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(Mini-Cow Courtesy I Love Cows on Facebook)

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"This is your gentle reminder that one time in the Bible Elijah was like "God, I'm so mad! I want to die!" So God said, "Here's some food. Why don't you have a nap?" So Elijah slept, ate, and decided things weren't so bad. Never underestimate the spiritual power of a nap and a snack."
(From Christian Clean Jokes)

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 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

I have a challenge I want to share with everyone at KUMC—wait for it! **“Gone Fishing with Jesus” Vacation Bible School will be July 9th-11th**, at Keezletown UMC. I have been going to VBS for over 40 years and there are not too many I have missed! When I was young my parents and older siblings signed me up, transported me, and talked with me about VBS through the week. When I was a teen there were people in the church who invited me to help out at VBS with skits, music, or games. When I became an adult, I was invited to help with all sorts of things. As a parent I got to bring my own kids. There are still VBS songs, Bible stories, friendships, and people who encouraged me from years ago that continue to bless me today. I'm not done going to Vacation Bible School. I am going again this year! Here comes that challenge you have been waiting for—be a part of blessing a child at VBS this year. There are so many ways to do that and I challenge all of us to bless a child at VBS: **Invite a child** (Pre-K through Grade 6) to VBS and share a VBS registration form with their family. **Volunteer** to help with VBS with Jenny Dillard. **Pray for the children** who will be attending VBS and their families. **Welcome VBS children and their families to worship on July 14th** on Outdoor Sunday at the Keezletown Ruritan Park and share your joy in Jesus with them. May we be able to say July 9th-11th and 14th that we and VBS kids have “Gone Fishing with Jesus!” *Pastor Joel*

Vacation for Pastor Joel: Pastor Joel will be on vacation June 7th-19th, and 23rd-30th. Rev Deb Washer (540-292-2846) from McGaheysville UMC will be on-call for pastoral care.

FROM JIM HARRIS: After the merger of the Methodist and EUB Churches in 1968, Keezletown found itself with two churches of the same denomination side by side on the main street. This photo was taken sometime in the



early 1970's not long before they decided to replace these two buildings with one new one. And now, 50 years later, Keezletown United Methodist Church is a wonderful, vibrant, Spirit-filled church. Both my brother Hugh and I entered the ministry through this congregation, and I am proud to call it my home church. God bless you KUMC!

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

BIG K DINER: The rain stopped and the sun came out and the Big K Diner was open for business on the evening of May 18th in the front yard of KUMC. As Joe and Caleb manned the hot dog grill, Brent (Combs) manned the French fryer. Austyn, Andrea, Adalida, Mary, Caleb, Cora, and Linda, were bringing the food in to the hungry folks. We enjoyed hot dogs (short ones and longer ones) with mustard, catsup, onions, chili, sauerkraut, coleslaw, and cheese. After finishing our hot dogs and fries, we could get a bowl of soft serve ice cream (vanilla or chocolate) with all the toppings you can think of. Austyn, Andrea, Adalida, and Cora, were having great fun handing out the ice cream. Somewhere between sixty to seventy people came and enjoyed good food and fellowship to give to a worthy cause—Camp Scholarships for the summer campers of KUMC. We were able to raise approximately \$800.00. Thank you for coming and thank you for giving.



PENTECOST SUNDAY: With the red banners draping the front, and the red geraniums on the front rails, Pastor Joel led the Pentecost Sunday worship on May 19th. His message was entitled “Jesus Sent Out Disciples in Power”, taken from Mark 6:1-29, rejection and sending out. Easter was fifty days. After celebrating, what do we do now? We huddle and wait to go out into the world to share Jesus. Jesus was infusing the disciples, equipping them to witness, sending them filled with power and good news. One hundred twenty disciples were in the room and they began to speak many languages, filled with the Holy Spirit, and with Jesus’ power and authority to heal and forgive. Mark sandwiches the Holy Spirit story between two rejection stories—the rejecting of Jesus, and the beheading of John. All twelve of the disciples were rejected

and died for their faith. We will be accepted and rejected, just as Jesus, when we share. Go in Jesus now. Assisting in the service were Carol reading scripture, and Diana on the organ and giving the children's message about Georgie being filled up.

REMEMBERING: On May 19th, Jenny Dillard (and the congregation)



sang "What a Wonderful Day". Joe Liskey reminded us that Relay for Life is June 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. We started in Relay 25 years ago. The theme for Relay is "Re-Lei for A Cure". A bucket at the altar was available for those wanting to donate and take a lei with them. White,



purple, and gold remembrance luminaria bags were available in the narthex, and the baskets and other items given for the Auction were also in the narthex for viewing. Remember those who have or are battling cancer. We must continue to fight.

May 21st, Lynette posted on Facebook: "That's the look of my boy, who caught a pop up to win the game and send his team to the Championship!! Just casually strolling off the field....". And from Diana: It was a great game; came down to the last inning; they won by one. You want to experience a little joy—go watch little leaguers play baseball. It will warm your heart.



DISTRICT UWF EVENING TOGETHER: The Keezletown UWF were hosts to the District UWF Evening Together on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church social hall. Approximately sixty ladies were in attendance from throughout the Valley, with KUMC having seventeen members



present. Barbara Phillips opened the meeting; Sharon Harold gave the devotions; Judy Coffman gave the welcome; and Delores Reid introduced the speaker, Susan Adamson from the Blue Ridge Free Clinic. Susan gave a very informative and entertaining speech about how the Clinic was founded, who helped to supply

equipment, how they are funded, who comes to be helped and the many issues they face, such as language barriers. The hymn "Healer of Our Every Ill" was sung and Laura Douglas gave the closing meditation. Following the meeting, the guests was asked to dine on cheeseball and crackers, cucumber sandwiches, potato salad, BBQ meatballs, veggies and dip, macaroni salad, fruit, pimento cheese sandwiches, pasta salad, chicken sliders, cookies, nuts, candy, tea, and lemonade. There was lots of fun and lots of fellowship and laughter after the meeting. Everyone said that KUMC was the best place they had ever been for the meeting facilities and "goodies". Sherry gathered and gave a grocery bag full of leftover items from kit collections for Susan to take with her to the Clinic, for which she was very grateful. Thank you, UWF ladies, for being beautiful "Women of Faith".



TRINITY SUNDAY: May 26th worship began with the Worship Team, Pastor Joel, Barrett, Sharon, and Karen presenting the gathering music. After Barrett read from Mark 7:24-37, stories of faith and healing, Pastor Joel led us in the message "Friends

with Faith”. In this scripture, we see Jesus going to the Gentiles. This is Trinity Sunday—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. God has never been alone, always in a relationship, three holy friends united in love. Jesus was passing thru, but the little girl with a demon, and a deaf man could not get to Him. Friends with faith went boldly to Jesus, asking Him to help them. They were Gentiles, but Jesus, in His mercy, still healed them both. We need to advocate for others as friends with faith. The Living Christ meets us where we are and teaches as thru others how to share the grace of God. Also assisting today were Cathy leading, and Denise doing the Children’s time (see next article).

CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING: During the May 26th Worship service, Denise Sites



told the Children about Memorial Day, its’ beginnings and what it stands for. On the altar, she had placed small flags, white roses, and a poppy flower, along with a framed flag from one of Mary Nankivell’s cousins who died in war. Diana played “Amazing Grace” on the organ as Denise read the following names of soldiers



who gave their lives as they fought for freedom: Bud Anderson; Layton Armentrout; James Benson; Hiram Billhimer; David H Click; Cecil Davis; Elwood Earman; and Arden “Russell” Lyberger. We continued by singing “Amazing Grace” and families were asked to take their remembrances as they departed today.

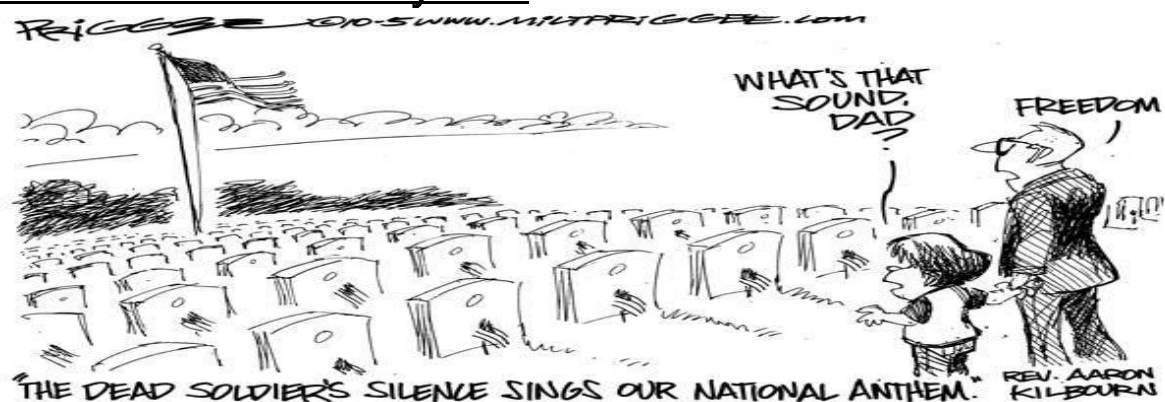
CONFERENCE KITS: On May 26th, during the Worship service, we dedicated and blessed our collected conference kits.

Sherry gratefully reported that we had exceeded last year’s goal. We collected 79 Health kits, 30 Feminine Hygiene kits, and 19 Cleaning Buckets, for a total of 128 total kits. In addition, we collected 317 Adult briefs, 192 pads and shields, and 50 protective pads to be given to the Medical Caring Closet. Thank you all for your generosity and caring.



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*Somedays all I can get done is walk around all day asking myself: “Why did I come in here?” “What was I going to do?” “Did I take my vitamins this morning?” “Where did that bruise come from?” “Is it lunchtime yet?” “Why am I so sore?” “Where are my glasses?” “I hear it—where did I leave my phone?” And then I laugh and laugh, because by that time, it’s time for a nap!*  
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MEMORIAL DAY – May 27th



ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

One thousand men are walking, Walking side by side, Singing songs from home, The spirit as their guide. They walk toward the light milord, they walk towards the sun, they smoke and laugh and smile together, no foes to outrun. These men live on forever in the hearts of those they saved, a nation truly grateful for the path of peace they paved. They march as friends and comrades but they do not march for war, step closer to salvation a tranquil steady corps, the meadows lit with golden beams, a beacon for the brave, the emerald grass untrampled, a reward for what they gave. They dream of those they left behind, and know they dream of them forever, in those poppy fields there walks one thousand men. (Joshua Dyer 2019 aged 14)

"Only two things protect America, the grace of Almighty God and the United States Military." Charlie Daniels

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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.

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.

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.

The Bible in a Year: Keezletown UMC 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.

The man's wife called to tell him she had seen a fox on the way to work. He asked her, "How did you know he was going to work?" She hung up on him.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Evalyn visits



Molly/Ryan Prom



Char is 25



Connor is 7



Happy 22nd



Alex is driving

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

PRAISE GOD FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY GRADUATES:

J Morgan Bishop, who earned a Certified Nurses Aide Education certificate from Sunnyside Retirement Community; she is the grand-daughter of Frank and Carolyn Baker.

Barrett Bowman who received a Master of Arts in Teaching Sec Ed from Liberty University; she is the daughter of Patti Bowman

Brandon Bowman graduated from James Madison University with a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Information Security. He is the son of Patti Bowman.

Eli Bowman from East Rock High School, son of Brandon and Ginny Bowman, grandson of Patti Bowman

Luke Dillard received a PhD in Biology with specialty in Microbiology, specifically Osteoporosis from UVA; he is the son of Aaron and Cheryl Dillard, and the grandson of Jim and Carol Dillard.

Cady Martin from Oregon State University, daughter of Clint and Melissa Martin, grand-daughter of Sharon Martin

Kathryn Threewitts Pusey received her Masters Degree in Business Administration from Liberty University. She is the daughter of Bob and Susan Threewitts.

Brianna Roach fifth year graduate from Bridgewater College majoring in Psychology; graduating with honors and speaking at commencement; she is the grand-daughter of Faye Crowe

Sarah-Grace Singleton graduated from Yorktown High School in Arlington and is planning on working with animals; she is the daughter of Rev Dawn-Marie Singleton, and grandmother Martha Singleton

Kahlyn Smith from Blue Ridge Christian School, daughter of BJ and Kelly Smith, great-granddaughter of Geraldine Armentrout

Jamie Werner graduated from the University of Virginia with an MSN, RN, and CNL in Nursing. She has accepted a job at Inova Loudoun Hospital in the Intermediate Care Unit. She is the daughter of David and Jackie Werner.

Shaun Zylich graduated from VA Tech with a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering; he is the grandson of Chris Cole, and son of Steve and Lori Zylich

AND IN RECOGNITION:

Nicholas Mitchell received an award certificate in recognition of outstanding achievement in Agriculture from Montevideo Middle School on June 3rd.

Winston Mitchell received a Certificate of Achievement for Math Wizard on May 31st. Both boys are the sons of Perry and Virginia Mitchell.

RELAY FOR LIFE was celebrated from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds on June 1st, with the theme "Re-Lei For A Cure". There was a live Auction starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Exhibit hall, where the KUMC team had given a number of baskets. After the welcoming ceremony, the Spencer Wenger group provided entertainment, until the Survivor and Caregiver Celebration Ceremonies and laps at 5:00 p.m. The Luminaria Remembrance Ceremony was held at 9:00 p.m. and the closing ceremonies followed. The KUMC team was unable to have the Relay grill and site this year, but has contributed thru fundraisers, a total of \$4,164, ranking us 11th out of 43 participating teams. Thank you to all who helped with relay in any way this year. Cancer never quits; neither will we.

REDEEMER CLASSICAL MAKES HISTORY: According to a report by WHSV, on Saturday, June 1st, Redeemer Classical School graduated its first-ever high school class of six students. Although only a PreK thru 8th grade school for many years, a decision was made five years ago to begin the high school classes. Redeemer is a private school, teaching Greek and Latin, and the Great Books Curriculum of the Western Canon, with lots of memorization. Their main purpose is to mold and shape hearts. Congratulations, Redeemer Classical graduating class of 2024.

COMMUNION SUNDAY: On the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 2nd, we celebrated Communion as Pastor Joel led us in the message "Double Tastes and Touches of Grace", from Mark 8:1-26, feeding and healing. We have seen Jesus do these things before, feeding, healing, being questioned by the Pharisees, disciples not understanding. Blindness prevails in the disciples, the Pharisees, and in the blind man. Seeing, knowing, comprehending Jesus's message is grace, not something we work hard enough for. The good news of Jesus is a gift. The Pharisees wanted to see a miracle, but He refused. Do you need a sign? We need to settle for nothing less than the love of Jesus. If you want to know Jesus, it's a gift, just ask for it. We then celebrated Holy Communion. Assisting today were Ken leading, Chris on the piano, Cheryl Carr reading

scripture, and Carol and Jim, Denise, Cathy, and Ken serving Communion. Pastor Joel talked about the Trinity as he gave the Children's story.

BIBLE STUDY COMPLETED: "The Third Day", a study of the folks that were with Jesus, including Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, Thomas, Emmaus Road men, and Paul, as well as a session on Jesus, was completed by the Monday morning study group on June 3rd, followed by lunch together at Ciro's in Elkton, with eight in attendance. The Tuesday night class finished on June 4th, after having dinner at The Galley in Harrisonburg, with five attending. Thank you, Pastor Joel, for leading such an interesting study.

LAST BACKPACKS FOR 2023-2024: Thank you to Lynette, Carson, and Connor for delivering the last thirty-one KUMC backpack bags on June 5th for this school year. What fun we have had (Chris, Becky, Ginny, Susie, and Diana) each Monday morning, as we tried to decide what to give the children, sending extras, and having wonderful fellowship, usually filled with laughter. Our shelves are pretty bare now, so if you are out and about shopping and find a good deal on any of the following, please let one of us know, or, help us to restock the shelves for next fall (it'll be here before we know it!): **Ramen noodles; Vienna sausages; Peanut butter; Granola bars; Individual cereals; Pop tarts; Snack crackers; Canned soup; Canned vegetables; Rice/Pasta packages; Canned pork and beans; Boxed Mac and cheese; Nutragrain bars; Individual juices; Single applesauce; Single canned fruit; Canned pasta; Single raisins; single puddings, individual chip bags.** Thank you to Lynette for coordinating with the school and for our shoppers, Becky, Ginny, and Chris, and to Mike, who took away our cardboard. Thirty-one families felt the love of KUMC because of your caring. Thank you.



D-Day the 6th of June 1944: The Longest Day: Upon the 6th of June, Remember them with pride. Men from many nations, Fighting together side by side. Let us never forget Their bravery and sacrifice. We may have our freedom, But they paid the price.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAMONA: On June 6th, at 1:00 p.m., 12 UWF members and family surprised Ramona Crowe with a 95th Birthday party at Phoenix. A mandarin orange cake, balloons, and cards were presented to her. She enjoyed blowing out the candles, reading the cards, and chatting with her guests.



WAY TO GO SHS LADY FRESHMEN: On June 6th, the SHS Powder Puff football game was held between the Freshmen and Junior ladies. The Freshmen beat the Juniors 26-12! The freshmen team included our own Haiden Dillard. Way to go lady Blazers!

UWF EVENING OUT AND MEETING was held at Romano's in McGaheysville on June 6th at 6:30 p.m. with 16 members and 1 guest in attendance. After we placed our orders, and Pastor Joel gave the blessing, we briefly discussed some business. The trip to Journeys Crossing is Monday, June 10th at 2:00 p.m. for the ice cream social. Becky, Ginny, and Sherry will purchase all of the necessary items and the UWF will pay for it. We are planning on about 60 residents and staff. Two graduates, Eli Bowman and Kahlyn Smith, will receive gift cards from the UWF. We voted to not have a meeting in July, as the first Thursday is the 4th of July, and the second Thursday will be VBS. For the Mission of the Month for July, we voted to give Blue Ridge Free Clinic a \$200.00 donation. We will be serving the Mt Crawford Ruritans in August and Sherry will contact members for food needs. The August picnic/meeting will be at Judy's home and the whole church will be invited. After a delicious meal and lots of good fellowship, Pastor Joel gave a prayer of blessing for Sharon and Karen for their Colorado trip.



KEN SPEAKS AT WORSHIP: For worship on June 9th, the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Ken Thomas spoke on "Samuel, Maker of Kings" from 1 Samuel 8:1-22. Samuel's mother, Hannah, had no children and was often ridiculed for it. In those days, though she was beloved by her husband, she prayed that God would give her a son and she would dedicate him to God. God heard her prayer, and she gave birth to Samuel. When he was weaned, she took him to Eli, the priest, to be a servant for God. How difficult this must have been for Hannah, but she kept her promise. Do we ask gimme, gimme, gimme to the Lord? Do we give thanks when we receive? Samuel heard the Lord speak and asked Eli, who told him to answer the voice and do what it said. Although the prophecy was grim about the death of Eli's sons, Samuel told him. His credibility as a prophet spread thru Israel. Samuel became the judge of Israel, who wanted a king. He anointed Saul, but with a warning to the people as to what would happen. After Saul, he anointed King David. Samuel teaches us obedience, and to give God the glory. Assisting today were Cathy leading, Jenny reading Scripture, and Diana doing the Children's Time that talked about keeping your promise. There was also a special "goody bag" presentation for Ken. Diana also played the organ and had the special music "Standing On the Promises".

MAKING JOURNEY'S CROSSING FOLKS SMILE: On Monday afternoon, June 10th at 2:00 p.m., the folks at Journey's Crossing in Elkton were treated to an ice cream social by the KUMC UWF. Three ladies went to help serve vanilla ice cream with all kinds of toppings and cookies to approximately 30 residents and staff, who seemed to really enjoy the treat, especially the whipped cream. The remainder of the food was left for the night staff and 19 Thank You bags were taken to celebrate and honor the CNA's that work there for CNA week. Smiles and thanks were plentiful.



"Overheard on the Walmart speaker: "Excuse me, all customers. Your son just called me on old fart. You will find him in Aisle 17 inside the big red dryer. Have a good day."

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



In Ag Olympics

On to 7th & 2nd

Last day of school; Nick, Winston, and Abby

Betty Morris Aylor, Mother of Steve Morris passed away on Wednesday, June 12th. She is survived by her husband, Milton Aylor; her three children, Joe (Tara) Morris, Steve (Beth) Morris, and Becky (Tim) Nicely; five grandchildren, Austin (Nikki) Nicely, Morgan (Cameron) Bishop, Jared (Allison) Morris, Kayla Morris, and Brayden Morris; three great-grandchildren, Triton Bishop, Karsyn Nicely, and Rylynn Bishop; sister by marriage, Barbara Stroop. Steve posted this about her: "God received another saint this morning, Mom went to be with her savior. Mom was such a strong caring and faithful woman. She sacrificed so much for me, Becky Nicely and Joe as a single mother raising three kids. We never wanted and she rarely missed any of our sports or activities growing up. The strong work ethic she displayed can be seen in us. She found love again after dad's passing, only after she ensured us three kids had been raised and on our own, with Milton who has been a God send for Mom and our family. Our current sadness is only fleeting but our hope in Christ Jesus and his promise of an eternal tomorrow where we will meet again is everlasting. Rest easy Mom."

JUNE EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE

Virginia Annual Conference will be June 20th-22nd, in Hampton, Virginia. Delegates from KUMC will be Chris Cole (Shenandoah River district-at-large delegate); Jenn Robinette (KUMC lay delegate) and Joel Robinette (clergy delegate). There is copy of the Book of Reports available at KUMC or online at vaumc.org if you want to learn more about this year's conference. A Conference offering will be taken on June 9th during worship to benefit (1) Partnerships of Hope: Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, Vietnam, Native American Ministries, and (2) RIP Medical Debt to help eliminate medical debt in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**16 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. FATHER'S DAY Celebration during Sunday School
Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Message: "Fathers: A True Blessing", by Lay Servant Len
Williams from Matt 7:9-11 and Ephes 6:1-4**

- 20 **Serve Kingsway Meal**
 20-22 **VA Annual Conference**
 20 **SUMMER BEGINS**
 23-30 **Pastor Joel on Vacation**
 23 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Message by Lay Servant Cathy Sites Chouiniere
 30 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Message by Lay Servant Cathy Sites Chouiniere

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Carson is 12 Feeling better Happy 54th BD Brayden's driving H-BDay Lydia Carr's new porch

Nowadays, the most expensive vehicle to operate is a grocery cart.

***** 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 17	Allen Martin		
July 20	Triton Lane Bishop		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 4, 1990	John & Cheryl Foley	34 years
July 4, 1992	Mike & Cecilia Hawkins	32 years
July 5, 1993	Randy & Janet Clatterbuck	31years
July 13, 2002	Charlie & Stephanie Liskey	22 years
July 19, 1986	Steve & Marie Suter	38 years
July 20, 1996	David & Jenny Reed	28 years
July 20, 1963	Bruce & Barbara Hoover	61 years
July 24, 2021	Brian & Ann Marie Zylich	3 years
July 26, 1999	Marvin & Sandra McCray	25 years

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



Bruce & Barbara Hoover for 61 years on July 20th
Best wishes from your KUMC family. May you have many more.

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JULY CALENDAR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Keezletown UMC will celebrate “Gone Fishing” during Vacation Bible School, July 9th, 10th, and 11th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ages PreK through 6th grade are welcome. Call 540-269-8531 to register the names and ages of attendees! Even Jesus had a fish story! Come on out and check it out.



Outdoor Sunday and Picnic: Keezletown UMC will worship outside at the Ruritan Picnic Shelter on Sunday, **July 14th** at 11:00 AM as we celebrate Vacation Bible School. Please bring some sides and desserts to share. The United Methodist Men will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs.

- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 7 **Small Group Leaders Gathering at 8:45 a.m.**
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: “I Believe, Help My Unbelief” from Mark 9:14-29
- 8 **Worship Planning at 10:00 p.m.**
- 9-11 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- 14 **Outdoor Worship at Ruritan Park at 11:00 a.m.; Message: “Welcoming Little Ones and the Kingdom of God” from Mark 10:1-16**
 Picnic to follow
- 17 **Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
- 19 **Newsletter items due**
- 18 **Serve Kingsway Meal**
- 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
- 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**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S, AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

NEW FURNACE: Joe Liskey shared in worship about the new furnace for the church and cost of \$10,000 taken from church reserves. If you would like to give toward that new furnace, please designate your giving toward "furnace" which will build back those reserves.

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Small church advantages: You can't get lost in a small church. Bathrooms are easy to find. If you have to stop and restart a song, nobody cares. Kids have multiple sets of parents and grandparents. If you miss church without reporting in, there is a church-wide alert to find you. You have a close relationship with your pastor. You are an important part of a family. Anon

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MY PERSONAL NOTE

You knew as soon as you opened the Church door, he would be standing there, leaning on his walking stick, holding the bulletins, with a smile on his face when he looked up and saw you. And then he would stretch out his arm and gather you in for your hug. I think that is what I will miss the most—God's love coming thru in a hug and a smile, from a man who truly did care about others. He didn't always feel good, but he always made you feel good. He was like the grandfather waiting for his children to come thru the doors. Frank—you will be missed, but you will never be forgotten. You touched our hearts, and we love you. *Diana*

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Editor's Note

The July deadline for submissions is July . 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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From Princess Sassy Pants and Co: "every blink of a firefly's light says...believe."