

MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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Coming home, down Keezletown Road. Many thanks to our dear friend, Jim Harris.

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I walked thru the doors of YOUR church this morning a SINNER, ashamed, and alone. But you welcomed me, and as I sat in the pew, I felt the Holy Spirit come upon me. When the altar call came, I felt God nudge me, and as I knelt in prayer, pleading with God for forgiveness, He made me whole, and new, and forgiven. I left OUR church this morning a NEW CHILD OF GOD. Thank you for accepting and loving me. I saw HIS LOVE in you.

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.

October is Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month. We're so thankful for our pastors and ministry leaders for their tireless, selfless service in our churches and communities. They need our encouragement, prayers, and support. Please take a moment to pray for your pastor and ministry leaders. Pray for their: **Joy** – that God will give them deep joy in His love and in His promises; **Rest** – that God will help them rest well each night, and help them know when to have boundaries; **Strength** – that God will give them His strength each day to fulfill all He has called them to do and courage to share His Word boldly in these difficult days; **Wisdom** – that God will give guidance and discernment as they study, preach, teach, counsel, and shepherd the flock God has put under their care; **Protection** – that God will protect our pastors, as well as their marriages and families, from spiritual attack, discouragement, and burnout. **Pray for Pastor Joel.**

OUR PASTOR CHATS

Maggot Farming...that is what our covenant missionary John NDay in Mozambique said. I got to be in a meeting with John NDay, Chris Cole from KUMC, and some others to learn more about John's priorities at the Cambine UMC Farm Project. KUMC currently has a challenge to raise \$2,000 toward two priorities of expanded irrigation for additional farmland and an egg incubator (total cost of both projects is about \$35,000). John was sharing how different parts of the farm benefit each other for sustainability and providing food for the Cambine orphanage, schools for children, and seminary for pastors. The new thing I heard about was farming maggots. I learned that items which would not be used from the farm and Cambine ministries like leftover litter, manure, and food waste could provide a food source for maggots which grow fast and could be a source of protein for chickens and fish on the farm. I remember a few years ago when John and Florence visited KUMC and shared about how they taught people to make compost for the Cambine Farm and their own gardens and farms since the soil is sandy at Cambine. Adding compost makes the soil much more productive. I remember thinking how it is amazing that God can use something like...compost...to bless the food resources and health of a community. I was just as amazed when I heard John talk about how God could use maggots! It reminds me how Genesis 2 tells God used some dirt (earth, soil, dust) to make a person. It is a reminder of how God can use quite ordinary (dirt!) and gross (maggots and compost!) things, even a cross and tomb to show God's glory. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "...God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call...not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God...Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:25-31 NRSV). May God give us grace to see the foolish, weak, and despised things in our lives, church, and community through which God would show the saving strength of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Joel

SEPTEMBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED

United Methodist Men met on September 18th for a delicious breakfast provided by Pastor Joel and Ken Thomas followed by our monthly meeting. Scott Dodrill shared an inspiring devotional and we made plans for our future events. We are excited to say that after a long wait we are finally able to do a Fried Catfish and Tenderloin meal. We set a date of Saturday January 28th with a back up date of February 4th (in case of bad weather). We also talked about our contribution to the meal for the WOW services. Another upcoming project we are planning is to donate two flood buckets for the UMCOR collection. Our next meeting will be October 16th at 8 am with breakfast provided by Joe Liskey and devotional by Len Williams. Please come join us!!

SPECIAL GUEST IN WORSHIP: The United Women in Faith led the Morning Worship on September 18th with Chris playing “Follow the Gleam”, “I Would Be True”, “O Zion, Haste”, and “Tuna Casserole” as the gathering music. Just as the bell was about to ring, Miss Minnie Pearl began down the sanctuary aisle greeting folks and telling jokes. When she got to the front, she asked us “What is a Keezle?” and wanted to know if it was similar to a snipe. She then took her seat, the bell rang, Diana led the Preparation for Worship, and Chris played “Living for Jesus”, as Ryan carried in the Light of Christ. Judy Coffman, President of the UWF, gave the Welcome and Announcements. Linda Liskey advised us that “Undie Sunday” is October 9th and challenged us to surpass our last giving. Judy then led the Opening Prayer. Michele Dodrill came to lead the reading of the UWF Purpose, followed by the singing of “My Hope is Built”. Diana gave the Morning Prayer and led the Lord’s Prayer. The UWF women, all seated in the front rows and wearing aprons, then sang “When the Rolls are



Served Up Yonder”, a fun song about the ladies of the Church and their duties. Ann then presented the UWF mission pin of the year to Chris Cole for her outstanding mission endeavors. Ann then read the Scripture from Hebrews 10:26, about endurance, and Philippians 4:13, about perseverance. She then asked Miss Minnie if she would say a few words, to which she readily agreed. talking about herself, her background, singing discoveries, and her career in then became, after removing her with the price label hanging from it,

Robey, who talked about the challenges we face as we “Keep On Keepin’ On”. She talked about how Minnie Pearl helped many Grand Ole Opry stars, her faith, her generosity, and her perseverance. She led by four basic principles: 1. Be committed to spiritual growth to strengthen your faith and help discern God’s will for your life; 2. Seek support from family and friends, small groups; 3. Be disciples in the world, offer your service in big and small ways; 4. Take care of yourself; practice daily wellness. Brenda then spoke about her faith journey, how dark times make us grow, and how God has commissioned each of us to do His work. After the message, the UWF women sang a song written by Diana entitled “Bless My Apron, Lord”. Cheryl Carr led the Offertory Prayer and Doxology, before Sherry Summers announced the closing hymn, “Trust and Obey”. Sharon Martin came to sing the Benediction. Ryan carried out the Light of Christ as Chris played “Come, We That Love the Lord” as the postlude. Brenda stayed to chat and



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for pictures after the service and was presented the altar flowers and a KUMC recipe book for speaking. **KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON.**



"Twelve Women of the Bible" study met at 10:00 a.m. on Sept 19th with 11 women present and Pastor Joel leading. Jonalyn Fincher presented a video about Rebekah which showed her courage in leaving her family to marry a man she did not know, the tenacity to ask God for help after being barren for twenty years, and how God used her to create the nations of Israel (thru Jacob) and Edom (thru Esau). Discussions followed on strong women today and how we see ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually in comparison to how others see us. All are welcome to attend.

PUMPKIN FUNNIES

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? Squash.

Why was the jack-o'-lantern afraid? It had no guts.

Who helped the mini pumpkin cross the road? The crossing gourd.

What did the pumpkin say to its carver? Cut it out!

How do you mend a jack-o'-lantern? With a pumpkin patch.

VETERAN HONORED: On September 24th, KUMC's own **John Phalen**, an Army veteran, participated in the Honor Flight, Top of Virginia, as they visited memorials in Washington DC and the Arlington Cemetery, where he was honored to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Congrats, John, and Thank You for your service.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, and we rejoiced as the sky grew sunny



and the temperature rose and the soft breeze carried the smell of hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. We were worshipping under the Ruritan Pavilion today, Sunday, September 25th, and the UMM had invited everyone to a picnic to follow. Scott Sprague was there with his trusty video equipment so that folks at home could join us. Pastor Joel played his guitar and sang the gathering music, which included "Everlasting God", "Holy Is the Lord", "Mighty to Save", and "Open the Eyes of My Heart". Mac Coffman led us in the greeting from Psalm 62 and the Opening Prayer, before we Passed the



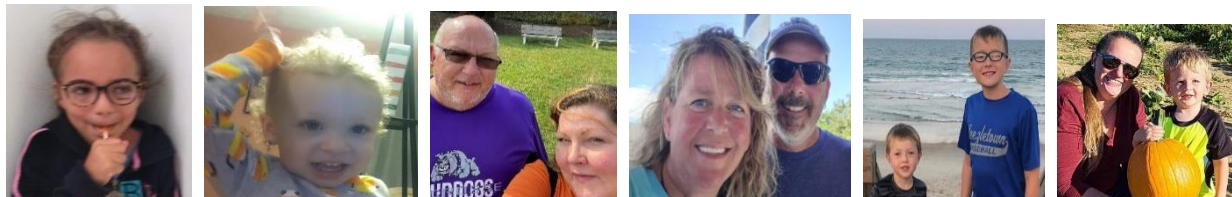
Peace, then sang "Seek Ye First", again with Pastor Joel's guitar. During the Children's Time, Pastor Joel said that Fall is change, in the heat, the weather, our clothes, school, and other things. Change can be wonderful or challenging. The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. God is the same, and new every morning. We then sang "Here Am I", before Neil came to read the Gospel lesson

from Luke 16:19-31, the story of the Rich man and Lazarus. Pastor Joel began his message “The Error of Settling for Riches” by telling the story of the rich man and Lazarus, a poor, sick beggar. The rich man has no name, and in those instances in the Bible, we can put our own name in the story. Jesus says you cannot serve God and money. The Pharisees ridiculed Jesus for this, because they loved money. Money is a temptation we have. God provides and sustains us; all are gifts are from Him. The rich man had it all, but died and went to hell. He asked if Lazarus could come and wait on him and go and talk to his brothers. God spoke thru the prophets but no one listened to them. Our witnesses to everyone we meet is the best example of living like Jesus, to tell His good news, to show His love. Heaven welcomed Lazarus. Will we welcome the sinner, the poor, the sick to Jesus? We then sang “We Are Called”, followed by Mac leading the Time of Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, the Offertory Prayer, the Doxology, the blessing of the food, and the Benediction. Pastor Joel led everyone in the singing of “Live in Charity” as the closing postlude. **GOOD WORSHIP, GOOD WEATHER, GOOD FOOD, GOOD FELLOWSHIP, AND A GREAT GOD.**



“Twelve Women of the Bible” study met at 10:00 a.m. on Sept 26th with 7 women present and Pastor Joel leading. Our video was presented by Naomi Zacharias, who spoke on the rivalry and self esteem of Leah, the unloved, and Rachel, the loved, wives of Jacob. We discussed marriages, compromise, the difference children make, and how loving yourself, next only to God, is the most important thing.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Jazzy's glasses Carmella's smile John & Jen Theresa & Chrisley Vacay at OBX Got my punkin'

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.

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 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 5-7 p.m. and Thursdays 9-11 a.m., wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. If you would like to help, please call Delores Reid 540-383-6112.

KUMC Backpack Project is in the 2022-23 school year, by providing weekend food for 17 school children in need. If you are interested in helping to shop, pack, or deliver during this upcoming school year, please see Lynette Guilliams. If you feel led to sponsor a school child this year for \$125, you may designate your gift to “KUMC Backpack Project.” Backpacking is done on Monday mornings after Bible study at approximately 11:00 a.m.

OPEN DOORS (Warmth, shelter and support for our homeless) is asking all to join them by socializing with guests, serving or providing meals, or helping them clean. Monetary donations are handled with care and stewarded with mission achievement in mind. Those wishing to donate may send them to PO Box 1804, Harrisonburg VA 22803, and those wishing to get involved may visit sheltercoordinator@valleyopendoors.org.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Grandma Barbara and girls Daughter's Day Laura, Ann,& Becky Happy Triton John's Bday

UPCOMING/ONGOING STUDIES:

TWO WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:

Bishop Sharma Lewis has challenged us to read the Bible, using The **2022 One Year Bible reading plan** which can be found at <http://vaumc.org>. Copies of the plan are available in the narthex.

Pastor Joel has 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.keepletownumc.com.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY: “Twelve Women of the Bible Study”

Come learn about 12 women from the Bible and how we can live in God on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. Learn about Eve, Rebekah, Leah, Hannah, Abigail, Gomer, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, Martha, The Woman at the Well, and The Syrophenician Woman, from study writers Lysa Terkeurst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens, Amena Brown, Naomi Zacharias, and Jonalyn Fincher. All are welcome.

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

DON'T LET THE SPLINTER FESTER. Worship on October 2nd began with Diana playing “Have You Counted the Cost”, “Follow the Gleam”, and “His Way With Thee” as the gathering music. Pastor Joel called everyone to prepare for Worship, and Diana played “Father, I Adore You” as Beth carried in the Light of Christ. Pastor Joel then gave the greeting and announcements, and led a responsive reading before the Opening Prayer and the first hymn, “How Firm a Foundation”. Diana led the Children’s Time and talked about how Jesus only gives us the best of His blessings. The choir then sang “What Feast of Love”, a hymn to the tune of “What Child is This”. Diana then read the Old Testament Lesson from Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:16-33, the lament of the people. Pastor Joel will be speaking on grief for a few services and began this morning with “Lament and Grief”. Grief can be good; we’ve lost something important that causes us grief, but we can still seek God’s grace. He will comfort us. Days of weeping can bring days of joy. Jeremiah wrote Lamentations; he told the people that they would be exiled, that they would live thru it, and would turn to idolatry. He is known as the weeping prophet for he wrote of grief and hopelessness. The Psalms have 54 laments. We don’t have to look far to find something in this world to lament and grieve. Lamentations has 5 laments that pour out the grief of the people. The community prayed these laments together. Laments end in praise, trusting in the Lord. If you have a thorn or splinter in your finger, it gets infected. Carrying grief is like this, but sharing it with others, helps heal. Wait for the Lord. When we think there are things we cannot get over, we can, if we allow the hope of God to meet us, comfort us, and go with us into the future. The hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”, and a responsive Lament followed the message. Pastor Joel then led Our Time of Prayer, the Affirmation of Faith, the Invitation, and the Confession and Pardon, before asking all to Pass the Peace. Today for the first time in a long time, the collection plates were passed, as Diana played “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”, we sang the Doxology, and Pastor Joel led the Offertory Prayer. He then led the Great Thanksgiving, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Giving of the Bread and Cup, as we sang “Rock of Ages” and “There Is a Fountain”. The men participating in Emmaus this coming weekend, and those wishing to lay hands on them, were invited to the altar for a blessing as the last hymn, “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” was being sung. A responsive Benediction was read, and Diana played the chorus to “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” as Beth carried out the Light of Christ and church family members sang. **GRIEF HURTS, BUT GOD HEALS.**

“Twelve Women of the Bible” study met at 10:00 a.m. on Oct 5th with 8 women present and Pastor Joel leading. Our video was presented by Amena Brown, who led us thru the struggle that Hannah endured, beginning with being ridiculed for not being able to have a baby, to seeking God, praying, and promising that her first born would be given back to God, namely Samuel, the prophet. Our discussions focused on waiting, not knowing if prayers are answered, how they are answered in different, unexpected ways, and wanting to be in the “there” instead of living in the “here”. God is with us all the time, hears all our prayers, and answers in ways that are best for us.

WOW MEETINGS BEGIN. October is here and that means Witnessing on Wednesday. Our first meeting was October 5th at 6:30 p.m. with the United Women in Faith providing a taco bar, desserts, and drinks. After the meal, Ken Thomas greeted all those present and online, and explained that the offerings taken during these services will go to our covenant missionary John NDay and the two priorities at the Cambine UMC Farm Project in Mozambique of (1) a new irrigation system and (2) an egg incubator. As Diana Davis played, we sang “Father, I Adore You” and “The Joy of the Lord”. Scott Dodrill touched many hearts in the room tonight as he spoke about how a phone call for a wrong part when you are in a bad mood can change your whole day. Especially when the guy on the either end of the phone starts you thinking about what church is. He talked about committees he served on, offices he held, projects he’d helped with, and still asked “Is this my church?” Then his words turned to his family and the joy they bring him, how he grew up 52 years in KUMC, and how many people had become his Mothers and his family. He then said “This is my church—the caring, giving, Hands of Jesus people that show their love every day”. Yes, this is my church. Ken came again to thank the UWF and gave the benediction. The wonderful part of the evening was seeing folks just sitting talking or standing in little groups talking and enjoying being with one another. It’s been a long time, and it’s good to see it again.



CAMBINE AND THE NDAY: John and Florence Nday reporting about 5 years to date in the mission service in Cambine / Mozambique: The 2 ministries of the Ndays’ couple are: the Cambine agriculture Program with John Nday and the Maternity and child service at Cambine with Florence. The couple completed 5 years of mission service in February. During that time, John helped 300 household/families directly with agriculture training, with each of these families also training their families and 3 neighbors, for more than 1000 families. Infrastructures were rehabilitated and new ones constructed and water for farming was introduced, along with small and big animals, and fish. Irrigation is still insufficient. Many jobs working the farm have been created. John’s vision is to continue to produce food for the communities, and to train agriculture. Challenges include getting water, which would require solar water pumps and kits, and drip irrigation; and an egg incubator for 2000 eggs to hatch. Florence is a nurse practitioner for maternity and child service, as well as prenatal consultation, maternity, pediatrics and preschool consultation. Her main challenges are the language barrier, lack of electricity, medical equipment, external toilets, and baby follow-ups. Her vision is for a reduction in mortalities and a reduction in malnutrition. The mission service is not easy, there is a lot of needs in the church and communities that are not responding. Their prayer is for God to help touch people to provide means to run at least the mission work with the Cambine Agriculture Program, and once this is successful, it will contribute at least locally.

United Women in Faith: the District United Women in Faith 49th Annual Meeting was held at Dayton UMC on October 6th at 7:00 p.m. KUMC had six ladies attend. After the business part of the meeting, there was a special recognition of departed members which included Susie McGlaughlin, Ellen Layman, and Waltine Simmers. The speaker for the evening was Mary Jane Rawley, who gave a history of the United Women in Faith and the changes from when it began with 8 women in Boston. Awards were presented to outstanding groups, with KUMC receiving a silver certificate. The outgoing President, Barbara Phillips, gave a few remarks, before the meeting was adjourned.

LIVE, EAT, MULTIPLY, AND PRAY: “Undie Sunday” began with Chris playing “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”, “I’m a-Going To Eat at the Welcome Table”, “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”, and “Down to the River to Pray” as the gathering music, and the Bell rang. Pastor Joel gave the Worship preparation and Chris played “Holy Ground” for the prelude, as Brayden brought in the Light of Christ. Pastor Joel gave the Welcome and announcements, before Michele came to talk about the card making project (see next article). The Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Joel, before we passed the Peace, and sang “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”. Dale came to give the Children’s message, a story of how puzzle pieces are like our lives, how they go together, how others help us, and how God sees the whole picture of our lives. The choir presented “I Then Shall Live”.



Carol read the Old Testament Lesson from Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14, Jeremiah sending a letter. Pastor Joel began the message entitled “Live, Eat, Multiply and Pray” by telling how Jeremiah sent a letter and told the exiles to live, eat, multiply, and pray, while still in exile. Should we be faithful even in something like COVID? Yes, we found a way to continue to share with others thru video worship. Those in exile were told they would have 70 years of hardship. We hope that one day everything will be made new. God brings us life, calls us to faith, to grow the Church, to pray for the peace of God. When your grief is heavy, Jeremiah 29:1 reminds us that God is with us, and throughout our future. The second hymn we sang was “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”, followed by the Morning Prayer, and the Lord’s Prayer. Artie Frederick from Mission Central then spoke (see article below), followed by the blessing of the undies collected (see totals in article below). Chris played “Freely, Freely” as the offering was collected; the Doxology was sung; and the prayer given. Our closing hymn was “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, before the responsive Benediction was led by Pastor Joel. Brayden carried out the Light of Christ as Chris played “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” as the postlude. **“I HAVE A PLAN FOR YOU”, SAYS THE LORD.**

CARDS FOR THE MILITARY: Michele Dodrill’s biggest challenge was to surpass the number of cards that KUMC and friends had made in 2020, which was 672, and in 2021, which was 300. This year she was able to get more folks involved including Cheryl Carr, Tanya Eppard, the UWF, the UMM, and special groups meeting for card-making. Congratulations Michele, the Military folks receiving these cards are the winners—we are sending 716 cards. Thank you to all who participated.



THANKS FROM MISSION CENTRAL: Artie Frederick spoke today, “Undie Sunday”, for Mission Central. She talked about how much the folks that work there care. A cross within the building says “Love God and Love Your Neighbor”. KUMC is like that, she said, and your support is overwhelming. Your hands and feet travel a long way helping the refugees and immigrants from around the world that are helped by Mission Central. Keep on doing what you’re doing, and thank you for all of the undies collected today.

UNDIES TOTALS: Mens undies 5, Boys undies 238, Total 243; Girls undies, total



376; Onsies, 13; Boys socks 42, girls socks 64, mens socks 18, baby socks, 26, total 150; **Grand total 882.** Hallelujah!



“Twelve Women of the Bible” study met at 10:00 a.m. on Oct 10th with 9 women present and Pastor Joel leading. Our video was presented by Elisa Morgan, who introduced us to Abigail, wife of Nabal, who showed her strength by thwarting the wrath of David and saving her family. Discussions followed on confrontations and how we handle them in a Christian way.

2nd WOW SERVICE was held on Oct 12th at 6:30 p.m. with the United Methodist Men providing spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desserts, and drinks. Ken gave the welcome, and announced that Carol and Jim Dillard were celebrating their 54th Wedding Anniversary, to a round of applause. Jenny and Scott Dillard led us in singing “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”, “Holiness”, and “Lord Prepare Me”. Our speaker, our own Judy Coffman, came to talk about “The Dash”. She began by talking about stepping out of your comfort zone not being an easy thing to do, especially speaking in public, and how many times she had rewritten her message. We all have stories—telling our stories may help others. We face many seasons in our lives, good and bad, and this is normal. Change should not make us falter in our faith. God is with us in every season of our lives. Our paths are picked by our decisions. Challenges gives us burdens. How we carry them is our faith. You cannot go alone—you have to walk with God. The dash between our birth date and the day we die represents our life, all we do, all we say, the effect we have on others, and how we loved. She closed with the prayer that follows this article. Ken gave the Benediction.



With this being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in remembrance of Julie, Judy closed with the following as a prayer by Nikki Banas. Hope: “If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be— Because during these times hope will be the very thing that carries you through”! Amen.

A GRANDSON IS PROUD: Andrew Coffman wrote this on his Facebook on Oct 12th: “Tonight my grandmother spoke about her Dash, the time between the dates that start and end her life. Within that dash she has sowed her legacy with love and caretaking that will be remembered through generations of our bloodline. She is by far the strongest and most resilient person I know. Thank you for always putting others before yourself and patiently teaching me what it means to be steadfast in love and faith. You are my rock. I’ll always blow you a kiss back, I love you.”



Administrative Council met after the WOW service on Oct 12th in the Library with 11 members and 1 guest. Susan called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel opened with prayer. Ken, for Staff

Parish, stated they had met on Aug 30th and honored the KUMC lay servants and will meet again Nov 28th. A motion to dispense with the July minutes was approved. Chris presented the Treasurer's report which was approved. The Harvest Party will be Oct 30th at 2:00 p.m. Joe will handle the food, Bob, the hayride, and Ann, the games. Ann reported for the United Women in Faith stating they had their Aug picnic; 5 ladies attended the District Breakfast in Sept; 6 ladies attended the District Annual meeting in Oct; they served a Keezletown Ruritan meal; and they served the 1st WOW service. Scott reported for the United Methodist Men stating they had hosted the fall picnic in Sept after worship at the Ruritan pavilion with good results; they had served the 2nd WOW meeting; they will be meeting Oct 16th; they will be handing out invitations to the ladies of the Church for the annual Christmas celebration on December 4th at Blessings Lodge; and that they are preparing 2-3 flood buckets. Joe presented the 2023 Church budget, which was approved. Mike reported for the Trustees that Radon remediation was done in the parsonage and basement. Pastor Joel reported the Steve had repainted the handicapped lines in the parking lot that got slick. PRG committee reported that we have started passing the offering plates again, but that there are still folks that are uncomfortable and may put their offering in the plates after worship. Our guest, Scott Sprague, reviewed a new project with us concerning collecting donations or offerings from those watching on line, which was approved. Scott (Dillard) informed us that the Ruritan Club will be having a "Tree Lighting" ceremony on Dec 2nd from 6-8 p.m. Classical Redeemer School will be singing; Karen and Sharon have agreed to sing; soup and sandwiches will be provided; and Ken will be playing Santa. Pastor Joel presented two pictures, one that Jim Harris had painted of the joining of the churches, and another of the church family gathered in front of the church. Suggestions as to where these should be hung were the parlor for the church family and the social hall for Jim's painting. Pastor Joel then gave his report which included recognizing the Small Group Leaders meetings the first Sunday of each month; Worship Planning meetings once a month; Charge Conference on Nov 6th in Front Royal at 3:00 p.m.; Mission Planning meetings every other month; a missionary meeting with John Nday on Oct 17th and our challenge to raise \$2,000 for the Combina mission; the Rise Against Hunger will be held in March 2023; and there will be a Longest Night Service in Dec for those dealing with grief at Christmas time. Under other business: a Confirmation class is being considered for the new year; Pastor Joel will be contacting the area churches to see if they want a Thanksgiving service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, possibly at KUMC; and the Massanutten Presbyterian youth group invited the youth of KUMC to a get together on Nov 6th. A new meeting date of January 11th at 7:30 p.m. was set, and the meeting was adjourned, with Pastor Joel closing with prayer.

National Farmers Day was October 12! The profession of farming began around 12,000 years ago with the domestication of livestock as hunter/gatherers settled down and started to plant their own food. In short, farming is one of the oldest jobs around. So let's take a moment to give some love to all the farmers who work tirelessly to feed us year round. Thank you, Farmers!



United Women in Faith met on Oct 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall with ten members present. Judy presided, opened with prayer, and led the UWF Statement. Ann gave the devotions, a touching Letter from God. Mission of the month was flood buckets. Ann will coordinate a cornucopia for Nov for the altar, and donated poinsettias for December. Sherry

advised that we are feeding the Mt Crawford Ruritans the first Wednesday of Nov. Judy was asked by Scott Dillard if we would help with the Keezletown Ruritan "Tree Lighting" on Dec 2nd from 6-8 p.m. by providing a few crock pots of soup. Judy was very proud of our group's attendance at these meetings: 5 ladies attended the Prayer Breakfast; and Six ladies attended the Annual Meeting, which was the last meeting for the Harrisonburg District. Butterflies were given in remembrance of Susie McGlaughlin, Ellen Layman, and Wally Simmers, along with a Silver Certificate for the LIOP program, and a 6-Star Certificate for mission giving. Eight cards were signed for shut-ins. Chris read from the prayer calendar, and Judy adjourned the meeting with prayer. Next meeting is Nov 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

MORE PUMPKIN FUNNIES

What do you call an athletic pumpkin? A jock-o-lantern.

What did the queasy pumpkin say? I don't feel so gourd.

What's the best thing to put into a pumpkin pie? Your teeth.

What do you call a pumpkin that works at the beach? A life-gourd.

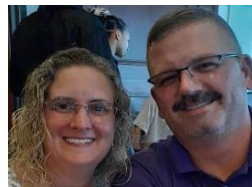
MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



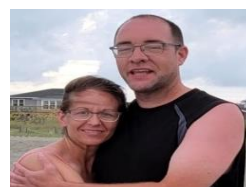
Cooper's Fish



Barbara & Zach



Happy 16th



Brandon & Ginny



Happy 14 Haiden

*** OCTOBER EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE***

- 16 United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting 8:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; LAITY SUNDAY
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message BY Mac Coffman
- 17 "Twelve Women of the Bible" study at 10:00 a.m.
 Backpack packing after Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
 Zoom meeting with John Nday at 1:00 p.m.
- 19 WOW Service @ 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; HOMECOMING
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: by Rev Ed Pruitt
- 24 "Twelve Women of the Bible" study at 10:00 a.m.
 Backpack packing after Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
- 26 WOW Service @ 6:30 p.m.; Thomas family serve;
- 29 Special Virginia Annual Conference October 29th at 9:30 a.m. online streaming at KUMC
- 30 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "On Our Hearts" from Jer 31:27-34 (Good Grief series)
 Last day for cereal for KUMC World Cereals for Food Pantry
 Harvest Party at 2:00 p.m. at Ruritan park with Hayride and Fried Food and hotdogs. Please bring soup or chili, beverages, and/or a cake or dessert for the cakewalk, and your friends.
- 31 HALLOWEEN

"Twelve Women of the Bible" study at 10:00 a.m.
Backpack packing after Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Stanley's 7th



Evalyn in Texas



Field trip w/Mom



Cooper 2nd grade



Curly Carmella

MORE PUMPKIN FUNNIES

What's the pumpkin's favorite Western? The Gourd, The Bad, and The Ugly

What is black, white, orange, and waddles? A penguin with a pumpkin.

Why do jack-o-lanterns sit on people's porches? No guts to knock on the door.

Where does a pumpkin preach? From the pulp-it.

Seeking Devotional Writers: Pastor Joel is seeking devotional writers for Advent and Lent.

Advent: Jesus the Word of God was became flesh (John 1). Choose a favorite Bible verse/passage. Write why it is a favorite and how it became the living word of God in your life. Include a written prayer. Include a title for your devotion. Due October 30th.

Lent: Psalms are the hymns and prayers of the people of God and sometimes just one line can be an anchor for faith. Choose one verse/passage from the Psalms that is a favorite or help for you. Write how those Psalm words have blessed you, or what you have learned, or how they connect you to God. Write a prayer and title for the devotion. Due December 30th.

DONATIONS ONLINE: a new project will launch on Oct 30th for KUMC in which you may give from an app on your phone, a QR Code, or on KUMC's Tithe.ly page which will be available from multiple devices. This allows the donor to send money thru Tithe.ly directly to the Church's bank account. More information will follow.

*** NOVEMBER EVENTS HAPPENING***

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 3	Faith Stanley	Nov 19	Jim Mooney
Nov 4	Alli Underwood	Nov 21	Phyllis Liskey
Nov 7	Kelly Smith	Nov 21	Laura Wamsley
Nov 8	Daryl Armentrout	Nov 22	Jenny Dillard
Nov 8	Nolan Mason	Nov 22	Janet Clements
Nov 9	Lee Siler	Nov 23	Marie Suter
Nov 12	David Cole	Nov 25	Richard Higgs
Nov 13	Evalyn Campbell	Nov 26	Geraldine Armentrout
Nov 17	Steve Shortell	Nov 26	Alissa Dodrill
Nov 18	Luke Dillard	Nov 28	Sarah Coffman
Nov 19	Marian Suter	Nov 28	Kathryn Miller

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 6, 1993 Steve & Lori Zylich 29 years

Nov 7, 2009	Lee & Amanda Siler	13 years
Nov 13, 2010	Jim & Karen Mooney	12 years
Nov 23, 1968	Gary & Barbara Heatwole	54 years

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



Gary & Barbara Heatwole for 54 years on Nov 23rd

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Clocks go back one hour on November 6th. I hope mine goes back to when people had Morals, Values, Loyalty, Appreciation, and Respect.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It's that time of the year when Christmas is just around the corner. If you can fill a box or more with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, etc., to send to a child for Christmas and share God's love, it would be appreciated. Bring them to church and they will go to the collection site on Nov 20th after church.

November 27th will be Hanging of the Greens with the First Sunday in Advent and start the collections for the hat, socks, and mitten tree with items for the Children's Clothing Closet.

- 2 **UWF serve Mt Crawford Ruritans**
 Girl Scouts 6-8:15 p.m.
 All Saints names due to Pastor Joel for Nov 6th Worship
 Flood Buckets due
- 3 **United Women in Faith meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- 5 **Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.**
 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RETURNS—SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR
- 6 **Small Group Leaders Gathering 8:45 a.m. in Social Hall**
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
 Worship 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "Inheritance in Christ" from Eph 1:11-23
 Flood Bucket Dedication
 Charge Conference/District Conference in Front Royal at 3:00 p.m.
 Massanutten Presbyterian Youth to meet with KUMC youth 6-8 p.m.
- 7 **"Twelve Women of the Bible" study at 10:00 a.m.**
 Backpack packing after Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
- 8 **Election Day**
- 9 **Mission Planning meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**
- 11 **Veterans Day—Thank you Veterans for your service.**
- 13 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m. UNITED METHODIST MENS SUNDAY**
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message by Charles Sargent
- 14 **"Twelve Women of the Bible" study at 10:00 a.m.**
 Backpack packing after Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
- 15 **Staff-Parish Relations Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**
- 18 **Newsletter Items Due**
- 19 **Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.**

- 20 **United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting 8:00 a.m.**
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Jesus: Making God Visible" from Col 1:11-20
 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes dedicated
- 21 **Worship Planning meeting at 9:00 a.m.**
 "Twelve Women of the Bible" study at 10:00 a.m.
 Backpack packing after Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
- 24 **THANKSGIVING**
- 27 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m. HANGING OF THE GREENS**
 Worship 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Child of Promise" from Matt 1:1-3a, 5-6, 16-17
 Collections start for Hat, Sock, and Mitten tree
- 28 **Last session of "Twelve Women of the Bible" study at 10:00 a.m.**
 Backpack packing after Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.
- 29 **Special VA Annual Conference via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.**

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

On Tuesday, October 11th, I had the privilege of shipping 716 handmade cards to Accokeek, Maryland for our church family. The group "Making Christmas Cards For Our Troops" will be sending them to Military Bases in the Middle East. It cost \$22 to send (300-400 cards). We can only imagine how grateful the service men and women are to have cards to send back to family and friends. And those receiving them are blessed by each card as well. The 716 cards are the result of many hands working together. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this mission as prayers, players, and payers.

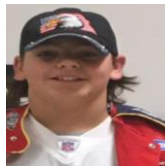
THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for all your friendship and support over the last months. You remind me how lucky I am to have you all in my life. I couldn't have gotten thru this without your kindness. Thank all of you again. Juanita Sheffer

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Parker Young has made his middle school basketball team, and plays lacrosse. He also brought home his interim report and has straight A's! I have to brag, because I think it's pretty amazing. Middle school is rough. So proud. Jennifer

Congratulations to **Nicholas Mitchell**, who attends Montevideo Middle School, and **Brayden**



Morris, who attends Spotswood High School, for both being recognized and honored during Spirit Week at their schools. Nicholas is the son of Virginia Mitchell, and the grandson of Connie Hawley. Brayden is the son of Steve and Beth Morris, and grandson of Frank and Carolyn Baker. Way to go Boys!



MUDDOGS LACROSSE, including mixed group of 8th grade and High Virginia, and won the Championship



our own **Haiden Dillard**, traveled with a School girls to Martinsburg, West tournament on Oct 15th.

DECEMBER REMINDERS

ANGEL TREE: The Salvation Army Angel Tree will be set up in the narthex with wish lists and clothes sizes for children in need in our community. If you or your small group would like to sponsor a child, please select a child to sponsor, go shopping, and return items to KUMC by Sunday, December 11th for the worship service. Please check with Carol Sacra for any questions.

Baby Shower for Jesus: We will have another Baby Shower for Jesus on Christmas Eve. This year we are asking for newborn kits which will be shared in our community through The Mission Central Children's Clothing Closet. You don't have to wait for Christmas to assemble and give newborn kits as newborns come all year long. Please fill kits with all new items. Requested items: NB size disposable diapers; 2 receiving blankets; one large blanket; 2 cloth diapers; one baby wash/shampoo; one 0-3 month onesie; one 0-3 month sleeper; 6 feminine pads; one soft toy; one reusable bag. Additional items that could be included: 6 nursing pads; rash cream; stretch mark cream; changing pad; nasal aspirator; baby nail clippers; brush/comb.

MY PERSONAL NOTE: A reminder of how much we are loved: From King James:

"Psalm 23: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." What more can we ask? Thank you, Father.
Diana

Editor's Note

The November deadline for submissions is November 18th . My home number is 540-269-8511 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.

How about instead of rushing from Halloween to Christmas, we use November as a month of THANKS to properly prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas for what it is really about, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

(From Our Daily Bread Worship)

