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KEEZLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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That short, soft, and quiet 'Thank you, Jesus' you whisper throughout your day may seem small, but they are significant, powerful, and precious to God. They matter! (@MyBibleAndGod)

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

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE: To give through the church website, click on <https://tithe.ly/give?c=6261418> and use the **Tithely Giving App**, Download the Tithely App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android), select your church, create an account, and add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking info. Once your account has been created, you won't need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give! A reminder, you can set your gift up as recurring. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us back and we'd be happy to assist you further! Thank you for your generosity and partnering with us to build the kingdom. **If you wish to continue giving by check, the address is: KUMC, 1456 Indian Trail Rd, Keezletown VA 22832**

OUR PASTOR CHATS

We have small groups at Keezletown UMC. This fall would be a great time to begin or continue in a small group for growing your faith in Jesus Christ and the faith of the others in the group. Through the Bible we see people do better with others: in Genesis 2 God saw Adam in the garden and said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." God gave him a partner. When Jesus called the disciples, he did not just build up one but twelve. The early Methodists regularly met together in classes, bands, and groups for watching over each other's souls, prayer, and studying the scriptures. I have grown in my faith and walk with Jesus most in small groups from the time I was a young child all the way up to today. Jesus uses other people to challenge, help, correct, teach, expand, and build up my faith and life in Jesus. This fall there will be small groups like Sunday School classes for various ages, Mondy morning study, Tuesday night study, United Women in Faith, United Methodist Men, KUMC Choir for singers, and Worship Music Team for folks who play instruments or sing. I encourage you to grow in your faith and life in Jesus and help others grow in theirs in small group ministry.

Pastor Joel

My sincere apologies to **Wendell and Faye Cochran** for posting in the July



newsletter that they would be married 69 years on August 20th. It should have been 59 years, unless they were both still in diapers when they got married. I am going to have to check on that nut that gets loose on my keyboard sometimes!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER FOR: **FLORENCE COCHRAN**, 3820 ROXBURGH ST, ROCKINGHAM VA 22801 FOR HER 100TH BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 27TH.

United Methodist Men met on June 22nd, with five men present. Wendell provided pancakes, sausage, apples, and hot syrup for breakfast. Scott led the prayer time and Ken gave a gemstone devotion on how God fashions us from diamonds in the rough. The treasurer's report was

approved. Joel reported the new shirts were completed and paid for. In reviewing the Mother's Day Tea, all agreed, "Let's do it again next year, too." Reviewed Camp Overlook Staff lunch on June 8th and recognized that Jim made Ichthus crosses for each staffer and Kennis made a walking stick for each staffer. Fifteen came to the Turks Baseball game on June 17th in Harrisonburg. We had free admission and it was Dairymen Night so there was free ice cream, cheese, milk, and chocolate milk. We thought that would be good to do again next year, too. Mowing the church yard has had people sign up: Randy Clatterbuck, Rick Johnson, Jim Dillard, Scott Dillard, Cory and Carson Guilliams, and we have had good coverage so far. We are having the UMM Rally on July 16th at 6:30 p.m. and are inviting other congregations like McGaheysville UMC, Dayton UMC, Vision of Hope UMC, Christ UMC, Fields UMC, Asbury UMC, Manor Memorial UMC, Trinity ELCA, St. Jacob's ELCA, and will include an invitation to district churches through Shenandoah River District email list. Bill Braddy will be our speaker. Scott and Joel will lead some sing-along hymns. Free-will offering will be taken for Camp Overlook Scholarships as KUMC is trying to raise funds for eight children and youth to attend this summer. Noland Suter and Asher Deets Camp Overlook Scholarship was given for \$400 from our funds. Outdoor Sunday and VBS Celebration will be on July 27th and we will cook hamburgers and hotdogs for the lunch following the service. Next meeting is August 17th, at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast by Jim and Scott, and devotion by Ken.

*****JULY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD'S PROMISE? For Worship on July 20th, Pastor Joel spoke from Exodus 33 and 34, with the message entitled "Covenant Renewed". God's people were breaking the commandments, worshipping idols; Moses smashed the tablets; the covenant was broken. Could it be restored? There is a future with hope in



God. Moses talked boldly with God, face to face, reminding Him of His love, His forgiveness, and His grace for His children. The Lord forgave them and showed His mercy. God will keep His promises even when we don't. Are you counting on God's promises? Assisting in today's service were Diana on the organ and giving the Children's story about Pooh bear questioning the starry night, Wendell leading, and Sharon and Karen acting out the Scripture. Pastor Joel also led the Church

family with his guitar in "This Is the Day" as our Call to Worship.

MAKING SANDWICHES: A Mission Event was brought to our attention which was an urgent need to help Open Doors residents with a meal. This was in coordination with The Interfaith group of H'burg/R'ham Co. and the District UWIF Units. The residents are in need of lunches and dinners as a result of decreased funding. Other groups are already assisting in preparing Brown Bag lunches and dinners. On Sunday, July 20th, after worship, several individuals stayed, and we assembled a Brown Bag meal including a sandwich, bag of chips, a granola bar, a pack of crackers, cookies, and a piece of fruit for 80 persons. We prepared 40 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and 40 turkey sandwiches, including a piece of cheese and lettuce. Drinks and condiments were provided by Open doors. We delivered the Brown Bags to the Navigation Center by 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening. Thank you to all who stayed and helped.



TODAY, JULY 21st, I AM CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AS PASTOR JIM HARRIS!

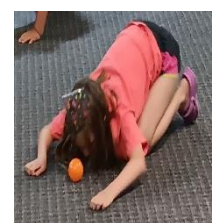
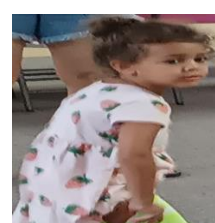
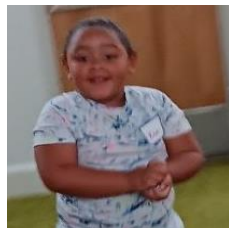


In April of 1975, Rev. Gene Woolridge, Harrisonburg District Superintendent, called to tell me, "I think I have an appointment for you." I was stunned, as I hadn't yet attended License to Preach School. He explained that the charge was part-time, consisting of two churches in Burketown, just outside Weyers Cave along US Route 11. One of them was a small building near the highway in southern Rockingham County, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, and Bethany UMC, just two miles south of Pleasant Grove, still on Route 11, in Augusta County. I was totally surprised. Two churches. A sacred calling, and me, 26 years old and a sophomore art major at JMU as well as the Camera and Jewelry Manager at K-Mart. I had a little over a year of experience as a lay speaker on the Harrisonburg District. I would not be able to start until I'd received my license. License to Preach School would run for three weeks from late June through mid-July. If I completed it successfully, my ministry would begin on Monday, July 21st, and my first sermon as an actual pastor would be Sunday, July 27, 1975, fifty years ago this coming Sunday. I couldn't have asked for a better beginning. Pleasant Grove and Bethany were perfectly suited for a young, freshly called pastor. Long after my five years as their pastor, Pleasant Grove merged into Bethany, and the former Pleasant Grove UMC is now a Pentecostal congregation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: (July 22nd-24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped to make our Lost and Found VBS so successful this year! We had up to 17 children from our church, other churches, and the surrounding community participate and a great time was had by all. Our Bible stories were taken from Luke 15. On the first night we talked about the lost sheep and we had 100 mini sheep hidden in the sanctuary for the kids to find. We found 99 of them and then had to find the final missing sheep, lovingly named "Fluffybottom", out in the garden. There were pinecone sheep to make and water balloons to toss as well as a yummy snack. The second night was about the lost coin. We had to follow clues and

go on a scavenger hunt to try and find our lost, gold, chocolate coins. We had piggy banks to decorate and bracelets to make and a fun game of sweeping up with another yummy snack. The third night was about the lost son, or the Prodigal Son, we rejoiced at the son's return home and in a surprising twist we had to go searching for the older brother to make sure he was invited to the celebration. It was quite a celebration with cake, party hats, and party horns (it was a joyful and LOUD celebration!) We got to make decorative hangers of our Virginia home and play a game that had us acting like pigs trying to use our "snouts" noses to roll a ball in a ring. Our music was great and I don't think any of us will soon forget the Piggy Song or Jesus is my Best Friend. The follow up picnic on Sunday was delicious and again we thank everyone for their support. It takes a village! Jenny Dillard



LUNCH BUNCH: Chris, Ginny J, Becky, and Diana met on Wednesday, July 23rd at IHOP for pancakes, fish, hamburgers, and breakfast crepes, along with good conversation and fellowship. Come join us.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: On July 27th, we celebrated Vacation Bible School in the Church social hall because the weather was way too hot to be at the Ruritan Park. The Worship team started the service with “All God’s Creature Have a Place in the Choir”, and “Jesus Loves Me”. Pastor Joel gave the welcome and invited the Bible schoolers up to tell what they had learned. With Jenny leading, they sang “Lost Is Found”, “The Piggy Song”, and “Jesus Is My Best Friend”, all with motions. Sharon came to read the scripture from Luke 15:1-32, the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, and the Prodigal Son. Pastor Joel then spoke on “Lost and Found”. In Luke 15, religious folks were grumbling about Jesus because He was walking with sinners. Jesus told three stories for them and us, to show rejoicing when the lost are found. The lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost sons, all tell us that we are all worthy in Jesus’s eyes and He will gladly search until He finds us and brings us home. The service ended with all singing “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all after the service. Special thanks to Scott and John Young for grilling the ‘burgers and hot dogs, and to all of the participants in VBS.



NEWSLETTERS AND CHILL-N-CHAT: On July 29th Chris, Lorie, Virginia, Becky, and Judy helped to staple, fold, and stuff the newsletters for mailing, before we had Chill-N-Chat, that was postponed from Monday. Thank you, ladies, for helping me, and especially Becky and Virginia for riding with me to the Post Office, stamping and mailing the newsletters for me. I am very grateful.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Triton is 5



Leigha in Europe



Charlie is 7 mo



Kathy cruisin'

A farmer was milking his cow. He was just starting to get a good rhythm going when a bug flew into his barn and started circling his head. Suddenly, the bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it, until the bug squirted out into his bucket. It went in one ear and out the udder.

WAYS TO GIVE AND HELP OTHERS

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

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

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

Mission Central Equipment for Caring: The medical equipment loaner closet loans out and receive donations of (1) durable medical equipment like hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bedside commodes, etc. and (2) disposable supplies like adult diapers, briefs, and wound care items. It is open Mondays 5 – 7 PM and Thursdays 9 - 11 AM. The location is Mt. Tabor UMC in Lacey Spring.

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

BIBLE STUDY:

NEW BIBLE STUDY: “We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith”

Study: This seven-week study by Michael Carpenter is just in time for the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, to learn how it can deepen your faith in God. The study will meet at two different times for those who have different schedules. You may take the class either Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sept 8th, or Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sept 9th. Study books are \$13.49 and you can sign up in the narthex or with Pastor Joel.

Sunday School Classes includes Grades 1 – 5 Elementary School Class; Middle and High School Class; An adult class; 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.

GIGGLES AND SMILES

I got out the punch bowl, and my little girl asked what it was? I told her and she said, "Oh, so that's where you keep the names of people you want to punch?"

If Smart Water doesn't make you smart, I guess I should give up on Thin Mints!

Talk about feeling uncomfortable? I was driving into the cemetery and my GPS said "You have reached your final destination".

I came across a recipe that called for leftover bacon. Well, they may as well ask for dragon loins or unicorn shanks.

MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Fair prep



Carmella K-garden



Barbara and Gary



Damon is 21

AUGUST EVENTS THAT HAPPENED

A TENT, A BUILDING, OR YOUR HEART? On this Communion Sunday, Aug 3rd Pastor Joel spoke from Exodus 35, 36, and 39, with a message entitled "The People Welcome God". We are meeting here today because the United Brethren (the German folk) and the Methodists (the English folk) many years ago said yes to Jesus and the Church, and they brought their best to build up the Church of Christ. The people of Exodus wanted God to live with and go with them. So, God gave Israel the tabernacle tent instructions. They gave their best to help build it. We are asked to give our best, a sustained yes to Jesus. The last chapter tells us of God's people being obedient because of God's grace and renewal of the covenant. The tabernacle is gone, but God still remains in each of us. Assisting in the service today were the Worship Team leading the Call to Worship, Chris on the piano, Joel leading the Children's Time by talking about "Treasures", Carol reading Scripture, and Cory, Carson, Connor, Cheryl, Susan, and Leonard helping with Communion.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Parker Young** for finishing as a National Finalist at the AgriScience Fair for the TA FFA during the week on Aug 4th. His entry was Environ Servs/Natural Resources DIV3.

CHILL-N-CHAT met on Monday, Aug 4th after the Worship Planning meeting. Two gentlemen joined the four ladies that attended. We welcome you to come anytime.

UWiF SERVES RURITANS: Sharon, Sherry, Ginny, and Carolyn served a delicious meal of spiral ham, baked macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, dessert, and tea, to the Mt Crawford Ruritans on Aug 6th.

UWiF PICNIC: For their August meeting, the UWIF invited the Church family and friends to a picnic at the Keezletown Ruritan Park Pavilion on Aug 7th at 6:00 p.m. Scott and Jenny provided the grills for hot dogs and hamburgers, and Karen provided sliced ham. Everybody else brought the sides and drinks. With about thirty-five in attendance, on a gorgeously cool summer evening, there was laughter and good conversation, as well as watching Pastor Joel strike out as Carson pitched to him. Just watching the “big boys” and the “little boys” playing ball was a highlight for the night. Before we left, Diana read “Mail from Jesus”, a thought-provoking questioning by Jesus as to where He would be and how we would feel about Him if our lives were perfect. Thank you, Ladies, for a wonderful evening out.



WHERE DOES YOUR GOD LIVE? The worship service for Sunday, Aug 10th was led by Pastor Joel using Exodus 40, the instructions for the building of the Tabernacle, along with his message, “God Tents with God’s People”. This is where Exodus has been heading. God saved them, made a covenant, then restored the broken covenant, and the best is yet to come. This chapter shows us how God lived with His people in the Tabernacle tent He and they made. God dwells with His church now through the Holy Spirit. God’s presence was visible in the tent, in the fire, and in the cloud. God set apart all of the Tabernacle and the Priests for consecration thru oil and washing. All is Gods! Even today, all we have is given by God for His use in sharing His grace and love. Assisting in the service

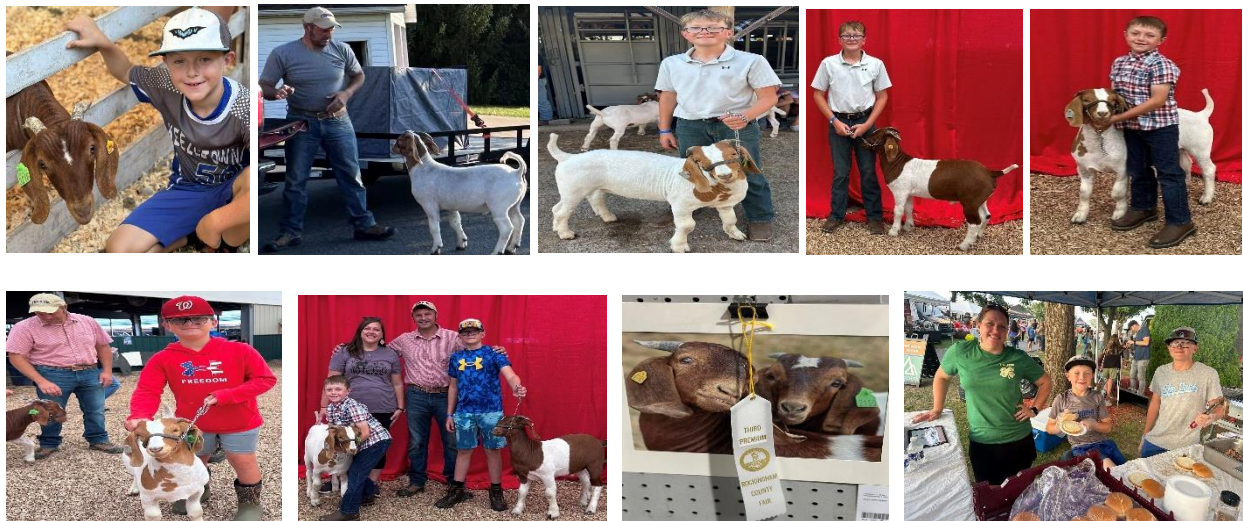


today were Remi helping with the offering, Karen and Sharon for the Call to Worship, Diana on the organ and the Children's Time with a story about a lost boat, and Cheryl reading Scripture.

CHILL-N-CHAT met on Monday, Aug 11th with four ladies present. We enjoyed fresh apple pie and good conversation.

LUNCH BUNCH met on Wednesday Aug 13th at the Bar-B-Que Ranch with four ladies present. We all enjoyed their wonderful barbeque sandwiches, as well as good fellowship.

GUILLIAMS SURVIVE FAIR WEEK (Aug 10-16). "We did it! We survived fair week! These boys were living their best lives this week. We survived the heat, the rain, and the exhaustion. But it was worth it. We are so grateful to live in a community that supports the 4-H and FAA youth in such a tremendous way! These kiddos worked so hard, across so many different projects and volunteer work! 🍀🐐❤️ Thank you to all of our friends and family that came out to support!" Lynette & Cory



SCHOOL STARTS, Tuesday, Aug 19th:

Returning to school prayer: Lord, help our children to live in peace this upcoming schoolyear. Thank you for your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help them to cast their cares and anxiety on you, and may you guard their hearts and minds in Jesus Christ. Amen

GROWING UP TOO FAST AND BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2025

The church family is proud and happy to recognize our children and grandchildren, our nieces and nephews, as they begin another school year.

Not in school yet (?): Jade Bahle, Henry Martin, Owen Summers, Madison Wamsley

Kindergarten: Carmella Bahle, Triton Bishop

First:

Second: Lily Sacra

Third: Connor Guilliams

Fourth: Waylon Conley, Adalida Crisman; Nolan Mason, Sam Ramsey

Fifth: Cora Combs, Cooper Pellegrin, Ben Wamsley

Sixth: Winston Mitchell

Seventh: Sara Cole

Eighth: James Cole, Andrea Crisman, Austyn Crisman, Carson Guilliams, Nora Grace Jarrels, Leah Siler; Jacob Welsh

Ninth (Freshman): Caleb Combs

Tenth (Sophomore): Harrison Bowman, Lydia Kelley, Cami Martin; Nicholas Mitchell; Parker Young

Eleventh (Junior): Haiden Dillard, Connor Miller, Brayden Morris, Chloe Robinette, Rebecca

Sprague, Alli Underwood; Joseph Welsh

Twelfth (Senior): Hannah Bowman, Cali Martin, Mason Pusey, Kate Ramsey

College Freshmen: Macie Heishman, Alex Mansfield, Marley McGlaughlin, Hunter Pellegrin, Noah Robinette, Ryan Sprague, Lataya Wigginton

College Sophomore: Eli Bowman, Kahlyn Smith

College Junior: Joe Johnson Jr, Grady McGlaughlin, Reese Pellegrin, Carson Pusey

College Senior: Creed Combs, Haylee Hawley, Cari Martin, William Painter, Aiden Roach

Updating Blessings Lodge: It's been 30 years and Blessings Lodge is looking a little worn. The carpet in the dining room and conference room has been replaced with vinyl plank wood floors. Both the dining room and conference room downstairs have been given a fresh coat of paint. With a limited budget, it is hard to continue the efforts. The camp would be so blessed if others would be willing to support our efforts. If 52 individuals gave \$100 each, bedding (sheets and covered duvet) could be replaced, a new lamp purchased for each room, as well as adding some wall art and a headboard. Future hopes are to replace the bedroom and hallway carpets and add a reading light by each of the beds. The 35-year-old chairs in the dining and conference rooms need replacing as well, but it's one step at a time. We place our dreams and hopes in God's hands and hope God will inspire the hearts and minds of those who love Overlook. To make a donation, send your check to Camp Overlook, 3014 Camp Overlook Lane, Keezletown, VA 22832. Be sure to earmark the check for "Blessings Lodge." Other improvements that are being made include replacing the 30+ year old Dishwasher and the almost 30 year old roof. Any additional funds received will go to help with these other projects.

*****AUGUST EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- 17 UMM Meeting, 8:00 AM
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Message: "God in the Hands of Man: Faith: "King and the Wedding Feast" by Len Williams
- 18 Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.
- 19 Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM
- 23 Ice Cream Making, 4:30 PM
 Ice cream social August 23rd with proceeds going to Isaiah 117 House.
- 24 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Jonah 1:1-3; "Booking a Cruise to Tarshish When God Said Ninevah"
- 25 Chill-N-Chat at 11:00 a.m.

- 26 **Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM**
 27 **Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 a.m. at Olive Garden**
 31 **Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**
 Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Jonah 1:4-17; "But God's Great Wind Storm and Large Big Bellied Fish"

***** SEPTEMBER EVENTS HAPPENING*****

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 1	Scott Sprague	Sept 13	Harrison Bowman
Sept 1	Bob Hill	Sept 13	Cheryl Carr
Sept 1	Tom Smith	Sept 13	Abigail Mitchell
Sept 2	Brandon Bowman	Sept 15	Sandra McCray
Sept 2	Ginny Bowman	Sept 17	Amanda Siler
Sept 2	Travis Martin	Sept 17	Mason Pusey
Sept 3	David Clements	Sept 17	Emily (Carr) Witt
Sept 3	Leonard Williams	Sept 17	Jan Sites
Sept 7	Nora Grace Jarrels	Sept 18	Leigha Dillard
Sept 9	Mary Combs	Sept 20	Michael Taylor
Sept 9	Julie Zylich	Sept 23	Andrew Coffman
Sept 9	Sean Zylich	Sept 25	Jared Martin
Sept 11	Kristine Welsh	Sept 26	David Miller
Sept 11	Tammy Layman	Sept 26	Allison Hawkins
Sept 11	Jordan Shoemaker	Sept 29	Joseph Botkin Jr
Sept 11	Susie Hill		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 9, 2006	Mark & Becky Ramsey	19 years
Sept 13, 2003	Ryan & Kathryn Pusey	22 years
Sept 25, 2021	Corey & Christina Shifflett	4 years
Sept 28, 2024	Wyatt & Heather Martin	1 year
Sept 30, 2006	Steve & Beth Morris	19 years

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1	LABOR DAY
3	Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
4	UWIF, 7:00 pm.
7	Small Group Leaders Gathering, 8:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Communion with Message: "A Prayer from the Deep" from Jonah 2:1-10 Installation Service for District Superintendent at FRUMC, 2:30 p.m.
8	Worship Planning, 9:00 a.m. "We Believe" Study, 10:00 a.m. Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 a.m. UWIF Serve Keezletown Ruritans
9	Worship Music Practice, 6:00 p.m.

- 10 "We Believe" Study, 7:00 p.m.
Lunch Bunch at 11:30 am. at Romano's in McGaheysville
Church Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Newsletter items due
- 13 Lay Servant Academy at Macedonia UMC
- 14 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. with Message: "Walking the Streets of Nineveh and Knowing the People" from Jonah 3:1-10
- 15 "We Believe" Study, 10:00 a.m.
Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 Worship Music Practice, 6:00 p.m.
"We Believe" Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Serve Kingsway Meal
- 21 UMM Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.; UWIF Sunday; Guest Speaker Rev Laura Douglass
Meal following worship, 12:15 p.m.
- 22 FIRST DAY OF FALL
"We Believe" Study, 10:00 a.m.
Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 Worship Music Practice, 6:00 p.m.
"We Believe" Study, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Lunch Bunch at 11:30 at Chili's
- 28 No Sunday School
Outdoor Worship at Keezletown Ruritan Park, 11:00 a.m. with Message: "God's Frustrating Plant" Jonah 4:1-11
- 29 "We Believe" Study, 10:00 a.m.
Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 Worship Music Practice, 6:00 p.m.
"We Believe" Study, 7:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Steve Suter began a new Substack **"The Bible Reader"** on July 21st called "The Bible Reader" and his first entry is titled "Where Our Christian Journey Begins." You can read it online at <https://thebiblereader.substack.com>

Sunday School and Small Group Kick-Off

Join in a Sunday School Class or Small Group at Keezletown UMC for studying the scriptures, fellowship, and building up faith to live in Jesus Christ. We'll have a kick-off time on Sunday, Sept 7th with some refreshments and fellowship in the social hall at 9:45 a.m. and head to Sunday School classes about 10:15 a.m.

DS Rev Kyungsuk Cho Installation Service will be on Sunday, Sept 7th at Front Royal UMC at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to attend please sign up in the narthex. We'll depart from KUMC at 1:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch for after morning worship and we can eat at church before heading

out. Bring some funds for a meal or snack on the way home depending on time installation service ends and hunger level of the group.

District Lay Servant Academy: will be held Saturday, Sept 13th at Macedonia UMC in White Post. Classes offered are Basic Course by Rev Stephen Creech; United Methodist Heritage by Rev Larry Davies; Leading Bible Studies by Rev Joel Robinette; Leading Worship, TBA. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. with worship with Rev Kyungsuk Cho. If interested, contact Wendell Cochran.

Council meeting will be September 10th at 6:30.

UWIF Sunday will be September 21st.

UMM Picnic and Outdoor Sunday.will be Sept 28th.

UMM Sunday will be Oct 12th.

Harvest Party will be October 26th.

MY PERSONAL NOTE

No one talks about how hard some days it is to walk with God and to keep believing that He knows all that is happening and still cares and wants to help. On those days of struggle, we must find that quiet place, that quiet time, to stop, don't think, breathe, and listen with our heart. He is there; He always has been and forever will be. He will calm your soul, maybe not the first time, maybe not the second time (on a really bad day), but if we can just let it go...yes, let it go, cry, yell, sit in silence, but let it go, He will, HE WILL be right there giving you peace. I know, my friends, I have lived it for quite a while now. Faith can be a struggle, but the love of God is well worth it.

Diana

Editor's Note

The September deadline for submissions is Sept 12th. My home number is 540-269-8511 or e-mail me at AntDyna@comcast.net. I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy preparing it for you. God bless you all.

People ask: "Do I really need Jesus to go to Heaven?" The answer: "Bro, you need Jesus to go to Walmart." (Facebook posting)

