

MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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165th Edition



The stories this old tractor could tell. RIP, Old Boy—jobs well done.

KEEZLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Yes I'm a Christian. Yes I make hypocritical decisions. Yes I fail. I stumble. I struggle. I am a mess. But I'm God's mess, and He can turn a mess into a masterpiece.

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

There are some people at Keezletown UMC studying The Lord's Prayer using resources by Rev Adam Hamilton. One of the things we have learned was that early Christians were encouraged to pray The Lord's Prayer three times a day daily. One of the things we have been trying in the study is to pray The Lord's Prayer together and in different ways. I want to invite you to pray The Lord's Prayer daily, too, over the next few weeks. This is the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. These are things we can be confident that when we ask for these things, God will be faithful to give. Here are some different ways you may try praying The Lord's Prayer in the weeks ahead: Pray The Lord's Prayer at morning, midday, and evening. Pray The Lord's Prayer from the Gospel of Matthew: Matthew 6:9-13. Pray The Lord's Prayer from the Gospel of Luke: Luke 11:2-4. There are three written versions of The Lord's Prayer in The United Methodist Hymnal so try each one: 894, 895, 896. Sing The Lord's Prayer such as in: The United Methodist Hymnal 270 or 271; Faith We Sing 2278; or Worship & Song 3068, 3069, 3070, or 3071. Pray one part of The Lord's Prayer each day of the week: Monday: Our Father...Tuesday: Thy kingdom come...Wednesday: Give us this day...Thursday: And forgive us...Friday: And lead us not into temptation...Saturday: For thine is the kingdom...Sunday: Pray the whole prayer in worship. Teach The Lord's Prayer to someone. Now, let's begin by praying it together as we finish this chat: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pastor Joel

*****AUGUST EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

CAMPER THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Church, thank you for helping me with going to Camp Over look. I had lots of fun. I Did the rock wall at camp and got to the top two times. I hope I go next year also. Love, **Austyn Crisman**

Dear, K.U.M.C. Thank you for letting me be able to go to camp, I had so much fun. We learned a lot about Jesus. He was born on the day we came to camp, The Shepherd told us where he was. We played alot of games. My favorite is the Shepherds and the Sheep. We also climbed the climbing wall. I made it half way! After that we had worship and at worship Jesus died on the cross. On Friday we played alot of games and went to the lake, on the night we went home. I had alot of fun learning about Jesus. Thank you again for letting me be able to go to camp. Love, **Andrea Crisman** (Austyn and Andrea are the daughters of Wes and Sarah Crisman, and the grand-daughters of Joe and Linda Liskey.)

IT'S FINAL! SHE IS DR. SHORTELL: "On August 9th, I celebrated a magical and life-changing milestone with



my best friends and parents, (finally) graduating with my PhD in clinical psychology with a focus in neuropsychology. I am endlessly thankful for all their support, the opportunity to train at the University of Florida (Go Gators!), and all the support that has gotten me to this point. These past six years have been demanding, difficult, and so fulfilling, and this special day marked the end of my longest, most grueling ultra yet. Now it's onto the next adventure--my long-term career goal of using this honor

to increase access to neuropsychological services in Virginia as Dr. Shortell!" CONGRATULATIONS, Destin, we are so very proud of you and we send love and best wishes from your KUMC church family. Destin is the daughter of Steve and Gina Shortell.

FAIR PROUD:



Leah Siler showed pigs and sheep at the 2024 Rockingham County fair. She got lots of ribbons and won Grand Champion on her Suffolk Ram. Way to go, Leah! She is the daughter of Lee and Amanda Siler, and grand-daughter of Lynn Siler.



LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS: Pastor Joel spoke from Mark 12:13-34, questions



asked of Jesus, in his message entitled "Unexpected Answers from Jesus" during the worship service on Aug 18th. What would you expect Jesus to do when people tried to entrap Him with questions? Jesus did not ignore them, but answered them to give them wisdom. He

answered questions about taxes, who a widow was married to in heaven, and what is the greatest commandment. He answered "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus doesn't leave us with just answers, but with the Holy Spirit to guide and help us live these commandments. During the service, there

was also a Blessing of Those Returning to School, and an anointment and laying on of hands. Assisting in today's service were Karen and Sharon with the music, Pastor Joel on the guitar, Cathy leading, Carol reading scripture, and Pastor Joel leading Children's Time where he talked about "Living by Rules".



CHILL-N-CHAT met on Aug 19th at 10:00 a.m. with eight ladies and Pastor Joel. We enjoyed cake and fresh chicken salad croissants with our coffee, and lively and informative conversation. We'll save you a chair!

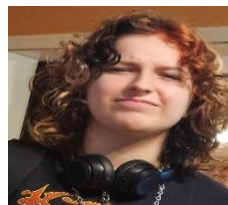
August 20th School begins



Parker 9th



Carson 7th/Connor 2nd



Alyx 10th



Kendra College Sr



Brayden 10th



Haiden 10th



Abby 12th



Winston 5th



Nick 9th



Austyn & Andrea 7th

"Sam Eppard": Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Ralph L "Sam" Eppard, 92, of Journeys Crossing Assisted Living in Elkton, who passed on August 22nd. Sam's family, Darryl, Tanya, and MaKenna Eppard are a part of the Keezletown Community, and friends of the KUMC family. He is also survived by his wife, Sue, of 70 years, as well as a half-brother, and two others sons and their families.

COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Another successful community ice cream social was



held on Saturday, August 24th in the Church social hall, with approximately 75 people attending and enjoying fresh homemade (they were making it in the parsonage garage) ice cream in ten different flavors. There was also gluten free ice cream and toppings. It was a wonderful evening of

food, fellowship, laughter, and joy. Thank you to Sherry and all her hard workers that made this event happen. A freewill offering of \$285 was collected to go toward the KUMC Backpack Project.



MCCC SHED RENOVATED: The United Methodist Men and others, including **Mike Summers, Joe Liskey, Wes Crisman, Jim Dillard, Scott Dillard, and Steve Suter**, have been working on, and have now completed, renovating a shed at MCCC. Many thanks to County Line Supplies who donated between \$5000-\$6000 in materials and supplies for the renovation, which included a new roof, new siding, new shelving, new doors, new locks, and removing old pipe gate. The building is already filled! Good job, UMM!



NEW GLASSES OR NEW EYES: “Looking at Things Differently With Jesus” was the title of Pastor Joel’s message for worship on Aug 25th. Using Mark 12:35-44, he explained that when we see things a new way, we see them differently from then on. Jesus opens our eyes, like no one else, to who and what God is, and His plan for us. Mark shows us in three stories that Jesus is teaching us who the Messiah is, not to brag about our status, and how what we give makes a difference. Jesus interprets scripture. The poor widow gave two small coins, all she had. Jesus knew she gave all she had, and gave it from her heart, a greater gift than all the others had given. When people of faith give all they have, others may not see, but God does. And God gives us all we need out of His love. May we see God and others with new eyes of love. Assisting today were Chris on the piano, Len leading the service, Judy reading scripture, Jenny, Carol, and Sharon helping with the Call to worship—a responsive reading about “Adonai”, and Diana leading the children’s time with a message that “God has a plan”.

CHILL-N-CHAT met for the last time this summer on August 26th at 10:00 a.m. with nine ladies present. A big thank you to the ladies for helping Diana get the newsletters ready for mailing. We then enjoyed coffee and gingerbread, as well as good conversation. Thank you to all of the ladies who participated throughout the summer. We hope you had good time.

United Methodist Men met on Aug 29th at 6:00 p.m. for a meal provided by Ken Thomas and Scott Dillard. Eleven members and guests enjoyed Vito's Pizza, Salad, and Ice Cream Sandwiches. A prayer of healing was given for those needing healing within the church family and community. Ken provided the devotion by sharing about the UMM ministry with the guests. Joe reported the MCCC shed project completed. Plans are to clean the garage on Sept 4th at 6:00 p.m., and provide BBQ Chicken, tea and lemonade, paper products, and silverware, for the upcoming church worship service and picnic at the Ruritan Park on Sept 29th at 11:00 a.m. UMM Sunday will be Oct 13th with DS Rev Victor Gomez speaking, followed by a baked potato bar fundraiser after worship. Our next meeting is Sept 15th at 8:00 a.m.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Feeling Better



Carmella is 4



Kendra is 27



Cory made dinner



Triton's in Pre-K

Some of the best words literally ever: Bamboozled; Discombobulated; Cattywampus; Malarkey; Brouhaha; Skedaddle; Doohickey; Persnickety; Whatnot; Gobsmacked; Flibbertigibbet; Poppycock; Whippersnapper; Flabbergasted; Shenanigans; Lollygag; Kerfuffle; Nincompoop; Pumpernickel; Thingamajig; Whatsit; Whatchamacallit; Flummoxed; Dingleberry; Gobbledygook; Canoodle; Codswallop; and Toadstrangler.

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.

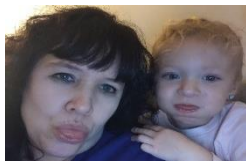
The Bible in a Year: Keezletown UMC has a Bible reading plan for reading the entire Bible in a year. This plan has four chapters of Bible reading each day: two chapters reading through the Bible; one chapter from Psalms, wisdom, poetry, or instructional materials; and one chapter from the Gospels or 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.

NEW STUDY BEGAN: “The Lord’s Prayer” study by Rev Adam Hamilton is a seven week study meeting either Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



7th day Preschool



Teaching Pffftttt!



Mitchell kids 2018



Happy 17th Abby



21st Gotcha Day

*****SEPTEMBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

BECKY ARMENTROUT: Marlys Rebecca “Becky” Armentrout, 73, a dearly beloved friend of the



KUMC family and community, passed away on Sunday, Sept 1st. She is survived by an aunt, Evelyn Hoover; numerous cousins and several special friends, Bruce and Barbara Hoover, David and Jenny Reed, Jim and Carol Dillard, Mac and Nancy Coffman, and Joe and Becky Coffman. RIP, Dear Friend. You will be missed.

DO YOU NEED A NEW HEART? Ken Thomas led the worship service on Sunday, Sept 1st, due to Pastor Joel being under the weather, as well as many church family members. He was dressed in a red t-shirt and bib overalls as he talked with the children about how you dress should not define who you are. Get to know people’s hearts, not what they are wearing. His scripture for the message, “A New Heart” was from Job 11:13-19. The man woke up. He didn’t feel right. It was like a boulder was on his chest, and he collapsed. When he regained consciousness, he was in the hospital, with his family, being told he’d had a major heart attack and would need a new heart. He went on the waiting list and was finally told a heart was ready for him. He sat there realizing that someone else had to die so he could live with a new heart in his body. When you give your heart to Jesus, it is the biggest decision you will ever make. He will remake your heart, with you using the Bible as your anti-rejection medicine. When you give your heart to Jesus, nothing and no one can separate you ever again. Also assisting today was Chris on the piano.

August Schools Supplies Donated for MCCC: Loose Leaf Paper:

35, Spiral Notebooks: 67, Composition Notebook: 1, Folders: 8, Erasers: 46, Glue Sticks: 83, Bottle of Glue: 1, Pencils: 187, Scissors: 34, Crayons 24ct: 28, Wide Markers: 9, Thin Markers: 2, Sharpeners: 8, Pencil Pouches: 8, Rulers: 3, Flash Cards: 4: Index Cards: 2, Pens: 14, Highlighters: 11, Mini Composition Books: 2. A



blessing was given for these donations during the Sept 1st worship service. They will be delivered to MCCC in September. Thank you for your generosity.

SEPTEMBER 2: "Labor Day" is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday of September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements in the United States. Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the U.S. officially celebrated Labor Day." (Source Wikipedia)

BACKPACKING BEGAN: On Sept 4th, the Backpacking ladies met in the morning to do the first backpacking of the new year, with a count of 22 children. If you feel led to help support this program, please see Jenny Dillard with your donation.

THANK YOU, MEN! The United Methodist men, namely **Mike, Joe, Ken, Jim, Scott,** and **Pastor Joel** met on Sept 4th at 6:00 p.m. and within no time at all had cleaned out and rearranged the garage. Three pickup trucks and a trailer load of assorted "things" were disposed of. Thank you, men. We appreciate your hard work.

Raymond Edward Michael, 90, lifetime member of KUMC, community member and friend passed away on Thursday, Sept 5th. He was a farmer, mail carrier, and played on the Keezletown baseball team. Raymond is survived by his children, Cherie Rodgers and husband, Steven, Raymond E. "Mike" Michael, II, and wife, Terri, Dale Michael and Vicky; a brother, Maynard Michael; five grandchildren, Scotty Michael, Mikie Michael, Brittany Colberg, Stefanie Rodgers, Aaron Rodgers; six great-grandchildren, Danielle Michael, Owen Michael, Alexis Colberg, Emmet Michael, Callen Michael, Levi Michael; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Sept 10th at Kyger Funeral Home with Pastor Joel Robinette officiating.



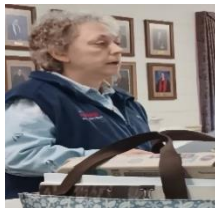
United Women in Faith met on Thursday, Sept 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church social hall, with fourteen members present. Judy called the meeting to order and we recited the Purpose. Two thank you notes were read. Cathy gave the Treasurer's report. Sherry suggested for Mission of the Month, a Renewal Initiative for Ukraine that her son's fire department is involved with to bring medical supplies and training to that country. This was approved. Karen reported that poinsettias will be needed by Dec 1st; order forms will be made available. Fay advised that a Christmas tree was on sale at Costco for the sanctuary. Judy and Fay will be checking on this next week. Sherry reported that we are serving the eezletown Ruritans on Sept 9th. Remaining food will be used to serve the Blue Ridge Free Clinic folks on Sept 10th. We will be serving the

Mt Crawford Ruritans on Nov 6th. Sunday, Sept 15th, after worship, we will have a salad bar lunch to celebrate United Women in Faith Sunday. All of the school items collected and blessed on Sept 1st will be delivered by Sherry to MCCC in the next week. Karen edited the shut-in bag list for bags to be packed at the Oct meeting. Please bring snack items to fill the 23 bags. The Prayer breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Dayton. The bulletin and assignments for the Women's Sunday service was then completed. Chris read from the prayer calendar. Eight cards were signed. Next meeting will be Oct 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Ann Smith, 85, lifelong member of KUMC, passed away on Sunday, Sept 8th. She taught children in Sunday School for nearly 40 years and loved to tell the little children how she had taught their parents. She also had, and shared, a beautiful singing voice. She is survived by her sister, Nancy Armentrout, her niece Carla (Jeff) Newman, a niece-in-law, Kathy Armentrout and nephew William Armentrout, a sister-in-law, Peggy Smith and niece Kim Lam and nephew Greg Smith. In addition, she is survived by her very treasured "special" family, Scott, Jenny, Leigha, and Haiden Dillard, and her caregivers Mary Miller and Lydia Graber. Barbara's burial was Friday, Sept 13th, followed by a Memorial Service at KUMC with Pastor Joel Robinette officiating. Heaven has indeed gained another saint. RIP, Barbara.



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF: On Sunday, Sept 8th, we held our annual Sunday School



kickoff. We had 25 in attendance. Pastor Joel led us in prayer. We had time to socialize and snack on donuts and fruit. **Cathy Sites** read a devotional by Rachael Adams called "How a Small Group Can make a Big Difference". The devotional spoke to Rachael joining a small group when she was young, but did not understand all the Christian terms. When she was older, she joined a Bible study. The group held each accountable and accepted everyone, flaws and all. Rachael spoke about the impact the group had, not just within the group, but other projects and services within the Church. The group has now met for years. Rachael's devotional went on to speak about times in the Bible where small groups were very important. Rachael finishes with this: "it is not about the size of the group God has given you, rather it is the magnitude of the One within you". Cathy finished by encouraging everyone to attend a small group, whether it is a Bible study or Sunday School.



SEPTEMBER 8TH: GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY:

RETARDED GRANDPARENTS: (this was actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following: We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore! They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they

must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts! Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night - early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

SHE DID WHAT SHE COULD: “In Remembrance of Her” from Mark 14:1-11, was the message by Pastor Joel on Sunday, Sept 8th during the worship service. We don't get her name, but her deed. Put yourself in this story. Mark is the only one who told the story. A few days before Passover, Jesus was at a dinner meal in Bethany. While Jesus was there, a woman entered the room with an alabaster box filled with very expensive oil, which she broke and poured over Jesus' head—all of it. This infuriated some of those around the table, but Jesus quieted them by saying “she is anointing me for my burial, a great deed that will be remembered forever”. It covered His head, His beard, an aroma that would carry with Him thru the passion week and to His crucifixion. She gave Jesus the greatest gift she could give. We are all elaborate alabaster containers of God's love—are you ready to pour yourself out onto others? Assisting in the service today were Jenny reading scripture and Diana at the organ and talking with the children about how all things pass.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS: On Monday, Sept 9th, the study of “The Lord's Prayer” began at 10:00 a.m. with eighteen church and community folks attending. On Tuesday, Sept 10th, ten folks attended the evening study. Today's study was an introduction by all and to the subject. We still have chairs available waiting for you.

LOOKING AHEAD: Beginning Oct 28th at 10:00 a.m., and Oct 29th, at 7:00 p.m., a new Bible study on “Mere Christianity” by C S Lewis, a compilation of radio addresses he shared from 1942-1944, studying the basics of what it is to be a Christian, will begin for the Monday morning and Tuesday evening participants. This will be a seven-week study and books are \$19 each. Please sign up in the narthex or let Pastor Joel know. We would love to have you join us.

KEEZLETOWN RURITANS FED: Four ladies from the UWIF served the Keezletown Ruritans on Sept 9th a meal of Barbeque sandwiches, baked beans, hashed brown casserole, tea, and dessert. Thank you to all who donated or helped.

UWiF SERVES AGAIN: Sherry delivered a meal of BBQ/Buns, baked beans, and cookies to the Blue Ridge Free Clinic on Tuesday, Sept 10th for their dinner meal. They were very appreciative.

REMEMBERING 911: By Denise Sites: "23 years ago, we United as One....23 years later, we are Divided in thousands of ways....Instead of worrying about politics today (or any day), I choose to honor those who lost their lives on 911". Let's unite with Denise and remember.

Administrative Council met on Thursday, Sept 12th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall with twelve members present. Susan called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel opened with prayer. A report on General giving, Memorials giving, and designated funds thru August was prepared for the group to review. A discussion followed concerning apportionments, and weekly collections. Pastor Joel reported on the Simple Accountability Structure study that has been done, with the committee not recommending implementing the program. The Harvest Party will be held Oct 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Ruritan Park. Judy reported for UWIF that we gave \$300 to the Renewal Initiative for Ukraine; were working on poinsettias for Christmas; bought a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary; fed the Keezletown and Mt Crawford Ruritans, and the Blue Ridge Free Clinic; are making gift bags at the Oct meeting; are attending the UWIF Prayer Breakfast; and have prepared for leading worship on UWIF Sunday, Sept 15th, with a salad bar after worship. Scott reported for the UMM that the shed at MCCC is completed; the pizza gathering in Aug was a success; they cleaned the garage; they are doing BBQ chicken for the Outdoor Worship service on Sept 29th; and the UMM Sunday is Oct 13th with a potato bar to follow worship. Mike reported for the Trustees that the new roof warranty is 40 years and that the insurance has gone up, as expected, for the year; we now have adequate coverage for the church, the parsonage, and the garage; the vent hood in the kitchen was inspected and approved; fire extinguishers will be checked in Sept; and a thank you to Scott and Jenny who redid the classroom (cleaning, painting, and new furniture) behind the organ. Sherry reported for Missions that we supplied items for the Mission District program; 25 attended the annual picnic at Judy's; 70 attended the Ice Cream social with a free will offering of \$285 for the backpack program; August school supplies were delivered to MCCC; Sept we will collect for SHS care closet; trunk or treat will be Oct 26th from 4-7 p.m.; shoeboxes will be collected in Nov; we will get 10 names for the Salvation Army angel tree; we will collect for hat/mitten/sock tree; the Baby Shower for Jesus will be on Dec 24th; and a game/movie night is in the works for the winter months. The Community Thanksgiving Service for Nov 24th is still being planned. Jenny reported for the SPRC that an evaluation of the clergy and staff was done at their meeting, and recommendations will be made to finance for increases in Lynn's and Pastor Joel's salaries. Joe is resigning from leading the Relay for Life team. Pastor Joel reported that the Dodrill family have transferred their memberships; the deaths of Patsy Smith, Raymond Michael, and Barbara Smith, all members, and of Becky Armentrout, a dear friend of the church. Charge Conference will be Sunday, Nov 3rd at Shenandoah University at 3:00 p.m. All forms need to be completed and signed by Oct 22nd. The next meeting will be after the WOW service on Oct 9th.

APPOINTED: On Sept 12th, Parker Young was appointed to Strengthening Ag Coach in the Turner Ashby FFA Chapter. Congratulations, Parker. We know John and Jennifer, and Leonard are all proud of you. So are we. We look forward to seeing you do great things!



FIRST LUNCH BUNCH: We Methodists do love to eat, and since we couldn't have Chill-N-Chat due to Bible Study, we decided that twice a month, we would try to go to a restaurant and enjoy a meal together. On Sept 12th, four folks, Pastor Joel and Jenn, Diana, and Kathy A, enjoyed (and brought home) a wonderful meal at Vito's on Port Road. Even better than the meal, was

the fellowship and conversation, reminiscing, and laughing. We invite you to join us as you are able. Look for when and where in the bulletin or on the announcements before worship. There's a chair waiting for you.

William "Elmer" Michael, Sr. 87, Community member and friend of many at KUMC passed away on Saturday, Sept 14th. He was married to Belva when they attended KUMC and he helped to build the new Church when the two combined. He was a Keezletown Ruritan member for 46 years. Surviving are two sons, W Elmer Michael Jr (Ellen) and Stanley (Sandra), two daughters, Virginia Hulse (Francis), and Wanda Hulse (William), two sisters, Mary Nankivill and Janet Clements, a brother, Ellis, a special friend, Violet, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild, as well as nieces and nephews. The funeral was held on Sat, Sept 21st at Kygers at 4:00 p.m.



IN HIS NAME: Denise and Cathy Sites were both able to attend the kids fishing rodeo at the Eagles on Saturday afternoon, Sept 14th. Denise and Cathy presented the award for the biggest fish caught in memory of their dad, Maynard "Pop" Sites. Thank you to the Eagles for keeping his memory alive.



UWiF Prayer Breakfast was held at the Dayton UMC at 9:00 a.m. on Sept 14th. Approximately 35 women attended, with Judy, Chris, and Faye from KUMC. Although the gathering was sparse, the breakfast was delicious and the ladies learned about the need of support for Camp Overlook, now known as Overlook Retreat Camp Ministries from the director, Chad Hrbek.

FOR A CHUCKLE:

I spent \$22.00 to fill my gas tank—unfortunately it was my lawn mower tank. Gas is so high now that the mail persons are working from home. Yesterday, mine called me and read me my mail. The engineer was asked what he was working on: his reply was "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel, under a constrained environment". Which means: he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision! Heard on the phone: Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo.

*****SEPTEMBER EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- 15 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; United Women in Faith Sunday Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message by Cathy Sites Chouiniere
- 16 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 17 Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM
"The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Serve Kingsway Ministries Meal
- 21 Shenandoah River District Lay Servant Academy will be held 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Strasburg UMC.
- 22 FIRST DAY OF FALL
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

- Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "The Bread and Cup" from Mark 14:12-25
- 23 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 24 Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM
"The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.
- 29 NO Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m. at Keezletown Ruritan Park Pavilion; Message: "Jesus Giving Hope to Deserters, Betrayers, and Deniers" from Mark 14:26-72
Church picnic after worship at Ruritan Park; UMM providing BBQ Chicken
- 30 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.

Their fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. His Mom asked their sixth-grader, Roger, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, her husband asked Roger, "What would Jesus do?" Roger answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."

*** OCTOBER EVENTS HAPPENING***

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Neil Sacra	Oct 10	Joel Robinette
Oct 1	Haiden Dillard	Oct 10	Peggy Smith
Oct 1	Ryan Welsh	Oct 15	Phillip Carr
Oct 3	James Cole	Oct 18	Toni Underwood
Oct 4	Cheryl Foley	Oct 19	Hannah Bowman
Oct 4	Sarah Crisman	Oct 22	Mike Summers
Oct 5	Randy Clatterbuck	Oct 26	Cheryl Dillard
Oct 5	Mike Heishman	Oct 29	Connie Hawley
Oct 8	Marie Hardin	Oct 30	Jenny Reed
Oct 9	Morgan Bishop	Oct 30	Sherry Summers
Oct 10	Patti Bowman	Oct 31	Ryan Pusey

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 3, 1992	Scott & Michelle Dodrill	32 years
Oct 3, 2015	Michael & Faith Stanley	9 years
Oct 4, 2014	Justin & Kristin Roach	10 years
Oct 7, 1978	Darryl & Tanya Eppard	46 years
Oct 8, 2022	Chris and Lauren Threewitts	2 years
Oct 12, 1968	Jim & Carol Dillard	56 years
Oct 12, 2014	Kevin & Holly Mason	10 years
Oct 15, 1977	Bob & Susan Threewitts	47 years
Oct 15, 2011	Matthew & Amber Coffman	13 years
Oct 19, 2019	Adam & Kelly Ford	5 years
Oct 21, 2006	Eric & Annika Dean	18 years
Oct 21, 2017	Matt & Luran Holliday	7 years
Oct 23, 2004	Brandon & Ginny Bowman	20 years

Oct 23, 2010	Stephen & Kristine Welsh	14 years
Oct 31, 1998	Bob & Susie Hill	26 years
Oct 31, 2021	Travis & Joanna Martin	3 years

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



Darryl & Tanya Eppard for 46 years on Oct 7th
Bob & Susan Threewitts for 47 years on Oct 15th
Jim & Carol Dillard for 56 years on Oct 12th

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

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1 **Worship Music Practice 6:00 p.m.**
 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 2 **WOW service at 6:30 p.m.**
 Choir Practice after WOW service
- 3-6 **Women's Walk to Emmaus at Camp Overlook**
- 3 **UWiF meet 7:00 p.m.**
- 6 **Small Group Leaders Gathering at 8:45 a.m.**
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 11:00 a.m. / Communion; Message: "Jesus the Crucified" from Mark 15:1-32
- 7 **Worship planning at 9:00 a.m.**
 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
 Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 8 **Worship Music Practice 6:00 p.m.**
 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 **Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.**
 WOW service 6:30 p.m.
 Admin Council meeting after WOW service
- 10-13 **Men's Walk to Emmaus at Camp Overlook**
- 13 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m. ; UNITED METHODIST MEN SUNDAY**
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message by Rev Victor Gomez
 Potato bar served by the UMM after worship service
- 14 **"The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.**
 Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 15 **"The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.**
- 16 **WOW service at 6:30 p.m.**
 Choir practice after WOW service
- 17 **Serve Kingsway Ministries Meal**
- 18 **Newsletter items due**
- 20 **UMM meet 8:00 a.m.**
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; LAITY SUNDAY
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: TBD
- 21 **Last "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.**
 Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 22 **Last "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.**
 Charge Conference Forms Due

- 23 **Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.**
 WOW Service at 6:30 p.m.
- 26 **Loom Hat Making 11:00 a.m.**
 Trunk or Treat at Rockingham Park from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- 27 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Jesus Died and Was Buried" from Mark 15:33-47
 Harvest Party at Ruritan Park 2:00 p.m. with hayride and food
- 28 **"Mere Christianity" Study at 10:00 a.m.**
 Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 29 **"Mere Christianity" Study at 7:00 p.m.**
- 30 **WOW Service at 6:30 p.m.**
 Choir practice after WOW service
- 31 **HALLOWEEN**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

WOW Services (Witnessing on Wednesdays): will return on Wednesdays in Oct at 6:30 PM with a meal, music, and testimonies. If you would like to help with a meal, music, or testimony, please talk to Pastor Joel. They are scheduled for Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Lunch Bunch: Like to eat lunch with a great bunch? Diana Davis will be leading a lunch bunch on Wednesday, Sept 25th at 11:30 a.m.; Oct 9th at 11:30 a.m., and Oct 23rd at 11:30 a.m. You can meet at KUMC at 11:15 a.m. to carpool to the local restaurant which is TBD. For more information, please talk to Diana Davis.

Outdoor Worship and Chicken BBQ Picnic: There will be outdoor worship at the Keezletown Ruritan Park on Sunday, Sept 29th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a chicken barbeque picnic. The United Methodist Men will provide the chicken barbeque. Please bring sides and desserts to share. There will be no Sunday School Sept 29th.

UMM Sunday and Potato Bar Fundraiser: The Keezletown United Methodist Men will lead worship on Oct 13th with District Superintendent Rev Victor Gómez preaching. Following worship will be a potato bar with a free-will offering to support UMM mission/ministry. Come to worship, stay to eat.

Loom Hat Making: Come learn or join in making loom hats at KUMC on Saturday, Oct 26th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring a sack lunch with you. For more information, please talk to Susie Hill or Becky Ryman.

Trunk-R-Treat at Rockingham Park: Jenn Robinette is coordinating a KUMC trunk at the Trunk-R-Treat at Rockingham Park on Saturday, Oct 26th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There are expected to be 750 children. If you would like to help with donating candy or helping that day with set-up, welcoming children, or clean-up please see Jenn Robinette.

Harvest Party: The KUMC Harvest Party will be Sunday, Oct 27th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Keezletown Ruritan Hall with a hayride, food, games, and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Charge and District Conferences: There will be an all together charge and Shenandoah River District Conference on Sunday, Nov 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. at Shenandoah University's Stimpson

Auditorium in Halpin-Harrison Hall at 600 Millwood Avenue, Winchester, Virginia. We can carpool from KUMC at 1:30 p.m. and stop for dinner on our way back home. All charge conference reports need to be turned in and signed by Oct 22nd.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: It's about time to think about filling the shoes boxes for OCC. Now is a good time to start shopping for items to add to the boxes. We will be collecting them in November. So start fill the boxes and watch for more details and labels. Thank You, Lynn Siler

LATER UPCOMING EVENTS: **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.

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MY PERSONAL NOTE

Thank you to all of you who have supported, encouraged, listened, hugged, loved, and prayed for me this last year. It is only by the Grace of God the Father that I have made it through many days. Grief can be overwhelming, but I believe grief is only the love that we cannot physically tell those that are in a better place. It is amazing how fast Sept 26th came around again. But I shall get thru that day, with the help of God the Father, as I have every day of this last year. And I will continue to see my precious E.L. in my mind and my heart, pain free and smiling, waiting for me to feel his arms around me again. May God give those of us grieving, patience and grace, as we wait for the day we join our loved ones. *Diana*

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Editor's Note

The Oct deadline for submissions is Oct 18th. 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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The best way to honor all the souls lost on 9-11 is to be the people we were on 9-12. (Anon)