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Okay LORD, whatever your baking...it's done. Please turn off the oven!

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

There were about six children who were 4- and 5-year-olds at the KUMC "Gone Fishing with Jesus" Vacation Bible School. By the way, VBS went great and thank you to all the volunteers, families, and children who participated! Half our group was in that preschool to kindergarten age range. I had been telling some children who were elementary school age and their older youth siblings to come back for Sunday School because we had something for them and plenty of room for more. I could not say that about the preschool to kindergarten age group. KUMC has not had a preschool – kindergarten Sunday School class for years now. Faye Crowe, one of our members asked if we could have a class. Seeing those children and knowing there was at least one ready to come for a class, I thought Faye Crowe had a wonderful idea. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it" (Mark 10:14-15 NRSV). Some others started noticing this would be a good time to get a preschool to kindergarten class going. There are children. There are teaching materials we can order. There is a classroom. One of our folks put in a lot of hours cleaning out and up the old room the week after VBS. The room looks about ready for some fresh paint or decorations. We could next use a teacher (or teachers) and a second adult(s) to lead the class. If you would like to help in some way with teaching, assisting in the class, connecting a child to the class, or helping with getting materials for the class, please talk to Cathy Sites Chouiniere. Let us not limit our welcome to little ones to Sunday School. If you see in the coming weeks and months some preschool – kindergarten aged children in worship or other times at KUMC, please join in making them welcome and joining in faith in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Joel

Vacation for Pastor Joel will be on July 29th – Aug 4th. Rev. Amy Pannell (804) 694-9759, who pastors Weyers Cave UMC, will be on-call for pastoral care during that time.

JUNE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED

Charles Franklin Baker, longtime member of KUMC, passed away on Sunday, June 16th.



Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Carolyn Phillips Baker, two daughters, Karen Powell (Tom), and Beth Morris (Steve); brothers, Everette Baker, and Don Baker (Nancy); sister, Dorothy Miller (Dahl); grandchildren, Tommy Powell (Laurie), Timmy Powell, Morgan Bishop (Cam), and Brayden Morris, as well as great-grandchildren, Madison, Jady and Jace Powell, and Triton and Rylynn Bishop. His service was held on June 18th at Kygers Chapel, with a fellowship meal following at the KUMC social hall, where small cups filled with Hershey

“hugs” were on the tables to remind us of his wonderful hugs. One of the KUMC folks wrote on Facebook: “I am so thankful I got to see him last week and give him a hug. That man had so much of God’s love shining that if you were in a bad mood one hug made it all better. He did wonders for my depression on more than one occasion. Even as sick as he was he took care of us all”. That was Frank—he will truly be missed. Rest in peace, dear Frank, we love you.



KEEZLETOWN BABE RUTH LEAGUE ROOKIE ALL-STAR TEAM: On June 16th, the 8U All Stars started their tournament off with a 16-1 victory over RARO. On June 17th, they went up against Stuart’s Draft. On June 18th, they defeated West Augusta 12-2. On June 20th, in their last game, they lost 14-13. Lynette said: “It’s been a fun/exhausting week! These boys did amazing! The coaches and players represented Keezletown with respect and good sportsmanship! Conner is ready to fight for it again next year! We have a small break and then it’s on to Carson’s all star run next week.” **WAY TO GO, CONNOR! PROUD! PROUD!**



FATHER’S DAY DONUTS FOR DUDES: During the Sunday school hour on Father’s Day, June 16th, all the Dads, and men of the Church, were celebrated with donuts, pastries, and drinks. Jenny led a fill-in-the-blank story about Dad, and then a game of Pictionary of jobs Dads do. Thank you to all who provided the refreshments, and those attending to celebrate.

FATHER’S DAY, JUNE 16th: Ken led the Sunday morning worship service celebrating Father’s Day, with Chris on the piano, and Denise talking about what Dads like during the Childrens Time. Susie read the Scripture from Ephesians 6:1-4, obey your parents, and Matthew 7:7-11, ask, seek, and knock. Len Williams gave the message entitled “Fathers: A True Blessing”. Matthew shows us God’s heart, a loving Father who cares and comforts. God does not always give us what we ask for, but what is good for us. We, as earthly Fathers, need to give a meaningful touch to our children. Touching tells love without words. Speak words of love, telling them how special they are. Make your children feel valuable to you and God, enough that Christ died for them. Communicate with them no matter what. Help them see a wonderful future, finding



their gifts and talents and using them, the best God made them to be. God is the perfect parent, touches us, speaks to us, and loves us unconditionally. Happy Father's Day.

CELEBRATING DADS—PAST AND PRESENT—WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!



Pastor Joel



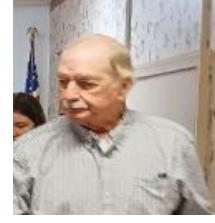
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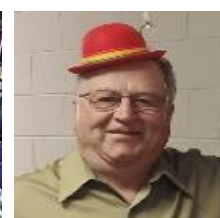
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Frank



Cory



Jim



Dale



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Steve



Donnie



Bob



Tommy



Guy



Terry



Scott



"Santa" Ken



"Corky"



Wayne



Randy



Lute



Wade

CHILL-N-CHAT IS A SUCCESS: A new group "get together" on Monday mornings was started on June 17th at 10:00 a.m. for the summer months. A few of the Monday morning Bible study ladies decided they liked getting together on Monday mornings for fellowship. So, on June 17th we welcomed five ladies and two gentlemen to chat and eat blueberry cake. When we finally looked at the clock, it was two hours later. Everyone agreed we should do it again.

SUMMER BEGAN JUNE 20TH

SOUTHERN HOT PHRASES: I'm roasting. I'm sweatin' like a hog. It's hotter'n blue blazes. It's not the heat—it's the humidity. This one's gonna be a scorcher. You could fry an egg on the sidewalk. You could fry an egg on the hood of that car. Hotter than H-E double "L" hockey sticks. It's so hot the ice cream truck melted. You could have a stroke out here. I'm melting! Crank up that A.C. till it's blowing snowballs.

Virginia Yancey Harrison Phalen, passed away on Friday, June 21st. She is survived by her beloved husband of 73 years, John Robert Phalen, two daughters, Stephanie Ann Phalen Capps and Nancy Lynnette Phalen; and two grandsons. Mrs. Phalen was an educator with 35 years of teaching. Both of the Phalens previously attended KUMC. Rev Joel Robinette officiated a graveside service with a reception following the service at the Keezletown United Methodist Church social hall.

HAT MAKING: On Saturday morning, June 22nd, six ladies met in the Church social hall to continue the Hat of us just zipped you can see, and will probably be always a fun Project. Some right along as others of us at it awhile. It's time, with good fellowship and conversation, and is all worth it to warm the head of someone without a hat. Come join us next time.



Congratulations to **Creed Marshall Combs** and **Autumn Flesher**, on their wedding on Saturday, June 22nd at Melrose Caverns in Harrisonburg. Creed is the son of Brent and Mary Combs, the grandson of Joe and Linda Liskey, and the great grandson of Maynard Michael. We send Creed and Autumn best wishes from the KUMC family.

DAVID AND GOLIATH: During worship service on June 23rd, Cathy talked about "The Challenge", remembering the story of David and Goliath, as found in 1 Samuel. She started by playing the "Rocky Theme" and introducing the mighty Goliath and the just average David. David, the underdog, goes up against the giant Goliath. In today's world, there would be much media and speculation about this fight. David was the youngest of eight, a shepherd, a youth. David's brothers were helping to fight the Philistines. Goliath mocked the Israelites for forty days. When David went to take food to his brothers, he heard him, and went to Saul to volunteer to kill him. Saul allowed it. David took five stones and a sling shot and faced Goliath, who laughed and mocked, until a stone that was flung at him, hit him in the forehead, sunk in, and he fell over dead. David knew it would be a challenge, but he knew God was on his side. Goliath is challenges we face. Our five stones can be faith, trust, courage, obedience, and praise, holy habits we need for life. Always know that God is with you. Assisting today were Len leading the service, and Diana on the organ,



reading scripture, and giving the Children's message, a story about knowing God is near when we are afraid.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Adalida is 8



Visited Colorado In Granddaddys garden



Barbara's Bday



Grand-dad's Hat

CAMPERS ARE FUNDED: A BIG Thank You to all those who contributed to our Camp Overlook scholarship funds! Especially Joe Liskey for heading up the Big K Diner Hot Dog meal, the KUMM, the UWF, and all who gave in the special offering on June 23rd, for their generous contributions! Thanks to everyone, 5 campers were fully funded at \$2,235, to be able to attend camp and learn more about Jesus and how much He loves them. What a joy to be a part of such a supportive and caring Church family! Jenny Dillard

CHILL-N-CHAT: Monday morning, June 24th, arrived, and as the coffee was brewing, we welcomed nine ladies, two young men, and a sweet puppy. We then enjoyed homemade blueberry bread, cinnamon rolls, and a strawberry cake, along with conversations about the past, grieving, and how much God loves us. Again, after two hours, everyone left with a smile on their face, and ready for next week.

KEEZLETOWN 11U ALL STARS: On June 27th, the Keezletown 11U All Stars, and Carson Guiliams, begin play in the state tournament! They begin play against defending champs Williamsburg @ 4pm in Crozet!!



Go KTown!! On July 4th Even the Nationals are taking notice of the Keezletown Majors (12u) All Stars! Go KTown!! On July 5th And then there were 8....Your Keezletown Majors (12u) All Stars won again today, defeating Gloucester 13-2 to claim the #1 Seed from in the West Division. The offense was powered by homers from Chapman Wilfong (2) and Miller Hawkins (1). Dawson Knight and Kyden Powell combined on the mound for 4 strong innings allowing only 3 hits between them. The tournament was suspended this afternoon due to a 109 degree heat

index but they will be back at it tomorrow when they take on Williamsburg at 8am. Go KTown!! On July 6th And then there were 4...The Keezletown Majors (12u) All Stars defeated Williamsburg 4-0 behind a dominant pitching performance by Carter Lam who went 5 2/3 innings allowing just 3 hits and striking out 9. Owen Messick got the final out to seal the win for KTown. The offense struck for another 3 HRs (Chapman, Parker, Owen). They are back at it at 12:30 today when they will face Arlington. Go KTown!! Update: the boys fought hard, and played their best, but were up against very stiff competition. They represented Keezletown baseball with good sportsmanship and were excited to have had the opportunity to go as far as they did. Well done, boys. We are proud of you.

PURSUING HAPPINESS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY: Cathy Sites Chouiniere spoke during the worship service on June 30th on "The Pursuit of Happiness", using Psalm 33:1-22. She reminded us that in 1776, 56 delegates, in heavy clothing were

gathered in a building with no air conditioning, lots of cigar smoke, and many people trying to talk at once. Those delegates, along with Thomas Jefferson, drew up and signed what is known as the “Declaration of Independence”, America’s freedom from the tyranny of British rule. This year will mark 248 years of freedom for Americans. God is mentioned three times in the Declaration of Independence: Nature’s God, the Creator, and Nature’s providence. Jefferson wrote that all men are created equal, with three rights. The first right is life with a free government; the second is liberty, freedom from tyrannical rule; and the third is the pursuit of happiness. We can determine our own fate, our path in life, our dreams. Pursuit of Happiness is guarantee, happiness is not. If we are pursuing a life with God, He will show you the path to joy. Are you pursuing the world’s happiness over God’s joy? We will have joy when we experience God every day. Assisting in the service today were Leonard leading, Chris on the piano, Jim reading Scripture, and Jenny talking to the Children about a “Cracked Pot”.

PARKER YOUNG EXCELLING: From Jennifer: “Parker has been busy during June! Last week at a Cyber Defense class at VMI (with coding and everything!) with his bffs and this week off to Tech with the FFA for the State AgriScience Fair! His project is getting rave reviews from judges so far. It’s a soil project testing different crop soils including no till! So proud seeing him rock his jacket (and John helped with the tie). He presents tomorrow afternoon, so send up prayers and good vibes down to Blacksburg, though I know he’s going to be amazing! He also did great (won a race and placed in another and led a relay) at the first/mock meet and golfed and got his last middle school report card (all A’s and two B pluses) and the presidential award for GPA of over 3.5 for all his middle school years!!” **UPDATE JUNE 28TH:** Parker won the State AgriScience Fair!!! He will be going to the FFA National Convention in Indy in October to present his project there!!! Beyond proud!!!



IT'S HOT JOKES

The National Weather Service has just issued instructions as to how to cook lasagna in your mailbox.

It's really hot when you can grill a hamburger on your seat belt buckle.

It's so hot, the chickens are picking up worms with pot holders!

What do frogs enjoy on a hot summer day? Croak-a-cola, of course.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Lynette's Bday



Barrett's world



Coolin' off



Juanita visits the Pellegrins



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.

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 18 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.

BIBLE STUDY:

Sunday School Classes includes Grades 1 – 5 Elementary School Class; Middle and High School Class; An adult class taught by Cathy Sites; An adult class taught by Chris Cole using *Adult Bible Studies* materials. A Pre-School to Kindergarten class is being planned.

*****JULY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

Chill-N-Chat met on a beautifully cool July 1st at 10:00 a.m. with seven ladies, one youth, and one sweet puppy. We enjoyed coffee and two different kinds of cake, along with wonderful conversation. We were please to see Pastor Joel and Jenn come by to visit. We continue to invite others to join us.

CELEBRATING THE 4TH OF JULY—HAPPY INDEPENENCE DAY!



Peak Fireworks



Good food



Staying Cool



Having fun



Spreading joy

MORE HOT JOKES

It's so hot, I'm half expecting to see chickens laying hard-boiled eggs.

I'm not saying it's hot, but I saw a fire hydrant chasing after a dog.

My ice cream melted faster than I could lick it. Now it's just a milkshake!

It's so hot, I discovered my seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 7TH: Flags and flowers covered the piano in



recognition of July 4th as we entered the sanctuary. "I Believe, Help My Unbelief" rings true with many of us, as we listened to Pastor Joel give his message from Mark 9:14-29, Jesus driving out a demon. In Mark 9, things get harder when the disciples could not cast out a demon from a young boy, and they had started to argue with each other as to why. When we are arguing Christians, we have gotten off track, and need to get back to sharing Jesus. God opens doors every day to work for him. The little boy was filled with a demon and the father, though doubtful, brought him to Jesus. The quantity of faith (as a mustard seed) is not as important as who you have faith in. "I believe, help my unbelief" the father said to Jesus. The grace of Jesus is enough; His sacrifice has got us covered; His strength can bare our needs. The question is not if God is merciful; the question is will we believe what Jesus can do. Communion was presented to all in attendance. Assisting today on the organ was Diana; leading the service was Ken and doing the children's message about "Traps and Prayer"; Haiden reading scripture; and Steve, Marie, Cathy, and Rick assisting during Communion.

CHILL-N-CHAT met on July 8th at 10:00 a.m. Though fewer in number, we still enjoyed fellowship and good conversation. It is a joy to be with our Christian sisters and share the love.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: A wonderful time was had by all at our KUMC "Gone Fishing... with Jesus" VBS this past week, July 9th, 10th, and 11th! We started the week with 9 children participating, mostly preschoolers, and ended the week with 12 children! Thanks for getting everybody checked in Sherry! On night one we heard about a miraculous catch of fish and learned that "Jesus always provides for us". On night two we saw how Jesus called his disciples to serve with 5 loaves of bread and 2 small fish to feed 5,000+ people. We had plenty of gummie fish to go around and we learned that "Jesus calls us to serve others". On night three we got to see Jesus fixing breakfast on the beach for the disciples after He had risen from the dead. Pastor Joel shared a special communion time to help us all remember that "Jesus is always with us". Our actors, Joel, Scott, Ken, Denise, and Leigha made the stories we heard come to life and the kids really enjoyed their part in telling the story each night. Pastor Joel, Sharon and Karen, and Barrett also shared special music to go with each nights Bible lesson. After Pastor Joel, with the assistance of Jenn, would share the Bible story we then moved on to crafts with Sharon and Karen. The kids really enjoyed each project they got to make and we had many extra hands to help the littles. Carol and Jenn had delicious snacks for us and Barrett lead us in some fun, action packed games each evening! We filled our fish net with the food donations that were brought for the local food pantry and those items have been delivered to Massanutten Presbyterian Church to be distributed. Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards this cause! Haiden, Chloe, and Kaleah were also very good helpers and made sure our friends always had the assistance they needed, especially with the potty. Some of our friends were even brave enough to try sardines one night - Remie, Faye's great-grand-daughter, discovered she really liked them and asked for more! It was a wonderful, spirit filled, 3 days and getting hugs and love and thank yous from each of the kids each night was just the icing on the cake! Hopefully we will see more of these "little" faces at church and we will continue to share the love of Jesus with them. Thank you so much to all who helped make this possible! Jenny Dillard (And a large **THANK YOU** to Jenny from all of us!)



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATING VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL: July 14th was a hot and humid day, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the children and volunteers from VBS that was held this week. We met under the Ruritan Pavilion for worship service and a picnic. Jenny talked about what a wonderful experience the twelve children and many volunteers, as well as family members that stayed and watched, had the three nights of VBS. They learned that Jesus provides for us, that Jesus calls us to serve, and that Jesus is always with us. They shared songs they had learned: "This Is the Day", "Great Big God", and "Jesus, Strong and Kind". Pastor Joel then spoke on "Welcoming Little Ones and the Kingdom of God" from Mark 10:1-16, the little children come to Jesus. Jesus was teaching and talking with all the people, answering questions. Some of them brought little children with them to see Jesus. Jesus healed Jarius' daughter; the Syri-Phoenician woman came to Jesus about her daughter's unclean spirit; the demon possessed boy was healed by Jesus after attempted fails by the disciples, and his Father became a believer. Jesus took the little children in His arms and said if we welcome little children, we welcome the Father. God comes to lift up the unwelcome, the needy, the hurting, the unloved. Though the disciples spoke sternly to the children and wanted to keep them from Jesus, He was incensed and told them "Let the little children come to me". Little ones to Him belong; we are all little children, vulnerable, dependent, unable to care for ourselves, at risk. Who are dependent on Jesus—we all are—do not hold others back from the love of Jesus. Assisting in the service today were Karen, Sharon, and Barrett providing music; and Josh reading scripture. Thank you to the UMM for providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks, and to all who brought the wonderful food for the picnic that was held after the service.



CHILL-N-CHAT will not be stopped by the heat. On July 15th at 10:00 a.m., ten ladies, Pastor Joel, and Piper, the puppy, joined in sitting around the tables, drinking coffee, and eating pie, cake, and brownies. The conversations ranged from traffic court, to prayers for others, to VBS, and especially to how the little children brought joy during the week and on Sunday morning. There are still plenty of chairs available—one just for you.

WE'RE ENGAGED! Joshua Wilt and Emily Carr are pleased to announce their engagement as of May 25th. Josh is the son of Christy and Nelson Wilt of Fishersville, and is a DPT for Shenandoah Nursing & Rehab, and Emily is the daughter of Cheryl and Phillip Carr of Keezletown, and is the Marketing Coordinator for Comsonics. They are planning a May 10, 2025 wedding. CONGRATS AND BEST WISHES from your KUMC family.



PEOPLE PLACES COLLECTION: Karen Mooney, who delivered the items on July 17th, has reported that KUMC was able to donate 548 diapers and 112 wipes to People Places, in this special collection for their needs. What a generous show of love for these little ones. Thank you.

Administrative Council met July 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church social hall with eleven members present. Susan called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel gave the opening prayer. UWF had our June meeting with dinner at Romano's; we gave \$400 to camp scholarships; August will be the annual picnic at 6:00 p.m. at Judy's home; we will serve Mt Crawford Ruritans in August and Keezletown in September; plans are being made for UWF Sunday on Sept 15th. UMM gave \$400 to the camp scholarships; fed the church picnic; have a meeting on Aug 21st; and the siding at MCCC is done on three sides, as well as the roof. Jenn reported on Annual Conference that the Ice Cream social, the music, the food, and the fellowship were good. However, everything felt disconnected. Conference will be in Harrisonburg at JMU in 2026. The main theme was to try new stuff to reach others. Jenny reported a nicely attended Vacation Bible School. The children all stayed together and parents/grandparents were asked to stay and watch. They learned that Jesus provides and is with us all the time. Pastor Joel suggested, after seeing the children at VBS, that there may be a need for a PreSchool-Kindergarten class. We would need to do touchups and perhaps buy a small video screen for the classroom that is available. Jenny reported for SPRC that they will meet to do reviews on staff and that the parsonage review was very good. Carolyn reported for Memorials on the death of Frank Baker and Virginia Phalen. Judy complimented how well the Chill-N-Chat is going on Monday mornings during the summer, ranging from four to eleven in attendance. A suggestion has been made by members of the group that we continue to meet on another morning once Bible Study starts in September. Judy asked if we could set aside a day in the fall to clean the windows and other things that need cleaning that Etta does not do. A date for October will be set. Mission and Outreach reported for May: Shut in bags delivered; Big K Diner for scholarships; UWF hosting District Evening Together in May; dedicating 128 kits for Conference in May; collecting hygiene items for Equipment for Caring in May; Kingsway meals served in May, June, and July; for June: a Special offering taken for scholarships; Relay for Life team contributing \$4,164 to American Cancer Society; Backpack project completed for '23/24; a surprise Birthday Party for Ramona Crowe; an Ice Cream Social for the residents and staff of Journey's Crossing in Elkton; we collected diapers and wipes for People Places; for July: Vacation Bible School was held and collected food items for Massanutten Food Pantry; we collected backpacks, notebooks, and glue sticks for middle/high school students for the District UWF Encounter Hands-On Mission Project; upcoming events are school supplies collection during August; the Annual church picnic at Judy Coffman's on Aug 1st; an Ice Cream Social on Aug 24th; and a collection for the SHS Care Closet in September. Pastor Joel reported that Jenny, Cathy, and he are looking into Simple Accountability Structure for organizing the church committees into one decision making committee. He will be taking vacation July 29th thru August 4th, with Rev Amy Pannell from Weyers Cave on-call. We will

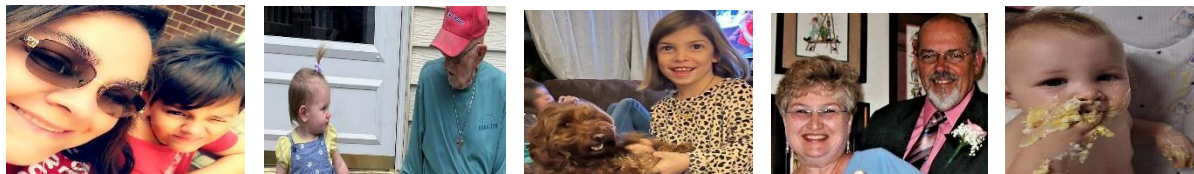
be hosting InMotion Summer Praise Dance Team with "Joseph", a mini-ballet on Sunday, June 28th. Rebecca Sprague will be dancing. Council set the following dates: Oct 27th at 2:00 p.m. for the Harvest Party; Sunday, Nov 24th for the Community Thanksgiving Service held at KUMC at 6:00 p.m.; tree lighting at the park on Dec 7th; and the Christmas Eve service on Dec 24th, with the Baby Shower for Jesus. More info will follow. WOW services are being planned for October. We have one speaker, John Neff, and two groups ready to provide meals. Please contact Pastor Joel if you know of someone to speak. Next meeting is Sept 11th at 7:30 p.m.

District UWF Mission Encounter Hands-on Mission Project for 2024 was to fill 96 backpacks with school supplies, with each UWF unit to bring 12 backpacks for middle/high school students plus specific school supplies. Our district was responsible for glue sticks & composition notebooks (no maximum/minimum number required). KUMC UWF donated 1 Backpack, 52 Composition Notebooks, & 64 Glue Sticks that were delivered to Barbara Phillips on 7/18 by Sherry Summers. These items will go to the United Methodist Family Services. Good job, Ladies.

*****JULY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- 21 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "A Man with Much and Disciples Who Gave It All" from Mark 10:17-31
- 22 **Chill-N-Chat at 10:00 p.m.**
- 28 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "The House of Prayer" from Mark 11:12-26
- 29-Aug 4 **Vacation for Pastor Joel**
- 29 **Chill-N-Chat at 10:00 p.m.**

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



*Virginia & Winston Rylynn & G-daddy Adalida's friend Happy 19th Anniv Aurora is 1 **
(*Aurora is the second daughter of Caleb Hall, along with Harper)

MORE HOT JOKES

It's so hot, even my shadow is looking for shade!
It's so hot, I just saw a chicken blow on the worm before he could eat it!
It's so hot, I started putting ice-cubes in my waterbed.
Do we have a recipe for ice-cube soup?
I just walked outside and saw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

***** AUGUST EVENTS HAPPENING *****

CELEBRATING: Wendell & Faye Cochran will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on Aug 20th, and **Florence Cochran's** 99th birthday is Aug 27th. The address for both is 3820 Roxburgh St, Rockingham VA 22801. Cards appreciated.

YOU'RE INVITED - to join The Keezletown United Women in Faith for their annual picnic on Thursday, **August 1st** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Coffman at 1827 Mountain Valley Rd. Keezletown. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side, dessert or salad to share, and a chair. Since an awesome time was had by all last year, we once again extend an invitation to the CHURCH FAMILY to join us. We hope you will be able to come!

Back to School Blessing: There will be a time to bless those going back to school on Sunday, **Aug 18th** during worship at 11:00 a.m. School students and workers are encouraged to bring a school item for the blessing like a backpack, bus keys, spatula, chalk, and the like as we pray for the school year.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1	Jim Dillard	Aug 18	BJ Smith
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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 10, 1991	Aaron & Cheryl Dillard	33 years
August 13, 2004	Brian & Melissa Kelly	20 years
August 14, 2010	Brent & Mary Combs	14 years
August 20, 1961	Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill	63 years
August 20, 1956	Wendell & Faye Cochran	58 years

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



Wendell & Faye Cochran for 58 years on August 20th

Dale & Lula Belle Dodrill for 63 years on August 20th

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

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AUGUST CALENDAR

7/29-8/4 Pastor Joel on Vacation

- 1 **UWF/Church Picnic at Judy Coffman's home at 6:00 p.m.**
- 4 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message by guest Lay speaker, Wendell Cochran on the "Prodigal Son" from Psalm 139:7-12; Luke 15:11-32
- 5 **Chill-N-Chat at 10:00 p.m.**
- 6 **Simple Accountability Structure Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
- 7 **UWF Serve Mt Crawford Ruritans**

- 11 **Small Group Leaders Gathering at 8:45 a.m.**
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "The Hidden Authority of Jesus" from Mark 11:27-12:12
 - 12 **Worship planning at 9:00 a.m.**
Chill-N-Chat at 10:00 p.m.
 - 15 **Serve Kingsway Ministries Meal**
 - 16 **Newsletter items due**
 - 18 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Unexpected Answers from Jesus" from Mark 12:13-34
Back to School Blessing in Worship
 - 19 **Chill-N-Chat at 10:00 p.m.**
 - 20 **School begins in Rockingham County**
 - 24 **Loom Hat Making Workshop at 11:00 a.m.**
Ice Cream Social
 - 25 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Looking at Things Differently with Jesus" from Mark 12:35-44
 - 26 **Chill-N-Chat at 10:00 p.m.**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S, AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

August School Supply collection for Mission Central &/or others requesting needs. Any school supplies from loose leaf paper, spiral/composition notebooks, pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, scissors, sharpener, erasers, glue sticks, crayons, pencil pouches, small backpacks, index cards, compass, calculator, protractor, etc. The Tax-Free Weekend for purchasing School Supplies this year is: August 2nd - 4th.

Pre-School Sunday School Class Needed: There is interest for a pre-school through kindergarten Sunday School class at KUMC. There are some children to invite, teaching materials available, a classroom available. A teacher or teachers are needed and a second adult(s) to lead the class. Would you be available to help teach, be a second adult, or help set up the classroom for this ministry? If so, please talk to Cathy Sites Chouiniere.

Chill and Chat: Devotions, coffee, and fellowship during the summer on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

LATER UPCOMING EVENTS: **UWF Sunday** on Sept 15th; **WOW services** being planned for Oct; **Harvest Party** at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday Oct 27th; **Community Thanksgiving Service** at KUMC at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday Nov 24th; **Tree lighting** at Ruritan Park on Dec 7th; and **Christmas Eve Service** on Dec 24th, with Baby Shower for Jesus. Mark your calendars.

CHOIR: The choir will be on Summer break from June 9th thru Sept 1st. Special music will be appreciated. Please contact Pastor Joel, Chris, or Diana, if you would like to help as the Holy Spirit leads you.

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LAST HOT JOKE:

Not saying it's really hot, but I was sweating so much, I hydroplaned off the toilet seat and landed in the bath tub.

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MY PERSONAL NOTE

It's been hot. That's kind of an understatement. Hot enough to make some of us physically ill—me, for one. The older I get, the less I can take the hot, or the noise, or the drama, or the stress, or stupid people, or just life in general. That's when it's good to have someone to talk to. God has blessed me with some wonderful friends in my life that would sit and listen to me if I wanted to talk. But, you know, I really hate to lay my burdens on them, because we all have them. I try, instead, to talk with my Father, or cry with Him, or sob with Him, or just yell at Him, because I hurt and I feel so alone. And when I get done having my "spell", I find relief for my soul in getting rid of what is emotionally wearing on me. I am so grateful that His hands are big enough to hold my problems, His patience is so big that He can let me cry it out, and His love is so big that even if it's my worst day, He still loves me and blesses me, and finds ways to let me know He is right here with me every second of every minute of every day. I just have to close my eyes and breathe and feel His love. Take a minute today, especially if it's a rough one, and close your eyes and say His name, "Jesus", and feel. Blessings on you all.

Diana

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Editor's Note

The August deadline for submissions is August 16th. My home number is 540-269-8511 or e-mail me at AntDyna@comcast.net. I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy preparing it for you. God bless you all.

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