

MOuNTaiN ECHoeS

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174th Edition



What have we to fear when Jesus calms the lions and rests? (Pic taken from FB)

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The difference between Jesus and religion: Religion shames people for having dirty feet; Jesus kneels down and washes them.

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## **OUR PASTOR CHATS**

The 243<sup>rd</sup> session of the Virginia Annual Conference was June 12th-14th, and our clergy member was myself, Joel Robinette, and lay members were Jenn Robinette (from KUMC), Chris Cole (Shenandoah River District), and Wendell Cochran (District Lay Servant Coordinator). Wendell was unable to attend due to family illness. The music during worship was wonderful, we had an ordained deacon preside at the communion table for the first time at annual conference, and I particularly was blessed by the teaching from Rev Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric who shared on how Methodism has been a movement of the heart. A fun observation was how he noted John Wesley had an experience of grace where he felt his heart “strangely warmed.” Edgardo noted that was probably significant in chilly England but in other parts of the world we may experience God’s grace with a higher heat setting.

Here are a few notes on things that happened at conference. There is a fuller report, about eight pages, on the [vaumc.org](http://vaumc.org) website. We recognized three new faith communities and charters. We heard information on just compensation for clergy. We voted on four constitutional amendments to the Book of Discipline. We celebrated the retirement of 39 pastors who had 1,044 years of combined service. We blessed people taking new steps in ministry: 18 for lay supply, 17 for Certified Lay Ministers, 15 Licensed Local Pastors, 8 Provisional Elders, 2 Associate Members, and 12 Ordained Elders. We closed 26 congregations in our conference. As of June 13th, \$42,000 was collected for the Conference Offering. There were 14,311 total Kits for Conference collected. Thank you to everyone who has been blessing the work of our Virginia Annual Conference in partnering with other UMC congregations, ministries, and mission; being lay servants and lay speakers, giving to the Conference Offering, and giving to Kits for Conference. Let’s be in prayer for churches having a change in leadership this July, our own Shenandoah River District as Rev Kyungsuk Cho begins as our new District Superintendent, our Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson and the people and ministries of the Virginia Annual Conference. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, “mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us” (“Spirit of the Living God” by Dan Iverson). Amen.

*Pastor Joel*

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### **\*\*\*MAY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**National Police Week 2025** was observed from May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>, to pay tribute to the local, state, and federal peace officers who have died, or who have been disabled, in the line of duty. The formal memorial is on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Other events of National Police Week include an annual Blue Mass, Candlelight Vigil, Wreath Laying Ceremony, National Police Survivors Conference, Honor Guard Competition, and the Emerald Society & Pipe Band March and Service.

**National EMS Week**, May 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, is a time to show our gratitude toward EMTs and paramedics who provide lifesaving care across the nation every day, to educate the public about EMS, and the essential service provided to communities. This year's theme is "We Care. For Everyone."

**ARE YOU LISTENING?** As we worshipped on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Joel led as in "Preparing for God's Words", using Exodus 19:1-25, At Mount Sinai. The Living Christ is still proclaiming the Good News of God's grace in worship and prayer. Are we ready to hear God's words and His directions for our lives? We have to quiet ourselves and focus to hear God speaking to us. Sometimes we don't want to hear, going against what God would have us do. God delivered His people and called Moses to Mt Sinai to worship Him. Where is your Mt Sinai quiet place that you can hear God's word to prepare you for the future? Assisting in the service were Leonard leading, the Worship Team providing the music, Barrett leading the children about ways to pray, and Leigha reading scripture.

**"Unafraid" Bible Study** met for their last session on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, to wrap up the study of being unafraid when faced with death, marriage failures, finances, and life happenings. The Monday group had lunch at Vito's Pizza Pie after class, and the Tuesday group had dinner at the Fajita Factory before class.

**Annual District Evening Together:** The UWIF was represented by Sherry, Kathy, Chris, and Lorie at this event on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McGaheysville UMC. The speaker was Jenny Burden, who is the Location Leader for Isaiah 117 House in Rockingham Co., an organization helping foster children. She gave a wonderful presentation and we look forward to possibly working with them in the future.

**TEN WORDS FOR LIFE:** Pastor Joel led us in worship on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, using Exodus 20:1-21, God speaks to the People, and giving the message "The Ten Words". All of Israel gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai and heard God's voice speaking the ten commandments. These rules were given to show a new way of life after their Egyptian slavery. He told them: I am your God; don't make false images of fake gods; don't use my name in vain; remember the Sabbath and rest; honor your parents; don't take what belongs to someone else; don't covet in your heart. Love the Lord and love your

neighbor. Assisting today were Josh reading scripture, Diana on the organ and giving the Children's Time with a story about Georgie and Memorial Day.

**MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION:** During the worship service on May 25<sup>th</sup>, all of the Veterans were asked to come forward to be recognized. Mary Nankivell also recited "Ragged Old Flag" during the service.

**CONFERENCE KITS:** On May 25<sup>th</sup>, we dedicated the kits collected throughout the year for Virginia Annual Conference. Sherry thanked everyone for their generosity in helping with 24 Feminine Hygiene kits, 80 Health kits, and 19 Flood buckets. All of these will be distributed within the United States.

**NEW BABY:** May 25<sup>th</sup> Baby Adeline Merle Hall made her debut at 9 lbs 1.5 ozs and 21 inches long. She is a beauty. Congratulations Jacob Hall and Winter Hall, and very proud Grandma, Becky Ryman.



**MEMORIAL DAY** MAY 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday will be the most expensive holiday on the calendar. Every hot dog, every burger, every spin around the lake, or drink with friends and family...is a debt...purchased by others. This is not about all who've served...that day comes in the fall. This one is in honor of those who paid in life and blood; whose moms never saw them again, whose dads wept in private, whose wives raised kids alone, and whose kids only remembered them from pictures. This isn't simply a day off. This is a day to remember—that others paid for every free breath you ever get to take. Freedom.

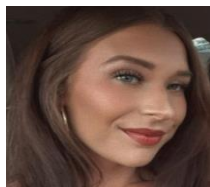
**LUNCH BUNCH** met Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Vitos on Port Road. The three ladies and one gentleman attending enjoyed spaghetti, eggplant parmesan, and coconut chicken salad, with to go boxes coming home with us. Good conversation, and good fellowship. Won't you join us?

**THANK YOU** to Kathy A, Judy C, Becky R, Ginny J, and Jenn R for helping me on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to print, fold, stuff, label, and prepare the May newsletter for mailing. I am so grateful for your help.

## **FAMILY FUN PICTURES**



*Champion*



*Charlotte BD*



*Happy 23<sup>rd</sup>*



*Carson is 13*



*Patti's crew at Aqua Zoo*

WWHHAATT??? I'm not going to count my chickens that cry over spilt milk at the drop of a hat or bark up the wrong apples and oranges, because at the end of the

day, it ain't over til the fat lady kills two birds with one piece of cake.  
(Christian Humor)

## **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).

## **\*\*\*JUNE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED\*\*\***

**JESUS ASCENDS:** June 1<sup>st</sup> worship was all about Ascension and Communion. Pastor Joel spoke from Luke 24:44-53, Jesus blessing the disciples and ascending to heaven. The message was entitled “The Ascension of Jesus”. Luke's last words were telling of the Ascension of Jesus. His Ascension is not just passing on the baton to His disciples, but a time for learning and understanding. He was with the disciples for forty days after His death. They were wondering and confused, uncertain about the future. He opened their minds, and told them they would go out and share the Good News in all nations. The



disciples were not ready, but needed to wait for the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives each of us the Holy Spirit to have the power to share His love and grace, exalting Him. By seeing Him ascend we realize that Jesus goes to the throne of God as our sacrifice for atonement. Assisting today were Ken leading and telling the children about the John 3:16 Clown at sporting events, Chris on the piano, Scott reading Scripture, and Haiden, Leigha, Virginia, and Nicholas helping with Communion.

**RECOGNIZING GRADUATES:** During worship on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Joel recognized our graduates, Abigail Mitchell and Noah Robinette from Spotswood High School, Leigha Dillard from Bridgewater College, and Hayley Johnson from University of Montana. A delicious potluck lunch was served after the service to celebrate.

**Chill-N-Chat** met on Monday morning, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with eight ladies present, for a wonderful time of eating butter pecan cake, drinking coffee, chatting, laughing, and fellowshiping. You are welcome to join us any Monday at 11:00 a.m.

## **LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL**



*Winston*



*Nick*



*Connor/Carson*



*Carmella/Gran*



*Lataya/Judy*

**CARE PACKAGE RECEIVED:** Jacob and Winter Hall sent the following message to all who contributed to the “Baby box” that Grandma Becky and others sent to little Adeline: “That was very thoughtful and my husband said to tell dad thanks for his card. We also want to thank you and everyone else it was very thoughtful and we love you guys to”. Thank you to all who showed their love and caring for this new family.



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** held their June “Evening Out” meeting at Lisa’s Restaurant on Main Street in Elkton at 6:00 p.m. on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Eleven members and their guests were able to attend and enjoyed the shrimp basket special, along with other delicious menu items. The only business discussed was the upcoming Donuts for Dads and Dudes recognition on June 15<sup>th</sup> and what we would be preparing and doing that morning.

**D Day June 6<sup>th</sup>:** “Today marks the 81st anniversary of D-Day, when over 2,500 American lives were lost during the invasion and subsequent Battle of Normandy. Among the forces in the initial invasion were troops from the Shenandoah Valley, including members of the 116th Infantry, 29th Division of the Virginia National Guard. Major Tom Howie of Staunton served as the Regimental Operations Officer of the 116th Infantry and was responsible for safeguarding the D-Day Operation Plan. Other regiments also included troops from Rockingham County and the surrounding areas. Private Miller Williams of McGaheysville belonged to the 2nd Battalion of

the 501st Paratroop Regiment and was among the first Airborne Infantry troops to land on Normandy Beach. Like so many others that day, he lost his life in the battle and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. Induction and Discharge Records that tell the story of Rockingham County's many WWII soldiers, just like Williams, are housed here at the Rockingham Circuit Court's Historic Archives. On this anniversary, we encourage you to keep the soldiers who fought bravely in your hearts and remember their sacrifice. Special thanks to the 29th Division Museum in Verona for their assistance in sharing these stories." Tony Wilt

**CONGRATS CARSON:**

presented his official such an honor and we state convention."



"We are so incredibly proud of Carson for being FFA jacket by the Cross Keys Ruritan club. This is know he will be proud to wear it at next week's Cory and Lynette

**Congratulations** to **Leah Siler**, who has been elected the FFA president of J Frank Hillyard Middle School for next year. She is the daughter of Lee and Amanda Siler and granddaughter of Lynn Siler.



**CONGRATS:** In August, **Kendra Dodrill** will be starting her teaching career at Wilbur Pence Middle School, where she fell in love with FCS and FCCLA! Best wishes, Kendra.

**CONGRATS CARSON:** VA FFA Convention came to to a close today 6-12. During final session we were are excited to hear that Carson G. and Peyson L.'s Agriscience Fair projects will be moving on to Nationals! They both work very hard on their projects. Thank you for giving our MMS FFA members the opportunity to attend Convention and have a great time!! Cory and Lynette

**CONGRATS PARKER:** "Parker just got home from the state Agriscience Fair 6-12 where he won first place again for the second year in a row!!!! His project was on the effects of water quality from industrial and agricultural areas that received a \$1000 grant to complete!! Oh, and also he and the TA FFA President performed in front of 3000 people. You can catch him at none other than Cracked Pillar tomorrow evening!! I'm in awe of his talent, bravery, drive and just what an awesome young man he is in every way." Jennifer



**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Pastor Joel led the Church family on Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, speaking from Acts 2:1-21, the coming of the Holy Spirit, with a message entitled "Holy Spirit Filled". It is Pentecost Sunday. The disciples were waiting and Jesus was ready to give them the promise. There were a few in the Old Testament who had the Holy Spirit that poured out of them sharing God's words of Life. God spoke to them at Mt Sinai, but here, the 120, were waiting when a wind and tongues of fire filled the room and spilled out of them. They had prayed, they had waited, now they were filled, and then had to spill it out sharing the Good News, even later on the Gentiles. We can share on young and old, men and women, sons and daughter, free and slaves, all the world.

The Holy Spirit fills you, embrace Him, and allow Him to help you spill out to others. Pastor Joel used a lot of red cups, a large tub, and pouring water into the cups as illustration. Jenny spoke to the Children and guests about Happy Birthday Church with party hats and horns. Cory read this morning's Scripture, and Diana played the organ. All were asked to wear red in remembrance, and red geraniums adorned the front of the church.



**CAMP OVERLOOK GUESTS:** We were blessed to have eleven Camp Overlook Counsellors visiting with us during worship on June 8<sup>th</sup>. A commissioning and blessing time was held for them, as well as giving them each a staff (made by Kennis Armentrout) and a cross necklace (made by Jim Dillard). A taco salad lunch was also provided for them and the Church family after the service.

**Virginia Annual Conference Offering** was taken on June 8<sup>th</sup> during worship. Together we gave \$500.00 which will go toward disaster relief and our conference's Partnerships of Hope with Mozambique, Haiti, Brazil, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

**RETIRING:** The Rockingham County Sheriffs office posted on June 9<sup>th</sup>, their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Executive Director of Kingsway as she heads into retirement. outreach and re-entry services



Ms. **Louise Jennings**, Founder and Prison Ministries and Family Outreach, Louise has provided faith-based to inmates and their families in the Harrisonburg / Rockingham area since 1983!! We tried, but we simply cannot thank her enough for all she has done over the many years to help the citizens of our community.

**The Keezletown Cemetery** is an independent entity run by volunteers from the Keezletown community. An informational meeting by the cemetery's board of trustees was held on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Keezletown United Methodist Church's social hall. The Board of Trustees were introduced: Susan Threewitts, Tanya Eppard, Jim Dillard, Scott Dillard, Cheryl Carr, and Randy Clatterbuck. The finances of the cemetery and operating costs were discussed, sharing a treasurer's report that reflected significant concern over the lack of funding in the near future. However, the cemetery was blessed with a large financial gift from the passing of Becky Armentrout. The money is invested and interest gains of have already been reported. Repairs are needed in the cemetery in dirt to fill some low spots, and recovery work from grass, weed, vines, and pine branches. A fall work day will be scheduled. Future work may include road patching and repairs. Thank you to all who attended.

**Chill-N-Chat** met at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> with four ladies. Pastor Joel also joined in the chat. We welcome all to come, relax, and fellowship.



### Keezletown Babe Ruth League—Connor's Team

This week our Keezletown All Star Rookie Team starts tournament play! First game Wednesday, June 11th at 6pm. Go KTown! Keezletown Rookies win! 11-1. Moving on to tomorrow, 6pm vs South Augusta, Field 1, Spottswood Community Center GO KTown! June 14: These boys are REPRESENTING Keezletown Baseball!!! They have played with heart and determination! And they are having a blast! We are so proud of them. They earned a spot in the Championship Game tomorrow! You've got this boys!!! Ktown proud!!! June 16: I'm sure we've probably over shared this week, but this is a big deal! It's been many years since the Ktown Rookies have won the district tournament! They went undefeated, playing the championship game tonight in the rain and mud! For that, I want to thank the coaches for NOT requesting white baseball pants! We are so Incredibly proud of Conner and his entire team. We are also very proud of assistant, assistant, assistant coach Cory! Take note Minors and Majors!! These little guys have set the bar high! (reporting by Lynette)

**LUNCH BUNCH:** four folks met at Village Inn south of Harrisonburg on June 11<sup>th</sup> for the delectable buffet presented. Good conversation and good food. All are welcome to join us.

**ARMY'S BIRTHDAY:** Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, we honor and celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States Army. Thank you to all who serve and have served our country.

**U.S. Army**  
Est. June 14, 1775

**DONUTS FOR DADS AND DUDES:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day, the UWIF sponsored a recognition time for the Dads and Dudes of KUMC during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. Judy welcomed all who attended, and invited all to enjoy the warm biscuits and sausage gravy, egg/sausage casseroles, fried country ham or sausage, blueberry French toast, fresh fruit, muffins, donut holes and donuts, egg custard pie, coffee, and juice. After all had eaten, Judy read a tribute to Dad's, Sharon and Karen sang, and Diana gave a prayer of dismissal. Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's, Step-dad's, Grand-dads, and like a Dad.

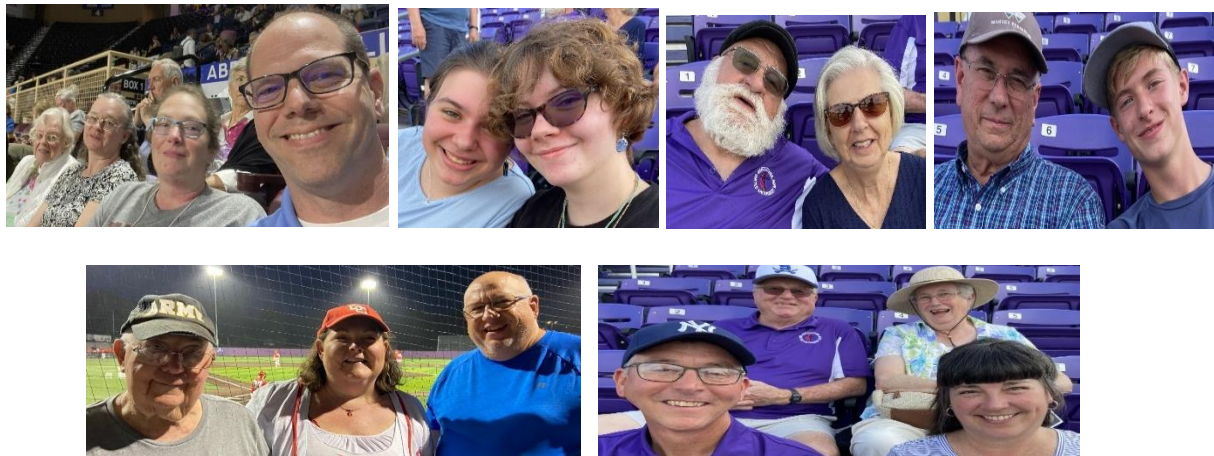


**TRINITY SUNDAY:** On June 15<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday, we studied John 16:12-15, the Holy Spirit will come. Pastor Joel led the service, and spoke on "Holy Spirit Guide". Jesus told the disciples, "I have so much more to tell you, words you cannot bear now". Jesus has more to speak to us. We gather on Sunday to hear the words of Jesus; we should be lifelong learners. We are given the "guide", the Holy Spirit, to lead us in our journey. Today is Trinity Sunday, God gives Jesus the words, and He gives them to the Holy Spirit. Each glorifies the other. This is Father's Day and we are thankful for the guidance of the Father, and especially the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As Fathers, let us continually seek the guidance of the Trinity. Assisting in the service today were the Worship Team of Karen, Sharon, Barrett, and Pastor Joel, who also led the service. Jim read the Scripture and Pastor Joel talked to the children about honest parents. The

worship team inspired us with two wonderful hymns, “Put Your Hand in the Hand” and “Take Your Shoes Off Moses”.

**Chill-N-Chat** met Monday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m., with four ladies attending, and Pastor Joel joining us. We enjoyed hot drinks, warm blueberry muffins, and lots of good conversation.

**Turks Baseball Night**: the Keezletown United Methodist Men invited the Church family to a night out at the Harrisonburg Turks game on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. One of the players, Ben Craig (a Spotswood High School graduate) shared with the group. Arrival at 6:00 PM allowed for time with Ben and the game began at 7:30 p.m. A “Dairy Night” promotion was held and free admission was given for a copy of the ad at the Turks website. The UMM had a great night of fellowship with fifteen members, family, and guests attending. Thanks to Wendell Cochran for coordinating a fun evening together.



**Keezletown MAJORS—Carson's Team**: On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Keezletown Majors WIN tonight and move on! They play again tomorrow, Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Fox field! Congrats Majors! On 6/19: Even with the rain delay, the big boys got it done, winning 17-7 tonight. They play again tomorrow at 8! Let's Go Ktown!! June 20<sup>th</sup>: The boys snagged a 21-0 win tonight to advance to the championship game tomorrow! Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm. Let's get it! 6/21 Keezletown Majors WIN!! They are 12/70 District 4 Champs!! Congrats coaches and players! Great Job Boys! Moving on to States!!! (reporting by Lynette)

**JUNETEENTH**: Celebrated each year on June 19, Juneteenth is known as a commemoration of freedom and honors the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War. The holiday dates back to 1865 when Major General Gordon Granger traveled to Galveston, Texas to share the good news that enslaved people were now free. Since it took some time for all states to follow the executive order, Juneteenth took place two years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed anyone who was enslaved in the country. Juneteenth has cemented itself as a special day for many Black Americans ever since then, but it was officially declared a federal holiday in 2021. (Paraphrased from Chrissy Callahan)

### HUMOROUS BILL PAYING:

My Light bill arrived: I think I got charged for Sunlight, Moonlight, Streetlight, the Light of the Holy Spirit, and the Light at the end of the tunnel!

I love it when all of my bills for the month are paid and I can finally enjoy and splurge on the leftover \$17.87.

### MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



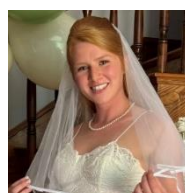
Champions



New Asst Coach



Happy Bday



Bridal Shower



Pickleballers



Va's red moon

### \*\*\*JUNE EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE\*\*\*

- 22 UMM breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "Life Together in the LORD" from Exodus 20:22-24; 21:1-3'  
22:21-23
- 23 Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.
- 23-29 Vacation for Pastor Joel
- 25 Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 a.m. to El Charo
- 29 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "The LORD Moving In" from Exodus 24:9-25:9; 31:18
- 30 Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.

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My apologies to Nancy in printing only part of her submission. Please see all she wrote:

#### *A Tribute to My Sister*

One day God, in all His wisdom, wanted an angelic voice for His Heavenly choir and He chose my sister, Barbara. In this world she loved music, and she sang very often. When she became ill, and singing was very hard for her, she wanted to try and sing one more time. We searched for the perfect song, and we found it in a song called "Lord Let Me Leave a Song". It took a bit of work to prepare it for her and unfortunately her health declined and she could not sing it. I pray by sharing the words you can better understand Barbara more. "Lord give me a song the whole world will sing, after my Spirit has flown. Let the words inspire some soul to climb higher, Lord let me leave a song. One of Barbara's greatest loves was her church. Thank you for all the prayers and loving kindness shown by the church family. She especially loved children, of all ages. When Barbara saw a child, she always saw the face of God. I pray when you heard Barbara sing that you felt closer to Jesus. I know that was always her prayer. The music in Barbara's life was feeble in comparison to the music of Heaven, that we will all get to sing someday if we remain faithful to God. As I think back

*over the last few years, and speaking for my entire family, we thank God for the blessing of having a very loving church family led by a wonderful minister and shepherd. He, Pastor Joel, was there to listen and share any time we needed him. Maybe sometime, if we listen very carefully, we will hear Barbara's sweet voice again. Nancy Armentrout*

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### \*\*\* JULY EVENTS HAPPENING\*\*\*

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

|         |                      |         |                  |
|---------|----------------------|---------|------------------|
| July 1  | Lee Threewitts       | July 24 | Diana Davis      |
| July 2  | Becky Ramsey         | July 25 | Audrey Cox       |
| July 3  | Becky Crown          | July 27 | Makenna Eppard   |
| July 5  | Caleb Hall           | July 28 | Misty Botkin     |
| July 11 | Michael Stanley      | July 29 | Steve Morris     |
| July 11 | Kelcey Seaman        | July 29 | Kathy Armentrout |
| July 11 | Dale Dodrill         | July 29 | Barrett Bowman   |
| July 14 | Chad Higgs           | July 29 | Damon Daff       |
| July 16 | Rebecca Sprague      | July 30 | Cooper Pellegrin |
| July 19 | "Remi" Ramilia Davis | July 30 | Jacob Hall       |
| July 20 | Triton Bishop        | July 31 | Wendell Cochran  |

#### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

|               |                            |          |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------|
| July 4, 1990  | John & Cheryl Foley        | 35 years |
| July 4, 1992  | Mike & Cecilia Hawkins     | 33 years |
| July 5, 1993  | Randy & Janet Clatterbuck  | 32 years |
| July 13, 2002 | Charlie & Stephanie Liskey | 23 years |
| July 19, 1986 | Steve & Marie Suter        | 39 years |
| July 20, 1996 | David & Jenny Reed         | 29 years |
| July 20, 1963 | Bruce & Barbara Hoover     | 62 years |
| July 24, 2021 | Brian & Ann Marie Zylich   | 4 years  |
| July 26, 1999 | Marvin & Sandra McCray     | 26 years |

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



**Bruce & Barbara Hoover for 62 years on July 20th**

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

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#### JULY CALENDAR

- 1      **Worship Music Practice 6:00 p.m.**
- 3      **UWIF meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- 4      **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 6      **Small Group Leaders Gathering at 8:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**



- 7      **Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Communion**
- 7      Worship Planning at 10:00 a.m.
- Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.
- 8      **Worship Music Practice 6:00 p.m.**
- 9      **Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 a.m. at the Galley**
- Admin Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 12     **Big K Diner at 5:00 p.m. to support campers**
- 13     **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
- Worship at 11:00 a.m.**
- 14     Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.
- 15     **Worship Music Practice 6:00 p.m.**
- 16     **UMM meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a picnic meal**
- 17     **Serve Kingsway Meal**
- 18     Newsletter items due
- 20     **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
- Worship at 11:00 a.m.**
- 21     Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.
- 22-24 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- 23     **Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 a.m. at IHOP**
- 27     **Outdoor Worship at 11:00 a.m. at Ruritan Pavilion**
- 28     Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Share **special music** or other artistic gifts in worship this summer as the KUMC choir takes a summer break. Sign up in the narthex for sharing from June 15th – August 31st.

**Big K Diner**: Help fund children and youth going to Camp Overlook this summer at the Big K Diner at Keezletown UMC with hotdogs, fries, and ice cream on Saturday, July 12th with food ready at 5:00 p.m.

**UMM** July meeting will be Wednesday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m. with a picnic meal

**Vacation Bible School** Save the date for VBS at KUMC for July 22nd-24th in the evenings at 6:30 p.m. with VBS Sunday and Outdoor Worship on July 27th at 11:00 a.m. Please talk to VBS director Jenny Dillard if you would like to help with or be part of VBS this year.

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### MY PERSONAL NOTE

"It's been a rough day". How many times have you said that; I know I have A LOT! But my friend Evalyn Campbell made me stop and think when she wrote that we should not condemn the whole day for a few rough moments during the day. And she's right. Let go of the rough times, and try to think about the good things that have happened to you on that "rough day". Odds are, the blessings will outweigh the bad. Thank you, Evalyn, for reminding us that God makes every day a good day, but sometimes we need a few rough spots to remind how blessed we are.

*Diana*

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### Editor's Note

**The July deadline for submissions is July 18th.** 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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When Religion says "I messed up...my Dad is gonna' kill me", the Gospel says, "I messed up...I need to talk to my Dad". (the Gospel + Clean Christian Jokes and Humor)