

# MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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*The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go.*

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## **OUR PASTOR CHATS**

Musicians and marchers work together in cadence to play the music correctly or walk in step. The cadence of our praying The Lord's Prayer can have an effect on which parts of the prayer we emphasize. In our Fall study on The Lord's Prayer, Rev. Adam Hamilton shared some ways to pray the The Lord's Prayer in a cadence that emphasized God's will and ways for our lives. Our class enjoyed those cadence suggestions and I thought you might want to try them out when you pray as Jesus taught us to pray. Hamilton noted we do not pray "my and mine" but "thy and thine" in this prayer. So, he suggested we emphasize the "thy and thine" in the prayer as a way of remembering we are not praying "my and mine." My and mine do not even show up in the prayer, but we pray with others with "our, we, us." When we pray "thy and thine" it is not just for "me" but a prayer that is prayed for all who Jesus would invite to call God "Father." That is everybody, y'all. Hamilton also suggest we add a comma after "and lead us" in the prayer. He notes there are no commas in New Testament Greek, so that English translators add commas to help us read and understand the text. Hamilton thinks a comma after "and lead us" would be helpful. After praying for forgiveness from our sins we may pray for God to "lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." So, with this comma, we pray for God to lead us after we are forgiven. We pray that we will not lead ourselves back to temptation but that God would deliver us from evil. Give this cadence a try with The Lord's Prayer with emphasis on the bold words. As you pray it pray for God's "thy and thine" instead of "my and mine." Pray for God to "lead us": 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. As we pray with this cadence, may Jesus fill us with God's "thy and thine" and "lead us" in Spirit of peace.

*Pastor Joel*

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

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY**, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Worship began with Pastor Joel



giving the Call to Worship, and Chris playing “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”. Judy gave the welcome, announcements, opening prayer, and led the UWIF purpose. Sharon and Karen led the two hymns during the service, “Rock of Ages” and “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”. Diana led the morning prayer, before the women sang “Grace Alone” for the morning anthem. Cathy Chouiniere read the

Gospel lesson from Acts 18:1-17, Paul’s travels. “United Women in Faith—Women on the Move” was the title of Cathy’s message, which all started at Judy’s picnic when Judy asked her to speak. In our Scripture, we hear God telling Paul to keep going and how he met Aquila and Priscilla, who then ministered with him, and held church meetings in their home. In March of 1869, eight Methodist women formed the Methodist Women’s Foreign Ministry Society, who sent missionaries to India to work among the poor and oppressed. In 1963, a building was purchased in New York City across from the United Nations by the United Methodist Women, and dedicated for mission work. In 2022, the name was changed to United Women in Faith, to continue to work for women and children. In 1968, in Keezletown, two churches combined and the United Methodist Women’s group was formed. A list of the original members was then read and remembered. Cathy also read a list of the accomplishments by the UWIF for 2023, as well as planned further endeavors, and missions that they have donated to throughout the year. This group of women is definitely, as Judy said, “women on the move”. Karen and Sharon shared “He Looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Needs” for the offertory, and Karen gave the offertory prayer. A blessing over the food awaiting after the service, and the benediction was given by Diana. Chris closed with “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”.

**UWiF PROVIDE MEAL:** The UWIF provided a delicious salad bar with all the fixin’s, plus side salads, and delicious desserts, for all who stayed after UWIF Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> worship. Good worship, good food, and good fellowship.

**“The Lord’s Prayer” Bible Study** met on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to study “Our Father, Who Art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name”. Discussion centered on how to approach the “Father” and how to realize what hallowed is and should be as we pray.

**Lay Servant Training:** The Shenandoah River District Lay Servant Academy was held 9:00 a.m. –



4:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept 21st at Strasburg UMC. The theme for the Academy was “Serving with Grace in the Wesleyan Tradition.” It began with a worship service led by Conference Lay Leader Martha Stokes. There were four classes. Basic Course: Taught by the Rev Stephen Creech, pastor at Manor Memorial United Methodist Church in New Market. Spiritual Gifts: Taught by Rev Joseph Clemmons, and is one of the required courses to become a Certified Lay Speaker, and will count

towards recertification. United Methodist Polity: This course gave students insights and understanding into how the United Methodist Church is organized and how decisions are made in the denomination, and was taught by Martha Stokes. This is also one of the six required courses to become a Certified Lay Speaker, and counts toward recertification. Aging and Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: This advanced course

explored how we can create and lead effective ministries for the older members of our congregations and communities. It will count toward recertification. Preaching Review: This was an opportunity for lay speakers to present a short sermon to a group of experienced pastors, who offered critiques and constructive criticism. Rev Gary Heaton coordinated this session. Lunch was provided. Attending from KUMC was Ken Thomas and Leonard Williams.



**ARE YOU PREPARING?** Pastor Joel spoke from Mark 14:12-25, the Passover Meal, with a message entitled “The Bread and Cup”, as we celebrated Communion during worship on Sunday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. What are you preparing for? A meal, homework, graduation, healing, medicine, elections, war, a game, a nap. Have you been preparing for worship at His table of mercy prepared this morning for you by God? Have your preparations been sinful? In Mark, the week of Unleavened Bread was being prepared. The Passover Lamb was coming and would change the lives of God’s people. God does and will deliver. Jesus celebrated in the home that God had prepared. Jesus told of a betrayer. Judas did not listen to Jesus--will we? Will we have room in our lives for what God has made ready for us? The disciples betrayed Jesus, but He is alive to give us salvation and is continuing to prepare for us. Assisting in the service today were Diana on the organ, and the Children’s Story about Bee Helpers, Cathy leading, Barrett reading Scripture, and Mike, Sherry, Sharon, Karen, and Cathy assisting during Communion.

The Lord’s Prayer Bible Study met on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and studied “Thy Will be Done on Earth, as it is in Heaven”. We concentrated on the “Thy will” and how we will, as humans, let our ego, or edging God out, get in the way. It is so refreshing to have so many in class (20 on Mondays and 10 on Tuesdays), as the different thoughts and opinions give you lots to think about. Come join us.

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAUGHTER’S DAY SEPT 25<sup>TH</sup>; NATIONAL SON’S DAY SEPT 28<sup>TH</sup>**



*Dillarda and Dodrills*



*Cheyenne/Anne/Jenny*



*Drema/Caitlin*



*Sandy/Barbara*



*Carolyn/Morgan/Beth/Rylynn Charlotte*



*Charlotte*



*Brayden*



*Barbara/Zach*

**LUNCH BUNCH** met on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. around the round table at Applebee’s for a delicious lunch, with Pastor Joel, Becky R, Kathy A, Chris C, and Diana. We talked, we laughed, we enjoyed sharing good food and God’s love. We look forward to you joining us.

**A WEEK OF REMEMBERING AND LOVING FROM AFAR—WE MISS YOU ALL.**



Bday 21—Frank



Sept 22—Wayne



Sept 26—E.L.



Sept 26—“Pop”



Sept 26---Wally

**FALL CHUCKLES:**

What's a tree's favorite song in Fall? Don't Stop Be-Leafing.

Why did the man bungee jump on the first day of autumn? Because he loved the fall.

What do you call someone who imitates your fall centerpiece? A corn-u-copier.

What do you call a small pepper in the fall? A little chili.

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn so much? Because he had a great fall.

**WEDDING:** Sharon Martin is proud to announce the wedding of her son, Wyatt Martin, and Heather Turner on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pleasant View Barn in Mt Jackson. Best wishes to Wyatt and Heather from the KUMC family.



**OUTDOOR/INDOOR WORSHIP:** Due to Hurricane Helene, the outdoor worship service for Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, was moved to the Church sanctuary, where the Worship Team led the gathering with “Angel Band”. Pastor Joel spoke on “Jesus Giving Hope to Deserters, Betrayers, and Deniers”, using Mark 14:26-72. We need hope. Our world and our lives are not perfect. Though the disciples were unfaithful, God and Jesus are faithful thru their mercy. Jesus tells the disciples they will all desert Him, though all denied it. They cannot wait with Jesus to pray, but fall asleep instead. After Jesus’ arrest, the disciples

were unprepared. When things are difficult, prayer leads us to God’s way for us. Judas betrayed Jesus and all the disciples deserted and fled.

Peter denied Him three times and wept. Jesus leads the way to God, after being raised, when He gives them the good news in Galilee, and continues to lead us today. The worship team consisted of Pastor Joel, Barrett, Sharon, and Karen. Leonard led the service, Carol read the scripture, and Pastor Joel led the Children’s time with a story about Jesus praying.



**“The Lord’s Prayer” Bible Study** on Monday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to study “Give us this day our daily bread”. We studied scriptures in Exodus, James, and John, and learned what “daily bread” actually means, and how we are to share it with others. There are still chairs available for you.

**GUILLIAMS HAVE A FUN TRIP:** We are home from a quick trip to New England, the last week of September. We took the boys to a few of our favorite spots when we traveled up that way for our

honeymoon. We spent most of our time at the Fryeburg Fair in Maine. Was a great opportunity for the boys to attend a different agricultural fair and experience different types of fair events, such as Ox Pulling, Dairy Goats, Maple works, Fireman's muster, Skillet Throwing, a goat playground, and more! Looks like it was fun; glad you are home safe.



**MORE FALL CHUCKLES:**

What did the leaf say to the other leaf? I'm falling for you.  
 Why do birds fly south for the fall? Because it's quicker than walking.  
 How do leaves get from place to place? Autumn-mobiles.  
 Why did the lions move the end of summer? Because the pride goeth before the fall!  
 Why did the little leaf go to the school nurse? He was feeling green.

**FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Bday    One tired Cory    at UK game    Crismon girls    Becky's "Jazzy"

**WAYS TO GIVE AND HELP OTHERS**

**Gathering Non-Perishable Food items:** Drop off items at KUMC for our local food pantry. Non-perishable foods and hygiene items are welcome. Items are distributed through Massanutten Presbyterian Church for residents of Keezletown, Penn Laird, and McGaheysville. The pantry is open 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays from 10 – 11 AM and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays from 7 – 8 PM.

**Serving Meals to Kingsway Prison Ministry:** Karen Mooney is leading preparing a meal each month for this ministry. Please contact her if you can help or donate.

**US Disaster Response:** For United States disaster relief designate your gift to "UMCOR US Disaster Response: Advance #901670." For international disasters please designate your gift to "UMCOR International Disaster Response: Advance #982450."

**Mission Central Equipment for Caring:** The medical equipment loaner closet loans out and receive donations of (1) durable medical equipment like hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bedside commodes, etc. and (2) disposable supplies like adult diapers, briefs, and wound

care items. It is open Mondays 5 – 7 PM and Thursdays 9 - 11 AM. The location is Mt. Tabor UMC in Lacey Spring.

**Mission Central Children's Clothes Closet:** gives and receives donations of children's clothes including winter coats and shoes from sizes infant to 18 years old. New underwear, socks, and undergarments are also received. It is open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10 AM – 1 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 4 – 7 PM; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 4 – 7 PM.

## **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](http://www.keezletownumc.com).

**"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.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Beginning Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., and Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **A SPECIAL FALL CHUCKLE FOR PASTER JOEL:**

**What do Jedi trees say to each other in the fall? May the forest be with you.**

## **MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Becky's Baby*



*Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Anniv*



*Family trip to WV*



*Sweet 16*



*HBD Sarah*

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

### **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

97% of Pastors have been betrayed, falsely accused or hurt by their trusted friends; 70% battle depression; 1,500 quit each month; 10% will retire a Pastor; 80% feel discouraged; 94% of Pastor's families feel ministry pressure; 78% have no close friends; 90% report working 55-75 hours per week. Pray for your Pastor, and remember to thank them. **Pastor Joel, please know that you are appreciated, loved, and prayed for by a very grateful Church Family.**

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.** It's a chance to show our support for the more than 2 million women around the world who are diagnosed with the disease each year.



Remember to get your mammogram and encourage others. Remember those who have fought and lost; and pray for those who are fighting, or will be diagnosed.

**FIRST WOW SERVICE:** On Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., we enjoyed the first WOW (Witness on Wednesday) service, with a delicious potluck meal for the approximately forty in attendance. Music rang as we sang "Standing on the Promises" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" as Diana played the piano. Though "stepping way out of her comfort zone", **Becky Ryman** delivered a heartfelt message of a life dealing with mistakes, finding your faith again, and finding the right Church family to give you the caring and love to heal. **Wendell Cochran** then spoke about two mission trips to flood areas and how grateful the folks were for the help. **Cheryl Carr** than thanked everyone for their love, caring, and support the last few months as she and Kennis Rodger have been battling, and winning, over cancer. **Ginny Joseph** also told a story about how neighbors in the mountain hollers take care of each other. Almost \$600 was raised for UMCOR, for the collection of flood buckets to be sent to the flooded areas from Hurricane Helene.



**PARKER PLACES:** On Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, Parker took his plant, weed, and seed ID skills to the state fair in Richmond where he, and his team from Turner Ashby FFA, placed Fifth in the state. So proud of you, Parker. Parker is the son of John and Jennifer Young, and the grandson of Leonard Williams.



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** met Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church social Hall with 13 members and 1 guest present. Judy called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. We recited the UWIF Statement. September minutes were read and approved. Five Thank you cards were read. Cheryl gave the Treasurer's report, after which a motion to give \$300.00 to Samaritan's Purse to help with the flood recoveries was approved. Sherry advised that the WOW dinner we are serving is Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>; on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, we feed the Mt Crawford Ruritans. On Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, the Prayer Breakfast was held at the Dayton UMC. Faye and Judy attended and reported that the meal was delicious, the attendance was sparse, and that the speaker, Chad Hrbek of the now Overlook Ministries and Retreat talked about changes at the camp and the need for finances. Judy graciously thanked all of the ladies who assisted with the UWIF Sunday worship and meal to follow. We all agreed that Cathy did an excellent job. Karen is making a list of the names and needed items for the Dec shut-in bags and will distribute. Eight cards were signed as Chris read from the Prayer Calendar. We then adjourned to fill shut -in bags and make crismons. Next meeting is Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST HALF MARATHON:** Allyse Dillard and Jared Kyger completed their first half marathon, 13.1 miles, on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, both finishing under 2 hours and 10 minutes! Good for you both. Allyse is the daughter of Aaron and Cheryl Dillard, and the granddaughter of Jim and Carol Dillard.



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** With others around the world, we gathered today to celebrate Communion on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> during worship. Pastor Joel spoke on “Jesus the Crucified” from Mark 14:1-32, the events leading to and the crucifixion. Mark introduces Jesus in the beginning of the gospel. Today we learn of Jesus in His passion and crucifixion. Who is the Messiah that will save us? The crucifixion is a sobering picture of Jesus. Power and strength are not shown. God puts Himself as Jesus into our hands to see what we would do. Jesus was flogged and beaten until He could not carry His own cross. The soldiers dressed Him to mock Him. He watched as they gambled for His clothes and heard the mockery from the crowd, King of the Jews. Jesus did not show His power, but His compassion. Jesus will come to the places where we are to bring us peace and grace. Assisting in the service today were Ken leading, Chris on the piano, John Young reading scripture, and Scott, Haiden, Cathy, and Denise assisting with Communion.

**SHS CARE CLOSET COLLECTION:** During the month of September, your generosity led to the collection of the following for the Spotswood High School Care Closet: 6 - Boys Backpacks; 6 - Girls Backpacks; 22 - Boys Socks; 41 - Girls Socks; 2 - Boys Boxers; 9 - Girls Panties; 2 - Girls Shave Gel; 1 - Girls Razor; 3 - Boys Shaving Cream; 12 - Boys Razors; 8 - Girls Deodorant; 7 - Boys Deodorant 9 - Girls Liners; 7- Girls Tampons; 9 - Cotton Balls/Q-Tips; 2 - Contact Solution; 22 - Tooth Paste; 23 - Tooth Brushes; 28 - Soap Bars; 4 - Boys Bath Wash; 10 - Girls Bath Wash; 15 – Wash Cloths; 10 – Shampoo; 7- Conditioner; 4 - Curley Shampoo; 4 - Curley Cream; 16 - Shower Caps; 10 – Combs; 2 - Pick Sets; 2 - Hair Brushes; 4 - Wet Wipes; 2 - Hand Sanitizer; 4 - Laundry Pods; 3 – Throws; 5 - Twin Blankets; 4 - Queen Blankets; and 4 – Lotion. These were dedicated on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> during worship and have now been delivered. Thank you to Sherry for her leadership.



“The Lord’s Prayer” Bible Study held on Monday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> studied “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”. The main discussions focused on forgiveness is hard, but forgetting is even harder. But as God forgives us, we must forgive for our own physical and emotional stability.

**LUNCH BUNCH** met on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at “Taco 4 Life” at 11:30 a.m. in the mall behind the Chic-Fil-A. The four of us enjoyed various kinds of tacos including tofu, chicken bacon ranch, and Korean BBQ, along with excellent chips and dip. We hope you consider joining us.

***A Reminder from our dear friend, Tommy Herndon, and the DespicableMinions.org: “If God shuts a door, quit banging on it! Whatever was behind it, wasn’t meant for you. Consider the fact that maybe He closed that door because He knew you were worth so much more.”***

**SECOND WOW SERVICE:** Approximately forty folks met on Wednesday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy a delicious potluck meal and fellowship. The KUMC Choir presented “How Can I Keep from Singing” and “Bind Us Together” as the music for the evening. Scott Fury, lay speaker serving Providence Chapel and Mount Carmel UMC’s on our Shenandoah River District, enthusiastically spoke on how living being mad at God is not life, but how loving and serving God, can make a real difference. We collected \$785 for the UMCOR flood buckets. Praise the Lord!



**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** met on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> after the WOW service in the Church social hall. Twelve members and one guest were present. Susan called the meeting to order. Pastor Joel presented the agenda, which was approving reports for Charge Conference. Joe began by presenting the 2025 Budget, which was approved. Joe then made a motion to approve the Pastor salary, the Pastor Accountable Reimbursement, and the Parsonage Housing, which were all approved. Pastor Joel then reminded us that the Charge Conference will be Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bridgewater UMC at 3:00 p.m. Carpools will be available. Pastor Joel then presented a list of Lay leadership nominations and committees for approval. Jenn Robinette agreed to be Alternate Lay Delegate; Joe Liskey agreed to be Church Council Vice-Chair; Cathy Chouiniere will be lay delegate to Annual Conference, and Chairperson of Memorials. The motion to accept the nominations was approved. Sherry presented the Kingsway’s Appletree Project for buying gifts for children of the incarcerated, in lieu of the Salvation Army angel tree for this year, which was approved. Next meeting will be Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

What Is **National Farmer’s Day**? October 12<sup>th</sup> is a day to honor hardworking farmers and ranchers who plow, sow, grow, and harvest to feed our nation. We especially rely on farmers to get fresh food on our tables during these uncertain times. Let’s pay tribute to the men, women, and families who put food in the grocery stores and on our tables every day.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN’S SUNDAY:** To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ. Worship began on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, with Diana at the organ, Pastor Joel preparing us for worship, Carson and Connor bringing in the light, and Scott giving the welcome, announcements and opening prayer. We then sang “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”, following by Ken telling the children how Gumballs can be like our world, then giving out gumballs. A wonderful rendition of “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” was sung by sixteen of the men of the Church family, to much applause. Jim read the Gospel from John 1:6-8, 19-28, John’s testimony. Our guest speaker, Rev Victor Gomez, District Superintendent, then spoke on “Keep Your Fork”. Everyone was given a plastic fork when they entered the sanctuary. He began with prayer and then asked “What does salvation mean? What are we being saved from? The Good News is that we are going to heaven if we are saved and believe. That is the task of the church, making disciples, getting folks in to hear, a task for each of us. John offers a vision of salvation, the poor, oppressed, prisoners, etc. We are called to make a transformation in those we meet, sent to share the light of Jesus by testifying. He then told the story of the elderly lady that wanted to be buried with a fork, saying that heaven awaits, just like dessert, and the best is yet to come. “God of Grace and God of Glory” was then sung, followed by the

morning prayer by Ken. John and Parker Young came to sing “Long Black Train” for the offertory, and John gave the prayer. We then joyfully sang “Standing on the Promises”. Leonard came to give the Benediction and blessing of the food being served after worship. Diana closed with “Thank You, Lord” and all went next door to enjoy a delicious potato bar prepared by the UMM.



**FLOOD BUCKETS COLLECTED:** Thirty-seven flood buckets were collected on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> for UMCOR from the free will offerings from the WOW services in Oct. They were blessed on the 13<sup>th</sup> and delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who generously gave. There will be a date set for later to put more buckets together.



**Powder Puff Champions!** On girls won the Spotswood High Way to Go Blazers - Class of Dillard is on the front row.



Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, the Sophomores School Powder Puff game. 2027!! Our own Haiden

“The Lord’s Prayer” Bible Study on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, studied “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”, with the emphasis on God not leading us into temptation, but leading us, and not allowing us to enter temptation and delivering us from evil. We all agreed there needed to be a comma after “lead us”.

**THIRD WOW SERVICE:** Attendees enjoyed a delicious variety of soup and sandwiches and a plethora of desserts at the third WOW service held Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Our own Susie Hill spoke about her journey of faith while living thru divorce, becoming a single Mom, and meeting the love of her life, her husband Bob, who is second only to God. She also emphasized how important the KUMC family has become to them both because of the love and caring that has been shown to them. A free will offering was again taken for flood buckets.



**SHENANDOAH RIVER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCT:**

From **Rev Tommy Stelzl** (Co-Dir Connectional Ministries): “Let go of a faith denying the love of God to even one person. Let go of a faith holding your community under fire. Embrace a faith that you can feel through the touch of your neighbor. Embrace a faith that tells you it is okay to leave something behind when God calls you into something new. Embrace a faith that lives.”

Work Day at **Camp Overlook** on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Much of the work is outside, but we have inside items as well, so all ages and abilities are welcome.

**Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach** is in need to 7,000 individually boxed 6 oz or smaller tubes of toothpaste, as well as financial donations to order notepads and lip balm for the Apple Tree Inmate Project.

***MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES***



*Crisman fun at the beach*



*HBD Sandy*



*Haiden Lacrosse*



*Happy Bday Ann*

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

- 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**

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS:** are now available for order and will feed hungry people. This is the last year artist Jim Harris will be the featured artist for SOSA. Order you card (s) online at [EndHunger.org/cards](http://EndHunger.org/cards).



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

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Nov 3	Faith Stanley	Nov 19	Marian Suter
Nov 4	Alli Underwood	Nov 19	Jim Mooney
Nov 7	Kelly Smith	Nov 21	Laura Wamsley
Nov 8	Daryl Armentrout	Nov 21	Phyllis Liskey
Nov 8	Nolan Mason	Nov 22	Janet Clements
Nov 9	Lee Siler	Nov 22	Jenny Dillard
Nov 12	David Cole	Nov 23	Marie Suter
Nov 13	Evalyn Campbell	Nov 26	Geraldine Armentrout
Nov 17	Steve Shortell	Nov 26	Alissa Dodrill
Nov 18	Luke Dillard	Nov 28	Sarah Coffman
		Nov 28	Kathryn Miller

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov 6, 1993	Steve & Lori Zylich	29 years
Nov 7, 2009	Lee & Amanda Siler	15 years
Nov 13, 2010	Jim & Karen Mooney	14 years
Nov 23, 1968	Gary & Barbara Heatwole	56 years

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



**Gary and Barbara Heatwole for 56 years on Nov 23rd**  
Best wishes from your KUMC family. May you have many more.

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

- 2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—FALL FORWARD
- 3 **Small Group Leaders Gathering at 8:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m. ; All Saints Sunday**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m. / Communion; Message: Mark 16:9-20 "The Good News Goes On"**  
Charge Conference at Bridgewater College at 3:00 p.m.
- 4 **"Mere Christianity" Study at 10:00 a.m.**  
Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 5 **"Mere Christianity" Study at 7:00 p.m.**
- 6 **Lunch bunch 11:30 a.m.**

- UWiF feed Mt Crawford Ruritans
- 7 UWiF meet 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: Mark 10:1=12 "Against Religion as a Trap"**  
 Thank You Potluck Meal after worship service
- 11 **Worship Planning at 9:00 a.m.**  
 "Mere Christianity" Study at 10:00 a.m.  
 Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 12 "Mere Christianity" Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Newsletter items due
- 17 UMM meet 8:00 a.m.  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: Mark 11:12-26 "The House of Prayer"**
- 18 "Mere Christianity" Study at 10:00 a.m.  
 Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 19 "Mere Christianity" Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 20 **Lunch bunch 11:30 a.m.**
- 21 **Serve Kingsway**
- 24 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Christ the King Sunday**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: Mark 13:1-37 "Asking for Signs and the Call to Watch"**  
 Thanksgiving Community Service at 3:00 p.m.
- 25 "Mere Christianity" Study at 10:00 a.m.  
 Backpacking at 11:00 p.m.
- 26 "Mere Christianity" Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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 Bridgewater UMC at 3:00 p.m. We can carpool from KUMC at 2:15 p.m. and stop for ice cream on our way back home.

**Lunch Bunch:** Like to eat lunch with a great bunch? Diana Davis will be leading a lunch bunch on Wednesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:** Collection date is coming up fast and it's not too soon to shop and fill shoeboxes. It can be a fun way to fill a child's heart and put a smile on their face by filling a small shoe box. Items to include: WOW Toys (dolls, trucks/cars, balls, jump ropes, deck of cards, games, play dough, stuffed animal, Lego and Slinkys, etc...); School supplies (rulers, paper, pencils, pens, crayons/colored pencils/markers, pencil cases, easers, pencils sharpeners, scissors, coloring books, etc...); Personal care items (soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, band aids,

combs/brushes, hair bands, etc...); Other items (bibles, books, flashlights with batteries, tools, sewing kits, balloons, sunglasses, socks, hats, gloves, etc...). There are items that cannot be in the boxes (liquid, food/candy, toothpaste, vitamins/medication, glass, aerosols, etc...). There is also a need for a \$10.00 donation to be use for shipping. Thank you for any help you can give with this project. If you need a shopper or would like to give a donation please see me. All boxes are due by Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Lynn

**LATER UPCOMING EVENTS:** **Community Thanksgiving Service** at KUMC at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>; **Tree lighting** at Ruritan Park on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>; and **Christmas Eve Service** on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, with -- Baby Shower for Jesus. Mark your calendars.

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**With the costs of everything rising, so is the cost of mailing the newsletters. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletters each month, please e-mail me. Or, you can have them sent to your e-mail address; again, just e-mail me and I will add you to the list. Or, remember, they are always available on the KUMC website for your reading pleasure. Thank you.**

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**MY PERSONAL NOTE**

Micah 7:19 – (ESV) "He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."  
When you ask God to forgive you for something you have done (which He already knows about), you need to believe that He forgives you and forgets the sin. Then you need to forgive yourself; do not carry a sin that will cripple your soul and your relationship with the Father. Forgive yourself and feel His love fill your heart and soul. God bless you all. *Diana*

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**Editor's Note**

**The Nov deadline for submissions is Nov 15th.** My home number is 540-269-8511 or e-mail me at [AntDyna@comcast.net](mailto:AntDyna@comcast.net). I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy preparing it for you. God bless you all.

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**MERCY is when people throw you to the wolves, and when you land and look up, you are in the arms of the SHEPHERD! Amen.**

