

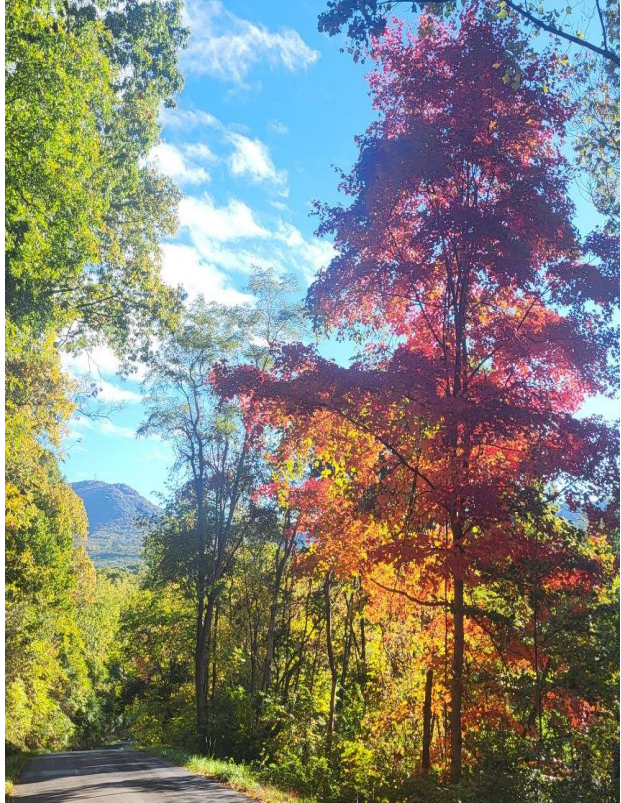
# MOUNTAIN ECHOES

OCTOBER 2023

154<sup>th</sup> Edition



*Jenny Dillard's yellow Christmas tree*



*Ken Thomas's view coming home*

## KEEZLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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There will be many times in your life when you give someone a hug knowing that you needed their hug a lot more than they needed yours.

**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

Susan Threewitts came to Church Council in October with an old letter from Johnny Cook of Sugar Grove, West Virginia, who gave us the cross that is displayed outside on the front of the social hall. Here is that letter: Greetings Brothers and Sisters in the Name of Jesus Christ. I have been lead by the Holy Spirit to give you this cross, in which the Lord blessed me to make. Thus saith the Lord. I can do all things in Christ which strengthens me. May the Spirit of the Lord be



poured out like a river over all of you and everything you do. In Jesus name Amen. Your Brother in Christ Jesus, Johnny Cook. What a great gift, prayer, and blessing! The cross came to us with a good clear coat on it but after a couple years outside in the sun it had weathered a bit. Kennis and Carolyn Armentrout took on the task of giving the cross a fresh coat. Kennis asked, "Can I paint it?" I wondered what color Kennis was thinking about. He shared, "White." White is a color that comes up a good bit in Revelation and one of the images for that color is victory. When Christ or the saints are clothed in white in Revelation it is a picture of the victory of God over persecution, death, and despair. White is often a color for Easter because of Christ's resurrection and victory over sin and death. I thought Kennis picked a good color so in that strange symbol of the cross, "the emblem of suffering and shame" (From "The Old Rugged Cross" by George Bennard),

we find God's saving grace and power in Christ's love poured out for sinners. So, Kennis painted the cross white. Carolyn painted the lettering black with the words, "JESUS IS LORD". "Jesus is Lord" is why we as Christians are not afraid to do like Jesus did: to forgive sins, to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, to pray to God, to share the good news of Jesus, to love God and our neighbors as oneself. Kennis and Carolyn really made the cross stand out with the fresh coat of paint. Johnny really blessed us with the gift and blessing prayer he shared. Susan Threewitts blessed me by sharing that old letter with me again. May we find joy in sharing in all that is possible through the grace of Jesus Christ.

*Pastor Joel*

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## **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

**ABOUT YOUR PASTOR:** Pastors are not spirit beings. They are humans. Your Pastor can fall sick. Your Pastor gets tired. Your Pastor feels frustrated sometimes. Your Pastor needs care. Your Pastor needs a miracle too sometimes. Your Pastor has needs. Your Pastor is not flawless. Your Pastor needs prayers. Your Pastor needs someone to stand by them in times of trouble. Your Pastor can make mistakes. Your Pastor is called and anointed by God, but he is NOT God. Your Pastor does not have all the answers. **BE IN PRAYER FOR PASTOR JOEL EVERY DAY.**

From our own Leonard Williams: "God is more concerned with our "fessin" ups than with our "messin" ups."

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



*Happy 17<sup>th</sup>*



*Happy 15<sup>TH</sup>*



*Sandy's b-day*



*Happy 20 Maggie*

## **CAMP OVERLOOK CELEBRATES THE SUMMER CAMPERS:**

Keezletown UMC, Camp Overlook would like to celebrate your congregation for having several children and youth from your congregation attend camp! This summer we journeyed through the Old Testament and focused on stories all about the Israelites; God's people. We played games and taught devotions such as creation, Moses' life, David and Goliath, Jonah, Jericho, and much more. Camp is such a special place for kids to explore and encounter God. We celebrate you for all the work you do as you develop your disciples of Christ. We are so thankful we get to partner in this with you. Christine Gibbs, Director

## **\*\*\* SEPTEMBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**District UWF Prayer Breakfast** was held at Luray UMC at 9:00 a.m. on September 16<sup>th</sup>, with six ladies attending (Becky, Faye, Judy, Patti, Chris, and Sherry). After a very good breakfast, Heather Gomez gave a meditation based on John 4:13-26, 31, called "He Told Me Everything I Did". Guest speakers were Shirley Sheets and Nancy May from Choices, a women's shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, who told of the services the center supplies and shared several success stories as well.



**United Methodist Men** gathered for their monthly breakfast meeting Sunday, Sept 17th. Joe provided a delicious breakfast of chipped beef gravy, grits, and fresh cantaloupe. Len shared a devotional and a business meeting was conducted. Scott reported that the UM men have continued to mow the church property this summer. Oct 15th will be Mens' Sunday and Ken Thomas will be the speaker. We will host a Mens' Fellowship Spaghetti Dinner at KUMC on Saturday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, with a free will offering to benefit the project to re-lamp the dining hall on Agape Hill at Camp Overlook. Christina Gibbs will be the speaker for this event. Each of those present are committed to continue our Men's ministry at Keezletown United Methodist church and would ask that all men in our church come out and get involved with us as we prepare for our next steps in service to our Lord!!

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY:** We were blessed on Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, to have Heather Gomez, wife of District Superintendent Victor Gomez, to come and speak



on "Grace Upon Grace" during the worship service. Her scriptures were Romans 14:1-12 and John 1:1-18. She began by telling how Victor and she visited in a Georgia restaurant for breakfast and received grits with their meal, something neither of them had eaten. When asked what they were and why they received them, they were told "Honey, they're free

and come with the meal". Grits are like grace—they come with the meal. Paul says avoid fighting over trivia. God gave us one mouth and one heart. When our heart is full of stuff, it's hard to love. John says Jesus is the light, full of grace and truth. A heart full of grace receives abundance. How can I be grace upon grace? Follow the light thru the storms, and we become the light. You are the way God shares His grace upon grace. Assisting in the service were Chris on the piano, Judy leading, Faye and Cheryl reading scripture, Diana leading Children's Time, a story about the "Blue Bench", and also Prayer Time, Sherry with offertory prayer, and Karen and Sharon singing "Amazing Grace" by the Eagles, and the benediction.

**SALAD BAR ON UWF SUNDAY:** All were invited to the social hall after worship on UWF Sunday for a delicious salad bar lunch. A free will offering was taken to send to help with relief aid to the folks in Maui. Thank you to all who donated and all who stayed and enjoyed the meal and fellowship.



**WE ALL NEED TO SHARE:** Pastor Joel led us in "Sharing the Gospel" during the Sunday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> worship service. We celebrate getting together as we study Philippians, sharing the gospel in fellowship. In Paul's day, it was a partnership, a

sharing in life, community, and business. Christians, Romans, and Greeks all lived in Phillipi with Paul as their minister. When we share Christianity, we do not do it alone, but with God and others. Paul's letters were read, then passed on, even down to us. Paul rejoices in the spreading of joy, even from prison. God can take something not so great, and make His glory shine thru. Pastor Joel was assisted by Diana on the piano, Cathy leading the service, and Denise leading the Children's Time, where she talked about "Friends".

**OLD FRIEND, NEW MEMBER:** On Sunday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Denise Elizabeth Sites, joined KUMC during the worship service. We all want to welcome her and know that she will continue to do the Lord's work in her life and at KUMC.



**CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAUGHTERS DAY 9/24 AND SONS DAY 9/28**



*Morgan & Beth*



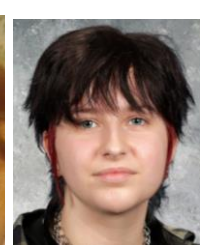
*Emily*



*Sandy & Barbara*



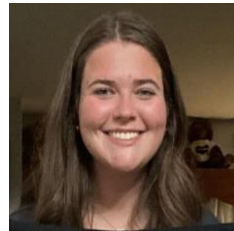
*Jennifer & Diane*



*Alex*



*Haiden & Leigha*



*Kendra*



*Alissa*



*Lorna & Becky*



*Hunter/Reese/Cooper*



*Triton & Rylynn*



*Brayden*



*Zach & Barbara*

**HALLOWEEN JOKES:**

How does a witch tell the time? She looks at her witch watch!

What do witches put on their bagels? Scream cheese.

What do you call two witches who live together? Broom-mates.

What do witches use to hold their hairstyles in place? Scare spray.



**ANOTHER ONE RIDES INTO HEAVEN:** On September 26<sup>th</sup>, **E.L. Davis** peacefully joined



Jesus on his celestial ride. His battle with dialysis and cancer for eleven months was over. He touched so many, as the sanctuary of KUMC was filled for his joyful Celebration of Life on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Joel led us in memories and laughter about E.L. and Diana's married life, his work on jet engines, his love of Notre Dame football, and his love for his family. Special

thanks to Carol Sacra, organist, and the Scott Sprague family, who sang "Amazing Grace", his favorite. The KUMC family provided a delicious meal after for those attending. Let us continue to share Jesus's love with others as E.L. touched us. You are missed.

## **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:**

**NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTED IN SEPTEMBER: Romans Study:** The study of the book of Romans began on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday morning at 10:00 a.m., and Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The study is written by Ben Witherington, III and books are \$15. All are welcome.

**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**



*Marcus Hall*



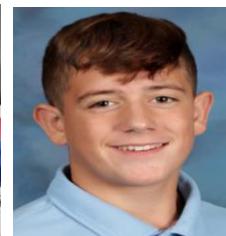
*Spotswood HOCO*



*Broadway HOCO*



*Connor builds*



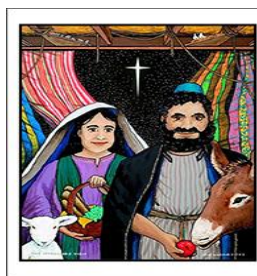
*Brayden*

### **Collecting items for the Spotswood Hygiene Closet during the month of October:**

Shampoo (M/W) & Conditioner; Shampoo & Conditioner for Curly/Ethnic Hair; Curl Creme & Spray/Gel for Curls; Soap/Body Wash (M/W); Deodorant (M/W); Razors (M/W); Shaving Cream (M/W); Lotion; Hair Brushes/Hair Bands; Cotton Balls/Q-Tips; Toothpaste; Contact Solution; Tampons (all sizes); Sanitary pads; Laundry Detergent (sm boxes); Blankets (twin/full) – Ollies 9.99-12.99, Roses 12.99; Backpacks – Ollies 18" – 7.99. Or you may give me the money and I will shop for you. Thanks, Sherry

**WITCH'S HOUSE RULES:** No Broomstick riding inside of the house. If you open a portal, please close it. All potion making must be supervised. The only spirits allowed are the ones in bottles. Guests may not be turned into frogs...(play nice).

**Anon**



### **Alternative Gift Christmas Cards**

These cards have artwork by Rev. Jim Harris and are available through the Society of Saint Andrew. One card costs \$15 and provides about 300 servings and one poster costs \$35 and provides about 700 servings. You could order a card or cards as gifts in honor of people you send them to for Christmas and share some great artwork and the gift of food. To order visit <https://endhunger.org/acc>

## **\*\*\*OCTOBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

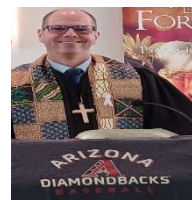
**IS CHRIST IN YOU?** Today, Communion Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Joel spoke from Philippians 1:21-30 on "To Live Is Christ". Paul writes to live in Christ, to die is gain. In prison, the Philippians have supported him. Paul is struggling with living for Christ or dying. When others share their inner struggle with us, we need to listen, to pray, to share the grace of God. When we share, God is involved. Paul is suffering, but looking forward with hope to be in God's hands. Paul received and shared the life Jesus offered

then and offers to us today. Assisting with the service were Chris at the piano; Ken leading; and Pastor Joel doing the Children's time with a story about what to pray.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** met Thursday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church social hall with 14 members and 1 guest present. Judy called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Karen led the devotions and spoke about fear and faith. Sept minutes were approved, as well as the Treasurer's report. A motion to give money to Operation Christmas Child for Lynn to use was our Mission of the Month. Cheryl will be getting order forms for poinsettias in the upcoming bulletins. Sherry reported that we are serving the WOW dinner on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>; the Mt Crawford Ruritans on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>; a hymn sing and program is being tentatively planned for Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, along with feeding the WHAM group of 20 people; tree lighting at the Ruritan Park is Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are asked to provide soup and sandwiches. Karen and Sharon will be singing. Judy gave a report on the Prayer Breakfast attended by 6 ladies, and that the UWF Sunday was a success, as well as the meal following, where we collected \$800+ for Maui. Thank offering will be collected at the Nov meeting, and the Dec meeting will be Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Chris read from the prayer calendar and we signed six cards. Our next meeting is Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to assemble Halloween Bags to be distributed to shut-ins.

**HOW'S YOUR ATTITUDE?** Pastor Joel spoke on "Christ Attitude" from Philippians 2:1-18 during the worship service on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Paul tells us to let the same mind be in you that was in Christ. Thinking is important, but thinking about Christ without doing anything, would have you miss out on sharing forgiveness, and seeing the fruits of goodness. Unity is good and leads to salvation. Attitude reflects what is happening on the inside. Humbly consider others' needs. Christ needs to be our all-in-all in thoughts, deeds, and attitude. Assisting today were Diana on the piano, Cathy leading, and Pastor Joel leading the children's message about looking to ourselves using a mirror and a window.

**World Cereals 2023 at KUMC:** We began the collection of breakfast and nonperishable food items for the MPC Food Pantry on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Place your items in the bin for your favorite team to win the 2023 World Series. On Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll see which team has the most food donated. Pastor Joel let as all know who he was routing for. Thank you for your generosity.



**SCOTT MOVES ON TO NURTURE OTHERS:** Today, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, was the last video session for Scott Sprague, our Audio/Visual Specialist, who brought KUMC into the video world in March of 2020, during the pandemic, and allowed us to share with others in their homes and elsewhere. He helped to install our video and audio systems, as well as initiating Online giving. Jenny presented Scott with an appreciation gift from the church family, and Pastor Joel gave a prayer of blessing as he continues to share Jesus with





others. Good luck, Scott, you will be missed. We do have others that have been trained to carry on with his work, but if God is nudging you to help, please see Pastor Joel.

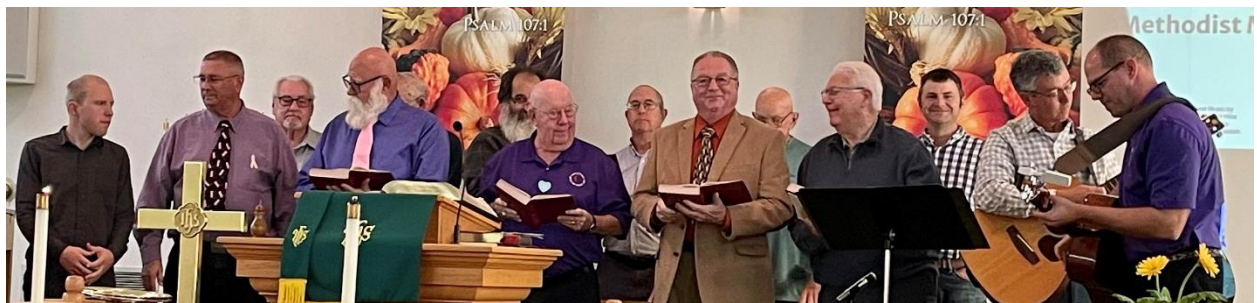
**ADMINISTRATIVE CHURCH COUNCIL** met Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall, with 12 members. Susan called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel opened with prayer. Diana read the August minutes, which were approved, and Chris gave the Treasurer's report, which was approved. Under old business, the Harvest Party will be Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.-ish at the Ruritan Park, with food, a hayride, and a cakewalk. UWF reported a successful UWF Sunday, a great salad bar, Heather Gomez giving a good message, and collecting \$802.00 for Maui relief. UMM reported that mowing was being taken care of; there will be a cleanup/work day this fall; Oct 15<sup>th</sup> is UMM Sunday with Ken Thomas as speaker; they are hosting a Mens Fellowship spaghetti dinner on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> with the offering for Camp Overlook Agape Hill lights; next meeting is Oct 15<sup>th</sup>; Dec 10<sup>th</sup> is the annual Christmas dinner. Susan gave Pastor Joel a letter from the gentlemen who made the cross hanging outside the church. He will be placing it in the archives. Jenn reported that the fire alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in the parsonage are approved, and that the kitchen hood has also been examined and approved. Carolyn is still working on the membership list. We had one withdrawal, Jan Shafer; one new member, Denise Sites; and two deaths, Richard Higgs and E.L. Davis. Jenny reported that Scott Sprague has resigned, but will finish the sound system thru Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Jenn Robinette has volunteered to do the videos, with the assistance of Scott and Jenny Dillard. Jenn reported on the Trunk or Treat event on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. at the Rockingham Park Fall Festival. KUMC has a spot, "The KUMC Pumpkin Patch", and will need candy to distribute. She is also making cards with KUMC's name and address to hand out. Pastor Joel handed out a bulletin listing the ideas folks received from the Wrestling with God for 40 Days in Prayer. He cited Lynn Siler as the longest serving employee of the congregation beginning in March 2009. He talked about the gleanng project with Wellspring UMC on Sept 15-16. Rev Sue MacTavish from St Paul UMC and Denise Sites will be delivering the WOW messages on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The Shenandoah River District Conference will be Sunday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at KUMC via zoom. He would like to begin Confirmation/Baptism preparation meetings for youth in Dec or Jan. All were asked to think about a good time for monthly prayer for the church. Randy Clatterbuck was approved as Head Usher. Scott reminded everyone of the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ruritan Park from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with Sharon and Karen singing, and Santa Ken appearing. Next meeting was set for Jan 10, 2024.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** to **Caleb Hall** and **Faith Nicole Hamm** on your marriage on October 11, 2023. Best wishes for many years of happiness.

**UM Men** met on Sunday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> for the monthly breakfast meeting. Scott and Joel provided pancakes, eggs, and sausages. Ken shared a devotional encouraging us to take time to recognize and enjoy God's creation as we are about to see the seasons change. We spent time preparing for the Mens' Sunday Worship, planning upcoming events, such as our Mens' Fellowship Meal on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> to benefit our effort to re-lamp the Agape Hill Dining Hall ,and our annual Christmas dinner. It was a privilege to gather with Christian brothers in fellowship!!

**THANK YOU, GOD, FOR THE MEN OF THE CHURCH:** On United Methodist Men's Sunday worship on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated with the men of KUMC and their many talents. Ken Thomas, our guest speaker, spoke from John 2:1-12, when Jesus turned the water into wine. His message, entitled "Not My Problem" began with him asking if we

remembered Rocky and Bullwinkle, Mr. Peabody, and Sherman, and the time machine that Mr. Peabody had. We then traveled on the time machine to 26 AD in October, at a wedding that Jesus, Mary, and the disciples were invited to. Mary, seeing that the wine is about to run out, goes to Jesus, and tells Him, to which He replies “Not my problem”. Mary, not taking no for answer tells the servants to do whatever He says. Jesus relinquishes and tells the servants to fill the 20-30 gallon jugs with water, which turns to the finest wine ever, His first miracle. We are like that water, when we accept Jesus, we become the best of ourselves. A few years later we see Pontius Pilate also saying “not my problem” when judging Jesus, and he washes his hands. Even in modern times, we see beggars on the street corners. Do we ignore them, give them food, give them money—it’s not our problem—but it is. Homelessness is everyone’s problem, and it’s hard to tell when you are helping or not. We at KUMC are involved in many forms of outreach into our community. We are united here at KUMC in our love for God and for each other. Come and we will welcome you and share Jesus’ love with you. Assisting today were Scott and Pastor Joel with music, Mike with ringing the bell, Joe with reading scripture and offering prayer, Leonard with prayer time, and Pastor Joel with Children’s Time, using the Miracle of water to wine story.



## PUMPKIN FUN PICTURES



*Guilliams get pumpkins*



*Triton cleaning*



*Rylynn*



*Carving party*

## MORE HALLOWEEN JOKES:

What does an Australian witch fly on? A broom-erang.

Why do witches have sore joints? They get broomatism.

What did the witch do when her broomstick broke? She witch-hiked.

What does a witch get when she's in a hotel? Broom service.

What did one witch say to the other when she was offered a lift? There's always broom for one more.

### \*\*\*OCTOBER EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE\*\*\*

- 16 Worship Planning at 9:00 a.m.  
Romans Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.
- 17 Romans Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Weave for a Cure basket weaving from 6-9 p.m.
- 22 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Message: "Sending and Receiving Timothy and Epaphroditus" from Philippians 2:19-30  
District Conference at 2:00 p.m. via zoom
- 23 Romans Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.
- 24 Romans Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Weave for a Cure basket weaving from 6-9 p.m.
- 29 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Message: "Christ Confidence: from Philippians 3:12-21  
Harvest Party in the afternoon at Ruritan Park
- 30 Romans Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.

### FAMILY FUN PICTURES



*I'm a "Bear"*



*Hunter HOCO*



*Fun hair day*



*Piper visits work*



*Traveling*

### MORE HALLOWEEN JOKES:

What happened to the witch who rode on her broom while angry? She flew off the handle.

What do you call a witch with chickenpox? An itchy witchy.

What happened to the witch with an upside down nose? Every time she sneezed she blew her hat off.

### \*\*\* NOVEMBER EVENTS HAPPENING \*\*\*

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|       |                  |        |                |
|-------|------------------|--------|----------------|
| Nov 3 | Faith Stanley    | Nov 19 | Jim Mooney     |
| Nov 4 | Alli Underwood   | Nov 21 | Phyllis Liskey |
| Nov 7 | Kelly Smith      | Nov 21 | Laura Wamsley  |
| Nov 8 | Daryl Armentrout | Nov 22 | Jenny Dillard  |
| Nov 8 | Nolan Mason      | Nov 22 | Janet Clements |



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|--------|-----------------|--------|----------------------|
| Nov 9  | Lee Siler       | Nov 23 | Marie Suter          |
| Nov 12 | David Cole      | Nov 26 | Geraldine Armentrout |
| Nov 13 | Evalyn Campbell | Nov 26 | Alissa Wanger        |
| Nov 15 | Wayne Ryman     | Nov 28 | Kathryn Miller       |
| Nov 17 | Steve Shortell  | Nov 28 | Sarah Coffman        |
| Nov 18 | Luke Dillard    |        |                      |
| Nov 19 | Marian Suter    |        |                      |

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

|              |                         |          |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Nov 6, 1993  | Steve & Lori Zylich     | 30 years |
| Nov 7, 2009  | Lee & Amanda Siler      | 14 years |
| Nov 13, 2010 | Jim & Karen Mooney      | 13 years |
| Nov 23, 1968 | Gary & Barbara Heatwole | 55 years |

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



**Gary & Barbara Heatwole for 55 years on Nov 23rd**  
Best wishes from your KUMC family. May you have many more.

### **NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR**

- 1     **UWF serve Mt. Crawford Ruritans**
- 2     **UWF meet at 7:00 p.m.**
- 4     **Keezletown UM Mens Fellowship Dinner**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RETURNS—FALL BACK ONE HOUR**
- 5     **Small Group Leaders Gathering at 8:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "Pressing on in Christ" from Philippians 3:12-21**  
**2023 World Cereals Collection**
- 6     **Romans Study at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.**
- 7     **Romans Study at 7:00 p.m.**
- 8     **Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.**
- 12    **Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; YOUTH SUNDAY**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Message: "Stand Together in Christ" from Philippians 4:1-9**  
**Charge Conference at Bridgewater UMC at 2:00 p.m.**
- 13    **Worship Planning meeting at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Romans Study at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.**  
**Staff-Parish Relations Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- 14    **Romans study at 7:00 p.m.**
- 19    **United Methodist Men meet at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m. UMM SUNDAY with Message: "Thanks for the Gifts of Christ" from Philippians 4:10-23**  
**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due**
- 20    **Romans Study at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.**

- 21 Romans Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Message: TBA
- 27 Romans Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Backpacking at 11:15 a.m.
- 28 Romans Study at 7:00 p.m.

TOO PRECIOUS NOT TO SHARE: Little Carson Guilliams in 2015: Dinner conversation is always interesting as Carson tells us about his day. But tonight, there are no words....

Daddy: "were you a good boy today?"

Carson: "yes!"

Daddy: "how many times did you have to go to the office?"

Carson: "just one time"

Daddy: "why?"

Carson: "well during color time, somebody said 'oh shit', so I had to go to the office. But I told them that I didn't say 'oh shit.' The other kid said 'oh shit.' So they said to go back to class."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**All Saints Sunday:** We remember those saints who have died on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have names (and pictures) of people you would like remembered in thanksgiving for their lives now in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, please share them with Pastor Joel by Oct 31st.

**Charge Conference:** The Keezletown UMC Charge Conference will be Sunday, Nov 12th at 2:00 p.m. at Bridgewater UMC with other congregations from our area. If you have reports to file for charge conference, please have them completed and to Pastor Joel by Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Operation Christmas Child** needs our help in sharing the love of Jesus. The boxes will be collected by/or on Nov 19th, and delivered to the collection site. If you have questions or would like to make a donation please see Lynn Siler. I would be happy to fill a shoebox for you. Please keep OCC in your prayers, Lynn

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Making Cards for our Troops** project. With everyone's help, we completed 324 birthday cards, 507 Christmas cards and 375 thinking of you cards, giving a total of 1,206 being mailed for our troops. Thanks for helping to add a smile to so many faces. **Michele**

**Giving Update:** Designated and directed giving toward missions and special offerings remains strong these last months since June 2023. Praise God! Undesignated giving which goes toward budget items like program and operating expenses, staff, and apportionments has been down since June 2023. We are currently trailing giving at this time compared to giving at this point in 2022. Your giving makes a big difference at KUMC in our worship & praise, faith development, sharing the love of Jesus, and building relationships in the church and beyond to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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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:**

*It's a good thing God gives us grace, and that we can give it to others. I ask for your grace again this month in trying to get the newsletter out on time. Things have changed drastically in my life and I'm still trying to get used to a new chapter and thinking for only one person. I do want to again say "thank you" to all of you who have shown me so much love, and caring, and support. It is truly only by God's grace that I have made it thru. To God be the glory. Blessings on you all.*

*Diana*

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**Editor's Note**

**The Nov deadline for submissions is Nov .** 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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*Is there any place more beautiful than home?      Photo by Kennis Armentrout*