. Ann read a Thank You note from Pastor Joel for the group's assistance in the Lenten Meal. She then adjourned the meeting and ladies started assembling the baskets.

UMM "United Men in Faith" met on Sunday April 10th with 14 men in attendance. A wonderful breakfast was prepared by Scott and Dale Dodrill and enjoyed by all. After breakfast and a time of fellowship Neil Sacra led the group with a trilogy of stories. The three stories focused on: 1) Individuals needing to understand that the cross we bear, though it may seem large and overwhelming at times in relation to others, it may truly be small, so be careful what we seek. 2) We as followers of God need to love, be kind, and help one another. That we may feel we need great talent/ability, when in reality we only need to hear God's calling, do what we can, and He will do the rest. 3) A story of how Grace will take us home as love, faith, and God's wisdom only set us up to get there. The meeting began with prayer and a review of the last meeting's minutes and the treasurer's report. We then discussed the following: a) Mowing schedule, b) Possible chicken bar-b-que, c) Helping several members in our church family, d) Possible Mother's Day tea/breakfast, e) Other small matters business. Our next men's gathering will be Sunday, May 15th and we ask all or any man of the church to gather with us, not only in love and fellowship, but more importantly, serving and praising our God.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: During the six Lenten services a freewill offering was taken for the Kingsway Prison Ministry Outreach. Because of your caring and generosity, we were able to give the ministry \$1,540.00. May God bless you for giving.

JESUS, REMEMBER ME: Palm Sunday worship on April 10th began with those gathering picking up palm branches as Diana played "All Glory Laud and Honor", "Rejoice, the Lord is King", and "And Can It Be That I Should Gain", before the bell rang. Brayden carried in the Light of Christ as Diana played "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" for the prelude. Ken Thomas greeted those in attendance and online before the Church family joined in the Opening Prayer and the first hymn, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus", as the palm branches waved. The choir then sang, along with the

Church family, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” or what we like to call “The Donkey Song”. Mary Nankivell had pre-recorded three Easter recitations, “The Troublemaker”, “The Three Nails”, and “Sandals” which were shown. Faye Crowe came to read the Gospel lesson from Luke 23:32-43, Jesus on the Cross. Pastor Joel then began his message entitled “Save Yourself and What Jesus Did” by saying we are continuing to talk about the last words to Jesus. As He hung on the cross, the leaders and the crowds shouted “Save yourself”. Jesus didn’t have to save Himself, but others instead. This is the Jesus is King passage. Jesus comes to save creation, thru His death, then taking His throne and abiding with the church, the believers. “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do” shows His forgiveness, as He hangs on the cross, He asks for forgiveness for all of us. When He was on the cross, we were on His mind. Hung between two thieves, one mocking Him, the other asking for mercy, we hear these familiar words: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom”. Jesus did forgive him and told him he would be with Him today in paradise. Today, we can call out and know the mercy of the Lord will come to us and meet our needs. A short time of prayer in groups of two or three followed the message before we sang “Jesus, Remember Me”. Ken led the Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, followed by Pastor Joel giving the Offertory Prayer, and leading the Doxology. The Church family then sang “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”, again waving the palm branches, before Ken gave the benediction and Brayden carried out the Light of Christ, as Diana played “Jesus, Remember Me” as the postlude. **WHEN HE WAS ON THE CROSS, WE WERE ON HIS MIND.**



“Entering the Passion of Jesus” study met for the last session on Apr 11th at 10:00 a.m. with eight ladies and Pastor Joel attending. Amy-Jill Levine recounted how Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray, along with three disciples, and explained the anguish that He experienced, knowing what He was about to face, namely death. We talked about prayer and how we need to keep praying, especially in the face of temptation. A meal ordered from Vito’s was enjoyed by all following the study.

HAPPY RETIREMENT: Congratulations to **Mike Summers** who retired from his job on April 13th after 29.5 years with Special Fleet Service, who outfits trucks for the Railroad and Utility Companies. Mike worked as the Purchasing Manager. Now it’s time for him to sit back, relax, and enjoy his woodworking hobby and his new grandson.



CONFERENCE KIT COLLECTION FOR APRIL: CLEANING KIT: One 5 gallon bucket w/lid; One 32-64 oz bottle liquid laundry detergent; One 16-40 oz bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (No spray cleaners); One 16-34 oz bottle dish soap; One 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener; One 6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent; One scrub brush with or without handle; 18 reusable cleaning wipes (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels); 5 scouring pads (no stainless steel pads w/soap); 36-50 clothespins; one 50-100 ft clothesline (cotton or plastic); 24 roll of heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gals); Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 MM thickness); 2 pairs kitchen gloves; and one pair work gloves, cotton w/leather palm or all leather. If you wish to purchase only portions of this kit, they will gladly be accepted and added to other incomplete kits. Thank you for helping.

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: Drop off items at KUMC for our local food pantry. Non-perishable foods and hygiene items are welcome. Items are distributed through Massanutten Presbyterian Church for residents of Keezletown, Penn Laird, and McGaheysville. The pantry is open 2nd Mondays from 10 – 11 AM and 2nd Thursdays from 7 – 8 PM.

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., 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 Guilliams. If you would like to help pack food bags please come help on Mondays at 11:15 a.m.. 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.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES—IT’S SPORTS TIME



Bomber Brayden



Muddog Haiden



T-baller Connor



Baseball Carson

*** APRIL EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE***

- 14 Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. at KUMC, with Rev Bill Nabors from St Jacob’s/Trinity Lutheran churches speaking, as we remember Jesus’ last supper and the night of His arrest.
- 15 Good Friday service at 5:00 p.m., at St Jacobs ELCA, with Pastor Joel speaking about the passion, death, and burial of Christ.
- 17 **EASTER SUNDAY**

- Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. at Keezletown Cemetery, followed by a free-will offering Breakfast in the social hall served by the KUMC Relay Team
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Dawn of the Risen Jesus" from Luke 24:1-12
- 20 Trustees meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 21 UMW District Evening Together @ Mt Valley UMC at 7:00 p.m.
 24 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Revelation Jesus" from Rev 1:4-8
- 30 All pictures due to Michele for slideshow for Service of Hope

OLDER FOLK FUNNIES:

Multi-tasking is just doing something else until you remember what it was that you actually started doing.

I gotta get it together cause when it's really hot, I realize I'd never make it in hell.

Think about it: is it really necessary to glue down the first piece of toilet paper?

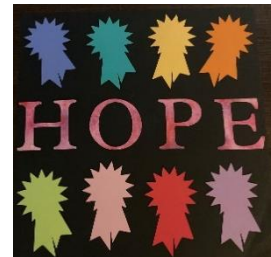
I was born to be wild...til about 8:30, or maybe 9, at the latest.

You know it's gonna be a good day when you find your missing sock putting on your underwear.

I am swift as a gazelle. An old one. With arthritis. Run over by a Land Rover. Eight days ago.

*** MAY EVENTS HAPPENING ***

The **Service of Hope** (in support of Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society) will be held on Sunday, May 15th. Honor & Memory ribbons are available from Michele for \$1 donation. Pictures for the slideshow can be submitted to mdoddrill@brclivng.org by May 1st. Scott Dillard will be sharing a message of hope with us. Please plan to join us for this heart-touching service as we continue to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back! Oh, and wear your purple that day!!!



CONFERENCE KIT COLLECTION FOR MAY: HYGIENE KIT: One hand towel (15x25—17x27) No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels. One washcloth (no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber washcloths). One 6" comb. One toenail or fingernail pair of clippers (No emery boards or metal files). Bath-size soap 3 oz or larger (no Ivory or Jergens soap; leave in package). One adult toothbrush left in package. Ten adhesive bandages ¾ by 3 inches. One one-gallon size resealable bag.

Small Group Leaders Gathering: Sunday school leaders and small group leaders are invited to a gathering on Sunday, May 1st at 8:45 a.m. for sharing and support in the social hall.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| May 1 | Scott Dillard | May 16 | Lataya Wiginton |
| May 6 | Holly Mason | May 23 | Lori Zylich |
| May 7 | Joseph Johnson | May 26 | Bruce Hoover |
| May 7 | Gena Dove | May 26 | Walt Shafer |
| May 8 | Sam Hedrick Jr | May 27 | Charlotte Bahle |
| May 9 | Lula Belle Dodrill | May 27 | Tara Meadows |

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| May 9 | Allyse Dillard | May 29 | Connor Guilliams |
| May 14 | Erica Heishman | May 30 | Beth Cole |
| May 14 | Nancy Coffman | May 31 | Patrick Propst |
| May 15 | Barbara Knicely | | |
| May 16 | Alexis Myers | | |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| May 4, 2002 | David & Janet Clements | 20 years |
| May 6, 1996 | Mike & Erica Heishman | 26 years |
| May 16, 1971 | Mac & Nancy Coffman | 51 years |
| May 18, 1956 | Al & Jackie Liskey | 66 years |
| May 18, 2013 | Jamie & Jordan Shoemaker | 9 years |
| May 18, 2019 | Andrew & Whitney Krauss | 3 years |
| May 20, 2017 | Brian & Amanda Summers | 5 years |
| May 26, 1962 | Robert & Janice Smith | 60 years |
| May 28, 1983 | Walt & Jan Shafer | 39 years |

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



Mac & Nancy Coffman for 51 years on May 16th

Robert & Janice Smith for 60 years on May 26th

Al & Jackie Liskey for 66 years on May 18th

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

MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

- 1 **Small Group Leaders Gathering 8:45 a.m.**
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "Revelation Worship" from Rev 5:8-14
All pictures to Michele for Service of Hope May 15th
- 2 **"Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m. with Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.**
- 3 **UMW Serve Mt Crawford Ruritans**
- 4 **Girl Scouts at 6:00 p.m.**
- 5 **UMW meet 7:00 p.m.**
- 8 **Mother's Day Tea @ 9:45 a.m.**
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Prevenient Grace" from Luke 15:1-32
- 9 **"Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m. with Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.**
- 11 **Girl Scouts @ 6:00 p.m.**
Church Council meets 7:30 p.m.
- 12 **Weave for a Cure from 6-9 p.m.**
- 13 **Newsletter items due**
- 14 **UMW Conference Spiritual Life Retreat via zoom 9 a.m.-12:30 a.m.**
Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.

- 15 **United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting at 8:00 a.m.**
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; SERVICE OF HOPE SUNDAY; Message by Scott Dillard
- 16 **"Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m. with Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.**
- 17 **Weave for a Cure from 6-9 p.m.**
- 18 **Girl Scouts @ 6:00 p.m.**
- 19 **Farm Bureau Legislative Meal**
- 21 **Susie McGlaughlin Service of Death and Resurrection @ 2:00 p.m.**
- 22 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Justifying Grace" from Eph 2:1-10
- 23 **"Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m. with Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.**
- 25 **Girl Scouts @ 6:00 p.m.**
- 26 **Serve Open Doors Shelter**
- 28 **Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.**
 Toby Propst Service of Death and Resurrection at Keezletown Cemetery @2 p.m.
- 29 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "To All Nations" from Luke 24: 44-53
- 30 **Memorial Day**
 "Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m. with Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.
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DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

"Making Cards For Our Troops" is a non-profit organization based in Maryland that makes and sends blank (Birthday, Christmas, and Thinking of You) cards overseas. They are sent to troops so that they can write a note to send back to family and friends. Military exchanges usually don't have cards. As of March 9th, the group has shipped over 13,000 cards in 2022. Each box they send costs \$22.00 and it holds 400+ cards. A donation to help them with shipping is a good way that non-card makers can help bring smiles to those in uniform. During the past 2 years, card makers, Cheryl Carr, Michele Dodrill, Tanya Eppard, Karen Mooney and Kitty Miller (an Emmaus friend in Strasburg) have made and sent 972 cards. On April 7th, under the leadership of Cheryl and Michele, the UMW assembled 75 cards. The leaders had prepared packets in advance. As I observed the women working, I could tell that they were enjoying this activity. Hopefully, we will have opportunities for other groups and/or individuals to assemble cards. If you have questions, please ask Michele. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CARD MAKERS.

THE CHURCH FAMILY REMEMBERS

Susie Sheffer McGlaughlin (see tribute on earlier pages)

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Leigha Dillard was awarded during the 2022 College Awards Ceremony on Apr 9th, the Joseph M and Jane A Crockett Endowed Award in Chemistry.

ALL I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM THE EASTER BUNNY: Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Everyone needs a friend who is all ears. Some body parts should be floppy. All work and no play can make you a basket case. Let happy thoughts

multiply like rabbits. Everyone is entitled to a bad "hare" day. Keep you paws off other peoples' jelly beans. (from The Shabby Creek Cottage)

WHERE'S ALL THE EASTER STUFF? For all of you that are wondering why there aren't more Easter pictures, services, etc. in this issue, I simply ran out of room. But, believe me, thanks to many wonderful folks, I have lots of beautiful Easter pictures that will be in the next issue.

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

For those of you who follow my Facebook page, this will be familiar, but I thought it worthy of repeating to those who did not see it: April 17th thought: Easter morning as I left for the early service at Church, the birds were chirping and the sun was on its way. I thought to myself how beautiful the birds must have chirped on that first Easter morning, and how surprised and overjoyed they were when Jesus' disciples, women and men, found the empty tomb. Over 2000 years ago, and the joy never goes away—it lives in each of us now. Some days you may not feel very joyful, but NEVER AGAIN will the tomb be sealed, and NEVER AGAIN will Jesus leave the hearts of those He loves, and who love Him. May you feel His love, His mercy, and His salvation. HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Diana

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#### Editor's Note

**The May deadline for submissions is May 13th.** My home number is 269-8511 or e-mail me at [AntDyna@comcast.net](mailto: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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**When religion shames people for having dirty feet, Jesus kneels down and washes them. Thank you, Jesus.**

