

# MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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When people saw a barren woman in Sarah, God saw the mother of all nations. When people saw a poor young shepherd in David, God saw a mighty King of Israel. When people saw a poor prisoner in Joseph, God saw a powerful minister in Egypt. It's not about what people see. It's what God sees in you that matters.

**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

**ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE:** To give through the church website, click on <https://tithe.ly/give?c=6261418> and use the **Tithely Giving App**, Download the Tithely App from the [App Store](#) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android), select your church, create an account, and add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking info. Once your account has been created, you won't need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give! A reminder, you can set your gift up as recurring. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us back and we'd be happy to assist you further! Thank you for your generosity and partnering with us to build the kingdom. **If you wish to continue giving by check, the address is: KUMC, 1456 Indian Trail Rd, Keezletown VA 22832**

## **OUR PASTOR CHATS**

Wrestling with God for 40 Days in Prayer is a call for Keezletown United Methodist Church to pray like Jacob did when God sneak-attacked him in the middle of the night and Jacob held on until morning, not letting go until God would bless him. It is a call to hold on in prayer for God's direction and next steps to live into our mission as KUMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world. The 40 days for prayer will be July 16 – August 24, 2023. There are notebooks available at KUMC which were decorated by the youth Sunday school class and they are for writing down thoughts, ideas, and inspiration from God during these 40 days. The Pray Every Day resource will have ways to pray during this time and one thing included are questions to seek after God and which can be journaled about in your notebook. These questions come from Bishop William Willimon and are: Where is the hope for our congregation? Lord, what are your plans for us now? How can our congregation discover what Christ is up to in our neighborhood and how can we hitch on to what Christ is doing? What part of your mission, Jesus, have you assigned to our congregation? How can we stop doing some of the things we have been doing so we can start doing some of the things God wants us to do? What are some appropriate goals and mission strategies for us in this moment? What sort of pastoral leadership is required now to keep up with Christ as he strides into his future? There will be in-person prayer times during the 40 days at KUMC on Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Let us pray!

*Pastor Joel*

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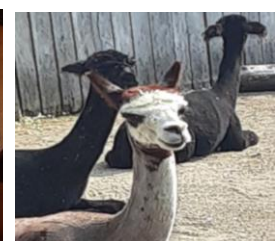
## **\*\*\*JUNE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**Look out Kentucky--here comes Keezletown!** On Tuesday, June 13th, a bus load of 34 people pulled out of the church parking lot at 8am just after Pastor Joel came aboard to give us a send-off prayer! For lunch we stopped at a Shoney's. We'd given them a 90 minute warning and they had a back room ready for us. A few folks ate the buffet but most ordered from the menu. Ninety minutes later the menu folks FINALLY received their food...all except Susie, poor woman! In the interest of time someone at the table shared with her. Thank goodness supper at Logan's Roadhouse went much smoother. We arrived at our Holiday Inn hotel at 7:30 pm and were met by Diamond Tours personnel who had our labeled room keys and the hotel had folks there to help with luggage. On Wednesday morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we headed to The Ark Encounter. One can know the dimensions but until seeing the finished

product and going inside, it's really impressive! Noah and his "boys" must have been incredibly strong to cut the timber and put it together.



Then there is all the food and grain which Mrs. Noah and the daughters-in-law had to gather and store! So many clay jars had to be made to feed and water the animals as well as the humans. That evening supper was at an Italian restaurant named Buca di Beppo. It had an eclectic Italian atmosphere. The meal was served family style, and plenty of it!



Thursday morning after breakfast we went to the Creation Museum. The gardens were lovely and inside there was lots of information on dragons! The museum circled around and around showing the chronological order of creation.



We left a bit early so everyone would have time for a nap, swim or shower before leaving for the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati where Diamond Tours treated us to a banquet meal. There were four other tour groups and afterwards there was a fun DJ playing dance music and a dance floor. He played “the twist”, the “electric slide” and so on.



The last 20 minutes was spent thanking our former military personnel in the room. Our own Kennis Armentrout was among the 10-12 men asked to come to the front. A long line formed to shake these men’s hands and tell them how appreciated they are for their service.



Friday morning after breakfast we left the hotel headed for home! We decided to eat a late lunch at 1:30 and skip stopping for supper. We arrived back at the church parking lot at 5:55 pm. A special thank you to our terrific bus driver, Andy Miller! He encouraged us to sing on the way home and as we were singing Old McDonald, Andy said “hummingbird”! No one was sure exactly how to “do” a hummingbird. Also thanks to The Wishing Well for arranging the bus company and restaurants. Many of the non-KUMC folks on the trip said we were a fun bunch and would gladly go on another trip with us!



**DONUTS FOR DADS:** During the Sunday School hour on June 18<sup>th</sup>, all the men of the Church were celebrated with donuts and snacks. Jenny provided a history of Father’s Day and told some “Dad jokes”. Cathy, Karen, and Sharon helped with the refreshments. Thanks, Dads, for all you do.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY:** We gathered to worship on June 18<sup>th</sup> as Diana played “Just a Little Talk with Jesus”, “Come Away With Me”, and “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” before Cathy gave the announcements and the bell rang. Ryan carried in the Light of Christ as Diana played “Abba, Father” as the prelude. Cathy gave the opening prayer, we passed the peace, then sang “This Is My Father’s World”. Diana talked during Children’s Time about prayers and how they are answered. Sherry came to read the Old Testament Lesson from Genesis 18:1-15, Abraham’s visitors. Pastor Joel spoke on “Father Abraham”, who can be considered a father to all of us in faith, because he welcomed all that God was bringing and believed with hope. God is inviting Abraham to a life with Him, the Creator, trusting Him. In today’s scripture, Abraham welcomes three visitors with hospitality, food, water, feet washing, not knowing they were God as humans. God comes to us now as strangers. We need to be careful how we judge strangers. God blessed Abraham so he could bless others. He blesses us to bless others. Think about how you can be a blessing to others. The singing of “To God Be the Glory” followed the message. Cathy led the Time of Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, before the collection of two offerings, one for camper support, and the regular offering, as Diana played “Father, I Adore You”, and Cathy led the offertory prayer. The service was concluded with the singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing”. Cathy gave the benediction, and Ryan carried out the Light of Christ as Diana played “Count Your Blessings” as the postlude. Sharon and Karen passed out cookies to all the men as they left.

**STRANGERS MAY BE ANGELS.**



*Cory*



*Cameron*



*Steve*



*John/Leonard*



*Guy*



*Donnie*



*Frank*



*Scott/Robert*

### **CELEBRATING A NEW BABY:**

June 20th to Bryan and Laura proud and helpful. The family Athens WV 24712. Madison is Ford.



Madison Ann Wamsley was born on Wamsley. Big brother Ben is very recently moved to 4587 Hinton Rd, the granddaughter of Wes and Ann

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our first Vacation Bible School since Covid was held Wednesday and Thursday, June 21st & 22nd. Our theme for the two nights was "Pets Unleashed, Where Jesus Cares 'Fur' You". We had 14 children attend, ages ranging from 3 to 15 years. There was a lot of fun activities and learning about Jesus both nights. Sherry was our check-in person, greeting all the children and making sure we had their paperwork. Jenny taught us some new songs, such as "God Is Listening" and a new spin on some old ones, such as "Jesus Loves Me"-which we performed at the outdoor picnic that Sunday. We had a visitor each night right after our songs named Goldie, and she shared her adventures with her dog named Rover. Pastor Joel led the Bible Study, talking about how Jesus cares for us, and taught the children "Thank You" in sign language, that Jesus cares for us, that we are the salt and light of the world, the Golden Rule, and how God cares for birds, plants, and us, and that He cares even when we sin. Sharon and Karen led the craft time, where we made dog toys and bird feeders. Carol and Denise hosted snack time, with themed snacks around pets and drinks. Jenny and Scott taught us new games that were themed around pets. At the end of each night, we sang the songs we sang at the beginning of each night. Some additional things that we did-Pastor Joel showed us a video by John NDay, talking about the irrigation expansion and the egg incubator we were taking the offering for. We collected \$100.00 for the project. We had several visitors-Piper and Glock-both dogs, Bubble, a chicken, and Hershey-a ferret. It was a great time for all of us, especially the 14 children who attended. A big thank you to Jenny, Scott Sherry, Pastor Joel, Sharon, Karen, Carol, Denise, Michele, Alissa and Cathy for making VBS a success!





**OUTDOOR CELEBRATION:** We gathered under the Keezletown Ruritan pavilion shelter on the lovely Sunday morning of June 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the closing the Vacation Bible School. Pastor Joel gave the welcome and announcements, and we passed the peace. Jenny explained that VBS this year was for two evenings and was called “Pets Unleashed, Where Jesus Cares “Fur” You”, and that an offering was taken for



Missionary John NDay’s irrigation and incubation projects in Mozambique. The children then came forward and presented the songs “God Is Listening” and a different rendition of “Jesus

Loves Me”. Denise and Cathy then gave a short skit on “Goldie’s Golden Heart”, followed by “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”. Pastor Joel read from Romans 6:1-11, dying to sin and living. The message was entitled “Dead to Sin and Alive in God”. He began by thanking everyone for attending today and for their attendance at VBS. It was the first VBS since the pandemic and fourteen children attended. During the two nights they learned “Thank You” in sign language, which he proceeded to teach all in attendance; that Jesus cares for us; that we are the salt and light of the world; the Golden Rule; how God cares for birds, plants, and us; and that He cares even when we sin. During baptism we are washed free of our sins. Keep living and walking with Jesus and His grace continues to forgive us and lets us forgive others. God has made you, Jesus has forgiven you, and the Holy Spirit empowers you to share peace and love. The Lord’s Prayer followed the message. As the offering was being collected, all sang “Amazing Grace”, and Pastor Joel gave the offertory prayer, the benediction, and the blessing over the food prepared by



the UMM. All enjoyed a lovely meal of bar-b-que'd chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, and assorted desserts and drinks. **DIE TO SIN SO YOU MAY LIVE.**

**DISAFFILIATION RESULTS:** After an information session with District Supt Victor Gomez at 7:00 p.m. on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Church Council of KUMC met Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to consider the next steps, with seventeen members present, and fifteen Church members present. The Church Council voted 14-3 to not move forward with the disaffiliation process. We have put a lot of energy, time, prayer, conversation, and study into talking about the United Methodist Church and what is going on with disaffiliation for the last four months. Next will come a time to care for one another and turn our energies again into making disciples of Jesus Christ for those at KUMC and those in our community who need Jesus.

**CELEBRATING AN ENGAGEMENT:** Marcus Hall and Brett Cynthia Watson became engaged on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Marcus is the grandson of Becky Ryman and is serving in the Marines. Congratulations and best wishes.

**District Champions:** Your Keezletown Minor's (10u) All Stars won the District 4 Championship with their 12-4 victory over West Augusta on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Our very own Carson Guilliams is a member of the team. These boys have represented themselves, and Keezletown Baseball, like true champions. They have consistently demonstrated great sportsmanship and we hope they are as proud of themselves as we all are of them. Go KTown!!



#### TO MAKE YOU LAUGH (OR GIGGLE):

I did some mechanics work today—I put a rear end in a recliner!

If you put a flannel shirt on your cat, does it make it a plaid-a-puss?

Be careful when you eat Navy beans...you might get a dishonorable discharge.

Stealing someone's coffee is called mugging.

The other day I held the door open for a clown. It was a nice jester.

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

**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 loans 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10 AM – 1 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 4 – 7 PM; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 4 – 7 PM.

## **UPCOMING/ONGOING STUDIES:**

**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](http://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.

## **FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



Happy Bd Barbara Cooper State bound H Bday Lynette Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Adalida Betsy and Dale

## **MORE TO MAKE YOU LAUGH (OR GIGGLE):**

Five ants moved into an apartment with five other ants---now they are tenants.

Pasteurize: too far to see.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

Whoever invented "Knock-Knock" jokes should get a no-bell prize.

Energizer bunny arrested: charged with battery.

## **\*\*\* JULY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**A WELCOME MAT AND A PINEAPPLE:** We gathered on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate freedom and worship, as Diana played "For the Beauty of the Earth", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "America", and the bell rang. Leonard prepared us for worship and Diana played "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" as the prelude, as Haiden carried in the Light of Christ. Leonard led the opening prayer "For Our Country", we passed the peace, and sang "America the Beautiful". Diana talked to the children during their time about planting seeds and watching them grow and how it takes time for our faith seeds to grow. Cathy Sites Chouiniere was the guest speaker today and read from Matthew

10:40-42, welcoming visitors. Her message was entitled “The Welcome Mat and the Pineapple”. She began with Chapter 10 in Matthew where it talks about Jesus giving the disciples healing powers and telling them to go and share. He sends them out with nothing so that they would have to depend on the hospitality of others. We must be care-givers and care-receivers. What is a doormat? It’s a way to keep dirt out or a sign of welcome to come in. Our all were welcome in our do with it? In 1493 hundred years later they were of hospitality. Pineapples were added to fence posts and décor as a sign of welcoming. We welcome, we give, we don’t do it for praise, but for God. Our first step of hospitality may be the love that is God reaching that person. “How Great Thou Art” was sung after the message, followed by Leonard leading the Time of Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, and the collection of the offering, as Diana played “God of the Ages”. Our closing hymn was “My Country Tis of Thee”. Cathy led the benediction, and Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, as Diana played the refrain from “Battle Hymn of the Republic” as the postlude. **PUT OUT YOUR WELCOME MAT.**



**BIG K DINER:** On a hot, but beautiful Sunday evening, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, tents were set up in front of the church. Darryl with the Relay grill was turning out hotdogs, and Joe had a fryer behind it making French fries—YUM! Everyone was invited inside to the air-conditioned social hall where Jenny and others had set up places to enjoy those dogs and fries, along with all kinds of condiments, and drinks. And then to top it off, there were homemade sundaes with all the fixin’s--sundaes on Sunday—YUM! There were people taking orders outside, and then getting them ready for takeout. There were people putting hotdogs on buns, and carrying in the dogs and fries. And there were people just sitting and chatting and enjoying being with each other. The freewill offering that was taken netted close to \$1000 for our camper kids. Thank you to all the hard workers, and to all the givers, for a successful BIG K DINER.

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY:** I do not know your name—Nor for which battle you died. I do not know your home, Nor the tears that were cried. I do not know where you rest—Nor the promises broken. I do not know your uniform And your fears lay unspoken. But, I know your spirit exists—That you courage is admired, And your sacrifice is honored By each soul that’s inspired. And I offer you for my heart Thank you, to guardians unknown For offering yourselves for us all That we may keep freedom...Our home. Bless you. =Sherrie Ball

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** met July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church social hall with 14 members present. Judy called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Diana led devotions by reading “Red Skelton’s Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance”. Cheryl gave the Financial report. For the Mission of the Month, the group voted to give \$200.00 to Camp Scholarships, and a gift card to Bryan and Laura Wamsley in honor of Madison Ann, born June 20<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl reported that we still need flowers a number of Sundays. Sherry reported that 16 school kits can be completed, and asked if we would donate part of the extra supplies to Camp Overlook, mostly pencils and crayons, and if we would collect to make kits for Artie at MCCC to give out to the young children. We agreed. September 17<sup>th</sup> was set as UWF Sunday. Judy reminded everyone that the August meeting/picnic would be held at her home on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at

6:30 p.m., with the group buying chicken and providing the rest. Spouses and guests are welcome to come. Chris read from the prayer calendar, before we signed cards, and wrote on cards to be attached to the 22 shut in bags that were being assembled after the meeting. With no further business, we read a prayer for our country, our leaders, and our troops. Next meeting will be Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Judy Coffman's home.

## **FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Waylon fishin'*



*Dales' deers*



*Triton & Rylynn*



*Bwater orienting*



*Hail 6/26*

Did you know there were five constipated men in the Bible? 1. Cain—he wasn't able. 2. Moses—he took two tablets. 3. Balaam—he had trouble with his ass. 4. Solomon—he sat on the throne for 40 years. 5. David—no power on earth or in heaven could move him. Love God's humor! Hahaha

## **IN HONOR OF OUR OWN, STEVE MORRIS:**

WHAT IS A FIREMAN? He's the guy next door—a man's man with the memory of a little boy. He never got over the excitement of engines and sirens and smoke and danger. He's a guy like you and me with warts and worries and unfilled dreams. Yet he stands taller than most of us. He's a fireman. He puts it all on the line when the bell rings. A fireman is at once the most fortunate and the least fortunate of men. He's a man who saves lives because he has seen too much death. He's a gentle man because he has seen too much of the awesome power of violent forces out of control. He's responsive to a child's laughter because his arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again. He's a man who appreciates the simpler pleasures of life...hot coffee held in numbed, unbending fingers...the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke-and-fire convulsed lungs...a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling...the camaraderie of brave men...the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men. He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities. When he marches, it is to honor a fallen comrade. He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man. He lives it. =Anon



July 7<sup>th</sup> was Steve's last day in the office—his official retirement date is August 1<sup>st</sup>. He says he is ready for this major life change, and ready to follow where God will lead him. He says he has been honored to serve the City of Harrisonburg with so many great people for the past 25 years, current and retired. CONGRATULATIONS, Steve. We are so proud of you and wish you the very best in whatever God leads you to do.

## **KEEZLETOWN ALL STARS WIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:**

"INTEGRITY, LEADERSHIP, RESPECT" these are a few of the words that were used by the Babe Ruth official to describe your Keezletown (10u) All Stars when they were presented with the 2023 Don Rose Memorial State Commissioner's Sportsmanship Award. This is a BIG DEAL. The Babe Ruth official also specifically mentioned the coaches' direction and leadership. Way to represent yourselves! We couldn't be any more

proud of Carson, his K-Town 10U Allstar Baseball Team, their coaches, and their Bat Boy, Conner. These guys played their hearts out at the Cal Ripkin State Tournament at the Town of Wise, Virginia Sports Sports Complex this past Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. While they didn't win the State Tournament, the team did end up 2-2 there and ended up 11-2 overall in their season. One of their State Tournament wins was against the previous state champs Glen Allen. I'm sure there is disappointment on behalf of the players and coaches because their run at the Virginia State Championship has come to an end after a tough loss today July 8<sup>th</sup>, but we truly hope that winning this prestigious award lessens the sting. You are champions to us. WAY TO GO CARSON, AND TEAM. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.



**Undie Sunday Kickoff:** July 9<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of collections of boys and girls underwear and socks for MCCC. We will be collecting thru August 13<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot shop, please contact Linda Liskey and she will shop for you. Thank you for your generosity.



**Boy Scout Troop 1** - Broadway, VA, are off having a great week of July 9<sup>th</sup> at Camp T. Brady Saunders! Merit badge classes, camp-wide competitions, and good food are making this a very memorable week! Good job Leader Scott Sprague and Scout Ryan.

**REMEMBERING AL LISKEY:** On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Alan Joseph Liskey (Al), longtime Church family member, community member, and friend to many, went to be with his wife and Savior. He was proceeded in death by his wife Jackie and parents David Hunter Liskey and Evangeline Joseph Liskey, two brothers, David and Jim Liskey and sister Eva Jo Kelly. He is survived by his brothers Richard and John S. Liskey and sister Laura Lynn Travers. Married on May 18, 1956, Al and Jacquelyn Ditzler Liskey, "Jackie", raised their children: Joe (Alan J. Liskey Jr.) and Linda of Keezletown; Lynn Siler of Rockingham; and John William Liskey and Anne of Weyers Cave. One son, preceded his father in death, George Hunter Liskey and Kathy (who survives). Al farmed for forty plus years, enjoyed woodworking and carpentry in his shop, loved being outdoors on a good day of fishing, and carried on the home butchering traditions. He was a lifetime 50 year member of the Keezletown Ruritan Club and served as a trustee at Keezletown UMC for over 30 years. Al was blessed with grandchildren: Sarah Liskey Crisman (Wes); Lee Siler (Amanda); Mary Liskey Combs (Brent); Marie Siler Hardin (Steve); Michael Hunter Liskey (Brittney); Dale Patrick Liskey (and fiancé Tami); Julia Faith Liskey; and Scott William Liskey. Preceding his grandfather in death was Jared Robert Liskey; and great-grandchildren: Annalie Sky Crisman; Creed Marshall Combs; Oktober Rayne Liskey; Caleb Michael Combs; Leah Brooke Siler; Andrea Mae Crisman; Austyn Carol Crisman; Owen Hunter Liskey; Cora Joseph Combs; Joseph Alexander Liskey; Adalida Irene Crisman; and Benny Simmons Liskey. His grand-daughter said it best: "Over the years I most often heard people describe my grandfather as gruff. He was a man that demanded your attention and respect. When he talk you listen and taught us kids more life lessons then we will ever know. The suspender/ overall wearing farmer loved with a heart of gold. A man of few words but he told the best stories. He loved to tease and pick and even over the last years when his memory failed him, you could still catch glimpses of mischief in his eyes. He is healed, his memories restored, and he was reunited with the love of his life! Granddaddy you will be greatly missed!"

**Administrative Council** met July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall with 17 members present. Susan called the meeting to order. Pastor Joel gave a brief devotion concerning trying to heal any wounds that may have been caused by the disaffiliation discussions or by the possibility of some folks leaving the church, by using kindness and understanding, and by remembering that Jesus will be with us always.

Judy reported for the UWF they had given to Camper scholarships; completed 25 bags for shut-ins for July 4<sup>th</sup>; would be leading the service on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>; that there was a need for flowers for the altar; and that the Aug 3rd meeting would be a picnic at Judy's home at 6:30 and that spouses were invited. Scott reported for the UMM a successful chicken BBQ for the outdoor worship service and that \$781 was collected for John NDay. Their next meeting is July 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike spoke for the Trustees and advised that the ant problem seems to be under control; that the garage needs to be looked at for ant issues; and that the water stains on the sanctuary ceiling seem to be coming from sweating ductwork. A walk thru of the parsonage revealed older items that need addressing, such as carpeting and flooring, and replacement smoke alarms. Scott advised that he needs to replace some switches in the sanctuary (mainly the one that works the light behind the cross) and get some more new fluorescent tubes. Sherry reported for Missions that Relay for Life was a success; that Mike and Sherry delivered 18 flood buckets, 12 Feminine hygiene kits, and 62 health kits to Annual Conference; Vacation Bible School had 14 children and collected \$118 for John NDay. Undie Sunday is coming in August. The UWF will be donating extra school supplies to Camp Overlook. Artie Frederick at MCCC would like us to do school kits for them to give to the young children, which we will collect in August. We are also doing shut in bags, Kingsway meals, and possibly an upcoming gleaning project with another organization. Carolyn reported for Membership that there are a number of blanks after many of the names on the role and she is working hard to try to obtain the information. Cathy spoke for Education and advised that VBS was a success and made an impact. Small group meetings will resume on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 a.m. Jenny spoke for SPRC and advised that a Pastor review, as well as a review of the work Scott Sprague and Lynn are doing, was completed with all positive findings. Scott is continuing to need a few people to learn how to do the video work—please contact him if interested. Denise Sites was nominated for Chairman of the Safety Committee and was approved. Pastor Joel started his report by suggesting “A Call to Wrestle with God for 40 Days in Prayer” from July 16-August 17, meeting at KUMC to pray on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. He continued by saying he was honored to be starting his twelfth year at KUMC. Worship planning has asked that announcements be returned to after the welcome and before the prelude, to allow all to be settled and listening. Our Charge Conference will be Sept 5<sup>th</sup>; please mark your calendar. Rev Sue MacTavish, pastor at St Paul UMC in Elkton (where Rev Dave Nankivell served), has expressed interest in our congregations doing something together, possibly WOW services. The next meeting date was set for Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

### **\*\*\*JULY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE\*\*\***

- 16     **United Methodist Men Meeting, 8:00 a.m.**  
        **Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.**  
        **Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message:**
- 23     **Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.**  
        **Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message:**  
        **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (UMCOR)**
- 30     **Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.**  
        **Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message:**

### **MORE TO MAKE YOU LAUGH (OR GIGGLE):**

**I put my Grandma on speed dial—I call that “Instagram”.**

**The scarecrow won an award because he was outstanding in his field.**

Every morning when I take my pet cow to the vineyard, I herd it thru the grapevine.  
 If you accidentally rub ketchup in your eyes, do you have Heinz sight?  
 If your dog is running a fever, go buy some mustard and put it on him. Mustard always makes  
 a hot dog better.

### \*\*\* AUGUST EVENTS HAPPENING\*\*\*

#### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1	Jim Dillard	Aug 20	Jackie Liskey
Aug 4	Susan Threewitts	Aug 23	Brian Zylich
Aug 4	Connor Miller	Aug 24	Abigail Welsh
Aug 6	Hayley Johnson	Aug 25	Elinor Botkin
Aug 6	Adam Ford	Aug 25	Jeb Painter
Aug 7	Carol Sacra	Aug 27	Darryl Eppard
Aug 10	Creed Combs	Aug 28	Carmella Bahle
Aug 12	Samuel Ramsey	Aug 29	Amy Wigington
Aug 13	Erin Werner	Aug 31	Kendra Dodrill
Aug 14	David Reed	Aug 31	Carson Pusey
Aug 16	E.L. Davis		
Aug 18	BJ Smith		

#### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 10, 1991	Aaron & Cheryl Dillard	32 years
August 13, 2004	Brian & Melissa Kelly	19 years
August 14, 2010	Brent & Mary Combs	13 years
August 20, 1961	Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill	62 years

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



**Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill for 62 years on August 20th**

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

### AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR

**InMotion Summer Praise Dance** will return to Keezletown UMC worship during on Aug 6th at 11:00 AM and our own **Becca Sprague** is one of the dancers. Their theme will be how God has always been with us in dances that share about: Esther; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendego; Daniel in the Lion's Den; Peter Walks on Water, and more.

- 2 **UWF serve Mt. Crawford Ruritans**
- 3 **UWF Picnic at Judy Coffman's @ 6:30 p.m.**
- 6 **Small Group Leaders Gathering @ 8:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.**  
**Worship @ 11:00 a.m. with InMotion Summer Praise Dance ballet; Message "God Who Wrestles with Us" from Genesis 32:22-31**
- 7 **Wrestling with God Prayer time @ 10:00 a.m.**

- Worship Planning meeting @ 11:00 a.m.  
8 Staff-Parish Relations Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
10 Wrestling with God Prayer time @ 7:00 p.m.  
12 Ice Cream Social at Church @ 7:00 p.m.  
13 Sunday School@ 9:45 a.m. **UNDIE SUNDAY**  
Worship@ 11:00a.m.; Message: "Ready for God" from Genesis 35:1-15  
14 Wrestling with God Prayer time @ 10:00 a.m.  
17 Wrestling with God Prayer time @, 7:00 p.m.  
18 Newsletter items due  
20 United Methodist Men meet @ 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.  
Worship @ 11:00 a.m.: Message "Sharing God's Blessings" from Genesis 46:1-7, 26-27;  
47:7-10; 48:8-21  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
27 Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.  
Worship @ 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Get in the Offering Plate" Romans 12:1-8  
31 All budget requests due to Finance committee for conference

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heaven." I have decided it's time to end Dale's Corner. I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to everyone for their encouraging words over the years. Dale Dodrill  
Dale: on behalf of all of us readers, we have thoroughly enjoyed and will miss sharing your words of faith and wisdom. Thank you for your many years of preparing, caring, and sharing. May God continue to bless you in whatever He leads you to do.

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**GOD GAVE US MUSIC** to help pray without words, but God also gave us words to sing to help us pray. Since all of us need to pray, the Choir is asking everyone to pray about and think about joining them for musical prayer. Our numbers are shrinking and we need more voices. Please contact Chris Cole, Pastor Joel, or Diana Davis if you feel God nudging you to be a part of the music of prayer. We will return to Sunday morning singing in September.

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**GOD CAN USE YOUR TALENTS:** If you have been blessed with a musical talent such as playing an instrument(s), and would be willing to step out in faith and help lead the congregational music on a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we ask that you pray about it and let God lead you to volunteering. If you felt led, please see Chris, Pastor Joel, or Diana. Thank you and God Bless.

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**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](mailto:AntDyna@comcast.net), with your request. Please put Newsletter in the subject line.

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MY PERSONAL NOTE:

This personal comment has been hard for me, as our Church family has faced some heart-searching and heart-hurting things that have happened in the last two months. Change occurs within each of us, within our families, and within our Church families. But the spirit of the Living Jesus is still alive within each of us...friends are still friends. And the mission of the Church to share God's love is still alive and well. I am praying that each of us can search our hearts and our faith, and know that God works all things for the good of those He loves, and that hearts can be healed by the love of Jesus. God bless each of you.

*Diana*

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Editor's Note

**The August deadline for submissions is August 18th .** My home number is 540-269-8511 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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(Courtesy of Jim Harris)