

MOUNTAIN ECHOES

MAY 2026

185th Edition



Talk about waking up with a bad hair day! Good thing God loves me...hair and all.

KEEZLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Even as a Christian, you will have good days, and you will have bad days. But every day you will have God.

EXCITING NEWS: KUMC has a new Webpage at KeezletownUMC.com to allow those searching for a Church family to get to know us better. It includes a monthly calendar of all events happening, as well as the Mountain Echoes newsletter for the month. If you would like to start reading the newsletter on line, instead of receiving a paper copy, please e-mail your request to kumcshared@gmail.com or call 540-269-8531 and leave a message, or talk to Diana Davis.

View Worship Online: view the livestream of the 11:00 AM worship live on Keezletown UMC YouTube Channel at 10:45 a.m. or a link on the Keezletown United Methodist Facebook page. If you would like to give a tithe online, please visit this link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=6261418> . Let us know you worshipped by filling out the KUMC Virtual Connection link: <https://forms.gle/YdbvYW93MjZEGrL38>. Thanks, and be blessed.

OUR PASTOR CHATS

Harrisonburg's JMU Atlantic Union Bank Center will be the location for the 2026 Virginia Annual Conference June 17-20. In recent years, our Virginia Annual Conference has been held in Roanoke or Hampton so we get a special opportunity in 2026 - 2028 to have the conference nearby. Our bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, members of our laity and clergy, and guests will be in attendance. The conference has aspects of worship together, learning together, fellowship, and the annual conference business/voting meeting. Here are some highlights for ways you may consider joining in and there is more information at <https://vaumc.org/ac2026> :

Knees@Noon: United Methodist Men is encouraging men around our conference to pray daily at noon for: Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson; Conference Leadership; District Leadership; All Clergy; Family and Individual Needs. Conference Offering collection on Sunday June 14 at KUMC which will go towards the MJ Kim Fund for Immigrant Clergy and the Conference Center for Belonging and Advocacy to create a true culture of inclusion in Virginia and beyond. Volunteer to serve as a greeter, usher, with registration, and other needs. Visit the website above to sign up to volunteer.

Keezletown UMM Harrisonburg Turks Night: we have invited United Methodist Men and Conference folks to join us for an evening out for fellowship. Potato Drop (Crop Drop) on June 18, 9:00 AM - Noon (sign-up with Pastor Joel) June 17 Sessions from 1:30 - 6:00 PM featuring the Laity Session (1:30) and Opening Worship with Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson (4:30) June 18 Sessions 8:30 - Noon, 2:00 - 5:00 featuring the Memorial Service, Laity Address, and Asian Ministry Celebration beginning at 2:00 PM. June 19 Sessions 8:30 - Noon, 2:00 - 5:30 featuring 70th Anniversary of Full Clergy Women's Rights and teaching time on "The Heart of Our Mission" during the morning session and later Juneteenth worship at 2:00 PM. June 20 Session 8:30 - Noon featuring Service of Call and Ordination at 11:00 AM. There will also be "Lunch and Learn" sessions on Thursday (June 18) and Friday (June 19) at Hotel Madison.

Pastor Joel

*****APRIL EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

The **United Methodist Men** met April 19th at 8:00 a.m. for their monthly meeting and breakfast. Six men were in attendance and enjoyed a breakfast of Ham, egg, and cheese muffin sandwiches, cheesy grits, and grapes, prepared by Joe Liskey. Prayer for the needs of others was led by Pastor Joel. Joe gave thanks for Linda's RMH Nursing School banquet that went so well. Devotion was given by Scott, who shared from John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commandments" and Oswald Chambers, "My Utmost for His Highest", who wrote about a willing obedience to the God who offers us the good way so God's grace may flow through us to others. Minutes from March meeting, and Treasurer's Report was given by Scott, and approved. \$100.00 was approved for VA UMM (\$10 Campaign for 10 men) and \$85.00 for the UMM Annual Charter, which Scott showed all the charter certificate. Scott has purchased Round-Up for weeds at the church; he will also be posting a sign-up sheet for mowing the church yard. UMM Sunday will be October 11th. Pastor Joel reported our District UMM Delegate Rev Richard Bensinger will be unavailable to preach that Sunday. We suggested Tom DeVore (Asbury UMC); Monty Cox (Manor Memorial UMC); and Bill Braddy (Mt Hermon UMC) as other possibilities. Scott will reach out to these speakers.

Harrisonburg Turks night will be against Charlottesville on Wednesday, June 17th, with the game beginning at 7:00 P.M. and arrival at 6:15 P.M. It will be Dairy Night which is a fun evening. We have been given approval by Cathy Davis at the Turks to include Conference and District UMM in our invitation to attend with free admission to the game. Pastor Joel will send out an invitation to district and conference UMM. Mother's Day Tea will be provided by UMM on Sunday, May 10th at 9:45 A.M. Scott plans to get refreshments. Len Williams will lead in prayer. John Young will check on Parker Young for giving a devotion or sharing music. Scott will be on backup devotions and work on fun games or activities.

Outdoor Sunday for Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 26th, and the UMM will help with hamburgers, hotdogs, and Joe noted that sweet corn will be ready by then, too. We discussed having an evening to invite men from our church for a special meeting or district UMM, too. We decided on inviting as many as we could between our congregation and district UMM. Joe suggested the menu be a Low Country Boil with shrimp, potatoes, and corn. We could have time for music, devotion, and sharing about UMM. John Young will check on someone from the JMU Suitcase Clinic to share about that good program. Offering that night could be 50/50 to cover food and make a gift to the JMU Suitcase Clinic. John will also consider sharing his experience and seeing the good work of the JMU Suitcase Clinic. Noted, due to the cost of shrimp, will ask people to RSVP so we have a good count for how many to prepare to serve. Knees@Noon is a Virginia Conference United Methodist Men initiative for daily prayer where at Noon each day men pray for: Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Conference Leadership, District Leadership, All Clergy, and Family and Individual Needs. There is also a Zoom "15 minutes max" every Friday call: Meeting ID: 884 9441 6113 Passcode: UMMNOON. We will encourage KUMM to join that prayer initiative in June 2026 which is the same month as our Virginia Annual Conference. Next meeting is June 14th, with Breakfast by Scott Dillard and Devotions by Len Williams.

I had a lot of stuff to do today. As I sit here, coffee in hand with my feet up, I realize that now I have a lot of stuff to do tomorrow.

OPEN MY EYES, LORD: “Seeing and Believing” was the title of Pastor Joel’s message in the April 19th worship service. When Jesus talked about His death and resurrection, His disciples did not understand, none of them, until they saw the risen Lord, touched His hands and side, walked with Him, talked with Him, and ate with Him. Mary knew Jesus was dead, the angels, but when He heard what the first how Thomas had to breathe life into Holy Spirit into the God’s glory; scars that promise each of us who believe, eternal life. Assisting in the service today were the Worship Team, Barrett talking to the children about Jesus appearing, and Josh reading Scripture.



facts were there, empty tomb, appeared, she believed. We disciples saw, and we hear be shown. Just as God Adam, Jesus breathed the disciples. Jesus’s scars are

Lunch Bunch went to Cici’s Pizza on April 22nd. Five ladies and one gentleman enjoyed good pizza and good fellowship. Come join us,

Chill-N-Chat met on April 23rd with five ladies attending. We were able to collate, stuff, and label the newsletters for April for mailing. Thank you, Ladies.

WEAVE FOR A CURE #10 was held on April 16th and the 23rd, with 9 ladies making baskets. Thank you for participating in this Relay for Life fundraising for the American Cancer Society.



FISH OR MEN? Pastor Joel spoke from John 21:1-19, Jesus helps the disciples catch fish, for the Worship service on April 26th. His message was entitled “Big Catch”. Anyone here love to fish? Pastor Joel told us his dad had a boat for deep sea fishing that he had to maintain. He bought fishing poles, and rain suits, and other things to help us stay out all day, sometimes, reeling in a variety of fish...lots of different fish. We always ate good at the fish cookout afterwards. The disciples liked to fish. Some of them were fishing after Jesus arose. Jesus appeared to them on the shoreline and told them to cast the net on the other side of the boat. They caught so many they had to drag them to shore and to Jesus, just as they would later draw men to Jesus. Peter was able to profess his love for Jesus three times, just like he denied Him, as they talked at breakfast together. We see Jesus sending them to go fishing and saving the many. Assisting today were Leonard leading, Diana on the organ, and Pastor Joel speaking to the children about “slinkies”.

“John: The Gospel of Light and Life” study has now been completed. The Monday morning group celebrated with a meal at Vito’s in Penn Laird with nine people attending on April 27th after the last session. The Tuesday night study group celebrated before the last session on April 28th with twelve people enjoying Casa Gallardo Fajita Factory #2 in Harrisonburg. Bible Study will resume in September.

FFA isn’t just about showing livestock, playing in the dirt, or driving a tractor. It’s about learning to become self-sufficient, and grow, into tomorrow’s leaders. So proud of the young people that we know that are a part of this organization. Yearlong 8th grade agriculture students traveled down river today, April 28th! Thanks to the guides from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation our students learned how to canoe, study pollution in our environment, and search for macroinvertebrates. Great day to be on the river! Our own Carson Guilliams participated.



Chill-N-Chat met on April 30th with six ladies and Pastor Joel. It was a good time for fellowship, laughter, and enjoying relationships. Come join us.

FIRST RIDDLES “A” (Answers further back in newsletter)

What has to be broken before you can use it?

I’m tall when I’m young, and I’m short when I’m old. What am I?

What is full of holes but still holds water?

What has a neck but no head?

What has hands but cannot clap?

What goes up but never comes down?

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Happy Bday Bob



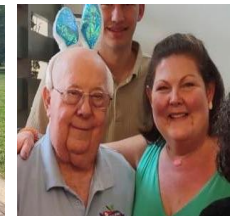
Happy Bday Scott



Haideen Prom 2026



Proud Mom



Len/Jenn/Parker

“The Wonderful thing about Praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God’s realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for His Almighty Power. Nothing is too small for His Love.” -Corrie Ten Boom

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 twice 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.

KUMC Backpack Project: We will provide weekend food for students in need at Cub Run Elementary School this year. To sponsor students, checks can be made to “KUMC Backpack Project” and given to Jenny Dillard. Packing bags is OFTEN Mondays at 11:15 A.M., but sometimes at other times and help is always welcome.

BIBLE STUDY:

Sunday School Classes includes Preschool – 1st Grade Class; Grades 2 – 5 Elementary School Class; Middle and High School Youth Class; An adult class *Disciples of Christ*; An adult class taught by Chris Cole using *Adult Bible Studies* materials. Join in a Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM..

Steve Suter began a new Substack "**The Bible Reader**". You can read it online at <https://thebiblereader.substack.com>

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.

Nursery Ministry Need: People are needed to serve in the nursery for ministry for our youngest church member in worship and Sunday school. Would you have interest in serving in the nursery on a monthly or weekly basis for worship or Sunday school? It takes two adults to serve in the nursery for plenty of support and safety. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Joel or sign up in the narthex.

SECOND RIDDLES "B"

There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

What starts with T, ends with T, and has T in it?

What has many teeth but cannot bite?

What gets smaller every time it takes a bath?

What has a head but no brain?

I have a neck, but no head. I have two arms, but no hands. What am I?

MAY EVENTS THAT HAPPENED

SERVICE OF HOPE: The annual Service of Hope to remember those who have fought or are fighting cancer was held on May 3rd during the Worship service. Ken Thomas led the service, and Steve Suter spoke to the Children about the Trinity. Joe Liskey read the Scripture from Hebrews 4:14-16, we have a Great High Priest. Steve then spoke on "The Human One". Jesus is our High Priest. Does God really understand what we live each day? Understanding that Jesus is God helps us answer this. Jesus was in the creation. John tells us the word was God, and Jesus was the word who became flesh, lived, walked, and ate with us. Hebrews says the express image of the Father is Jesus. Think of the things we've seen Him do. He called Himself the Human One, the Son of Man. He was with the lowest of people. He was our homeless Savior. He got tired and hungry, suffered opposition and persecution, loss and grief, betrayal,



agony in the garden, physical beating and torture, and death. Whatever we face, remember we have a Great High Priest who knows. Sherry Summers and Jenny Dillard read the names of those remembered, then Jenny led the singing of "What a Wonderful Day". Assisting with Communion today were Ken, Carol and Jim Dillard, Jenny



Dillard, and Sherry Summers. There were 185 names on stars hanging from the windows and the Relay display. Thank you to all who contributed.

United Women in Faith served the Mt Crawford Ruritan Club meal before their meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m., with twenty-seven people in attendance. The meal was ham, mac/cheese, peas, apples, rolls, dessert, and tea. Thank you to the four ladies that were able to help and to all who donated food.

United Methodist Women in Faith met Thursday morning, May 7th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church social hall, with 10 members and 1 guest present. Judy called the meeting to order

and led the opening prayer. We recited Our Purpose. Judy led the devotions entitled "Honoring Mothers". Diana read the April minutes, then gave the Treasurer's report, both of which were approved. We approved three Mission of the Month donations. We will need to work on getting geraniums for Pentecost, which is May 24th. Sherry reported serving 27 members at the Mt Crawford Ruritan meeting on May 6th. We will be having our "Lunch Out" June meeting at Southern Kitchen in New Market on June 4th at noon. We will carpool at 11:00 a.m. UWIF Sunday was chosen for September 20th. We have supplies to work on 20 flood buckets, 108 health kits, and 30 hygiene kits. Kits need to be ready to be blessed by the end of May. Thursday, May 21st, is the Evening Together at Asbury UMC at 7:00 p.m.; we will carpool at 6:30 p.m. Chris read from the Prayer Calendar. We signed 13 cards. Judy closed with prayer and we assembled hygiene kits. Next meeting is "Lunch Out" on June 4th at noon.

RELAY FOR LIFE: The American Cancer Society held its' annual Relay for Life on May 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. The theme for this year was "When You Wish Upon a Star". Activities included a Kids Zone Fun, with cornhole and a petting zoo; Stage activities with line dancing and a food eating contest; and Food Truck Favorites, a variety of delicious food options from local food trucks. The annual Survivor Walk and Luminary display and remembrance was held during the evening. Thank you to Susan Threewitts and Lynn Siler who both sponsored a team.

Update on Relay for Life: Thank you to everyone that helped with Relay for Life 2026. Keezletown United Marchers for a Cure raised \$5,066.50. (Sunday's collection was \$519, Wishing Upon a Star was \$292, 3 weaver for a cure classes was \$2,080, a sponsorship from Agriteer, along with other activities such as Sunrise breakfast, Relay Angels, donated auction items, individual donations, and Women in Faith). This will help in the fight against cancer. There were 49 team and Keezletown was #7. Thank you, but let's continue to Remember, Celebrate and Fight Back! Thank you Lynn for your leadership.

THIRD RIDDLES "C"

What comes down but never goes up?

What five-letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?

David's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle and _____?

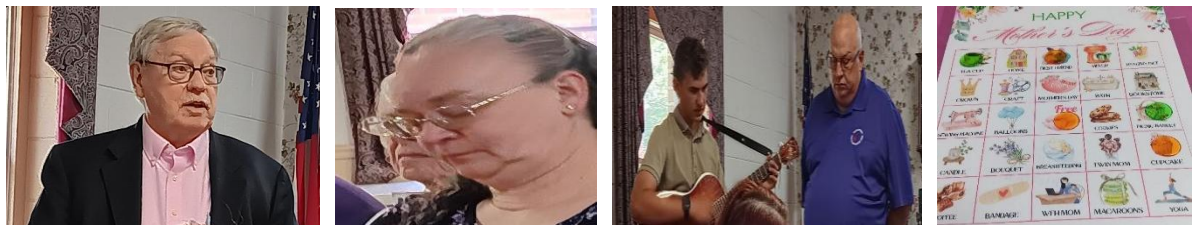
I am easy to lift, but hard to throw. What am I?

Which fish costs the most?

A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed for three nights and rode out on Friday. How is this possible?

MOTHER'S DAY TEA Celebration of the Ladies of the Church was held during the Sunday School hour on May 10th, Mother's Day by the United Methodist Men.

Approximately thirty folks attended. Scott greeted everyone and read a prayer by Len Williams, then invited all to help themselves to donuts, pastries, cookies, fruit and drinks. Wendell led the devotions, and Parker and John sang a beautiful song called “In Her Hands” that Parker had written. Scott led us in playing Mother’s Day Bingo until time for Church to start. Thank you, UMM, for a lovely display of caring for the ladies of KUMC.



DO YOU NEED ANOTHER SIGN? For Mother’s Day worship on May 10th, Pastor Joel spoke on “So You May Believe” from John 20:30-31; 21:20-25. John writes so we may believe. He points to a great variety of signs, acts, and words showing Jesus as our Savior. Jesus did many signs that are not written. John records seven of the signs. Jesus brings signs of hope for people today. Christians throughout creation can still tell stories of the signs of Jesus, occurring every day. Jesus calls us to follow Him, to partner with Him, and be His disciples. Pastor Joel led the service today and gave the

Children's story about how Mother's Day started. Jenny read the Scripture and Diana was at the organ. Happy Mother's Day.

LUNCH BUNCH met on May 13th at the Longhorn Steak House with five women and two gentlemen attending. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and lots of good fellowship.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL met May 13th in the Church social hall at 7:30 p.m. with eight members present. Susan called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel led the opening prayer. March minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved. Under old business, the new website has now been published. Thank you, Jenn for all your hard work. UWIF reported the April meeting was the Prayer and Self Denial meeting; in May our Mission of the Month was donations to each of the two Relay teams at KUMC, and a local family in need; June meeting will be "Lunch Out" at Southern Kitchen on June 4th; doing love bags; and served Keezletown and Mt Crawford Ruritans. UMM reported the upcoming Turks game; Knees@Noon endeavor; a low country boil planned for September; John Young will speak on the Suitcase Clinic in the future; and the Mother's Day Tea was a success. Pastor Joel reported that the Scotts, Dillard and Sprague, are preparing to finish installing the new sound system. Missions reported that we received \$1,600.00 for Open Doors during the Lent services; the Relay donations from the star sales was \$185.00, along with the Easter Sunrise breakfast, the auction, and the basket weaving; Vacation Bible School will be in July; an Ice Cream social in August; and all kits for conference will be blessed on May 31st. Pastor Joel would like to take a Conference Offering on June 14th during worship. We will plan on October Witness on Wednesday services again this year. Please see Pastor Joel if you wish to speak, or have a suggested speaker. Staff Parish reported meeting on April 28th to do the Pastor evaluation forms for submission. There will be a walk thru at the Parsonage on May 28th. Pastor Joel suggested compiling a calendar showing all activities for the year so that all will be aware of upcoming events. Karen Mooney is our lay delegate to Conference; they continue to need volunteers if you are able. They also need help with the potato drop. Pastor Joel also reported that two members transferred their memberships; that he will be on vacation June 22nd-28th; and that we continue to look for volunteers for the nursery. With no further business, Susan adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is July 8th at 7:30 p.m.

CHILL-N-CHAT met in the Church social hall at 11:00 a.m. on May 14th with five women and one gentlemen present. Pastor Joel also stopped by. Good conversation and good fellowship. Think about joining us.

RIDDLE ANSWERS: "A" 1. Egg; 2. Candle; 3. Sponge; 4. Bottle; 5. Clock; 6. Age;
"B" 1. There aren't any stairs—it's a one-story house; 2. Teapot; 3. Comb; 4. Soap;

5. Lettuce; 6. A Shirt; "C" 1. Rain; 2. SWIMS; 3. David; 4. A Feather; 5. Goldfish; 6. His horse is named Friday.

Janet Armentrout Cooley, 84, community member and longtime friend of KUMC passed away May 15th. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she served as organist for over 70 years, Sunday School teacher, council member, and financial secretary. Janet is survived by her husband of 60 years, DeWitt Reherd "D. R."



Cooley, Jr.; three children, Charles Cooley, Sharon Cooley, and Karen Burkholder; a sister, Ramona Ritchie and husband, Robert; two brothers, Weldon Armentrout and wife, Gail, and C. Dennis Armentrout; a grandson, Derrick Eppard and wife, Katie; a great-granddaughter, Elsie Eppard; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 20th, at Kyger Funeral Home in Harrisonburg, with the Rev. Don Hawks officiating. Rest in Peace, Janet.

SO PROUD OF CARSON: From Cory and Lynette Guilliams: "We are so incredibly proud of Carson. He did an amazing job at his final FFA banquet at MMS. He has grown so much over the last few years thanks to the many opportunities FFA has offered. He has become a strong leader and mentor. And we are tremendously grateful for his Ag teacher and fellow FFA members for supporting him as he stepped outside of his comfort zone and has shown so much growth and heart."



MORE FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Carson and Connor's new goats



Baseball proud



"Colonial" Ann

*****MAY EVENTS IN NEXT ISSUE*****

- May 17 **Sunday School, 9:45 AM**
Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "Born Again" from John 3:1-21
A Disciple's Path: Service, 3 - 5 PM
- May 18 **Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 AM**
- May 19 **Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM**
- May 21 **Chill & Chat, Church social hall, 11:00 AM**
- May 24 **Sunday School, 9:45 AM; Pentecost Sunday—WEAR RED**

May 25 **Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "The Spirit Given without Measure" from John 3:22-36**
 May 25 **Backpack Project Packing, 11:00 AM**
 May 26 **Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM**
 May 27 **Lunch Bunch carpool at 11:15 AM to Macados**
 May 27 **Choir Practice, 6:30 PM**
 May 28 **Chill & Chat, Church social hall, 11:00 AM**
 May 28 **Parsonage Review, 11:00 AM**
 May 31 **Sunday School, 9:45 AM**
 May 31 **Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "Trinity Sharing" John 16:12-15**

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Worship Music Practice: If you **like to sing or play** an instrument, consider joining in the Worship Music Team. We practice many Tuesday evenings at 6:00 P.M. Check the current calendar or bulletin for latest practice dates.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

God: I noticed you've been really quiet lately.
 You: I didn't think you'd notice.
 God: I notice everything about you.
 You: I've just been going through a lot.
 God: I know, I've been sitting with you in it.
 You: If doesn't feel like it.
 God: I know it doesn't. But feelings aren't always facts.
 You: So what am I supposed to do?
 God: Keep going. One day at a time.
 You: What if I'm making the wrong choices?
 God: Then I'll redirect you. That's what I do.
 You: You're not mad at me?
 God: Never. I'm rooting for you.
 You: Even now?
 God: Especially now.
 You: Okay. I needed that.
 God: I know you did. I am always here for you. Always.
 (Jacqueline Whitney)

*****JUNE EVENTS HAPPENING*****

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	William Armentrout	June 14	Judy Coffman
June 2	Chloe Robinette	June 14	Becky Castner
June 2	Carolyn Baker	June 17	Ann VanPelt
June 2	Donna Forren	June 17	Kennis R Armentrout
June 2	Marjorie Zimmermann	June 18	Carolyn Armentrout

June 3	William Painter	June 20	Barbara Fisher
June 4	Virginia Mitchell	June 20	Madison Wamsley
June 5	Joseph Welsh	June 20	Destin Shortell
June 5	"Skip" Williard Williams	June 22	Miranda Shortell
June 6	Ramona Crowe	June 23	Kathryn Pusey
June 8	Carson Guilliams	June 24	Adalida Crisman
June 8	Jeanine Underwood	June 25	Lynette Guilliams
June 9	Scott Dodrill	June 25	Jacob Welsh
June 10	William Miller	June 26	Jamie Shoemaker
June 10	Linda Liskey	June 28	Emily Clatterbuck
June 11	Cecilia Hawkins	June 28	Diane Ritchie
June 11	Lydia Kelley	June 28	Emily Clatterbuck
June 12	Barbara Hoover		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 2, 2002	Donnie & Jeannine Underwood	24 years
June 5, 2004	Scott & Kelly Sprague	22 years
June 5, 2010	Bryan & Laura Wamsley	16 years
June 8, 1985	Phillip & Cheryl Carr	41 years
June 11, 2016	Chrisley & Teresa Simmers	10 years
June 12, 2021	Steve & Marie Hardin	5 years
June 14, 1980	Neil & Carol Sacra	46 years
June 14, 1980	Mike & Sherry Summers	46 years
June 22, 2002	Rick & Tammy Layman	24 years
June 24, 2006	David & Beth Cole	16 years
June 24, 2000	Joel & Jenn Robinette	26 years
June 27, 2024	Creed and Autumn Combs	2 years
June 28, 1980	Wes & Ann Ford	46 years

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



Phillip & Cheryl Carr for 41 years on June 8th
Neil & Carol Sacra for 46 years on June 14th
Mike & Sherry Summers for 46 years on June 14th
Wes & Ann Ford for 46 years on June 28th

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

JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

June 2 **Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM**
June 4 **UWIF Dinner Out at Southern Kitchen, Noon; carpool at 11:00 AM**
June 7 **Small Group Leaders' Gathering, 8:45 AM**
 Sunday School, 9:45 AM
 Worship, 11:00 AM: Message: "Drink Living Water and Never Thirst" from John 4:1-42

June 8 **Worship Planning at Vito's, Noon**
June 9 **Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM**
June 10 **Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden; carpool at church 11:15 AM**
 Choir practice, 6:30 PM
June 11 **Chill & Chat, 11:00 AM in church social hall**
June 14 **United Methodist Men Meeting, 8:00 AM**
 Sunday School, 9:45 AM
 Worship, 11:00 AM: Message "The Authority of Jesus" from John 5:19-46

June 16 **Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM**
June 16-20 **Virginia Annual Conference at Atlantic Union Bank Center**
June 17 **UMM Night at Harrisonburg Turks, 6:00 PM**
June 18 **Potato Drop at Atlantic Union Bank Center, 9:00 AM**
 Chill & Chat, 11:00 AM in church social hall

June 19 **Newsletter items due**
June 21 **Donuts for Dads, 9:45 AM; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 Worship, 11:00 AM: Message: "Walks on Water" John 6:16-21

June 22-28 **Vacation for Pastor Joel**
June 24 **Lunch Bunch at Chili's; carpool at church 11:15 AM**
 Choir practice, 6:30 PM
June 25 **Chill & Chat, 11:00 AM in church social hall**
June 28 **Sunday School, 9:45 AM**
 Worship, 11:00 AM: Message by Lay Speaker Wendell Cochran

June 30 **Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Knees@Noon in June: The Keezletown United Methodist Men are joining in the Virginia Conference UMM Knees@Noon in June 2026. Here's how it works: each day at noon, the men of the VA Conference are invited to pray for: Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson; Conference Leadership; District Leadership; All Clergy; Family and Individual Needs. Each Friday people may sign on for a "15 minutes max" prayer Zoom call and if you are interested in that please check the Zoom codes on the Knees@Noon flyer available at KUMC. Knees@Noon is a daily prayer initiative that continues through the year. Our KUMM are highlighting it this June.

United Methodist Men Breakfast: The next United Methodist Men meeting will be Sunday, June 14th at 8:00 A.M. and we'll begin with breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

UMM at Harrisonburg Turks Baseball: The Keezletown United Methodist Men will have a night at the Harrisonburg Turks on Wednesday, June 17th, when they play Charlottesville. Free admission when you share you are with the Keezletown United Methodist Men. It will also be Dairy Night. Since the Virginia Annual Conference will be in Harrisonburg, we are inviting them and other UMM to join us, too. Game begins at 7:00 PM. Arrive as early as 6:15 PM for pre-game fellowship.

Virginia Annual Conference is June 17th-20th at the Atlantic Union Bank Center on the campus of JMU. Calling all Shenandoah Valley folks with gifts for kindness and hospitality. We are searching

for over 150 volunteers to help us host our first Shenandoah River District-area Annual Conference this year. We need folks with lots of kindness, knowledge and/or stories of the area to make this an unforgettable experience full of Shenandoah Valley hospitality for all. If you are interested, please indicate your willingness, abilities, and availability. Our District Team will continue working with the Annual Conference Planning Committee to determine what jobs are available and then we will reach out and work with you one-on-one to find a job that suits you. Some areas of help that will be needed are: Help with set up of conference at the Atlantic Union Bank Center in the days before and take down after the event; help with golf carts as they arrive at the center in the days before AC; Registration Table (signing in Laity and Clergy); Ushers (Wednesday through Saturday at noon); Hospitality; Golf carts (driving and assisting persons into the arena); and Tech Desk. The official sign-up sheet is coming soon, but now is the time to be thinking about what you can offer by giving of your gifts and talents.

Potato Drop: The Virginia Conference United Methodist Men will be leading a Potato Drop with the Society of Saint Andrew on Thursday, June 18th at the JMU's Atlantic Union Bank Center. If you would like to help in that morning from 9 AM – Noon please sign up with Pastor Joel or in the narthex.

Vacation for Pastor Joel: Pastor Joel will be on vacation June 22-28. Rev. Amy Pannell from Weyers Cave UMC will be on-call for pastoral care and you can reach her during that time at 804-694-9759.

A Disciple's Path: Witness: A Disciple's Path is a once a month class for new comers and new members at KUMC. Learn about Witness: Invitational Evangelism on July 19 from 3 – 5 PM. Sign up with Pastor Joel and bring a Bible along and books for the study if you already have them. If you don't have books yet, you'll get *A Disciple's Path Reader* and *A Disciple's Path Workbook* at that session.

Rise and Shine Vacation Bible School: Save the date for Vacation Bible School which be July 21-24. We will celebrate VBS on the following Sunday with Outdoor Worship at the Ruritan Park at 11:00 AM and a picnic lunch afterwards. If you would like to help with VBS or sign-up participants, please see Jenny Dillard.

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MY PERSONAL NOTE

In this newsletter is a conversation between God and one of His children. The first time I read it, it touched my heart, because sometimes it just feels like we fight the "every day things" by ourselves, not realizing, that He is sitting right there next to us. When we are lonely, He is right there; when we are sad, He is right there; when we are tired, He is right there; when we feel unloved, or not worthy of His love, He is right there. He is there in every

breath we take, and every beat of our hearts. We just have to stop, be quiet, breathe, and feel His presence. And then...say Thank you.

Diana

Editor's Note

The June deadline for article or picture submissions is June 19th. My e-mail is AntDyna@comcast.net. I hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter as much as I enjoy preparing it for you. God bless you.

Brain cells die, skin cells die, even hair cells die. But FAT CELLS...must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior because they seem to have eternal life. Anon