

MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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190th Edition



(Our beautiful Peak in the fall a few years ago. Photo by Cathy Bodkins.)

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Isaiah 40:31 "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

KUMC has a new Webpage at KeezletownUMC.com to allow those searching for a Church family to get to know us better, including a monthly calendar of all events happening, and the monthly Mountain Echoes newsletter. You may read the newsletter online, or receive a paper copy by e-mailing your request to kumcshared@gmail.com or call 540-269-8531 and leave a message.

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

Our family has a dog who enjoys a morning walk. I often take Biscuit on a short walk around the church. It is a time I notice the everyday wonders that are around us. Some days it is hot or cold, sunny or cloudy, rainy or windy or calm. Some days there are worms and snails on the pavement after soaking rain. Some days there are helicopter seeds spiraling down from maples. Some days there are turkey feathers left behind by a passing delivery truck and Biscuit finds one to carry in his mouth or crack. There are blooming flowers or falling leaves. There may be the fragrance of honeysuckle or wood stove. It is delightful to notice the beauty and everyday changes that reveal the creativity and beauty God has shared. November has the last Sundays and celebrations of the Christian year so it is a great time for noticing what God has done. The Christian year begins with Advent which is usually the last Sunday in November or the first Sunday in December. The Christian year begins with anticipating the coming of Christ with Advent and Christmas. The Christian year ends in celebration for all Christ has done. November 1 is All Saints Day and we remember and rejoice at all those saints saved by the grace of God who lived in faith and now share in Christ's eternal life. Christians do die and in the power of God are raised up for life forevermore in the healing, justice, and light of God. We celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks to God and people for all of our blessings of food, harvest, home, family, friends, neighbors, and faith. At the end of the year at Thanksgiving we look back at all the good gifts God has brought. It is so good to look back at days of blessing and difficulty and know that God has been with us through it all. Some of John Wesley's (a founder of Methodism) last words looking back on his life and sharing grace with those around him were, "Best of all, God is with us." The last Sunday of the Christian year is "Christ the King" which celebrates that Jesus Christ is lord of heaven and earth, so as we pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" we look forward to the day when love and ways of God are made complete in all creation. This is a season for great celebration and giving thanks for all that God has done. It is a time to turn our eyes to the actions of God and remember how God has brought grace, provision, salvation, peace in the storm, and joy unspeakable. It is a time to give thanks for the saints who lived their faith and for people who are blessing us today. As we come to the end of the Christian year, may God help us notice how God has been sharing grace the whole year long, and let us join in giving thanks and praise to God. A familiar prayer to join in for giving thanks at the end of every day is "Mary's Song" a.k.a. "The Magnificat" in Luke 1:47-55 when Mary magnifies God. We can take time to look back at the end of the year, or the end of each day, and notice what God has done and be thankful.

Pastor Joel

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*****SEPTEMBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

CHILL-N-CHAT met on Sept 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church social hall with seven ladies attending. Good conversation and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Conference United Methodist Men Spiritual Retreat was held on Sept 18th-19th at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center and the theme was “B1, Inspire1 – Men of Faith, Sharing Their Faith”. Dr. Clarence Brown was the keynote speaker and topics included discipleship, mentoring, and prayer life. Seven men from KUMC attended: Wendell Cochran, Jim Dillard, Scott Dillard, Joel Robinette, Ken Thomas, Len Williams, and John Young. The retreat had about 42 attendees. It was a great time of worship, discussion, and fellowship.



Shannon Walter Swortzel, 76, former Pastor of KUMC, passed away on Saturday, Sept 19th.



He spent several years as a Methodist minister before transitioning into the agricultural industry. Shannon's greatest passions were spending time with his family and serving others. He loved going to church, hiking, fishing, reading books, playing chess, telling stories, and sharing jokes, The Andy Griffith Show and anything else he could do with his family. On August 24, 1969, he married Sandra Earl Masters Swortzel who survives.

Also surviving are his children, Chris Swortzel (Lorie), Matthew Swortzel (Jennifer), Jennifer Caruana (James), Jassica Persinger (Zach), Tiffany Randall (Brett); eighteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service was held on Friday, Sept 25th at 11 a.m. at Weavers Mennonite Church.

United Methodist Men met at 8:00 a.m. on Sept 20th with nine men present. They enjoyed a biscuits and gravy, eggs, cantaloupe, donuts, coffee, and tea breakfast prepared by Jim and Scott Dillard. Paster Joel gave the morning prayer. Wendell Cochran provided a devotion on “Patience”, noting many passages in scripture that address the topic of patience, using The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer and introducing us to that resource. Minutes from the August meeting and the Treasurer’s Report were given. Feedback on the Sept 2nd UMM Rally that we hosted included 41 in attendance with folks from Asbury UMC, John Wesley UMC, Keezletown UMC, Luray UMC, Manor Memorial UMC, McGaheysville UMC, Mountain Valley UMC, Rev Chad Hrbek (Camp Overlook Director), Rev Rich Bensinger, Bridgewater UMC, St James UMC, Conference UMM President David Collins, and VP Bob Longworth. John Young did a great job sharing about the JMU Suitcase Clinic and a donation was raised to give to the clinic. Rev Rich Bensinger shared a word of challenge for United Methodist Men. David Collins shared greetings and closed in prayer. There was great singing and food that night. Len encouraged us to invite people to join United Methodist Men and welcome them when they come. It was shared an email invite was sent and observed a letter, something

physical may be better than an email alone. Bob Longworth shared a UMM group he knows shares a business-card-size magnet to help remind people. United Methodist Sunday will be Oct 11th. Volunteers for each part of the service was discussed, with Tom Devore speaking, and the UMM Choir singing "Drop Kick Me, Jesus". Seven men attended the conference UMM Spiritual Retreat at Massanetta Springs Sept 18th-19th, with about 42 in attendance altogether. Rev Clarence Brown was the preacher. It was a great time of worship, discussion, and fellowship. We will serve a WOW Service Supper on Oct 21st at 6:30 p.m. with a spaghetti supper. Joe Liskey will prepare the sauce. Scott Dillard confirmed with United Women in Faith for a Christmas Dinner date for Saturday, Dec 12th at 4:00 p.m. Joe Liskey shared an update on Mission Central Children's Clothing Closet that Scott Dillard assisted with changing the light bulbs there to LED lights. Next meeting: Oct 18th at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast by John Young and devotions by Scott Dillard.

UWIF SUNDAY: The ladies of the Keezletown UWIF led the worship service on Sept 20th, using Scripture from Mark 10:35-45. Sherry Summers spoke on "O Lord, Is There Anything We Can Do?" Jesus came to serve. We are to carry each others burdens. Women are encouraged to recognize service knows no boundaries and shows our devotion to Christ, by making a difference wherever we go. She then listed the missions supported by the women (and the Church), with ladies from the UWIF bringing illustrations to the altar, as you can see in the picture below. She gave thanks to all who participated and are still participating in the upcoming missions and thanked God that we can be such a giving Church that is showing Christ's love to others. Assisting today were Diana on the organ and reading an Eeyore story about kindness to the children; Judy leading; Sharon reading Scripture; Karen praying the Morning and Offertory prayer; and Carolyn, Faye (Cochran), Ginny, and Kathy collecting offering.



UWIF LUNCHEON: After worship on 20th, the ladies of the Church provided all who stayed. The feast included Beef Parmesan Casserole, Veggie Lasagna, Meatball casserole, French bread, salad,



UWiF Sunday, Sept an Italian feast for lasagna, Chicken Spaghetti & desserts and tea.

LUNCH BUNCH met at Wood Grill on Sept 23rd at 11:30 a.m. for a time of good fellowship and good food, with nine folks attending. Come and join us.

CHILL-N-CHAT met on Sept 24th in the Church social hall, with five ladies present to assist in stapling, folding, stuffing, and labeling the Sept Newsletters. Thank you ladies for your help. We had a good time.

POSTCARD FROM OUR "CHI-TOWN" GIRL: Dear KUMC Family, greetings from Chicago! Been having such a fun summer with lots of things to do & meeting lots of new people. I miss you all dearly & hope everyone is enjoying a great start to the fall season. And thank you for sending the newsletter, that was such a nice surprise. With lots of love and many hugs. Leigha D

CLASS OF 1960 REUNION: The Class of '60 at Montevideo High School celebrated its 66th graduation anniversary at The Terrace at Rocktown in Harrisonburg on Sept 25th. Those attending

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were: seated (L to Diehl Baker, Shirley Gilkerson, Nancy Shickel, Charlotte Landes, Janet Faye Cubbison, and Pat Lynn. Standing; Jim

Messersmith, Linda Shoemaker Whitesell, Elaine Hensley Diehl, David Williams, **Judy Strickler Coffman**, Tom Lough, Patsy VanPelt Liskey, Ralph Gibson and Royal Saufley.

DO YOU NEED PRUNING? Pastor Joel led us in the message "I Am the True Vine" using John 15:1-17 as he spoke on Sunday Sept 27th for worship. You are the branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. The Father prunes the vine. Branches cannot exist without the vine, they need the nourishment of the vine to produce and bear fruit—the love of God, to others. United Methodists live by three rules: (1) Do know harm. (2) Do good. (3) Stay in love with God. Live by these spiritual disciplines to stay filled with the Holy Spirit and bear fruit. Assisting today were Chris on the piano, Pastor Joel leading the children about staying with Jesus, Scott reading Scripture, and Wendell leading.

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Jared and Allyse (Dillard) Kyger who welcomed a son, Cal George Kyger to this world on Sept 27th weighing 8 lbs 6 ozs. Proud grandparents

are Aaron and Cheryl Dillard and great-grandparents are Jim and Carol Dillard. He was born on their 1st anniversary.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE met on Sept 30th with eight persons present. They shared the Calendar of Events and reviewed the missions completed in September. These included the UWif serving the Keezletown Ruritans; seven UMM men attending the Rally at Massanetta Springs Conference Center on 9/18-19; UWif Sunday worship with illustrations of the missions supported during the year. These included Disasters, Incarcerated, Homeless, Children in Need, Hunger, and Showing That We Care. A meal was provided after the service. October, November, and December missions are listed separately throughout this newsletter.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Happy 20th Anniv Happy 18th Haiden Happy B-day Ann Morgan is 29 Beautiful ladies

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.

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS: Open Doors is requesting donations of Sunscreen, smaller packages of Laundry Detergent, smaller packages of Dryer Sheets, all sizes of underwear, in

addition to the "Shopping List" found in the bulletin or back of the church. Open Doors Tub is in the back of the church.

BIBLE STUDY:

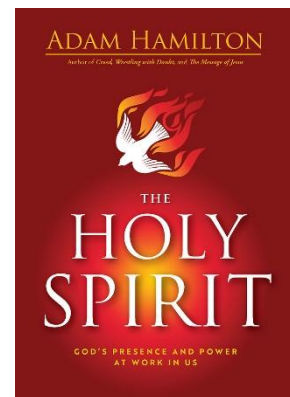
Sunday School Classes includes Preschool – 1st Grade Class; Grades 2 – 5 Elementary School Class; Middle and High School Youth Class; An adult class *Disciples of Christ*; An adult class taught by Chris Cole using *Adult Bible Studies* materials. Join in a Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings at 9:45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

The Holy Spirit Study

In *The Holy Spirit*, Adam Hamilton explores what Scripture teaches about God's Spirit—from the Hebrew Bible through Jesus' promises in the Gospels, the powerful Pentecost experience in Acts, and the rich teachings found in the New Testament letters. This accessible study helps believers understand and experience the Holy Spirit's presence and power in their daily walk with Christ. This five week study will meet Mondays at 10 AM and Tuesdays at 7 PM beginning October 26 and 27. Study books are \$16 (regular print), \$17 (large print), and E-books are available for about \$14. Sign up in the narthex or with Pastor Joel to join in learning about the Holy Spirit.



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.

FAMILY FUN PICTURES



Looking good



Up to something



Freshmen HC



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Sr Homecoming

*****OCTOBER EVENTS THAT HAPPENED*****

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH met Thursday morning, Oct 1st at 11:00 a.m. in the Church social hall with 16 members present. Judy called the meeting to order, opened with prayer, and led the reciting of the Purpose. Sherry led the devotions with readings about "Gratitude" and "Fall". Sept minutes and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Our Missions of the Month were to Trunk or Treat; Oxford House; and MCCC. We also decided to give gift certificates to the parents of the new babies in the Church Family: Corey's girl; Whitney's girl; and Allyse's boy. The Nov program will be the World Thank Offering. Sherry reported that we will serve the 1st WOW meeting on Oct 7th, and Nov 4th we serve the Mt Crawford Ruritans meeting meal. The Thanksgiving Service will be Nov 22nd, with further details to be determined. The Dec 12th Christmas dinner is still being planned. The Harvest Party and Hayride will be Oct 25th at the Ruritan Park. The Trunk or Treat will be Oct 24th at Rockingham Park. World Cereals challenge will be 10/18 through 10/25. Seventy-five Apple tree tags are ready for distribution to be dedicated 11/29. Samaritan Purse shoeboxes are due by 11/22. The Baby Jesus shower will be on 12/24. Sherry also thanked everyone for doing such a good job on UWIF Sunday. We will decorate the Church for Christmas after Monday morning Bible Study on Nov 23rd. Judy reported that the Prayer Breakfast was very nice, and that the theme was "Keep Showing Up". Chris read from the prayer calendar and we signed eight cards. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to pack Love Bags. Next meeting is Nov 5th at 11:00 a.m.

SHARING A MEAL OF JESUS' WORDS: Sunday worship Oct 4th, World Communion Sunday, meant sharing Jesus with all who partook of the sharing of Jesus' body and blood. Pastor Joel used John 15:18-16:33 for his message, "Sharing in God's Persecution". Have you ever bit into fresh corn on the cob, a tomato fresh and warm from the garden, or apple butter spread on a warm roll with the spices in your nose? In John, Christ shares these warm feelings with the disciples by sharing himself and what is to come. Christ's table is open to all who believe and want to celebrate His gift to us, and renew the bond of love between Christ and us. We celebrate what He did for us, His children. The fruit of Jesus born in us and shared with others is the greatest show of love we can give. Assisting today were Ken leading and talking to the children about gathering harvests; Diana on the organ, Judy reading Scripture, and Ken, Len, and John serving Communion. Today was the first day Remi helped acolyte and she did a great job!



SPOTSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CARE CLOSET COLLECTION: This collection was completed and dedicated during worship on Oct 4th, and delivered Oct 5th. **Personal Care:** Shampoo – 6; Conditioner – 3; Gel for curls – 2; Body wash – 9; Women’s deodorant – 2; Men’s deodorant – 4; Hair Brushes – 3; Combs – 3; Hair Accessories – 2; Razors – 6; Shaving Gel/Cream – 4; Cotton Balls/Q-Tips – 3; Toothpaste – 6; Lotion – 6; Laundry detergent – 4; Hand sanitizer – 10; Toothbrushes – 3; Sanitary Napkins/pads – 176; Tampons – 12; **School Supplies:** Highlighters – 8; Blue pens – 22; Red pens – 11; Pencil cases – 6; Glue sticks – 3; **Clothing (All Sizes):** Socks (new, girls) – 4; Bras (new, all sizes) – 7; Spotswood swag - 2 pullover jackets, 1 short-sleeve shirt; Girls Sweaters – 3; Girls Pullover – 2; **Household:** Twin size blanket – 14; **Food (Non-Perishable Only):** Pop Tarts – 60; Fruit & Grain Bars – 32; Crispy Rice Treats – 40. Mrs Anneka Martin, Associate Principal at SHS sent a message stating: "Thank you so very much to you and your church for your kindness and generosity. We are so grateful to receive these items and pass them along to our students. What you have donated makes a huge difference."

WOW SERVICES BEGAN: On Oct 7th at 6:30 p.m., we met for the 1st WOW service for 2026. Pastor Joel welcomed the approximately 60 people in attendance, and we shared a meal prepared by the UWif consisting of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, French bread, tea, and desserts. Our speaker was Debbie Ennis of the Mt Carmel United Methodist Church. She spoke on her own life tragedies and cancer affecting her family, stating that Lamentations 3:21-24 carried her through. It is "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, Therefore I will hope in him." Music was provided by the KUMC Worship Team using "Holy Is the Lord" and "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)".

CHILL-N-CHAT met on Oct 8th in the Church social hall at 11:00 a.m. Six ladies were able to enjoy good fellowship and help prepare for Trunk or Treat by cutting out letters for the banner and cards to be distributed. We had a great time and finished a good project.

PATTI'S BIRTHDAY PARTY: On Oct 10th Patti Bowman was completely surprised with a Surprise Birthday Party given by her family in the Church social hall. Approximately 80 people came to give her good wishes and to enjoy the laughter. The ladies of the Church helped with finger goods including chips and dips, fruit trays, cheese balls and crackers, spinach dip, cucumber sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, sausage balls, cookies, truffles, and drinks. The family provided a celebration cake and cupcakes. It was a wonderful celebration of Patti.



GOING TO HELL? YES OR NO? United Methodist Men led the worship on Sunday Oct 11th, UMM Sunday. Chris assisted on the piano; Scott led the service; Ken gave the Children's message talking about being yourself and praising God; Jim read Scripture; Len gave the morning prayer; Joe gave the offertory prayer; Wendell gave the benediction; and Remi and Pastor Joel lit the candles. Tom Devore, a Professor of Chemistry at JMU gave the message "Escaping Hell", using Matt 25:31-46. He started by saying "I am a scientist, but I am also like doubting Thomas". God is God and I am not. Trust God, follow Jesus, they know the whole picture. God answers prayers three ways—either yes, no, or wait. Angels are all around us, helping in times of need, but we may not recognize them 'til after the situation is over. Is hell hot or cold or both? It's both—when we are jealous, angry, mean, it is hot; when we are lonely, lost, depressed, it is cold. The easiest way to escape hell is to not go there. The way to not go is to believe in Jesus, to do His work, and to share His love with others. Follow Him and escape hell. The highlight of the service was when eleven men of the Church sang "Drop Kick Me Jesus Through the Goal Posts of Life" with motions.

WORSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE met on Oct 12th at noon at Vito's to prepare for the remaining part of the year and the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas events.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristin Summers Roach for her induction into the Spotswood Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2026, as of Oct 13th. Way to go, Kristin! Kristin is the daughter of Mike and Sherry Summers.

Charles (Charlie) Franklin Smith, 82, passed away on Wednesday October 14th (two days before his birthday) at Sunnyside. He was a member of KUMC since 1964. He is one of the six Smith boys that grew up here in Keezletown. Joe Jr and Robert are also deceased, but William, Tom, and Alfred are still living. Charlie is the father to BJ Smith (Kelly) and Joe Smith (Stephanie), and grandfather to four grandchildren. Per his request, there will be no obituary or service; he will be cremated.

LUNCH BUNCH met at Santa Fe restaurant in McGaheysville on Oct 14th at 11:30 a.m. Five ladies, including a new attendee, and one gentleman enjoyed good food and good conversation. You are welcome to join us anytime.

2ND WOW SERVICE: Oct 14th was the 2nd WOW service at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Joel welcomed the approximately 50 people in attendance, and we shared a bountiful potluck meal with lots of food and desserts to choose from. Our speaker for the evening was Rick Hassler from Manor Memorial UMC, who spoke about looking back and seeing God working within him throughout his life; through his first marriage and divorce, his work as a law enforcement officer, being blessed by finding his new wife, and by being led to lay speaking. Music was provided by Jenny Dillard and Pastor Joel using "The River" and "Sanctuary".

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

Oct 18	United Methodist Men, 8:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "A New Path" Ken Thomas from Matthew 25:13-30 2026 KUMC World Cereals A Disciple's Path, 3:00 PM
Oct 19	Love Boldly study, 10:00 AM Study Lunch Out, 11:15 AM Backpacking, Time TBD
Oct 20	Study Dinner Out, 5:30 PM Love Boldly study, 7:00 PM
Oct. 21	WOW Supper & Service, 6:30 PM Choir Practice, 7:30 PM
Oct. 22	Chill & Chat, 11:00 AM in Church social hall
Oct. 24	Trunk R Treat at Rockingham Park, 4 – 7 PM
Oct 25	Sunday School, 9:45 AM Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "Jesus' Prayer for All Who Believe" from John 17:1-26 2026 KUMC World Cereals Final Harvest Party at Keezletown Ruritan Park, 2:00 PM
Oct 26	The Holy Spirit study, 10:00 AM Backpacking, 11:00 AM
Oct 27	Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM The Holy Spirit study, 7:00 PM
Oct 28	Lunch Bunch at Dumpling House 11:30 AM WOW Supper & Service, 6:30 PM
Oct 29	Chill & Chat, 11:00 AM in Church social hall

Oct 31 Daylight Savings Time—Fall Back One Hour

OCTOBER MISSIONS:

10/1 UWF packed Love Bags and distributed
10/4 Dedicated donations for the SHS Care Closet and delivered to SHS
10/7 WOW Dinner & Service - Free Will offering for John NDay
10/11 UMM Sunday; Kingsway Apple Tree Kick Off; Beginning of the World Cereals Competition; Samaritan Purse Shoebox Kick Off
10/14 WOW Dinner & Service - Free Will John NDay
10/18 UMM Breakfast Meeting
10/21 WOW Dinner & Service - Free Will John NDay
10/24 Trunk or Treat at Rockingham Park 4-7pm; KUMC theme: Pokemon with Pokemon Goldfish, Gummies, & Kisses & more.
10/25 World Cereals Competition winner announced and dedication done with donations going to MFP; Annual Harvest Party and Hayride at Ruritan Park at 2:00 PM
10/28 WOW Dinner & Service - Free Will John Nday

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 2	Brenda Williams	Nov 19	Jim Mooney
Nov 3	Faith Stanley	Nov 21	Laura Wamsley
Nov 4	Alex Underwood	Nov 21	Phyllis Liskey
Nov 5	Winston Mitchell	Nov 22	Jenny Dillard
Nov 7	Kelly Smith	Nov 22	Janet Clements
Nov 8	Daryl Armentrout	Nov 23	Marie Suter
Nov 8	Nolan Mason	Nov 26	Alissa Wenger
Nov 9	Lee Siler	Nov 28	Kathryn Miller
Nov 12	David Cole		
Nov 13	Evalyn Campbell		
Nov 17	Steve Shortell		
Nov 18	Luke Dillard		
Nov 19	Marian Suter		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 6, 1993	Steve & Lori Zylich	33 years
Nov 7, 2009	Lee & Amanda Siler	17 years
Nov 13, 2010	Jim & Karen Mooney	16 years
Nov 23, 1968	Gary & Barbara Heatwole	58 years

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



Gary and Barbara Heatwole for 58 years on Nov 23rd

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

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NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov 1	Small Group Leaders' Gathering, 8:45 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "To the Saints" from Ephesians 1:1-14
Nov 2	The Holy Spirit study, 10:00 AM Backpack Packing, 11:00 AM Worship Planning at Vito's, Noon
Nov 3	Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM The Holy Spirit study, 7:00 PM
Nov 4	Lunch Bunch at Bar-B-Que Ranch at 11:30 AM UWIF Serve Mt. Crawford Ruritans
Nov 5	United Women in Faith, 11:00 AM
Nov 8	Sunday School, 9:45 AM Worship, 11:00 AM; Message "Paul's Prayer for You", Ephesians 1:15-23
Nov 9	The Holy Spirit study, 10:00 AM Backpack Packing, 11:00 AM

Nov 10	Worship Music Practice, 6:00 PM The Holy Spirit study, 7:00 PM
Nov 11	Taps Across America Veteran's Day at Keezletown Cemetery, 11:00 AM Church Council, 7 PM
Nov 12	Chill & Chat, 11:00 AM Serve Kingsway Meal Staff-Parish Relations Meeting, 6:30 PM
Nov 13	Newsletter items due
Nov 15	Hot Cakes for Cool People, 9:45 AM Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "Saved by Grace" from Ephesians 2:1-10 A Disciple's Path, 3:00 PM
Nov 16	Backpack Packing, 9 AM The Holy Spirit study, 10:00 AM Study Lunch Out, 11:15 AM
Nov 17	Worship Music Practice, 6 PM The Holy Spirit study, 7:00 PM
Nov 19	Chill & Chat, 11:00 AM Serve Kingsway Meal
Nov 21	Charge Conference at Vision of Hope UMC, 10 AM
Nov 22	United Methodist Men Meeting, 8 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM; Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "One in Christ" from Ephesians 2:11-22 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due Community Thanksgiving Service (TBD)
Nov 23	The Holy Spirit study, 10:00 AM Backpack Packing, 11:00 AM Decorating for Advent and Christmas, 11:00 AM
Nov 24	Study Dinner Out, 5:30 PM The Holy Spirit study, 7:00 PM
Nov 25	Lunch Bunch at Galley at 11:30 AM
Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Nov 29	Sunday School, 9:45 AM Worship, 11:00 AM; Message: "Elizabeth: from Barren to Bearing" from Luke 1:5-25 Apple Tree gift dedication

MISSIONS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:

11/4 UWF will serve MC Ruritans at 6:30pm
 11/5 UWF Meeting 11/22 Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes dedication
 Community Thanksgiving Service & Refreshments 4:00 pm

11/23 Church will be decorated for Advent after Bible Study
 11/29 Kingsway Apple Tree Gifts dedication
 12/6 Announce collection of Baby Jesus Shower Gifts for Christmas Eve
 Announce collection for the Hat Mitten Sock Tree for CCC & Open
 Doors
 12/12 Christmas Dinner 4pm
 12/24 Dedicate Baby Jesus Shower Gifts at Christmas Eve Service 8pm

Oxford House is a new mission opportunity. The Oxford House is a location where individuals battling alcohol & drug addiction can live. and receive help. A new house opened in the area & the Lord Provides has assisted an individual who has moved there. This house is in need of a few specific things, some of which have already been donated (bookshelf, winter coat, blankets) but they had also requested a yard rake, toaster, new pillows, small curtains/drapes & more winter coats. We have a contact name that we can continue to check their needs. These houses are meant to be self-sufficient. It was also discussed to provide them with Love Bags/cookies since only 6-8 persons can live in this house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHOIRS: **The Choir and Worship Team** are asking you to consider joining them to sing or play during worship. The Choir practice dates will be on the monthly calendars. The Worship Team practices on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. .

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOVEMBER:

Oct 31	Daylight Savings Time—Fall Back One Hour
Nov 4	Lunch Bunch at Bar-B-Que Ranch at 11:30 AM (Change of date)
Nov 5	United Women in Faith, 11:00 AM
Nov 11	Taps Across America Veteran's Day at Keezletown Cemetery, 11:00 AM; Carl Zimmermann leading Church Council, 7 PM
Nov 12	Staff Parish Relations Meeting 6:30 PM
Nov 15	Hot Cakes for Cool People, 9:45 Am in Social Hall
Nov 21	Charge Conference at Vision of Hope UMC, 10 AM
Nov 22	United Methodist Men Meeting, 8 AM Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due Community Thanksgiving Service (TBD)
Nov 23	Decorating for Advent and Christmas, 11:00 AM
Nov 25	Lunch Bunch at Galley at 11:30 AM
Nov 29	Apple Tree gift dedication

Guy's Grief Group: Gary Edlind has invited grieving men to join Guy's Grief Group which meets Thursdays, 9:30 AM at Mr. J's Bagels (1635 East Market Street) and was started recently

by Asbury UMC and Otterbein UMC. The group is using *Reflections of a Grieving Spouse* by H. Norman Wright as a resource.

\$10 for 10 Weeks Campaign: Joe Liskey shared if everyone who is able gave \$10 for 10 weeks more than their usual giving to KUMC it will be a great help as church expenses “are tight”. The \$10 for 10 campaign will run from Sundays October 18 – December 20, 2026.

A Disciple’s Path: Presence: is a once-a-month class for newcomers and new members at KUMC. At the next session learn about “Presence: Corporate Worship and Small-Group Community” on November 15th 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.

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MY PERSONAL NOTE

This came up on my Facebook memories and I thought it would be good to share it again to make you smile, especially the parents of the little girl! 2015 October 14th thought: Ya’ just gotta’ love ‘em! I sat next to a precious six year old little girl tonight at a meeting. Towards the end of the meeting, she stood up and leaned over the corner of the table and smiled at me, and said, “I tooted...sorry”, and then proceeded to fan her little butt. Oh my gosh—please tell me how you keep from laughing out loud, wrinkling your nose at the little foul smell, and smiling at this cherub. I wonder how many times Jesus had them tell Him, “I tooted”, and He just laughed and hugged them more. God bless the children—they make life interesting. May God give each of you someone to make you laugh today.

Diana

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Editor’s Note

The Nov deadline for article or picture submissions is Nov 13th. 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.

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