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*HE'S ALIVE! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!*



*AND THE KUMC EASTER PEOPLE REJOICED!*



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## Keezletown United Methodist Church

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My husband said he saw a shirt that would be just like me. It said, "Normalcy will never return...but **JESUS WILL!**" That shirt, my friends, is for **ALL OF US**. What a glorious day that will be. Thank you, Jesus.

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**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.

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### \*\*\*EASTER WEEK\*\*\*

MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at KUMC at 6:30 p.m. with Rev Bill Nabors from St Jacob's & Trinity Lutheran churches speaking, and Pastor Joel Robinette leading the service. Diana Davis played "Come Away With Me" as the gathering music and prelude. Pastor Joel gave the welcome to the 45 in attendance and those watching via video, and the Call to Worship, before we sang "Are You Washed in the Blood?". He then led the Call to Prayer and Prayer of Confession, gave the Declaration of Forgiveness, and the Prayer for Illumination, and read the Old Testament lesson from Exodus 12:1-14, the first Passover. Rev



Nabors then came to read the Epistle lesson from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, the Last Supper before he began his message entitled "Fast Food". In the Exodus reading, the people were told to prepare food, eat fast, and be ready to go. Communion is a foretaste of our meals to come in Heaven, and this is our "fast food" meal before we are sent out to serve. As Jesus prepared His disciples, He is preparing us. A service of Foot washing followed the message as we sang "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Pastor Joel then led the Prayers of intercession, The Great Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer, before we came to receive the Giving of the Bread and Cup, as we sang "Just As I Am" and "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed". Pastor Joel then gave a Communion prayer, and the Blessing. Diana played "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" as the postlude.

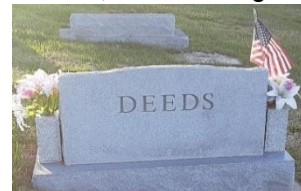
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at St Jacobs-Spaders Lutheran Church, in conjunction with KUMC and Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev Bill Nabors and Pastor Joel Robinette led the worship. Rev Nabors welcomed the approximately 50 people in attendance, gave the announcements, and



gave the Prayer of the Day. Pastor Joel then spoke on “Jesus the Passover Lamb”, stating that just as the people killed and ate the lamb and spread its’ blood above their doors during Passover, Jesus died on the cross to protect us from death by the gift of eternal life and salvation from sin. We read from Isaiah 52:13-53:9, 12, the ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin, and then sang Verse 1 of “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”. John 18:12-32; 19:14-25, 28-42, the story of Jesus’ passion was read next, interspersed with verses 2, 3, and 4 of “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”. We then sang “Ah, Holy Jesus” before the Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer. Psalm 22 was responsively read. The choir presented “The Son of God in Tears”, and the Benediction of “Behold the life giving cross on which was hung the King of Glory” was given as we departed in silence.



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** was held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in the Keezletown Cemetery near the grave stones of Conrad and Dorothy Deeds, former members of KUMC. As the sun started to rise, Pastor Joel gave



the greeting to the approximately 45 in attendance and led the Opening Prayer. All then sang “He Rose”, accompanied by Pastor Joel and his guitar. A Prayer of Illumination preceded the reading of the Gospel lesson from John 20:1-18, visiting the empty tomb. Pastor Joel spoke of how Mary Magdalene came to anoint Jesus’ body, but found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. She ran to tell Peter, who came and found the same thing, and went home. Mary stayed and encountered the risen Jesus in the garden, then ran to tell the disciples. The tomb was empty, just as Jesus had prophesied. He is risen to be with the Father and to make a way for each of us to one day be with Him in heaven. All then sang “Because He Lives”, accompanied by Pastor Joel. He then gave a Prayer of Intercession, a Charge, and a Blessing, before coming back to the social hall for breakfast.

**EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST:** The Keezletown United Marchers for a Cure Relay Team served breakfast in the social hall following the Sunrise Service at the cemetery. The 35 in attendance enjoyed sausages, hash browns, egg casseroles, quiche, ham croissants, sausage gravy and biscuits, grits, chocolate and white milk, orange juice, and coffee, and desserts including fruit and yogurt. Many thanks to all who generously gave to the \$545.00 received in the freewill offering, and to all who donated food.



**EASTER DAY IS A NEW BEGINNING:** Beautiful new banners saying “Alleluia, He Is Risen” and “He Is Risen Indeed” hung in the front of the sanctuary as we entered to Makenna Eppard playing “He Lives”, “Up from the Grave He Arose”, and “Because He Lives” as the gathering music. The altar was decorated with lovely lilies, and tulips given in honor and memory. After the bell rang, the inspiring





hymn "The Holy City" was sung by Makenna, with Carol Sacra accompanying on the organ as the prelude, as Ryan brought in the Light of Christ. Mac Coffman gave the announcements and greetings and led the Call to Worship responsively, before the Church family sang "Easter People, Raise Your Voices", followed by the choir singing "Written in Red". Scott Dodrill came to read the Gospel lesson from Luke 24:1-12, the Resurrection of



Jesus. Pastor Joel's message was entitled "Dawn of the Risen Jesus". On the third day, the women went to the tomb, only to find a surprise. There are eggs hidden around the sanctuary that contain a surprise. Please look for them and be sure that everyone gets one. At this point, Triton and Waylon had a great time searching, with some help, to find and fill their baskets with plastic eggs containing chocolate candy. Jesus healed, taught, forgave, and brought the dead to life. He was beaten, flogged, pierced, and laid in a tomb, very much dead. On the third day, the women went not knowing the tomb was empty. Anointing was to prevent the stink of death. These women were disciples who had followed and helped Jesus during His ministry. The Resurrection does not depend on the disciples or the women, or on us. No one saw Him rise. God is moving before we know or hear His saving grace on the move. Who was the stone rolled away for? For the women to see inside that it's empty. We are also looking and seeing that Jesus is no longer there, but lives with us today. God sent the angels to remind us of what they had already heard from Jesus. God send us messengers, too. Resurrection day is a day of new beginnings, of a growing understanding that Jesus lives and forgives today, and that nothing is impossible for Him. After the message, we joyfully sang "Christ the Lord is Risen Today", followed by Mac leading the Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Pastor Joel then acknowledged the flowers given in Memory and Honor by reading the list of names in the bulletin insert, then gave the Offertory Prayer of Thanks. Mac came to lead the responsive Benediction as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ and Makenna played "He Lives" as the closing Postlude. WAS THE STONE ROLLED AWAY FOR YOU?

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**Back in the "Old Days": A take-away was a math problem. Chickens didn't have fingers. Healthy food was anything edible. Cooking outside was camping. Water came out of a faucet; buying it in a bottle was unthought of. Seaweed was in the sea. None of us had ever heard of yogurt.**

### **\*\*\*APRIL EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

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**UMW District Evening Together** was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Mountain Valley UMC. Four ladies, Ann, Ginny, Sherry, and Becky attended. Emily Bender and Heather Gomez spoke on our local refugee and immigration organizations help to immigrants.

**JESUS IS IN THE MIDDLE:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 24<sup>th</sup> began as Diana played "He Rose", "Jesus is All the World to Me", and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" as the gathering music, and the bell rang. She then played "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" for the prelude as Ryan carried in the Light of Christ. Jenny Dillard gave the greeting and announcements, before the Call to Worship, "He Is Lord", and the first hymn, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King", and the Choral anthem of "Christ Has Risen". Neil came to read the Gospel Lesson from Acts 5:27-32, the apostles are persecuted, and Revelation 1:4-8, Salutations to the seven churches. Pastor Joel's message, "Revelation Jesus", began with "Christ Is Risen!" "Christ Is Risen Indeed!" Acts tells us about Peter and the apostles and how they acted when they were persecuted. Revelation reveals what Christ is like when the church is persecuted. Acts tells of Peter who is always getting in the wrong, but saw Jesus teaching, dying, and rising; he walked with Him and was filled with the love of Jesus. The apostles get in trouble and go to jail, then return to the temple though told to

be quiet. They continued to share Jesus, and though flogged, rejoiced and continued. In Revelation, John of Patmos, wanted to tell the seven churches of the grace and mercy of Jesus for their persecution and trials they were facing and how He could help. Evil only lasts for a short time—God’s grace is forever. When we share God’s word, His love, that prayers are answered, it is a blessing for those speaking and those hearing. The seven churches were in trouble. We are not part of a perfect denomination. Jesus is faithful, even unto death. God’s grace is more powerful than the grave. Jesus loves us—not past, but present, in the middle of all that is broken. Do not be afraid, He is the beginning and the end. We then passed the Peace, before singing “Christ Is Risen”. Jenny led the Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, and Pastor Joel led the offertory prayer and the doxology. Jenny gave the Benediction, as Ryan carried out the Light of Christ, and Diana played “He Is Lord” as the postlude. **JESUS IS IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR HEARTBREAK.**

**“PSALMS: EPIC OF EDEN” STUDY:** The first session of this study was held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with six ladies present and Pastor Joel leading. Sandra Richter spoke during the video focusing on the Psalms, which were the songs and prayers of the people of God. We learned how the Psalms compare to our hymn book; how they are divided into five sections just like the Torah; how each division ends with a blessing; how there are songs of Lament and Praise; and how they still apply to our faith today. Still seats available; all are welcome.

**Worship Planners** met on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Joel, Diana, and Cathy Sites at 6:30 p.m. to plan the Worship music for the services thru June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to attend and give input.

**KINGSWAY MINISTRY SERVED:** Sharon and Karen served Kingsway Ministry a meal of Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, potato chips, and chocolate chip bread and lemon poppy seed bread to 17 precious folks on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our next Kingsway meal will be Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ryan Sprague** attended the state TSA (Technology Student Association) competition, the last weekend in April. He completed in the music composition category and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state. He also competed in the technology debate category, with his debate partner, and placed FIRST in the state! He is now eligible for the National TSA Conference in late June. Congratulations, Ryan. You are so talented, and your church family is proud of you.



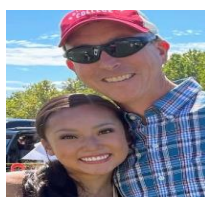
## **FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*MawMaw is 91*



*Jazz & Grandma*



*Proud Dad*



*Toni & Jeanine*



*Jacob & Joseph*

## **UPCOMING/ONGOING STUDIES:**

**“PSALMS: EPIC OF EDEN” STUDY:** This study written by Sandra Richter is from her Old Testament “Epic of Eden” series and focuses 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 meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and began April 25<sup>th</sup>. Come join us.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.keezletownumc.com).

### **\*\*\*MAY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries from May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Scott Dillard, Holly Mason, Joseph Johnson,



Gena Dove, Sam Hedrick Jr, Lula Belle Dodrill, Allyse Dillard, Erica Heishman, Nancy Coffman, Barbara Knicely, Alexis Myers, Lataya Wiginton, Lori Zylich, Bruce Hoover, Walt Shafer, Charlotte Bahle, Tara Meadows, Connor Guilliams, Beth Cole, and Patrick Propst; and anniversaries: David/Janet Clements (20); Mike/Erica Heishman (26); Mac/Nancy Coffman (51);

Al/Jackie Liskey (66); Jamie/Jordan Shoemaker (9); Andrew/Whitney Krauss (3); Brian/Amanda Summers (5); Robert/Janice Smith (60); and Walt/Jan Shafer (39).

### **MAY/SPRING PROMS**



*BC Spg dance*



*Sr prom Damon*



*Jr Prom Reese*



*Jr Prom Marcus*

**BRING US HEAVEN’S WORSHIP:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter and Communion Sunday began with Diana playing “Come, Thou Almighty King”, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”, and “O Worship the King” as the gathering music before the bell rang. Haiden and Brayden carried in the Light of Christ as she played “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” as the prelude. Cathy Sites gave the greeting and reminded us all that May is Mental Health Month and to check in on others. The Call to Worship was “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”, followed by the Church family singing “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”, and the choir singing “Alleluia! Alleluia!”. Diana read the New Testament lesson from Revelation 5:1-14, the scroll and the lamb. In Revelation, John of Patmos, shows us worship in heaven, or “Revelation Worship”, the title of Pastor Joel’s message. When we come to worship, worship is not just in this building, but heaven is in worship, even to worship to look for Jesus in scroll with seals, God’s plans. weeps. Bringing our tears to the Lion”, but sees Jesus as a open the scroll. We are never



in the brokenness of the world. Do we come what God is doing? John sees God holding a No one is worthy to open the scrolls, so John God is comfort and help. John hears “See “slaughtered lamb”, the one who is worthy to too damaged by evil and sin, but that the

grace of the Lord is our healing. When Jesus opens the scroll, those surrounding the throne sing, the angels sing, and the song extends to every creature. When we come to Communion, remember that Jesus hosts this table for all people. Bring your tears to worship and put your eyes on Jesus until all things are made new. Cathy then led the Affirmation of Faith, and the Church family sang "This Is a Day of New Beginnings", followed by the Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, also led by Cathy. Pastor Joel gave the Communion Invitation, the Confession and Pardon (a responsive reading), and asked all to Pass the Peace. Cathy then gave the Offertory Prayer, before Pastor Joel led the Great Thanksgiving. He and Cathy administered the Giving of the Bread and Cup. Cathy then gave the Benediction as Haiden and Brayden carried out the Light of Christ and Diana played "Come, Thou Almighty King". **BRING YOUR TEARS TO WORSHIP.**

**MISSION CENTRAL PROJECT:** Last week, Joe Liskey shared with us the need for a load of stone at Mission Central for a new outbuilding and we collected \$234 to go toward that project. The total cost for stone needed will be about \$375 - \$450. So, another \$216 would fund that project. This week, Joe shared \$495 has been given toward the need of \$450 for the load of stone. Praise the Lord! Thank you everyone who gave. Joe could use a few hands to help when it is time to spread the stone and some other work at Mission Central soon. If you would like to help, please reach out to Joe.

**NEED A BLESSING?** Sunday, I needed a blessing, and as I sat beside the piano, I noticed **Carson and Connor** get up, go to the narthex, and then come down the right aisle holding hands. I looked at Connor and smiled and he looked up at Carson as if to say, is it OK to smile? When they returned from the restroom Carson quietly closed the door and took his little brother's hand again, but this time Connor looked up at him with eyes that said, "thanks, Big Brother, for having my back". It touched my heart. We need to grab Jesus's hand and never let go and thank Him for having our back. Carson and Connor are two little blessings and I, for one, am glad they are part of KUMC.



**"PSALMS: EPIC OF EDEN" STUDY:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> session was May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with four ladies present and Pastor Joel leading. Sandra Richter spoke during the video focusing on David, the writer of many of the Psalms, and the other writers, as well as the time periods involved, and the conflicts and reasons behind the writings.

**AND FOR ALL WONDERFUL STAR WARS FANS: WITH YOU, MAY THE FOURTH BE!**

**UMW SERVES RURITANS:** The 25+ Mt Crawford Ruritans enjoyed a meal of lasagna, salad, bread, cake, and ice cream, served by 5 ladies from the UMW, at their May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks to all who donated and helped.

**UMW "United Women in Faith"** met on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a meal remembering the Call to Prayer and Self Denial, prepared by Chris Cole and Lori Zylich. Sixteen members plus two guests attended. Chris led the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program that talked about deaconesses and home missionaries then and now. Sherry reported that the 25+ Mt Crawford Ruritans enjoyed their meal on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the four ladies that assisted and to all who donated food. Four ladies attended the District Evening Together which was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Mt Valley UMC. Graduating seniors will be recognized later in June. Mission Central is in need of summer socks sizes toddler to youth. A collection box is in the narthex. Geraldine has been

asked by the Susie McGlaughlin family if the UMW ladies would provide desserts for the catered reception after Susie's Celebration of Life on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Karen and Sharon stated that everyone enjoyed the Easter baskets they delivered and asked if the group would be interested in making gifts for a July 4<sup>th</sup> delivery. Suggestions and items to be delivered would be welcome. Cards were signed for eight Church family members and friends. The meeting was then adjourned to allow all who could help to assemble kits for conference. Our next meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our "Evening Out", with more info to come soon.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALISSA DODRILL**, who completed her studies in December and graduated cum laude on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from Bridgewater College. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences and has been working since December for the Augusta County Social Services. Your church family is very proud of you, Alissa, and send our best wishes for your future.



**Mother's Day Tea:** Thirty-eight ladies, guests, children, and helpers attended a Celebration of Mothers on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the social hall that included fellowship, refreshments provided by the Keezletown United Methodist Men, and a time of sharing by Pastor Joel. Thank you to Sherry Summers for the wonderful pictures.



### **MOTHER'S QUOTES:**

If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just cleaned in here.  
 You'd better pray that that will come out of the carpet.  
 Your room looks like a tornado hit it.  
 If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week.  
 If you fall out of that tree and break something, you're not going to the store with me.  
 Did you put on clean underwear, in case we're in an accident?  
 Shut your mouth and eat your supper.  
 If y'all down settle down and go to sleep, I'm coming back there.  
 Any more language like that and you'll be tasting soap.  
 Did you wash behind your ears?  
 You are going to sit there until all that spinach is gone.  
 Taste it; you don't have to like it, but you do have to taste it.  
 I told you unripe persimmons are sour.



Shut the door...were you born in a barn?  
Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about.  
Because I said so, that's why.  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.**

**THREE STORIES ON THE FRONT PORCH:** Mother's Day Sunday worship on May 8<sup>th</sup> began with Carol playing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Open My Eyes, That I May See" as the gathering music. The bell rang and Brayden and Nora Grace carried in the Light of Christ as Carol played the triumphant "When Morning Gilds the Skies". Pastor Joel gave the greeting and announcements, and led the singing Call to Worship, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", followed by "Tis the Old Ship of Zion". The choir presented "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks". Neil and Nora Grace read the Gospel lesson from Luke 15:1-32, the Parables of the Lost Sheep, the Coin, and the Prodigal Son. Pastor Joel's message was about "Prevenient Grace", the grace of God working in our world and lives, bringing light, faith, hope, and love. Prevenient is to come before; it is the front porch which welcomes us, meets us where we are, and welcomes us in. Imagine God having a front porch; what would it look like; who would be welcome? The Pharisees were mad because Jesus welcomed tax collectors. Jesus told three parables, with the focus not being on how many items they have, but on the lost, the sheep, the coin, and the son. Prevenient grace is God moving first in grace to restore. We fall and get stuck; we lie in dirt and darkness; but God searches and finds us, and welcomes us home. It is not limited to those who will believe; it is for all—believers and non-believers. God wants all to believe, repent, and have saving grace. This is Mother's Day. Some Mothers have children, some have been like Mothers to others, some have adopted, and some have no children, but still love all, big and small. Would you have a porch like Jesus and welcome all the children? Always be a front porch that shares hopes and showers God's love on all of God's children. Will we come to God's front porch and seek Him? Our Time of Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Joel, followed the message. Faye Crowe then gave



a Mother's Day witness (see below). Pastor Joel then led the offertory prayer, and the doxology. The final hymn was "He Lives", before Pastor Joel gave the benediction, Brayden and Nora Grace carried out the Light of Christ, and Carol played "Laudes Domini" as the postlude. Karen and Sharon gave each of the ladies a rose as they left for Mother's Day. **COME SIT ON JESUS' FRONT PORCH FOR A SPELL.**

**FAYE'S WITNESS:** Faye Crowe her childhood with three sisters; parent; getting married at sixteen; four boys who gave her heartache she loves KUMC, her boys, and



gave a heartfelt Mother's Day witness about going to Church; being raised by a single having wonderful in-laws for guidance; having and now give her heart love; and how much the Lord. Wonderful witness, Faye.

**"PSALMS: EPIC OF EDEN" STUDY:** Our 3rd session was May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with four ladies present and Pastor Joel leading. Sandra Richter spoke during the video about "Sacred Space", and showed graphics of God's moveable temple and the temple Solomon built. We discussed how we can find and use sacred spaces for worship and prayer.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. with nine members and Pastor Joel present. Susan called the meeting to order, March minutes were approved, and the Treasurer's report given. UMW reported having two meetings, one being the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program, serving both the Mt Crawford and Keezletown Ruritan clubs meals,

and delivering Easter baskets to the shut-ins. UMM reported having a pancake supper, preparing the Mother's Day Tea; and considering a chicken BBQ dinner for the future. The Outdoor Worship Service will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ruritan Pavilion; the Guilliams are leading the preparations. Trustees reported that Orkin has begun working on the termite problem; the new copier has been delivered; parts for the handrail on the outside ramp will be purchased; work needs to be done on the exterior doors and thresholds; and the heating oil tank has been filled. Joe reported for Missions that the money has been raised for the gravel at MCCCC, and he is waiting for the driver to deliver. Tanya reported that Karen, Ann, Susan, and Faye, along with Tanya, will be leading the Fathers' Day celebration. SPRC will meet in July and will be doing the Parish inspection. PRG reported talked about changing Communion back to coming to the altar, which has been implemented; and doing away with the sign in sheets at functions. Pastor Joel reported that he had assisted at the Gary Knupp Jr funeral; that Jenn Robinette will be the Annual Conference Representative; that an Annual Conference offering will be taken; and that the October zoom Annual Conference will be held to vote on the disaffiliating churches. Council will meet again on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

"PSALMS: EPIC OF EDEN" STUDY: Our 4th session was May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with four ladies present and Pastor Joel leading. Sandra Richter spoke during the video about "The Theology of Theocracy", which is leadership by one God. We learned about how God helped the Israelites in battle, and in hard times, and the differences between Priests and Levites and their duties. In the past, only the High Priest could talk with God; now we all can. We also talked about the different names for God, such as YHWH, Yahweh, LORD, Lord, Adoni, I AM, and Father.

### **MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Happy BDay Bob T Parker performing Thank you, Steve 1<sup>st</sup> year done Momma & kids*

### **Thoughts:**

You really are starting to get a little older when you start using "thingy" for something you can't remember the name of.

That greener grass on the other side of the fence could easily be a septic tank issue. Be careful what you wish for.

God is in control, but He doesn't expect you to lean on a shovel and pray for a hole.

### **\*\*\* MAY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE\*\*\***

- 12 Weave for a Cure from 6-9 p.m.
- 14 UMW Life Retreat via zoom 9 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
- 15 [United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting at 8:00 a.m.](#)  
[Sunday School 9:45 a.m.](#)

- 16      **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.  
 19      Serve Kingsway Prison Ministry  
 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.  
 24      **Worship Planning meeting at 6:30 p.m.**  
 26      Serve Open Doors Shelter  
 29      **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
          **Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "To All Nations" from Luke 24: 44-53**  
          **Names of fallen military service men and women will be read during worship**  
 30      Memorial Day

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays from 10 – 11 AM and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays from 7 – 8 PM.

**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.

**Serving Meals to Kingsway Prison Ministry:** Karen Mooney is leading preparing a meal each month for this ministry. Please contact her if you can help or donate.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m., and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Clothing for Mission Central:** being collected in basket in narthex.

**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



**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.

### **BOWMAN FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Ginny, Eli, Brandon at ERHS Band Concert; Harrison spinning wool on a field trip at the "Bowman House" Frontier Culture Museum-7th Generation from George Bowman; Harrison Keezletown Baseball Spring; Hannah confiscating Brandon's phone; On a side note...Eli is driving now.*

### **PASTOR'S CHAT ABOUT VA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE**

"United as One in Worship" will be the theme for the 2022 Virginia Annual Conference with the theme verse, "God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth" from John 4:24. The theme stood out to me this year as we are not in a time when the United Methodist Church is known for unity! In our current Psalms study, the author Sandy Richter teaches the twelve ancient tribes of Israel were very different from each other, but three times a year they travelled to the temple for Passover, Feast of Weeks, and Feast of Booths, so that the salvation and worship of God united them. It got me to thinking that the Virginia Annual Conference is like a pilgrimage feast for me each year where I get to gather with United Methodists from all over Virginia and unite in worship and mission—not because we are the same, but because we share the same savior, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Some highlights anticipated at this annual conference:

- First in-person annual conference since 2019. We will meet in Hampton, VA with United Methodist representatives from 16 districts and more than 1,100 congregations.
- The preaching, worship services, and music are always highlights. A personal favorite is communion with United Methodists from all over Virginia. Another is seeing those licensed, commissioned, and ordained for ministry and answering a call.
- The mission work we can do together and the mission work being done I haven't even heard about being shared are always inspiring. It is a grace to learn various ways the Virginia Annual Conference and its congregations are sharing the love of Jesus.
- The budget for apportionments will look about the same as last year with \$7.33M (million dollars) for conference, \$16M for active and retired clergy health benefits, and \$4.4M for general and jurisdictional apportionments for a total of \$27.73M.
- Bishop Sharma Lewis has formed Team Jeremiah to give leadership to our conference as we look to the future.
- Bishop Sharma Lewis has formed the Disaffiliation Team to help churches that desire to leave the United Methodist Church at this time. The annual conference will meet online October 29, 2022 to give more frequent opportunities for departing congregations to be able to leave in a timely fashion.

- The District Initiative is a plan to reduce the number of districts from 16 to 8 in our conference with some changes to staffing and operations. If this plan goes forward, the Harrisonburg District (our district) will merge with the Winchester District.

The Virginia Annual conference will meet June 16-18, 2022 and you can view it online. The online viewing information has not yet been presented but it should be easy to find the link on the conference website <http://vaumc.org> during the annual conference. Our KUMC delegates this year are Jenn Robinette (first-time lay delegate) and Joel Robinette (clergy delegate). Please be praying for our Virginia Annual Conference and delegates. Perhaps join online that we may be united in worship and sharing the love of Jesus Christ (John 13:34-35). *Pastor Joel*

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### \*\*\* JUNE EVENTS HAPPENING\*\*\*

- 4 Relay for Life** from 2-11 p.m. at Rockingham County Fairgrounds
- 5 Pentecost Sunday—Wear Red**
- 12 Graduate Recognition Sunday:** We will pray for high school and college graduates in worship. Please get graduate names and information like school, degree, and even pictures of graduates to Pastor Joel by June 5th.
- 16-18 Virginia Annual Conference** in Hampton, VA. The offering goal this year is \$150,000 to benefit (1) Wesley Theological Seminary D.Min. in Military Chaplaincy Scholarships; (2) Brazil Shade and Fresh Water; (3) Cambodia Street Children Ministry; (4) Vietnam Leadership Development Young Methodist; (5) Mozambique Theological Education; and (6) Native American Ministry in Virginia. We will take a special offering in worship on June 5th.
- 19 Father's Day** Donuts for Dads at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall
- 26 Outdoor Worship Service** at 11:00 a.m. at Ruritan Pavilion with lunch after; hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring sides, desserts, and drinks to share.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	William Armentrout	June 14	Judy Coffman
June 2	Chloe Robinette	June 16	Matthew Coffman
June 2	Carolyn Baker	June 17	Ann Vanpelt
June 2	Donna Forren	June 17	Kennis R Armentrout
June 3	William Painter	June 18	John Harless
June 5	Ben Pellegrin	June 18	Carolyn Armentrout
June 5	Joseph Welsh	June 20	Barbara Fisher
June 6	Kim Lam	June 20	Robert Smith
June 6	Ramona Crowe	June 20	Destin Shortell
June 8	Carson Guilliams	June 20	Marvin McCray
June 8	Jeanine Underwood	June 22	Miranda Shortell
June 9	Scott Dodrill	June 23	Kathryn Pusey
June 10	Linda Liskey	June 23	Janice Smith
June 10	William Miller	June 24	Adalida Crisman
June 11	Lydia Kelley	June 25	Jacob Welsh
June 11	Cecilia Hawkins	June 25	Lynette Guilliams
June 12	Barbara Hoover	June 26	Jamie Shoemaker

June 14 Becky Castner

June 28 Diane Ritchie

### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

June 2, 2002	Donnie & Jeannine Underwood	20 years
June 5, 2004	Scott & Kelly Sprague	18 years
June 5, 2010	Bryan & Laura Wamsley	12 years
June 8, 1985	Phillip & Cheryl Carr	37 years
June 11, 2016	Chrisley & Teresa Simmers	6 years
June 12, 2021	Steve & Marie (Siler) Hardin	1 year
June 14, 1980	Neil & Carol Sacra	42 years
June 14, 1980	Mike & Sherry Summers	42 years
June 21, 2003	Ben & Leslie Pellegrin	19 years
June 22, 2002	Rick & Tammy Layman	20 years
June 24, 2006	David & Beth Cole	16 years
June 24, 2000	Joel & Jenn Robinette	22 years
June 25, 1956	Richard & Faye Higgs	66 years
June 28, 1973	E.L. & Diana Davis	49 years
June 28, 1980	Wes & Ann Ford	42 years

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



**Neil & Carol Sacra for 42 years on June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Mike & Sherry Summers for 42 years on June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Wes & Ann Ford for 42 years on June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**E.L. & Diana Davis for 49 years on June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Richard & Faye Higgs for 66 years on June 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR**

- 4 RELAY FOR LIFE 2-11 p.m. @ Rockingham County Fairgrounds  
[UM Women's Day at Ferrum College](#)
- 5 [Small Group Leaders Gathering 8:45 a.m. in Social Hall](#)  
**PENTECOST, WEAR RED; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
**Worship 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "Life in the Spirit" from Romans 8:14-17**  
**Dedicating Conference Kits; VA Annual Conference Special Offering taken**
- 6 ["Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m. with Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.](#)
- 7 [UMW "Evening Night Out" meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Ciro's in Elkton](#)
- 12 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**  
**Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Trinity Grace" from Romans 5:1-5**
- 13 ["Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m. with Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.](#)
- 16-18 VA Annual Conf in Hampton
- 17 Newsletter items due
- 19 FATHER'S DAY—Donuts for Dads at 9:45 a.m.



- Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Sanctifying Grace" from 1 Thes 5:12-24
- 20 Last "Psalms: Epic of Eden" study 10:00 a.m.
- 21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER  
Worship Planning meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Outdoor Worship Service at the Ruritan Pavilion at 11:00 a.m. with Message: "Perfecting Grace" from 1 John 4:7-21; with meal to follow

## **DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill**

**THE WOMEN BEHIND FATHER'S DAY:** The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in U.S. history. In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, was inspired by Anna Jarvis and the idea of Mother's Day which had become a national holiday in 1914. Sonora's father, William Jackson Smart, a farmer and Civil War veteran, was also a single parent, who raised Sonora and her five brothers by himself, after his wife Ellen died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27 years old, came up with the idea. On June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day events commenced: Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, and white for the deceased). In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June. Under President Richard Nixon, in 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday. (Six years later, Sonora died at age 96). HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## **THANK YOU**

THANK YOU: Thank you so much for our cards! We appreciate the thoughtfulness. Signed by 26 dispatchers from the **Harrisonburg Emergency Communication Center**

## **THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD**

Congrats to Term 3 Honor Roll students: Spotswood: Damon Daff, Joseph Johnson, and Lataya Wiginton; and Montevideo: Haiden Dillard, Brayden Morris, and Chloe Robinette.

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## **MY PERSONAL NOTE:**

If you have read "Need a Blessing" on page 7, this will be familiar. If not, please go back and read it. I was talking about how two sweet little boys in our church touched my heart one Sunday morning as the older took the younger to the restroom. It was when they returned that the older took the younger's hand (again) and the younger looked up at his older brother with eyes that said, "thanks, Big Brother, for having my back". My heart melted, and I thought to myself how badly we need to reach up and take Jesus' down stretched hand, and never let go, and thank Him for having our back, and front, and all. Be blessed by holding the nail scarred hand. *Diana*

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**Editor's Note**

**The June deadline for submissions is June 17th .** 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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MAY YOUR LIFE PREACH MORE  
LOUDLY THAN YOUR LIPS.

*(Mindful Christianity)*



Only God can make tulips bloom surrounded by snowfall (4-18-22).

