

Mountain Echoes

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150th Edition



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KEEZLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING: This is the 150th edition of Mountain Echoes. Who would have thought it? We've grown; we've changed; we've loved; we've shared; we've cared; we've become a family for Jesus and of Jesus's love. Many have left us, but many remain. May we continue to make the Mountains Echo with the good news of Jesus Christ. Enjoy reminiscing.

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

The end of June is moving time for United Methodist pastors in the Virginia Annual Conference and our Shenandoah River District has some new pastors coming our way. I want to share the list of those so we can be praying for those pastors and congregations. I will also share about attending the closing service of Cedar Grove UMC and something that blessed me there. Bethel UMC-- Susan Dudek; Boyce-Millwood-White Post Charge--Roger T. Powell; District Director of Connectional Ministries--James Joyner; Evergreen UMC--Ellen LaCroix Fillette; Grottoes UMC--Lori Valentine; Harmony UMC--Larry E. Craddock; John Mann UMC--Hyangmi Lee; John Wesley UMC--Gordon K. Meriwether, III; Leesburg UMC--Seungsoo Jun; Linden UMC--Richard Bensinger; Marshall UMC--John F. Rowe, Jr.; Massanutten Charge--James Wingert; McGaheysville UMC--Deborah Washer; Mount Horeb UMC--Steven McMillion; Mount Olivet-Mount Pleasant Charge--Hyunsik Kang; Paris Mountain Charge--Charles W. Townsend; Shenandoah Charge--Anne M. Sisson; Stanley UMC--Elizabeth Dalton; Warren Charge--Taeshin Kim; Wesley UMC--Hyangmi Lee; Woodstock UMC-- Sangjung Lee. On June 4th I attended the closing service for Cedar Grove UMC and folks from KUMC like Mary Nankivell and Stacey Shifflett were there, too. I got to see a scarlet background and words, **& DO GOOD.** It used to hang people departed they could be blessing to see. Stacey Shifflett growing up there and what the blessing to hear about the grace haunted house at Halloween she members remaining at Cedar Grove UMC for that service, but they were not alone. They have shared a pastor for a few years with Mountain Valley UMC and there were lots of people from Mountain Valley UMC at that service. Someone from Mountain Valley was setting up refreshments before the service, another greeted me and handed me a bulletin as I entered the building—in fact—the largest number of people there were from Mountain Valley and their message to the remaining members at Cedar Grove was one of gracious presence, service, and invitation letting them know they still had somewhere to go where they would be welcome with open arms. There were some great blessings from that service, but seeing the compassionate ministry of Mountain Valley UMC touched me as a beautiful act of grace. Like them, might we graciously care for our Christian brothers and sisters, in our congregation and in other congregations, with the love of Jesus Christ.



Pastor Joel

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Vacation for Pastor Joel: June 26th – July 2nd, with Rev Debbie Powell (540-409-7455) on call for pastoral care.

***** MAY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

United Methodist Men met on Sunday, May 21st, with 13 members present. Joe Liskey and Darryl Eppard prepared a wonderful breakfast, followed by fellowship, and a devotion by Neil Sacra of two readings, Psalm 118:8 and the significance of the passage, and a reading dealing with the task of disproving the idea of individuals who believe that “God doesn’t exist”. Chairman Scott called the meeting to order; Dale presented the minutes; and Scott Dodrill presented the Treasurer’s report, showing two fundraisers completed, serving of 68 Cross Keys-Mill Creek Ruritans, and serving of 24 Red Hat ladies. Under new business, the Chicken Bar-B-Que lunch after the annual outdoor worship service on June 25th to support Missionary John NDay was discussed. The mowing schedule is posted in the narthex and the mower has been serviced. Marcus Hall, one of our younger men will graduate in June; we will honor him by sending a gift certificate to say how proud we are. Scott presented a mission opportunity at Camp Overlook; the dining hall has poor, outdated lighting inside with exposed wires, presenting hazards. We will look into possible ways to make this project happen. The group will not meet in June, but will meet July 16th.

SERVICE OF HOPE SUNDAY: We gathered to celebrate and remember on May 21st, as Diana played “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”, “It Is Well With My Soul”, and “Whispering Hope”, and the bell rang. Diana continued with “Victory in Jesus” as the prelude, as folks sang along, and Haiden carried in the Light of Christ. Joe came to give the welcome and announcements, reminding everyone that Relay is June 3rd and to come on out and join us. Michele led the Affirmation of Faith (written by the 2001 KUMC Relay for Life team), followed by the Passing the Peace, and the hymn, “God Will Take Care of You”. Dale talked about cancer during his Children’s Time and used a globe, a spritz bottle, a thermometer, and a thermostat to show that God made us and we need to get connected in this fight. The choir presented “Does Jesus Care?” as the anthem, before



Diana came to lead the Time of Prayer, followed by Jenny singing “What a Wonderful Day”. Michele read the Scripture lesson from Psalm 43:5, Joshua 1:9, and Psalm 55:22, before she gave the message entitled “Does Jesus Care?” Did you ever try to not do something that you knew God was asking you to do? He asked me to do this, so here it is: In 2001, Judy Coffman asked Scott Dodrill and Jenny Dillard to Captain a Church relay team; they did, and we’ve never looked back. I didn’t know much about cancer until Mom got it. I was her caregiver, which is not an easy task. You have to watch a lot of things happening and you feel very helpless to do anything. Later, Jim Campbell was diagnosed with it, and during his fight, Evalyn showed me how to choose joy, and still does. Today I pray for two small children battling cancer—Asher and Natalie—because prayer is the one thing that keeps the families going in their battle. Just lately, our church family has lost Jackie Liskey and Faye Hoover-Thomas, both who fought with courage and dignity. We have had many projects, and many memories which she shared with us that past team members had written. What is hope? It’s the desire for certain things to happen when we pray. Prayer is the greatest hope we have because we know He hears, and He will speak to you in ways you cannot imagine. The God of the mountain is still the God of the valley—He walks with us every step of the way. We then sang “Trust and Obey”, followed by the

poignant Presentation of Hope, the reading of the Honor and Memory Names, and the Power Point presentation of Honorees and those we remember. The offering was collected as Diana played "The Lord Will Keep Me Safe and Holy" and Tanya gave the offertory prayer. Our closing hymn was "Standing on the Promises". Scott Dillard gave the Benediction from Thessalonians, Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, and Diana played "Victory in Jesus" as folks sang.

CANCER CAN NEVER TAKE THE SOUL.

WHAT IS YOUR GIFT? Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, began with Pastor Joel singing "The Gift of Love", "One Bread, One Body", and "As the Deer Panteth for the Water", as we gathered. Cathy gave the announcements and Chris continued with "Fill Me Now" for the gathering music, and the bell rang. Chris continued with the prelude "Spirit Song", as Ryan carried in the Light of Christ. The Choir presented "Pentecostal Power" as the Call to Worship, followed by the Opening Prayer, "Day of Pentecost" and the Passing of the Peace. Our first hymn was "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning". Pastor Joel talked to the children during Children's Time about how God made us special, using a hammer, a saw, and a screwdriver to illustrate. The Choir presented the anthem, "Breathe on Me". Cory then came to read the New Testament Lesson from 1 Corinthians 12:3-13, Spiritual gifts. Pastor Joel began his message with remembering Memorial Day and all those who gave us freedom. He also commented on all the red in the church today, including the red geraniums, which reminds us of the Holy Spirit. His message was entitled "Gifts from the Holy Spirit"—these are free gifts from God, by His grace and love alone. On Pentecost, those in the Upper Room were filled and had to go out and share. Paul wrote to Corinth in the scripture. The church was spread out and had some problems. His letter talked about their division, their lack of fellowship, the lack of breaking bread together, and their boasting about whose gift was the greatest. Nowadays, we are able to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Our gifts are different, our callings are different, but all from the same Lord. Ask God what your gifts are and how you can use them gracefully for Him, answering His call, and loving others. "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" was sung after the message, followed by Cathy sharing a reading about Memorial Day, and leading the Morning



Prayer and Lord's Prayer. Sherry came to share that the church family had met and exceeded their challenges for kits for conference, with 62 health kits, 18 flood buckets, and 12 feminine hygiene kits. News that received a round of applause. Pastor Joel thanked Sherry for all her hard work in getting the word out, organizing, shopping, and packing, and then had a prayer of dedication for the kits. Chris played "Spirit of Faith, Come Down" during the offertory collection and Cathy gave the offertory prayer. Our closing hymn was "Pass It On", followed by singing the Benediction "Spirit of the Living God". Ryan carried out the Light of Christ as Chris played "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing". **ACCEPT YOUR GIFT AND SHARE IT.**

MEMORIAL DAY QUOTES FOR MAY 29th:

"The patriot's blood is the seed of freedom's tree." — Thomas Campbell

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." — Thomas Campbell

"Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid." — Colonel David Hackworth

"Americans may not only pay tribute to our honored dead but also unite in prayer for success in our search for a just and lasting peace." — John F. Kennedy, "Prayer for Peace," Memorial Day 1962

WE REMEMBER



Diane



Wayne



Terry



Mary



Irene



Jackie



Faye



Paul



"Pop"



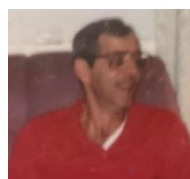
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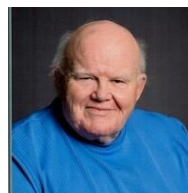
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WAYS TO GIVE AND HELP OTHERS

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 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 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:

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.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Happy 6 Connor Aaron, Cheryl, Allyse, Jared Ramona 94 Evalyn traveling



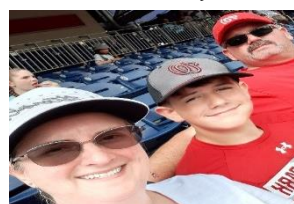
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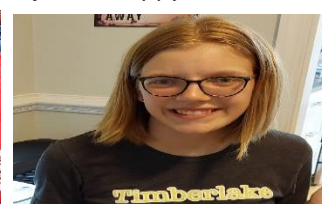
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Parker & Len



Morrisies at the ballgame



Happy 13th Lydia



Made the AllStars Face painted Triton



Teresa/Chrisley #7



"The Twins"

***** JUNE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED *****

UWF HAS "EVENING OUT": Seventeen members of the UWF and one guest met at Francesco's in Bridgewater on June 1st at 6:30 p.m. for their annual "Evening Out" (in

lieu of their monthly meeting), to enjoy good food and fellowship. All had a good time and even brought take-out boxes home. The next UWF meeting is July 6th at 7:00 p.m.



RELAY FOR LIFE: In our 22nd year as the Keezletown United Marchers for a Cure team, the relay team, and the always ready “relay grill” were at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds on June 3rd for Relay for Life, which started at 3:00 p.m. and ran until 11:00 p.m. The Relay Auction began at 2:00 p.m. with our donations being two handmade baskets, a handmade bench, and a pair of reindeer made of horseshoes and railroad spikes. With Darryl manning the grill, with help from Jenn Robinette and others, we served hot dogs, grilled mushrooms, and drinks. That night’s proceeds, as well as served meals, a wedding, a reunion meal, a Christmas meeting, the sunrise breakfast, and the RMH School of Nursing Alumni Banquet, plus our Auction items, and especially your generosity, brought our grand total to right about \$12,000. Thank you so much for your support. We will never stop fighting for a cure.



IN THE BEGINNING: Graduate Sunday, June 4th began with Diana playing “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”, “When Morning Gilds the Sky”, and “O How He Loves You and Me” as the gathering music. Ken gave the announcements and the preparation for worship and the bell rang. Diana played “Love the Lord Your God” as Chloe carried in the Light of Christ. Ken then gave the greeting and led the opening Trinity Sunday responsive prayer. “Morning Has Broken” was the first hymn, following by Diana speaking to the children about a God moment that had happened showing trust. Diana then read the Gospel lesson from Genesis 1:1-2:4, the creation. Pastor Joel’s message entitled “Beginning” began with school has ended, graduations are taking place, and many people are starting a new beginning to their lives. As you move ahead, remember home is not a building, but where your family is. When you can, think of your friends now. Wherever you go, there will be people who love Jesus and will bless you. In Genesis, God was there, but Jesus was with Him, as well as He is with us now. The Triune God is at work in each of us. God spoke and brought forth life; then He rested. Find a place to rest and listen to God speak to you. The singing of “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” followed the message, before the presentation and blessing of the High School and College graduates related to the church family. Ken then led the Time of Prayer and the Affirmation of Faith. Pastor Joel gave the Communion Invitation, Confession and Pardon and asked all to Pass the Peace. Christina Gibbs, Director at Camp Overlook then spoke (see below). “I Surrender All” was played during the Offering Collection. Pastor Joel then led the Great Thanksgiving, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Partaking of the Bread and Cup, while “This Is My Father’s World”, and “For the Beauty of the Earth” were played. Our final hymn was “God, That Madest Earth and Heaven”, followed by Ken’s benediction, and Diana playing “Oh How He Loves You and Me” as Chloe carried out the Light of Christ. **TODAY IS A NEW BEGINNING.**

WELCOME CAMP OVERLOOK COUNSELLORS: On Sunday June 4th, we were honored to welcome Christina Gibbs, Director of Summer Camps as Camp Overlook and a number of our camp counsellors to worship with us. Pastor Joel asked Christina to say a few words. She began by saying that when she came to work there, she realized quickly that KUMC was a very big part of the camp, with campers, and dinners, and donations, and labor, and she just wanted to say Thank You for blessing the Camp's ministries. Camp should be fun (to which everyone snickered) because we, the leaders, get to interact with the children and share God. Camp is a special place, and seeing it again, through their eyes, makes it fun. At present KUMC has eight campers attending Camp Overlook this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS:

GRADUATED IN JUNE:

From High School:

Gabe Deets, who attended KUMC, and is in the Jap Sites family.

Timothy Micheal Fleisher, who attended KUMC, graduated from SHS, and will be studying Diesel Mech & Auto Repair.

MacKenzie Hall, who is the daughter of April Thompson & Wayne Hall and granddaughter of Becky Ryman.

Marcus Hall, graduated from West Caldwell High school in Lenoir North Carolina, with honors. He is joining the marines and becoming an aviation electronics technician. He is the son of Kay Gullet & Steve Hall and grandson of Becky Ryman.

Joe Johnson Jr, graduated from SHS and Massanutten Technical where he was certified as an HVAC technician. He is the son of Joe & Melissa Johnson, and grandson of Gary & Barbara Heatwole.

Grady McGlaughlin, attended SHS and is the son of Chad & Jill McGlaughlin, and great grandson of Juanita Sheffer.

Reese Pellegrin, graduated from Eugene Ashley High School and will be attending LSU school of design this fall, majoring in graphic design. She is the daughter of Ben & Leslie Pellegrin and the great granddaughter of Juanita Sheffer.

Carson Pusey, graduated from Delmar High School and will be attending Salisbury University majoring in Exercise Science. He is the son of Ryan & Kathryn Pusey, grandson of Bob & Susan Threewitts, and great grandson of Ramona Crowe.

From College:

Emily Carr, from Southern New Hampshire University, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor Degree of Arts in Graphic Design and Media Arts with a concentration in Web Design. She is the daughter of Phil & Cheryl Carr, and the granddaughter of Kennis & Carolyn Armentrout.

Brianna Roach, is the granddaughter of Faye Crowe.

Julie & Sean Zylich, are the son and daughter of Brian & Lorie Zylich, and the grandchildren of Chris Cole.

(Pictures are Marcus, Joe Jr, Reese, Carson, and Emily)



CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO: Carson Guilliams, who graduated from 5th grade; Leah Siler who also graduated from 5th grade; Jacob Stanley, who graduated from kindergarten; Brayden Morris who received academic awards for English, science, and Spanish¹; and to Scott Sprague, who completed his 1st year of teaching at JCME.



WHAT'S THE PLAN? On June 11th, we gathered to Chris playing “Make Me a Blessing”, “I Am Praying for You”. “Higher Ground”, and “On Christ the Solid Rock”, and the bell rang. Leonard gave the preparation for worship and Chris played “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” as the prelude as Haiden carried in the Light of Christ. Leonard led the opening prayer, the peace was passed, and we sang “Open My Eyes, That I Might See”, before Jenny Dillard read the Old Testament Lesson from Jeremiah 29:11. Jenny then gave us the message “Wanting a Word”—a word from God—assurance, warning, direction, or discernment. Tell me the plan. The Magic Eight ball was invented to get answers, twenty of them. As we grow, we start making decisions, with the hope that God would tell us what to do. God spoke to Adam and Eve in Genesis; to Moses from the burning bush; to all of us in the Ten Commandments; to Jonah; to Noah; to Samuel; and to Isaiah. We see disobedience, fear, submissions, and desires to serve. What would Jesus do? He was God in flesh and yet human. For a time, He was dependent on humans. Jesus knew the plan all along—He was chosen to give the ultimate sacrifice. The disciples heard the word but did not understand. We seek understanding and peace, but often find confusion and anger. Jesus faced the plan in Gethsemane and with great sorrow, He followed the will of God. We feel sorrow too when decisions are hard. We can’t see the plan—we fear the unknown. Seek God and His direction and be obedient. God has a plan. “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” was sung after the message, followed by Leonard leading the Time of Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer. Chris then came to speak about the VA Annual Conference special offering being given this morning (see next item). Collection of both offerings were done as she played “Is Your All of the Altar?” and Leonard gave the offertory prayer. We sang “Take My Life, and Let It Be” as the closing hymn. Leonard gave the benediction, and Haiden carried out the Light of Christ, as Chris played “Expression of Life” as the postlude. **GOD HAS A PLAN.**

2023 Annual Conference Offering #NurturingTogether: The goal remains the same: to assist people and ministries, both domestic and international. The goal of the offering for 2023 is \$150,000. 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. KUMC gave \$804.00.

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS LETTER: June 11, 2023

Dear Friends across the Virginia Conference: As we enter into this season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time, we recognize that we are in anything but an ordinary time in the life of our beloved denomination. Yet, our call has not changed. In fact, we believe that being a disciple, a follower of Jesus, demands even more of us today than ever before. The call of the laos – the Greek word meaning the whole people of God has not changed. The call to be in ministry is not

reserved for the clergy. It is for all who want to follow the path of becoming and living as disciples of Jesus Christ. This call is not easy to carry, especially in a time like now with so many unanswered questions. This call requires that we build and nurture authentic relationships with one another, even when we disagree. As your current and former Conference Lay Leaders, we are committed to the future of The United Methodist Church. Our connection- our relationships with one another around the globe based upon our love of Jesus- is important in each of our lives. We did not come to this United Methodist connection by the same paths. In that regard, we're not any different from our local congregations. We're a mix of a lifelong Virginia United Methodist baptized and confirmed in a small church of the Mountain View District, a cradle Methodist from a large church in New Jersey, and a child of a Tennessee Southern Baptist upbringing. Despite all that we've seen and experienced, we are United Methodist and will #BeUMC. Why? Because...Our neighbors, our communities, and our world need what we as United Methodists offer: an understanding of God's grace working in and through us as we live out our faith in the world. We can model for the rest of the world a way of being followers of Jesus who might not agree on every question but can worship and grow through our relationships with one another. We have a distinctive way of studying and understanding scripture that gives us room for differences of opinion and understandings, allowing us to continue our own spiritual growth and learning. We celebrate this freedom but agree that we are bound by the Articles of Religion as set forth in The United Methodist Book of Discipline. We are a people who know that new expressions of church are needed to meet new people where they are. We may have forgotten that at times as we've grown comfortable in our pews, but our heritage is a reminder that the world is still our parish. We are not afraid to take the church outside the walls of a building to meet the needs of the community. None of us – laity or clergy – knows exactly what to do right now. We feel lost: church properties that hold special places in our personal faith stories are leaving the denomination, people we hold dear have made decisions that new church homes are best for them. We are grieving the loss of church buildings and members- family and friends. But there comes a point when the mourning must turn to dancing and joy. Now is the time for new beginnings! Here is what we know we must do: Forgive each other– for our failures, our decisions, the harm we have caused one another. Care for and love one another. That commandment doesn't cease if the name on the church building changes. Learn from the children and youth who know what church is without all the politics and debate: communities of support and acceptance doing what Jesus taught us. Our young people have a lot to teach us about being disciples. The months and years ahead will not be easy, but we will learn together. Be permission giving as creative ministry ideas come forward. Our call is to be bold and courageous, especially as we seek the renewal and revitalization of The United Methodist Church. Stop waiting! Now is the time! The Holy Spirit is moving, Let's use our gifts and callings now to return to our roots. Be vile as John Wesley would say and go share the Good News from the storefronts, in the parks, through the streets, and up on the rooftops. We can't walk out the door on Sunday and forget who we are called to be. Something happened for each one of us in our church lives that changed us, transformed us, led us to be United Methodist. For the three of us, we recognize it was the relationships built locally and globally through our United Methodist connection that shaped our lives, teaching us how to be like Jesus as we work to bring about God's Kingdom in the world. We honor our doctrine and heritage, the core values that connect the people of The United Methodist Church. We see the beauty of our traditions and rituals. We seek to live into the fullness of all our baptism calls us to be. We embrace the future of The United Methodist Church. The world desperately needs us all to do that, now more than ever. In Christ's Service, Martha Stokes, Conference Lay Leader 2020-Present, Warren R. Harper, Conference Lay Leader 2012- 2020, Shirley Cauffman, Conference Lay Leader 2006 – 2012

Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Bus Trip held June 13th to 16th will be shown in the July newsletter.

WE CELEBRATE



Carson



Leigha & Kendra



Brayden



Connor



Joe Jr



Toni, Caleb, Jacob, Leigha, Kendra



Damon & Charlotte



Leigha & Haiden



Ryan



Noah & Becca



The whole group



Lydia



Rev Jim



The Coffman "kids"



Davis, Mrs. Davis, Lydia, Melissa



Chris & Jennifer



Jenny & Scott



Brayden

JUNE EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE

- 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
- 26-July 2 **PASTOR JOEL ON VACATION**

Subject: Senior Thoughts: Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision. Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock. When I get a headache, I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says. Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, Close enough. If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting. I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime. Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud. So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill? I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees. Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway? "On time" is when you get there.

*** JULY EVENTS HAPPENING***

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Lee Threewitts	July 24	Diana Davis
July 2	Becky Ramsey	July 25	Audrey Cox
July 3	Becky Crown	July 27	Makenna Eppard
July 5	Caleb Hall	July 28	Misty Botkin
July 6	Patsy Smith	July 29	Steve Morris
July 11	Kelcey Seaman	July 29	Kathy Armentrout
July 11	Dale Dodrill	July 29	Barrett Bowman
July 11	Michael Stanley	July 29	Damon Daff
July 14	Chad Higgs	July 30	Cooper Pellegrin
July 16	Rebecca Sprague	July 30	Jacob Hall
July 20	Triton Lane Bishop		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 4, 1990	John & Cheryl Foley	33 years
July 4, 1992	Mike & Cecilia Hawkins	31 years
July 5, 1993	Randy & Janet Clatterbuck	30 years
July 13, 2002	Charlie & Stephanie Liskey	23 years
July 19, 1986	Steve & Marie Suter	37 years
July 20, 1996	David & Jenny Reed	28 years
July 20, 1963	Bruce & Barbara Hoover	60 years
July 24, 2021	Brian & Ann Marie Zylich	2 years
July 26, 1999	Marvin & Sandra McCray	24 years

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



Bruce & Barbara Hoover for 60 years on July 20th
Best wishes from your KUMC family. May you have many more.

JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

BIG K DINER on Sunday July 2nd^h at 5:30 p.m. in Church parking lot; freewill offering to support summer campers scholarships

Undie Sunday Kickoff is July 9th.

One Great Hour of Sharing: When we give to disaster relief and other missions through UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, 100% of giving goes towards the cause. We will take an offering to help cover the operating costs of UMCOR on Sunday, **July 23rd**, so that when funds are given towards mission it all goes there. This offering is known as “One Great Hour of Sharing” because in one offering across the United Methodist Church we can cover UMCOR’s operating costs.

- 1-2 **Pastor Joel on Vacation**
- 2 **Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message: by Cathy Chouiniere
 BIG K DINER @ 5:30 p.m. Church parking lot
- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 6 **United Women in Faith meet at 7:00 p.m.**
- 9 **Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Message:
 Undie Sunday Kickoff
- 12 **Administrative Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
- 14 **Newsletter items due**
- 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:

DALE’S CORNER by Dale Dodrill

God, thank you for creating me. On days when I feel less than adequate, remind me that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. I am enough, Lord, because I was made in your image, which makes me infinitely valuable. It's so easy to compare myself to others and feel like I don't measure up. Help me to know my worth is in you alone. Give me the strength to control my thoughts about myself. Show me who I am in you, and help me to be all that you created me to be. Thank you for loving me just as I am. Amen

COMING IN AUGUST: **InMotion Summer Praise Dance** will return to Keezletown UMC worship during their 2023 Summer Tour. KUMC will host on August 6th at 11:00 AM and our own **Becca Sprague** is one of the dancers. Invite a friend and enjoy their theme of 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.

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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MY PERSONAL NOTE:

Again, I'm running behind this month...better late than never, as they say. I wanted this issue to be extra special, as #150, and I hope that you found it to be just that, and that it brought back a few memories. As you can see from the pictures, time certainly does fly by. E.L. and I will be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 28th. Where has the time gone...that's a lot of water under the bridge. We have been so blessed with a loving family, a caring church family, and many wonderful friends throughout the years. But best of all, God has been with us, guiding, protecting, providing, loving, and forgiving. So all praise and glory go to Him. Hope you received a blessing. *Diana*

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Editor's Note

The July deadline for submissions is July 14th . 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.

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