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KEEZLETOWN
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**Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation. Church is a body.
Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.
Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.
Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of
Grace.**
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View Worship Online: view the livestream of the 11:00 AM worship on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/keezletownumc/live>. After the service is completed it will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook

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OUR PASTOR CHATS

Rev. David Nankivell was known to many as “Preacher” and he died on May 3, 2023. David was a preacher and pastored several area United Methodist Churches including Cedar Grove, Grove Hill, Oak Grove, and St. Paul. David had his charge conference membership at Keezletown UMC and he preached for us, too. “Preacher” is a name that fit David. David also worked at grocery stores like Mick-or-Mack and Kroger in Harrisonburg and he had a name tag that said “Preacher.” David loved bowling and when he entered his name on the screen to display his score it said, “Preacher.” David was a member of the Keezletown Ruritans, served as their chaplain (and many other duties) and they called him “Preacher.” David wasn’t just a preacher on Sundays or during pastoral duties. David shared his faith in gracious ways in church, workplace, at play, and in the community. This is a great example of what the Holy Spirit began at Pentecost. Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and for Christians is known as the time Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on the 120. After Jesus’ resurrection there are several times that the disciples are found together, in a room, praying and waiting. At Pentecost the Spirit drove the disciples out into the world with the good news of Jesus and they went into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to live the ways of Jesus outside the walls of the church building. David was filled with the Holy Spirit which could be seen in his joyful faith that he shared wherever he was. God continues to share the Holy Spirit. We won’t all be known as “Preacher,” but we may all be known as Christians in how we love God and love our neighbors. May God fill us and refill us with the power of the Holy Spirit that helps us boldly share God’s grace at all times and places. Paul wrote to the Galatians that, “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (5:22-23). The places David went and people he met needed those fruits of the Spirit. Today the church, your family, your neighbors, and community need the presence and grace of God. Fill us today, Holy Spirit, like you filled Preacher. *Pastor Joel*

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Vacation for Pastor Joel: Pastor Joel will be on vacation June 7th – 11th, with Rev Costella Forney (540-560-7995) on call for pastoral care; and June 26th – July 2nd, with Rev Debbie Powell (540-409-7455) on call for pastoral care.

CELEBRATING THE KUMC MOTHERS



APRIL EVENTS THAT HAPPENED

United Methodist Men gathered on April 16th for breakfast by Scott Dillard, fellowship and business, with 11 men present. Ken Thomas led the devotion of "Encourage and Show Respect to One Another". Scott read a letter from WRE thanking the UMM for their donation and requesting prayer that the new School Superintendent will continue to allow "released time" for the children. Scott Dodrill read a card, signed by the members of the United Women in Faith, expressing their appreciation for the men serving their Dec 1st Christmas meeting/meal. Completed projects for the first three months were reviewed. New projects: Serving the "Red Hats" a meal on May 16th; Picnic on September 24th (after church) at the Ruritan Park; Ladies Night on December 10th at Blessings Lodge, gather at 4:30 p.m., eat at 5:00 p.m.; Monthly meeting schedule is the 3rd Sunday at 8:00 a.m.; Chicken Barbecue Meal after Worship Service on June 25th at Ruritan Park. Jim Dillard reported that the "Red Hats Group" is looking for a group to provide a monthly meal; with more details needed, a decision was tabled. Jim also advised that the garage was a mess and needed to be cleaned and organized. Randy Clatterbuck said that he was willing to take the church bell to his work and clean, but would need help to load on his truck. Steve Suter is building a frame to hold the bell. Neil Sacra thanked everyone who attended the Cross Keys Ruritan Breakfast in January and said that the club is selling onions for \$10 a bag. Cross Keys and Keezletown Clubs will have a breakfast on Saturday, April 1st at the Cross Keys Site, with proceeds to support the Little League Program in Keezletown. Joe Liskey stated that the Keezletown Relay for Life Team is serving a soup/ sandwich meal for the Retired Nurses on Saturday, April 22nd at Dayton United Methodist Church at Noon and could use some help. We will be serving the meal for the Cross Keys Ruritan Club on June 1st. Joel stated that the District is planning to start a Men's Group. Stop Hunger Packaging is next Sunday the 26th. Will be helping with medical bills for injured lady community member

after car accident. Gave Sponsorship for Sean Zylich's (Chris Cole's Grandson) Mission Trip. Next meeting is May 21st at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast: Darryl Eppard; Devotions: Neil Sacra.

ARE YOU A DOUBTING THOMAS? On this, the Second Sunday of Easter, April 16th, we gathered to Diana playing “Hymn of Promise”, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”, and “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”, and the bell rang. Dale gave the preparation for worship, and Chloe and Haiden carried in the Light of Christ as Diana played “Written In Red” as the prelude. Dale gave the welcome, announcements, and led the Opening Prayer, before we Passed the Peace, and sang “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”. Dale read a poem from Mary Nankivell entitled “The Tator Family” during the children’s time. The choir then presented “Our God Reigns”. Cory Guilliams came to read the Gospel Lesson from John 20:19-31, Jesus appears to the disciples. Pastor Joel’s message was entitled “Seeing Jesus’ Hands and Sides”. He began with Christ Is Risen! To which the Church family replied “Christ Is Risen Indeed! Jesus was raised from the dead and He went to see His disciples. Do you know someone that has scars? Some are well hidden. Jesus had holes in His hands and feet and a hole in His side—scars you cannot hide. Jesus came into the locked room, greeted His disciples that were hiding, and showed them His hands, His feet, and His side to bring them peace. It brought them great joy. He brought healing to their scars. Seeing Jesus changed the disciples. Thomas wasn’t with them and did not believe, but when Jesus returned later and Thomas was able to see and touch the scars, he believed. He went from doubter to believer. We believe, even though we have not seen. “Surely the Presence of the Lord” was sung after the message, followed by the Morning Prayer, and the Lord’s Prayer. The offering was collected as Diana played “Because He Lives”, and Dale gave the offertory prayer. Our final hymn was “Crown Him With Many Crowns”. Dale gave the benediction, and Chloe and Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, as Diana played “Because He Lives” as the postlude. **BE BLESSED BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE.**

RELAY FOR LIFE: On Saturday, April 22nd, the KUMC Relay for Life team catered a luncheon for the Rockingham Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Alumni, with about 120 alumni and guests in attendance. Twenty good friends and relay team members helped prepare, plate, serve, and clean up. The two soups, hearty salads and delicious desserts were all well received. Over \$1400 in proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society. A big thanks to all who worked to make this banquet a success. Joe Liskey

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCOVERY: On Sunday, April 23rd, we held our 2nd Sunday School Discovery breakfast and Sunday School. We had 18 in attendance for breakfast and 24 for the Sunday School. Pastor Joel led us in a prayer and handed out a quiz of the Bible. consisting of questions like how many books are in the Bible, the longest and shortest Psalms, who was the traditional author of the first 5 books of the Bible, and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. After we took the quiz and discussed our answers, each table was assigned a scripture story based around Easter, to act it out like charades or read the story while others acted it out. Some of the things we were to consider was: the setting, was it Easter or before or after, emotions of the story, and what the Gospel writer wanted us to learn, remember, experience, or believe because of the passage. All had a great time within their groups preparing as well as acting the passage out. Stay tuned for the next Sunday School Discovery and we hope all will attend!

IS JESUS RIGHT NEXT TO YOU? “We Walk By Faith” and “Glory to His Name” greeted us from Chris as the gathering music on the 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 23rd. Cathy gave the welcome and announcements, the bell rang, and she gave the preparation for worship. Chris played “You Are the King of Glory” as the prelude as Becca and Ryan carried in the Light of Christ. Cathy led the Opening prayer, followed by Passing the Peace, and the singing of “Christ Has Risen”. Joel taught the children the “Ho, Ha, He, Song of Joy” during the Children’s Time, and the choir presented “Stay With Us” as the morning anthem. Neil came to read the Gospel lesson from Luke 24:13-35, the Emmaus walk. Pastor Joel’s message was entitled “Jesus Came Along” and began with Jesus is out there, but some do not see Him. Jesus came along side two disciples headed toward Emmaus. They were talking about all that had gone on in Jerusalem, leaving it all behind them. Emmaus may have been an escape from all that had happened. What they had hoped for in Jesus had died. He appeared to be a stranger to them and asked them what they were talking about. He then told them the scriptures and gave them understanding. They invited Him to dinner. When He blessed the meal, He transformed and disappeared before them. Jesus may be walking with any of us, but our eyes cannot always see Him. We may be the Jesus that some people see when we are kind and caring and bless others. “Walk With Me” was sung after the message, followed by the offering collection, with Chris playing “I’d Rather Have Jesus”, and Cathy’s offertory prayer. The closing hymn for today was “He Lives”. Cathy gave the benediction, and Becca and Ryan carried out the Light of Christ as Chris played “Take the Name of Jesus With You”. **LET HIM WALK WITH YOU.**

TO MAKE YOU LAUGH:

I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's seven years in a row.
After choking on a carrot, I thought to myself, I bet a donut wouldn't have done that.
If you drop your cookie on the floor and you go after it, that's considered a squat, isn't it?
I spend a lot of time looking in the refrigerator for answers.
I've been watching my weight—it's still there.
I just wish my smoke detector would shut off when I holler “I'm just cooking”.
Substitutes for a healthy diet: pasta—zucchini; chips—carrots; milk—almond milk; rice—cauliflower; butter—sadness; cheese—nope; tacos—this is stupid...I'm not doing it!

Missions Committee met on April 25th and Sherry reported that the kits will be dedicated on May 28th; that the remaining school kit articles may go to Mission Central; and that “Undie Sunday” kickoff will be June 25th. Other thoughts for later in the year were a Movie Nite Fund Raiser, a Christmas Hymn Sing and Social, and an Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser. People Helping People is requesting help; may have potluck dinner later or use WOW dinner collections. Discussed continuing Rise Against Hunger packaging because of the community involvement.

DAY BY DAY: The 4th Sunday of Easter, April 30th, worship service began with Carol playing “Only Trust Him”, “Tis the Old Ship of Zion”, and “Alas! And Did My Savior Die” as the gathering music, before the bell rang. Pastor Joel gave the preparation for worship and Carol played the glorious “When Morning Gilds the Skies” as Becca carried

in the Light of Christ. Karen, Sharon, and Tanya sang “Day by Day” as the acapella Call to Worship, followed by Pastor Joel leading the Psalter from Psalm 23. We Passed the Peace before singing “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”. Pastor Joel’s Children’s Time involved tape, glue, staples, and a bolt, to talk about what holds us together. Neil came to read the New Testament Lesson from Acts 2:42-27, following Jesus. Pastor Joel then came to speak on “Day by Day Faith”. Today we want to look at daily rhythms in the early church. The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to share the faith, adding to their numbers. They listened to the teaching of the apostles; they fellowshiped; they broke bread; and they prayed. They also healed the sick, fed the hungry, and shared the faith. Though the church started this way, we do not do these things every day. Jesus is ready to pour out



grace on all—we need to start doing our part, day by day. After the message, we celebrated the Reception of Barrett Lynn Bowman returning to KUMC, followed by the singing of “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”, as the Church family was invited to come and dip their fingers in the water fount.

Pastor Joel then led the Time of Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer. Denise Sites came to witness about Mission Centrals Equipment of Caring (see below). The offering was collected as Carol played “Quietly Rest” and Pastor Joel gave the prayer. The closing hymn was “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” and the closing prayer was “A Prayer of Richard of Chichester”. Becca carried out the Light of Christ as Carol played “May Jesus Christ Be Praised” as the postlude. **KNOW CLEARLY, LOVE DEARLY, FOLLOW NEARLY, DAY BY DAY.**

A BROKEN ANKLE BRINGS GOOD: Denise Sites came to witness on April 30th, about Mission Centrals Equipment for Caring by her experience having broken her ankle and dealing with the Manager of VIP Scooters. Her interaction required the purchase of a scooter, but led to a conversation about the caring reputation of KUMC, and the ability to send folks to MC Equipment for Caring. Denise asked us to remember: do good, share, and please God.



FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Baseball time has begun



JV Soccer time



Allyse and Jared Birthday Boy



Just chillin'

WAYS TO GIVE AND HELP OTHERS

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.

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 Equipment for Caring: The medical equipment loaner closet has moved to Mt Tabor UMC effective April 6th. They loan out and receive donations of (1) durable medical equipment like hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bedside commodes, etc. and (2) disposable supplies like adult diapers, briefs, and wound care items. It is open Mondays 5 – 7 PM and Thursdays 9 - 11 AM. The location is Mt. Tabor UMC in Lacey Spring.

Mission Central Children’s Clothes Closet: gives and receives donations of children’s clothes including winter coats and shoes from sizes infant to 15 years old. New underwear, socks, and undergarments are also received. It is open 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 10 AM – 1 PM; 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 4 – 7 PM; and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 4 – 7 PM.

UPCOMING/ONGOING STUDIES:

TEN COMMANDMENTS STUDY: Thru June 28th, all are invited to the Monday morning Bible study class at 10:00 a.m. for a study by Adam Hamilton that has short videos for each week and a book on the Ten Commandments. Come join us.

The Bible in a Year: KUMC has a Bible reading plan for reading the entire Bible in a year. This plan has four chapters of Bible reading each day: two chapters reading through the Bible; one chapter from Psalms, wisdom, poetry, or instructional materials; and one chapter from the Gospels or Acts. If you do this reading plan you will actually read through the Gospels and Acts three times during the 365 days. Printouts available at KUMC or online at www.keezletownumc.com.

Sunday School Classes include 0 – 2-year-olds – Nursery; 3-year-olds – Kindergarten Class; Grades 1 – 5 Elementary School Class; Middle and High School Class; An adult class; An adult class taught by Chris Cole using *Adult Bible Studies* materials.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Hunter's Driving



Jennifer's men



Cooper's kind award



Marcus Prom



Rylynn is 3 months

A Prayer Upon Waking: Dear God, so far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish, and I'm really glad of that!

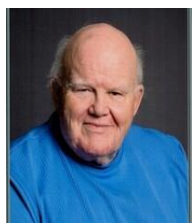
But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen.

MAY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED

REMEMBERING JEANNE: Jeanne Cora Biggs Taylor, 75, of Keezletown, passed away on May 2ND. Jeanne was a sweet, loving, and generous person to everyone and especially to her brother, Billy. She enjoyed gardening, decorating and craft projects. On December 19, 1964 she married Wilson Franklin Taylor, who preceded her in death on April 27, 2010. They enjoyed 46 years of marriage together. Surviving is a son, Michael Taylor and his companion, Jennifer Casteel, of Keezletown; two brothers, Larry Biggs and William "Billy" Biggs, of Harrisonburg; an aunt, Alice Dove, of West Virginia; and a special niece, Becky Olson, of Florida. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 6th at 11:00 am at KUMC.



REMEMBERING "PREACHER DAVE": David Robert Nankivell, Sr., 84, of Keezletown, passed away on Wednesday May 3rd at home. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and served the Shenandoah and Cedar Grove Charges. David was also a member of the Keezletown Ruritan Club for 28 years, and an avid bowler. On December 18, 1960 he married the former Mary Michael, who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Riki Lynn Nankivell, Stacey Anne Shifflett (Robin), Dawn Michele Lantz (Jeff); a son, Kevin Lee Nankivell; six grandchildren, Mollie Marr, Cassandra Nankivell, Corey Shifflett, Hillary Dove, Joshua Shifflett, Miranda Lantz; and four great-grandchildren. A celebration of life was held on Saturday May 13th at 2:00 p.m. at KUMC, with Pastor Joel Robinette officiating. Praise God for the life of "Preacher" Dave.



UWF SERVE: The United Women in Faith served the Mt Crawford Ruritan meeting on May 3rd. Those attending enjoyed Bar-B-Que, corn pudding, green beans, chips, cake/brownies & ice cream, and iced tea. Thank you to all who donated and the four ladies who helped serve.

PLACES YOU CAN SERVE: The following service opportunities are now available in the Church. Please pray about them and volunteer as God leads you: **Maintaining the Road Sign Ministry** and **Greeters** for Sunday morning worship.

FIREFIGHTERS DAY: International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on May 4th to honor and pay tribute to the great work done by firefighters while protecting the life and property of people. Firefighters put their lives at risk, work tirelessly, and volunteer anytime to prevent the damages caused by fire accidents. International Firefighters' Day is celebrated to acknowledge the hard work of past and present firefighters for their selfless contributions in the society. A big THANK YOU to our own **Steve Morris** and **Cameron Bishop**.



UMM SERVE: The United Methodist Men prepared and served a meal for 65 people at the Cross Keys/Mill Creek Ruritan club on Thursday, May 4th. They enjoyed spiral cut ham, white beans, baked apples, tossed salad, and pie for dessert. Thanks to those who donated items or money for this project. The proceeds will go to help pay medical bills for a Keezletown neighbor who was injured in a car accident.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH met on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the church social hall, with fourteen members and one guest present. Judy called the meeting to order and opened with prayer, then led the UWF Statement. Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved and United Methodist Family Services was approved as Mission of the Month. Sherry reported that we had served the Mt Crawford Ruritans on May 3rd. The June meeting is our "Evening Out". Ann will reserve a place. Tia Johnson has purchased a large amount of yarn and donated it to the group to make hats with. May 11th is the District "Evening Together" at Otterbein UMC. Graduates this year to be recognized include seven from high school and four from college. We signed nine greeting cards to be sent. Chris read from the prayer calendar and Judy closed the meeting with prayer. While we were enjoying snacks, Michele passed out pre-made greeting cards to be assembled, while Sherry gathered others to assemble health kits, and flood buckets. Karen and others then assembled the shut in bags. All enjoyed a successful project filled evening, along with good fellowship. Next meeting is June 1st for our "Evening Out".

OFFER THEM CHRIST: On Communion Sunday, May 7th, we gathered to the sounds of "Heavenly Sunlight", "Higher Ground", and "I Need Thee Every Hour", and the bell rang. Pastor Joel gave the preparation for worship and Diana continuing playing with the prelude "Song of India", as Chloe carried in the Light of Christ. Pastor Joel gave the greeting, the announcements, and led the opening prayer. We then sang "Only Trust Him". Diana led the Children's time by handing out napkins and explaining that because Jesus' head linen was folded, that just like us folding our napkin beside our plate, it means He will return to take us home with Him. The choir presented "O Living God", before Pastor Joel read the Gospel Lesson from John 14:1-14, the reassurance. In today's message entitled "For Troubled Hearts", Pastor Joel told of a painting portraying John Wesley sending missionaries to America. His last words to them were "offer them Christ". America was experiencing a lack of ministers. Circuit riders were appointed to go around the country. John 14 is Jesus' reassurance to our troubled hearts, offering Himself. As He helps us here and cares for us, He makes a place for us in our eternal life. Jesus invites us to do all things in His name and God will be glorified. "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" was sung after the message, and before the Time of Prayer. Pastor Joel then led the Affirmation of Faith, the Invitation, the Confession and Pardon, and the Passing of the Peace. As "I Need Thee Every Hour" was played, the offering was collected. After giving the offertory prayer, Pastor Joel led the Great Thanksgiving, the Lord's Prayer, and the Partaking of the Bread and Cup, as "The Church's One Foundation" was played and sung. Our closing hymn was "My Jesus, I Love Thee", followed by Pastor Joel's benediction, and Chloe carrying out the Light of Christ as Diana played "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" as the postlude. **HOW CAN YOU OFFER THEM CHRIST?**

ADMINISTRATIVE CHURCH COUNCIL met at 7:30 p.m. on May 10th, with 15 members, 7 guests, and Pastor Joel present. Susan called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel led the opening prayer. March meeting minutes and Treasurer's report were both read and approved. There was a discussion concerning inviting the District Superintendent to come and talk with the church family about what is involved in disaffiliation. It was noted that there is a lot of fear and concern, and that by having the DS come, he may be able to allay some of that concern by answering the questions presented. Council members voted anonymously, 10 to 5 for asking the DS to come. Jenny Dillard was approved as Chair Person for the Staff Parish Committee. Jenn Robinette gave a brief report of the Conference meeting that voted to allow 64 area churches to disaffiliate. Scott reported for the UMM that they would serve the "Red Hats" on Tuesday, May 16th; and will also provide a chicken barbeque and the sides at our Outdoor Worship on June 25th. Mike reported for the Trustees that the parsonage fence has been repaired; and that the organ speaker vibration problem is not repairable due to its interaction with the drywall. Sherry reported for the Missions committee that the kits will be dedicated on May 28th; and that "Undie Sunday" kickoff will be June 25th. Other thoughts for later in the year were a Movie Nite Fund Raiser, a Christmas Hymn Sing and Social, and an Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser. Cathy reported that there will be a Mother's Day and Father's Day celebration during the Sunday school hours; and that Vacation Bible School is set for June 21st-22nd, but that they still need volunteers. Carolyn Baker was approved to be Membership Secretary. In Pastor Joel's report, he noted the deaths of Jeanne Taylor and Rev David Nankivell Sr, the transfer of membership by Barrett Bowman to KUMC, and that Bob and Susie Hill would be joining KUMC on May 14th by reaffirmation of faith. He will be taking online courses for continuing education units from May 15th to 18th. Virginia Annual Conference is June 14th-17th in Roanoke. He will be taking a week of vacation from June 26th thru July 2nd. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church library.

MOTHER'S DAY: On Sunday, May 14th, the Church hosted a "Muffins with Mom" breakfast. We had over 30 people in attendance. We had a great breakfast and a lot of fellowship. Sherry Summers took pictures of Moms-whether it was with their children or their Church family. Pastor Joel led us in a prayer and after having a great breakfast, that included muffins, donuts, fruit, and Scott Dodrill's cinnamon rolls, Dale Dodrill talked about the meaning of Mother's Day and how it got started. It was started in Grafton, West Virginia by Ann Reeves Jarvis and Anna Jarvis. Karen Mooney then read an article that she had found about Mothers. She and Sharen Martin sang a song, written by Sharon, about Mothers. In closing us out for the breakfast, Tanya Eppard read a devotional. All had a great time.



"The hardest 3 things to say: 1. I was wrong. 2. I need help. 3. Worcestershire sauce." From Mindful Christianity Today

CAN I GET A WITNESS? May 14th, Happy Mother's Day, we gathered to worship as Carol played "Just a Closer Walk With Thee", "My Task", and "He Touched Me", and the bell rang. Pastor Joel gave the greeting and announcements before Carol played "When You Pray" as the prelude and Haiden carried in the Light of Christ. Pastor Joel led the responsive reading Call to Worship before Karen Mooney and Sharon Martin came to share a beautiful acapella rendition of "Scars in Heaven". We passed the Peace and then sang "Happy the Home When God is There", followed by Pastor Joel showing the children what Greek writing looked like and asking them to read it. Tanya then read the New Testament Lesson from Acts 1:6-14, where Jesus returns to the disciples. "You Will Be a Witness" was the title of Pastor Joel's message which began with wishing all of the Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. He then talked about how the Jarvises of West Virginia had started Mother's Day to show that women can be a powerful and strong force as witnesses for peace. Children hear, see, and remember the lives they see us live. We are a witness in how we live. We are surrounded by witnesses, some good, some bad. We need, the world needs, faithful witnesses that show God's love. God will restore His power at His time. We are asked to be witnesses of the love and grace of Jesus Christ, telling, testifying, as to what Jesus has done for us and others, wherever, and whenever we are asked to share. Be a witness.



Robert Floyd Hill and Susan MacPhail Hill (Bob and Susie to all of us) then came forward, along with their family, to Reaffirm their Faith and join KUMC. It was a lovely celebration and when they dipped their fingers in the water, Susie drew a cross on Bob's forehead, and he did the same for her. It was a very loving moment. The Church family was invited to come forward and dip their fingers in the fount as we sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name". The Morning Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer preceded the Offering collection when Carol played "His Name is Wonderful". Our closing hymn was "Because He Lives", followed by Pastor Joel's benediction and Haiden carrying out the Light of Christ as Carol played "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name". **GO AND BE A WITNESS.**

"RED HATS" ARE SERVED: The United Methodist Men served 25 lovely ladies from the "Red Hats" organization on Tuesday, May 16th in the church social hall. They enjoyed a pork tenderloin meal with mixed vegetables, baked apples, and scalloped potatoes, followed by pound cake and ice cream for dessert. The proceeds from this project will go to meet our goal to help the community family with medical bills.

***** MAY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- 20 [Serve Salvation Army](#)
- 21 [United Methodist Men Meeting, 8:00 a.m.](#)

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. SERVICE OF HOPE
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message: Guest speaker, Michele Dodrill
 More Sessions of the UMC and Disaffiliation @ 5:00 p.m.
- 22 "Ten Commandments Study" 10:00 a.m.
 Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 a.m.
 Ark Encounter Pre-trip meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Gifts from the Holy Spirit" from 1 Corinthians 12:3-13
 More Sessions of the UMC and Disaffiliation @ 5:00 p.m.
- 29 Memorial Day

PASTOR'S SURVIVAL KIT:

Lifesavers: for all the times you have been a lifesaver

Gum: to help the church stick together

Tootsie roll: to remind you of the essential "role" you play

Mounds: for the mounds of courage you have to be a great leader of faith

Kitkat: sometimes pastors need a break too!

Starburst: to give you a burst of energy as you work fervently to answer God's calling.

*** JUNE EVENTS HAPPENING***

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	21 years
June 5, 2004	Scott & Kelly Sprague	19 years
June 5, 2010	Bryan & Laura Wamsley	13 years
June 8, 1985	Phillip & Cheryl Carr	38 years

June 11, 2016	Chrisley & Teresa Simmers	7 years
June 12, 2021	Steve & Marie (Siler) Hardin	2 years
June 14, 1980	Neil & Carol Sacra	43 years
June 14, 1980	Mike & Sherry Summers	43 years
June 21, 2003	Ben & Leslie Pellegrin	20 years
June 22, 2002	Rick & Tammy Layman	21 years
June 24, 2006	David & Beth Cole	17 years
June 24, 2000	Joel & Jenn Robinette	23 years
June 25, 1956	Richard & Faye Higgs	67 years
June 28, 1973	E.L. & Diana Davis	50 years
June 28, 1980	Wes & Ann Ford	43 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 43 years on June 14th

Mike & Sherry Summers for 43 years on June 14th

Wes & Ann Ford for 43 years on June 28th

E.L. & Diana Davis for 50 years on June 28th

Richard & Faye Higgs for 67 years on June 25th

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

JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

Ways to serve in June: Relay for Life 6/3; Undie Sunday Kickoff 6/25; Kingsway Meals 3rd Thursday; Salvation Army Meal 3rd Saturday

Summer Camp at Camp Overlook: Camp Overlook has many opportunities for summer camp for those entering grades 1 – 12. Talk to Jenny Dillard about discounts and scholarships. There are flyers at the church and you can visit the Camp Overlook website at campoverlook.org.

Cedar Grove UMC in Harrisonburg will be having its final Worship Service on Sunday, **June 4th** at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend. This is a congregation that Rev David Nankivell served as a pastor.

2023 Annual Conference Offering #NurturingTogether: The VA Conference of the United Methodist Church is one of the largest annual conferences of the UMC. We can significantly impact the world when we all come together around a purpose. The groups and ministries supported by the offering change each year, but the goal remains the same: to assist people and ministries, both domestic and international. The goal of the offering for 2023 is \$150,000. This year you are invited to the initiative to #nurture leadership worldwide! The VA Conference will support Refugee Resettlement, Food Insecurity in the Commonwealth, and Partnerships of Hope's leadership programs in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Native Americans, Haiti, and Vietnam through this offering. The offering will be collected on **June 11th** and taken to the VA Annual Conference.

Donuts for Dads: On Father's Day, **June 18th**, we will celebrate dads with some refreshments and fellowship at 9:45 a.m. No Sunday school on this day.

Congregational Meeting on Disaffiliation Information: KUMC will have a congregational meeting on Monday, **June 19th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to receive information and ask questions to our District Superintendent Rev Victor Gomez on the process for disaffiliation from the UMC. This is step one in the disaffiliation process and is beginning step for the congregation to discern if it will remain UMC or disaffiliate.

Pets Unleashed Vacation Bible School will be held for two evenings on **June 21st-22nd**, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at KUMC. Mark your calendar.

Outdoor Worship and BBQ Chicken Picnic: will be Sunday, **June 25th** at the Keezletown Ruritan Picnic Shelter at 11:00 a.m. Following worship, the Keezletown UMM will prepare a BBQ Chicken meal for a free-will offering for missionary John NDay's priorities for expanded irrigation and an egg incubator. No Sunday School that day. Desserts are requested.

- 1 UMM Serve Cross Keys Ruritans
UWF "Evening Out" @ Francesco's in Bridgewater @ 6:30p.m.
- 3 RELAY FOR LIFE at Rockingham Co Fairgrounds 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 4 Small Group Leaders Gatherings, 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. GRADUATE RECOGNITION
"Disciples Path" class begins during Sunday School
Worship, 11:00 a.m. Communion Sunday; Message: "Beginning" From Gen 1:1-2:4
Cedar Grove UMC Closing Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Worship Planning, 9:00 a.m.
"Ten Commandments Study" 10:00 a.m.
Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 a.m.
- 7-11 PASTOR JOEL ON VACATION
- 11 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Wanting a Word" by Jenny Dillard from Jeremiah 29:11
Special offering taken for Va Annual Conference
Annual Conference Laity Session via Zoom, 3:00 p.m.
- 12 "Ten Commandments Study" 10:00 a.m.
- 13-16 Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Bus Trip
- 14-17 VA Annual Conference in Roanoke
- 15 Serve Kingsway
- 16 Newsletter items due
- 17 Serve Salvation Army
- 18 United Methodist Men Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. ; Father's Day "Donuts for Dads" celebration
Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Father Abraham" from Gen 18:1-15
- 19 "Ten Commandments Study" 10:00 a.m.
District Supt Gomez will discuss disaffiliation in sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.
- 21 SUMMER BEGINS
- 21-22 PETS UNLEASHED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 23 Keezletown Ruritan Cruise In
- 24 Keezletown Ruritan Lawn Party
- 25 Outdoor Worship at Ruritan Park--UMM doing chicken bbq and sides
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; "Undie Sunday" Kickoff
Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Dead to Sin and Alive in God" from Romans 6:1-11

DALE'S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

June 18th is Father's Day. I read this devotional and decided to share it this month. A father and his young son returned home after a trip to the grocery store. The son loved being with his dad and wanted to help him finish the chore. In fact, he wanted to carry the largest bag, which was much too heavy for his son's arms. The father had a simple solution. He put the bag in his son's arms and then picked him up and carried both inside. What a lovely picture of how our Heavenly Father works within us. He loves our willingness to take on any assignment. But He knows what we can and cannot do in our strength. When the load is too heavy, the assignment too big. He honors our willing spirit by lifting us up and allowing us to do His work. He empowers us to accomplish more than we can in our own strength. Do all you can, but realize it is God's power working through you that makes the difference. Dear God, I can accomplish great things with You working in and through me. Amen.

THE CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD

Kendra Dodrill was named to the 2023 spring semester Dean's List at Bridgewater College. She is a family and consumer science major.

Leigha Dillard was named to the 2023 spring semester Dean's List at Bridgewater College. She is a biochemistry major at Bridgewater.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2023 Graduates: High School: **Gabe Deets, Mackenzie Hall, Marcus Hall, Joe Johnson Jr, Grady McGlaughlin, Reese Pellegrin, and Carson Pusey**; College: **Emily Carr, Brianna Roach, Julie Zylich, and Sean Zylich**. (More in the June N/L)

E-MAIL OR REGULAR MAIL: I would like to offer to anyone that would like it, the availability of receiving their newsletter via e-mail rather than the Postal Service each month. If you would like to try this, please e-mail me at AntDyna@comcast.net, with your request. Please put Newsletter in the subject line.

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Tips from Grandma

Don't go where you're not invited.

Don't talk about what you don't know.

Don't open the fridge in other people's house.

Don't call someone after nine o'clock at night.

Don't visit someone at lunch.

Don't enter other people's bedroom without permission.

Always flush the toilet when you use it.

Always, always ~ speak the truth.

Please & Thank You are good words ~ use them often.

Love the soul of people, not their physical ~ it is what is inside that matters.

Be kind to your fellow humans & all living things.
Give from the little you have, expect return.
Be conscious of your words ~ they matter!
Wake up & be grateful.
Pray daily, because prayer brings peace to our heart & soul.

MY PERSONAL NOTE:

She walked out of the chemo area smiling, followed by a number of nurses. Her husband and daughter were waiting for her. I didn't know why they were gathering...until...I heard the bell ring three times, then the applause, then a fourth ring. Then it hit me, and the tears flowed down my cheek. The smiles, the hugs, the pictures, the joy—it was a beautiful, uplifting, heart-warming experience, even from across the room. One day, God willing, all of those now fighting, will ring the Victory bell. *Diana*

Editor's Note

The June deadline for submissions is June 16th . 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.

THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR
WAKING ME UP THIS MORNING.