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*"The Hand of God Over the Peak" by Virginia Mitchell on Mar 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:50 p.m.*

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**JESUS LOOKED AT THE CROSS, THEN HE LOOKED  
AT YOU. THEN HE SAID "YOU ARE WORTH IT."**

**(CHRISTIAN MEME)**

**View Worship Online:** view the livestream of the 11:00 AM worship on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/keezletownumc/live>. After the service is completed, it will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook

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## **OUR PASTOR CHATS**

2025 is a special year for remembering and sharing in the unity of the Church. It is the 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea from which we received the Nicene Creed which is shared by Christians around the world. It is also a year in which the Eastern (Orthodox) and Western (Roman Catholic and Protestant) Church observed the same date for Easter Sunday. Today as I write this, it is the day that Pope Francis died and many of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters are mourning and will be in a time of transition as a new pope will be selected and introduced soon. Let us pray for them and bless them. I want to share with you a long excerpt from John Wesley's sermon "The Catholic Spirit" by which he means the spirit of unity in the people of Jesus Christ. *"But although a difference in opinions or modes of worship may prevent an entire external union, yet need it prevent our union in affection? Though we can't think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences. These remaining as they are, they may forward one another in love and good works"* Wesley recognized that Christians will have a variety of opinions and modes of worship but what unites us is Jesus Christ our Lord. I really like this anonymous quote to guide us as Christians in our life together with other Christians in areas of disagreement, "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity." We are certainly called to love one another as Jesus has loved us (John 13:31-35). Let us have charity (love) in all things to others, including Christians of different opinions than we are. Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). *Pastor Joel*

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## **\*\*\*MARCH EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MAR 17TH:** May your hearts be filled with unshakable faith, the promise of hope, and the boundless grace of God's love this St. Patrick's Day. . 🍀🌟  
"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."  
**Philippians 4:19**

## **AN IRISH TOAST: THERE ARE GOOD SHIPS AND WOOD SHIPS, SHIPS THAT SAIL THE SEA, BUT THE BEST SHIPS ARE FRIENDSHIPS AND MAY THEY ALWAYS BE!**

"The Message of Jesus" Bible Study met at 10:00 a.m. on Mar 17<sup>th</sup> for their last session of this study, which focused on "What does Heaven mean to you?" followed by twelve folks enjoying lunch and fellowship at Ciro's in Elkton. The Tuesday night study met on Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, with fifteen classmates and guests in attendance, and enjoyed a meal together at Galley in Harrisonburg before completing their last session.

**THIRD LENT SERVICE:** was held on Mar 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., with approximately sixty-five folks from KUMC, St Jacob's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and other visitors, gathered to enjoy the traditional "Dillards's chicken tetrazzini", applesauce, rolls, and ice cream for their meal before the service. Pastor Joel welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. After the meal, we responsively read the Ten Commandments and the Nicene Creed, and sang "Standing on the Promises" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", accompanied by Diana on the piano. Nate Riddle, director of Open Doors, gave a very informative speech on the progression of HARTS to Open Doors, their growth, the need for such an organization (there are 170 homeless people in the Harrisonburg area), their new facilities which can shelter 80 persons, and provides the Navigation Center of Harrisonburg to help in all areas of life, with Dignity, Integrity, Compassion, Advocacy, and Kindness, and the physical needs for hygiene items. Pastor Joel asked all to join in "The Lord's Prayer" and gave the dismissal blessing.



**March 20: FIRST DAY OF SPRING! It's Here! It's Here! It's Finally Here! Look all around you at the buds on the trees, the forsythia blooming, the daffodils bursting yellow, the grass getting green, and the 65 degree air. Thank you, Father, for waking up nature and making us feel alive again.**

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** held their annual St Patricks' Celebration Pancake Supper on Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 4:30 p.m. Along with the usual pancakes, gravy, eggs, and sausage, there were green pancakes for those who wanted them. The sixty plus that attended left with a full tummy, and were very generous



in giving \$760 in a freewill offering to support Weekday Religious Education. Thank you to all who attended and donated. (Pics are Parker w/pancakes & Wendell frying)



### **SMILES AND GIGGES:**

**It amazes me how much exercise and extra fries sounds alike!  
I didn't mean to put on weight—it happened by snackcident.**

I've been hiding from exercise. I'm in the fitness protection program.

Wallet, glasses, keys, and phone is the adult version of head, shoulders, knees and toes.

Are you an early bird or a night owl? Me, I'm more of a tired afternoon duck!!!

**GOIN' TO THE PROMISED LAND:** The message for the Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> worship service was "The Lord's Deliverance" taken from Exodus 13:17-14:31, the Crossing of the Red Sea. Pastor Joel began by having us responsively read and sing the "Canticle of Moses and Miriam". In Exodus we are in the midst of God delivering the Israelites. We were called to remember their story as our story, becoming God's people through deliverance. Today we see how God leads and saves using a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to lead the people, a sign that God was always with them. Moses took Joseph's



bones when he left Egypt to bury them in the promised land. God told Moses to go via the Red Sea. Pharaoh and his army followed. God parted the Red Sea and let the people cross over on dry land, but when the Egyptians followed the water swallowed them up and drowned everyone. God will fight for us when we are still and listen and he will deliver us. Assisting today were Wendell leading,

Chris on the piano, Carol reading Scripture, and Pastor Joel talking to the children about Matzo and unleavened bread.

**Chill-N-Chat** met on Mar 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Seven ladies helped staple, fold, stuff, and label the March newsletters for mailing, then we talked about recipes, and other things. As always, there was lots of laughter and fellowship.

**VOLUNTEERING AT MCCC:** On Tuesday morning Mar 25<sup>th</sup>, twelve members of the Church family, including members of the Monday morning and Tuesday night Bible study classes, met at 9:45 a.m. to carpool to MCCC to volunteer from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Upon arriving they were and labeling. Linda already there to show Frederick was there to seven members of the Traditions Restaurant, buffet, and meet the the meal and gave a and business. What a great way to share God's love by volunteering. We need to do it again!





**LUNCH BUNCH:** Three ladies enjoyed chips and dip, smash burgers, and a quesadilla while listening to the pounding of repairmen on the roof of Chili's on Mar 26<sup>th</sup>. Good conversation and good fellowship warmed our hearts on this very cold, windy day.

**WEAVE FOR A CURE:** Lynn led the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Weaving for a Cure basket event on March



27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Keezletown Relay for Life team. The twelve "Squatty" baskets had a wooden base, leather handles, and a black accent color. The twelve ladies finished in a few more nights

of weaving, but made beautiful baskets to display. Thank you, Lynn, for this worthwhile project.

**FOURTH LENT SERVICE** was held on Mar 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Joel welcomed the fifty plus in attendance, and blessed the delicious barbeque, salads, and desserts provided by the Trinity Lutheran Church family. Rev Amy Pannell from the Weyers Cave UMC gave the message for the evening. She spoke on how Martin Luther encouraged Peter Beskendorf, who had been exiled, to pray the Apostles' Creed every day to share how Wonderful God is, to Thank Him, to Confess, and to Trust in His will. Janet Cooley led the singing of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Freewill offering was for the food pantry. Pastor Joel gave the closing blessing.

**Faynetta "Fay" Higgins Higgs**, 88, of Keezletown, passed away Sunday, Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Bridgewater



Home. She was a long timemember of the Keezletown United Methodist Church. In 1956, she married Richard Kenneth Higgs, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Higgs is survived by her children, Rick Higgs and wife, Lindy, Chad Higgs and wife, Michelle, Rhonda Mongold and husband, Rick, and Lori Hitt and husband, Brian; a brother, Ron Higgins and wife, Barbara; grandchildren, Lauren Coceano, Justin Hitt, April Higgs, Dillon Mongold, and Amber Higgs, and great-grandchildren, Zander Mongold, William Coceano, Hudson Hitt, and Kesslyn Mongold. A Celebration of Life was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Kyger Funeral Home Chapel in Harrisonburg. Mrs. Higgs was a devoted wife, and an amazing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and loyal friend who will be missed by all those who loved her.

**HURT PEOPLE, HURT PEOPLE.** For the fourth Sunday of Lent, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Joel spoke from Exodus 15:22-27; 17:1-7, God makes the water sweet. His message was entitled "Bitter Water Made Sweet and Water from the Rock". Hurt people, hurt people. When the Lord delivered the Israelites from slavery, they still hurt and passed it on through the generations. We pass on our hurts. The Israelites traveled to an oasis with bitter water and complained to Moses, who took it to the Lord. Moses was told to throw a piece of wood in the water, and it became sweet. Follow Me, trust Me, obey Me, says the Lord, and I will heal you. Next, they were led to a place of twelve springs and seventy palms, one for each tribe, with much abundance. God was healing their bitterness, and they passed on this healing story. They came to another place with no water, and complained to Moses, saying let us go elsewhere; but Moses, as instructed by

God, struck the stone and sweet water poured out. God does not give up on hurt people; He keeps giving grace so we can trust and obey. God pours out grace upon grace. Hurt people hurt people, healed people heal people. Assisting in the service today were Ken leading and telling the children about manna provided by God; Josh reading scripture; and Diana on the organ.

Chill & Chat met on Monday, Mar 31st at 11:00 a.m. with seven ladies and Pastor Joel joining us. Connie brought a delicious Pennsylvania Mennonite pie for us to try. We enjoyed laughter, good conversation and meaningful fellowship.

## **COLLECTING ANY OF THESE ITEMS BETWEEN NOW AND CONFERENCE**

**Feminine Conference Kit Items:** Items will be placed in a 1 gallon zip lock bag: 1 package 42ct unscented flushable wipes; 1 package travel pack of Wet Wipes (20ct); 3 - 4g bathroom trash bags (I have already purchased a 40 ct roll); 10 - unscented Ultra-Thin Super Long Sanitary Napkins; 5 unscented Super Tampons; 5 unscented Regular Tampons; 2 - 2oz Hand Sanitizer; 1 Bar of Soap; 6 Laundry Sheets - we have.

**Health Kit Items:** Items will be placed in a 1 gallon zip lock bag: 1 Hand Towel; 1 Wash Cloth; 1 Bar of Soap; 1 Comb; 1 Toothbrush; 1 Nail Clipper (finger or toe); 10 Band-Aids.

**Flood Bucket Items:** items will be placed in a 5 gallon bucket with lid: 32-64oz Laundry Detergent; 16-40 oz liquid concentrate Household Cleaner; 16-34 oz Dish Detergent; 4-8 oz Pump Spray Air Freshener; 6-14 oz Pump Spray Insect Repellent; 1 Scrub Brush; 18 Reusable Cleaning Wipes; 5 Scouring Pads (no steel or pads with soap); 2pr Household/Reusable Gloves; 1 pr Work Gloves (leather palm or all leather); 36-50 Clothespins; 50-100' Clothesline (plastic or cotton); 24 Heavy Duty Trash Bags (33-45 gallon size).

**If I have ten pieces of bacon, and you take five of them, what do you have?  
That's right, a black eye and a broken hand!**

## **FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*"Pharaoh" Joe*



*Baseball opens 4/12 Parker to Prom Connor Walking kitty*



*Happy 31<sup>st</sup>*

## **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).

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** This five-week study written by Rev. Adam Hamilton is titled “Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times.” We all struggle with some fears and anxiety and this resource will help us face fears with hope, examine fears with facts, attack anxieties with action, and release our cares to God. This study will meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. from April 21st – May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. from April 22nd – May 20<sup>th</sup>. Study books are \$15. Please sign up in the narthex or with Pastor Joel.

## **MORE SMILES AND GIGGLES:**

**I Am Vintage:** When you buy something “vintage” it basically means it’s used. Well, I “used” to be young. I “used” to be thin. I “used” to be able to squat. I “used” to know what I came in the room for. I “used” to be able to touch my toes without sitting down and pulling my foot up by my pants leg. Yes, I’m vintage.

Most people don’t think I’m as old as I am until they hear me stand up!

Never thought I would actually get to the point where I really needed one of those old-time candy necklaces—remember them? Except mine would be filled with Tums and Bayers!

## **MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Jeanine in NY*



*Graduating college*



*Little O'Charlie*



*Becky R's Zander*



*Wearing green*

## **\*\*\*APRIL EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**FIFTH LENT SERVICE** was held on Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. with approximately seventy in attendance. Pastor Joel gave the welcome and blessing over the delicious variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts that were provided by the St Jacob's Lutheran Church family. We



began the service with the Lord's Prayer, the reciting of the Ten Commandments, and the singing of "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross", accompanied by Ann Royer on the piano. Our guest speaker was Ramona Ritchie from Generations Crossing, a day-care center for children six-weeks to nine years old, and adults eighteen to one hundred plus. She spoke about the daily activities and interactions between the volunteers, the nurses, and the children and adults. Generations Crossing is located on Taylor Spring Lane, just beyond Sunnyside. Pastor Joel closed the meeting with having all repeat the Apostle's Creed and giving a benediction.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** met Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for their Annual Call to Prayer and Self

Denial meal and meeting. Chris and Lorie provided the meal for under \$15.00 to the 15 members and one guest present. Judy called the meeting to order, and Chris presented the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program entitled "Bold Women Transforming



Communities". We recited the UWIF Statement. March minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved. Mission of the Month was the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Karen reported that over 40 assorted flowers have been ordered for display in the sanctuary at Easter. Sherry reported that we will feed the Keezletown Ruritans on Apr 7<sup>th</sup>; the last Lent meal on Apr 9<sup>th</sup>; and the Mt Crawford Ruritans on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Approval was given to give both teams representing KUMC family in the Relay for Life \$200 each from the soup sales profit. The Conference for Life Retreat will be held May 2nd-4th at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center, and Karen and Sharon will be performing from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Karen advised we will be assembling 29 small "Love" bags at the May meeting. Eight cards were signed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The group then assembled health kits and hygiene kits that Sherry had prepared.



**ARE YOU JESUS?** Today's worship message for Apr 6<sup>th</sup> was given by Lay Speaker Wendell Cochran, using Luke 10:25-37, the story of the Good Samaritan. His title was "Whose Jesus are You?" A devotional story he had read told that a group of salesmen were rushing through an airport to catch their flight, when one of them accidentally bumped into a cart full of apples being sold by a young blind woman. Apples spilled everywhere. The men looked back and hurried on, so as not to miss their flight. All except one, who stopped and helped pick up the apples. When they are back in the cart, the young woman asked the man, "Are you Jesus?". He replied, "No, why would you ask?" "Because when the apples spilled, I prayed that Jesus would help me pick them up, and He sent you." The Parable of the Good Samaritan also showed the love of God to a stranger. We need to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves, irregardless of who they are, without a grudging heart. Love your neighbor as yourself. Christ has no body on earth but yours. Assisting in the service today were Ken leading, Pastor Joel, Ken, Carol, Jim, Cory, Connor, and Carson during Communion, and Chris on the piano.

**"JESUS IS JUST ALRIGHT WITH ME"**. What a treat! The Children got to hear "Jesus is Just Alright with Me" by the Doobie Brothers, as Ken and Pastor Joel danced, and part of the Church family sang the words during Children's Time. Ken told them that he listened to that song every morning to get himself going and right with God for the day. He asked the children to look in their heart and find a song that would start their day off right by remembering Jesus and His love.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



**Barrett Bowman** was ranked #3 on the Whova leaderboard at the Virginia Middle School Association Annual Conference on Mar 28<sup>th</sup> held at JMU. The VMSA is an alliance of schools and individuals advocating academic excellence in a supportive, equitable learning environment responsive to the diverse interest, talents, accomplishments and needs of young adolescents.



So proud of **Leigha Dillard** for her many successes at Bridgewater College, not only in Biology and Chemistry, but this year in Spanish as she received the Raymond and Virginia Andes Award for World Languages and Cultures. A double major that will serve you well in all you choose to do!

Also very proud of **Kendra Dodrill** for receiving the Health and Human Sciences Excellence in Leadership and Service Award at Bridgewater College.



So proud of **Haiden Dillard** and her partner Emily for their 1st place win at the state Family, Community, and Career Leaders of American conference in Va Beach!! Their win on their project titled "Island Rush" (healthy energy drink) qualifies them to go to Nationals in Florida this summer!! Way to go Haiden!



Congratulations to **Noah Robinette** who was awarded a college scholarship by the Keezletown Ruritan Club at their meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve Morris** has received notification that his Chief Fire Officer designation through the Commission on Professional Credentialing was renewed! Congrats!

**Chill-N-Chat** met on a cold, rainy Apr 7<sup>th</sup> morning, after Backpacking, with five ladies attending, and Pastor Joel joining us for a little while. Though chilly outside, the conversation was warm, with lots of laughter.

**RURITANS FED:** Four ladies from the UWIF served the April meeting of the Keezletown Ruritan Club on Apr 7<sup>th</sup>. The thirty plus attending enjoyed Italian Crusted Chicken Tenders, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Cake, and tea. Thank you to all who helped and donated.

**LUNCH BUNCH** met on Wednesday, Apr 9<sup>th</sup> at Macado's with four ladies and one gentleman attending. We enjoyed gourmet hog dogs and sandwiches, along with good conversation, laughter, and fellowship.

**FINAL LENT SERVICE:** was held on Apr 9<sup>th</sup> with the sixty-five plus in attendance being welcomed by Pastor Joel, and thanking KUMC, Trinity Lutheran, St Jacob's Lutheran, and other folks that represented other neighboring churches for being a part of this year's Lent services. He then blessed the taco bar and desserts prepared by the KUMC UWIF and everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship. The KUMC Worship Team provided the music, with singing "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and "His Name is Jesus". Rev Luke Smith, from Linden Heights Baptist Church, gave the message for the evening, a story about how we are to care for one another. A Missionary was at work in a foreign country and found out her mother was dying. Distraught that she had no way to return to her mother, the people of the country found a way to get her home. Jesus teaches us that by showing His love, we take care of others for Him. We are His ONLY body on earth. Again we repeated the Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer to celebrate Lent. Thank you to all who celebrated with us.



Editorial Comment: Never think that you can't sing! Sitting, listening to others around me sing at the Lent service, I felt a little of what God must feel as He listens. It's not the voice, or the tone, or the pitch...it's the heart singing, and listening to a beautiful lady who has just been through a traumatic experience sing with joy and enthusiasm and love "just a little talk with Jesus makes it right" made my heart smile. Thank you, Susie. May each of you sing with joy to the Lord and possibly touch others doing it.

**THE STONES WILL SHOUT:** As we waved the palm branches, and sang Hosanna, on Palm Sunday, Apr 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Joel spoke from Luke 19:28-40, the Triumphant Ride into Jerusalem", with a message entitled "There Is a New Kind of King in Town". Jesus came into Jerusalem with the sign of a king. Would we want to put our lives under His rule? Rulers had military, priests, nobles, and leaders; Jesus had none of this—He's a new kind of king. God has come to be with us to bring a kingdom of peace on earth. Jesus wept for us to know God's peace. He appears as a king by riding a donkey, as they laid their cloaks before Him and shouted "Jesus is King". The Pharisees told them to stop saying it and Jesus said "If they were to quit, the stones and all creation would call out". We shout and sing Hosanna to Jesus for His peace. Assisting today were Leonard leading, Pastor Joel talking to the children about the palm branches and showing how you can make a cross out of it, Judy reading the Scripture, and the Worship Team with music. Pastor Joel also showed others after church how to fold the branch blades into the cross.



### MORE SMILES AND GIGGLES:

Why is it that of all the shopping carts in the store, I manage to always pick the one that has a front wheel that squeals like a pig? And there's Nothing you can do to make it stop.

Strange how it can take a nurse ten minutes to find a good blood vein, yet a mosquito can find it in the dark.

An Oldtimers say: My wrinkles show I laughed, my gray hair shows I care, my scars show I lived, and my belly shows I really like snacks.

### **MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Baseball begins*



*Happy BDay Cory*



*At tulip farm*



*Weekend fishin'*



*Ryan's new look*

### **\*\*\*APRIL EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE\*\*\***

17 **Maunday Thursday Service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m., with foot washing and Holy Communion**

- 18     **Good Friday Service at St Jacob's Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. with a Tenebrae Service**
- 19     Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.
- 20     **EASTER: Easter Sunrise Service at Keezletown Cemetery at 7:00 a.m. with Breakfast in Social Hall to follow; NO Sunday School**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Jesus is Risen" from Luke 24:1-12**
- 21     "Unafraid" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Backpacking at 11:00 a.m.
- 22     "Unafraid" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 23     Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 a.m.
- 24     Serve Kingsway Meal
- 27     **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m.; SERVICE OF HOPE; Message: "Manna" from Exodus 16:1-36**
- 28     "Unafraid" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Backpacking at 11:00 a.m.
- 29     Worship Music Practice at 6:00 p.m.  
"Unafraid" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 30     Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.

## **MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Baptizing Charlie*



*At Sight & Sound*



*Happy 19<sup>th</sup> SG*



*Guilliams 16<sup>th</sup>*



*Happy Bday Twins*

## **\*\*\* MAY EVENTS HAPPENING\*\*\***

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 1	Scott Dillard	May 16	Alexis Myers
May 6	Holly Mason	May 18	Denise Sites
May 7	Gena Dove	May 23	Lori Zylich
May 8	Joseph Johnson	May 26	Bruce Hoover
May 8	Sam Hedrick Jr	May 26	Walt Shafer
May 9	Allyse Dillard	May 27	Charlotte Bahle
May 9	Lula Belle Dodrill	May 27	Tara Meadows
May 14	Nancy Coffman	May 29	Connor Guilliams
May 14	Erica Heishman	May 30	Beth Cole
May 15	Barbara Knicely	May 31	Patrick Propst
May 16	Lataya Wiginton		

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

May 4, 2002     David & Janet Clements                      23 years



May 6, 1996	Mike & Erica Heishman	29 years
May 16, 1971	Mac & Nancy Coffman	54 years
May 18, 2013	Jamie & Jordan Shoemaker	12 years
May 18, 2019	Andrew & Whitney Krauss	6 years
May 20, 2017	Brian & Amanda Summers	8 years
May 28, 1983	Walt & Jan Shafer	42 years

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



**Walt & Jan Shafer for 42 years on May 28th**

**Mac & Nancy Coffman for 54 years on May 16th**

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

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*I will love you anywhere, He told her, Anywhere? She asked. What about in my darkest and most painful places? Especially there, God said. (Christian Memes)*

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## **MAY CALENDAR**

- 1-4 Women's Walk to Emmaus at Overlook
- 1 UWIF meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 3 RELAY FOR LIFE at Rockingham County Fairgrounds 2-10 p.m.
- 4 Small Group Leaders Gathering at 8:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Communion; Message: "Manna" from Exodus 16:1-36
- 5 "Unafraid" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
 Backpacking at 11:00 a.m.
- 6 Worship Music Practice at 6:00 p.m.  
 "Unafraid" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.  
 UWIF serve Mt Crawford Ruritans
- 11 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Mother's Day Tea at 9:45 a.m. by the UMM  
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Mosee Partnering with People" from Exodus 17-8-18:27
- 12 Worship Planning at 9:00 a.m.  
 "Unafraid" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
 Backpacking at 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Worship Music Practice at 6:00 p.m.  
 "Unafraid" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 a.m.  
 Admin Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Serve Kingsway Meal
- 16 Newsletter items due
- 18 UMM Breakfast Meeting and Meal at 8:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

- 19      **Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Preparing for God's Words" from Exodus 19:1-25**  
Last "Unafraid" Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Backpacking at 11:00 a.m.
- 20      Last "Unafraid" Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- 21      Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.
- 25      **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "The Ten Words" from Exodus 20:1-21**
- 26      Memorial Day  
Backpacking at 11:00 a.m.
- 28      **Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 a.m.**  
Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.
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Paraphrased from "Christian Memes": In our Men's Bathroom at Church are four stalls; one is missing a door. We have them labeled "First John", "Second John", "Third John", and "Revelation".

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

**SERVICE OF HOPE:** The KUMC Service of Hope will be held during the worship service on Apr 27<sup>th</sup>. All are asked to wear purple that day in remembrance or honor of those who have fought and are fighting cancer. There will be a free will offering taken for the Relay for Life team. There will also be a balloon display with the names of those we remember and honor.

**RELAY FOR LIFE:** "Carnival for a Cure" will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, with the Live Auction at 2:00 p.m.; Yoga from 4:15-4:45 p.m.; Opening Ceremony at 5:00 p.m.; Zumba from 6:00-6:30 p.m.; Food Eating contest at 6:45 p.m.; Womanless Beauty Pageant at 7:00 p.m.; Minute to Win It Games at 7:30 pm.; Luminaria Remembrance Ceremony at 8:00 p.m.; Fight Back Lip Sync Battle at 9:00 p.m.; Closing Ceremony at 10:00 p.m. Lynn Siler and Susan Threewitts are both leading teams this year if you have any questions or wish to join a team or donate.

**MOTHER'S DAY TEA:** will be May 11<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School time at 9:45 a.m. with the UMM providing prayer, devotion, a poem or reading, music, games, and food.

**Turks Baseball Night:** You are invited to join the Keezletown United Methodist Men for a Turks Baseball game in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Save the date and watch for more details to come.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

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### MY PERSONAL NOTE

Hurt people hurt people. Healed people heal people. Words from my friend, Pastor Joel. Words that can touch a heart, a mind, a soul. Sometimes all we need is someone to reach out and touch us, with a hug, a listening ear, a kiss on the cheek, a word of caring. Healed people, people with Jesus in their hearts and soul, can sense those of us who are hurting, and when they give of themselves to heal us, it is beyond words. It is through those emotional feelings that we too are healed. I am very grateful that God, the Father, has put so many beautiful, healing people in my life and that they are there right when I need them. I pray you have healing people in your life to heal you with the love of Jesus. *Diana*

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### Editor's Note

**The May deadline for submissions is May 16th.** 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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Me in bed praying after a hard day: Dear  
God...\*sigh\*

God: I totally get it.

(Christian Humor)