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# The Fellowship

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1 John 4:7, NRSV



**Where There Is Love** - Helen Steiner Rice  
*Where there is love the heart is light.  
Where there is love the day is bright.  
Where there is love there is a song.  
To help when things are going wrong.*



### Potluck Bingo Night

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

The children are hosting a church wide **Potluck Bingo Night** on Sun., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm.

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish and join in the fun. This is an EXCELLENT

way to mingle with our children and them with you!! Invite a friend, all ages are welcome! Great food, Great Fellowship, Bingo and Prizes!

**If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, there will be a box located outside of the church office.**



**William Becker** - son of Stan & Rose Becker; **Cora Decound & Tyler** - granddaughter & grandson of Richard & Eliza Wright; **Capt. Kyle Price & Major Christopher Price** - grandsons of Jane Price Skipper; **Sergeant First Class Matthew Johnston** - son-in-law of Bev Miller; **Capt. Alex Symons** - son of Jim Symons; **Michael David Nickerson; Matthew & Jeremy Dennis, Jason Yeager** - sons & friend of Heather Dennis

### *Prayer List*

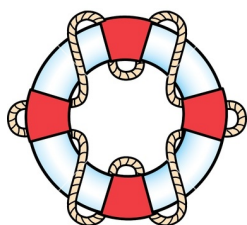
Our Community ~ Our Nation ~ Our Military ~ People of Ukraine ~ First Responders  
Arthur & Judy Neal, Joan Gillions, Jim & Cheri Bennett, Tom Fletcher, Ed Gates, Doug & Teresa Irving, Patti Grace, Steve & Sharon Rice, Bill Creager, Betty Riley, John Henley III, Tom & Nancy Hughes, Charles Lee, Curtis Sampson, Frank Elliott, Dave Reeves



**CHILDREN’S S.S.**-Join us Sundays at 9:30am in the Education Wing.

**SEEKERS** - The Seekers Class welcomes visitors, 9:30 am. From Feb 5-19, we will be completing the Robert Morris series, “The 7 Churches of Revelation.” Feb 26- Apr 9, our lesson series will be, “He Set His Face to Jerusalem.” Come join us!

**EXPLORERS CLASS** continues its study of the Sermon on the Mount. Come join us!



**LifeLines** - Scripture is our LifeLine! If you haven’t tried LifeLines, come one Monday night to see why this is such a popular study! We will meet February 6, 13, and 20 for an in-depth study of scripture. Join us in the Seekers Classroom, 5:30 to 6:30. Bring your Bible, and feel free to bring a snack!



#### **FLOWERS**

5 - OPEN  
12 - OPEN  
19 - Don & JoAnn Smith  
26 - Dick Whittaker

#### **USHERS**

Karin Lamb, Sally McGrath  
Slater Pittman

#### **SACRISTY PRAYER**

Sandy Jordan

#### **COMMUNION STEWARD**

Ellie Davis

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Laura Reeves



#### **Heart Havens**

**February is Heart Havens Month!** The Virginia Conference has designated February as Heart Havens Month, one of six special offerings throughout the year. The theme this year is “Looking Forward.” With your help, we will open a new West End Richmond Heart Havens Home to further our mission around Virginia.

#### **Lunch & Laffs**

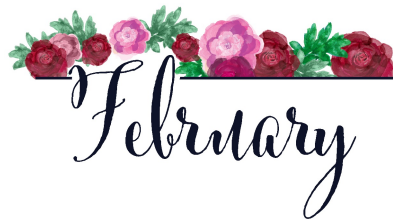


**LUNCH ’n LAFFS** - Join us at 12n on Fri., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kilmarnock Inn. We pray, we share, and we eat! Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Judy Werner [wjudy7845@gmail.com](mailto:wjudy7845@gmail.com) or 804-436-4441 by 5pm Thurs., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**LEAVING a LEGACY of LOVE** Join us Sun., Feb.



26 in F’ship Hall as we welcome Morgan Alley & Eric Nost. Following the 11am service, Morgan & Eric will give an informative presentation on wills, estates & trusts. The Stewardship Committee is pleased to provide this event as part of our “A Legacy of Love” emphasis for February. Love is one of the Fruit of the Spirit. What better way to demonstrate your love for your family, & assure your own peace of mind, than knowing you have documented your wishes. Coffee & light refreshments provided.



**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Bill Rosalia
- 2 - Rob Grace
- 4 - Harrison Whitten
- 5 - Beno Thompson
- 6 - Judy Craun
- 8 - Payton Vandergrift
- 9 - Shannon Clark
- 9 - Nancy Hughes
- 11 - Carole Purdy
- 12 - Craig Rice
- 13 - Wayne Hare
- 14 - Tom Fletcher
- 14 - Durinda Hale
- 14 - Sarah Robertson
- 14 - Julie Watson
- 20 - Joan Gillions
- 21 - Janie Alley
- 23 - Tammy Crandall
- 24 - Barbara Kahler
- 27 - Marlene Gates
- 27 - Linda Stemple

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 - Peggy & Pat Thomas
- 7 - Cerenia & James Tadlock
- 15 - Sherry & Jim Ketner
- 22 - JoAnn & Don Smith



**Stewardship FLASH**



**February Stewardship Flash!**  
Demonstrate LOVE, a Fruit of the Spirit, for your family by planning your legacy this month! Attend the “Legacy of

Love” event Sunday, February 26! Update your will! Be sure your family knows where to locate important documents and account numbers! Do they know your wishes for after your death? Is there a family treasure you could give someone now? Share the JOY, another Fruit of the Spirit, with the recipient today!



**Ash Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7pm** - Ash Wednesday is the day signified for the beginning of the Lenten Season. This Lenten Season is a period of 40 days focused on self-denial and prayer. We invite you to a time of worship on Feb. 22, 7 PM, to receive the sign of the cross with the imposition of ashes, as we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins.

**USHERS NEEDED February, March & September!**

**Ushers Needed**



Please contact Slater Pittman (804)435-1222 for more information and to sign up!



**THE WOMEN’S CIRCLE** will meet on Tues., Feb. 7 at 10am Our speaker will be Sheriff Patrick McCranie, who will speak on police funding/defunding, scams, crime in the area and other issues related to crime in the area. The congregation is invited to attend. Our March meeting will be held Mar. 7 at 10am Our program that day will be Zentangles and colorful devotions. All women of the church are welcome to join us!

**SAVE YOUR PENNIES!** - The Women’s Circle will collect pennies again in 2023 and we invite the congregation to partner with us. We have a goal this year - \$1,000 for a mating pair of cattle and \$120 for a sheep (symbolic of the Lamb of God). Please help us purchase these animals through the Heifer Project and bless families and villages in a third world country. We plan to have another Noisy Offering Sunday in Oct. or Nov.



**CELEBRATING LENT** - One of the ways KUMC will celebrate Lent in 2023 is through our Lenten Prayer Partner program. Starting Feb.12 you will have the opportunity to draw names of church members and friends and to pray for them during Lent.

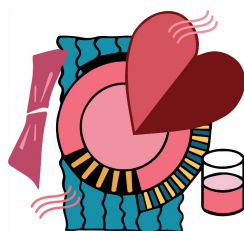
**LENT AT HOME** will be available in the church office beginning Feb 13. This booklet will provide an opportunity not only for our shut-ins to celebrate Lent with us but for all of us to have another resource to celebrate Lent at home. The booklets will be delivered or mailed to our shut-ins.



**CHURCH YARD SALE** - KUMC is cleaning house!! We are planning a church wide yard sale for Sat., May 13. As you begin ‘spring cleaning’, please set aside any items that you could donate. We will close the F’ship Hall for 2 weeks prior to the sale to store any items you donate & to begin pricing. Please plan to donate & to volunteer. Half the proceeds will go toward local missions and half to the church.







### MISSION DINNER

**Mission Dinner**  
**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00-7:00pm**

Join us for our monthly Mission Dinner. We will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, rolls, homemade desserts. Proceeds from the dinner will to the Agape Center and Heart Havens.

### Valentine Party



**VALENTINE PARTY** - We invite our children to join us for a Community Valentine's Party on **Sat., Feb. 11 from 11-12:30 pm.** We'll have crafts, a lesson, food, and a dance party! Wear your red, white, pink & purple & come celebrate with us! Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and

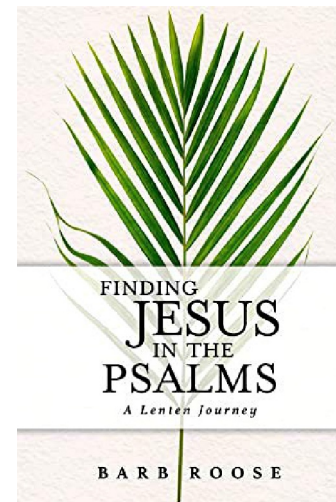
festive cookie / brownie donations are also needed. Sign up today if you can help with either.

**The KUMC Mission Committee** wants to sincerely thank the congregation and friends for all the love and support shown this past year. We were able to supply the Agape Christian Center on the Eastern Shore with \$2000.00 to go towards tuition, supplies, food, and helping to keep the lights on. As well as, serving 3 families during this Christmas season and raising money for special needs of the community. We are excited to reach even more of God's people this year. If you have any thoughts on where we should serve or if you see a need, please don't hesitate to contact us. Sincerely, Sherry & Jim Ketner

*Thank You!*



**The Children's Ministry** again wants to sincerely thank everyone for the Santa Workshop donations. The children had the best time shopping, wrapping and giving to their family members. Also, for all the love and support shown to the children over the holiday season. It means so very much to them to hear and see your support. So thank you! We love our church! Blessings, Mary Lorenzino, KUMC Children's Ministry Director



*KUMC Lenten Bible Study on Monday Nights*  
*February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3*  
*5:30 PM*

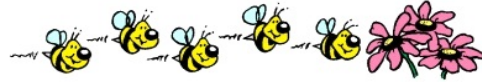
We all love to read the Psalms for comfort, for meditation, for prayers, and just to uplift our spirits. This **Lenten Journey of Finding Jesus in the Psalms** by Barb Roose will help us encounter the Psalms in a new way. This will be a six-week study guiding us through a meaningful journey of finding Jesus in the Psalms. Each night we will watch a 12 minute video and then move to discussion and conversation.

Please register below so that we can order a book for you for \$13. You may write a check to KUMC with Lenten Bible Study on the memo line or pay with cash, placed in an envelope marked with Lenten Bible Study.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to order a book.
- I would like to attend the Bible Study

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**JUDY CRAUN**

**MISSION RIVERS DISTRICT LAY LEADER**

As members of the United Methodist Church, we are pollinators like Honeybees. We are a connectional denomination and welcome all to our church and our communion table. Honeybees are the epitome of connectedness and pollinate all plants and flowers equally, no matter the color, shape, smell or variety. What a wonderful example for us to follow during this challenging time in our UMC history.

I will be writing an article for our KUMC newsletter once a month, starting February 2023, hoping to answer some of your questions regarding our denomination and relative information coming directly from our Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference home office in Glen Allen and our Mission Rivers District. I will unashamedly state upfront that I am in favor of remaining United Methodist. I share that opinion with other members of the Board of Laity of the VA United Methodist Conference. I pray KUMC will brave the storms we all know will test us, but we will stand firm, remembering who we are.

Please send questions to me by text or email. I will research the answers and get back to you as soon as possible. All questions and comments will be subject to posting on this site for everyone's eyes and to lessen repetitiveness.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Craun

cell - 703-399-6668/email - layleader@mrduc.org



**To Our KUMC Congregation** - It is a blessing to be your pastor. Thank you so much for the generous "Love Offering" I received at Christmas. I see kindness, love, & beauty in the ways you share Jesus' love among our congregation & in our community! Love in Christ, Pastor Penny

**To the members of KUMC**, Thank you for your very generous Christmas gift. It has been my pleasure to serve you by putting my technical abilities to good use for the kingdom. I pray that 2023 will be another year of fruitful ministry for KUMC throughout our community and beyond. Birt

**I want to thank everyone** for the generous Christmas gift. This was truly the "Best Christmas Ever"! I hope everyone will have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!! Wayne Hare

**Dear KUMC, SPRC and Pastor Penny Cory** - I want to sincerely thank you for thinking of me this Christmas season in such a loving and generous way. The love offering was definitely a surprise and so very helpful during this season. Your outpouring of love and support never ceases to amaze me. I am so grateful for you all. May God Bless You in this New Year and May His Grace be on us all. With much appreciation-Mary Lorenzino

**Rose & I want to thank all of you** for your generous Christmas bonus. It is such a pleasure to work here and be a part of the KUMC family. God bless all of you. Stan & Rose Becker

**Thank you** KUMC family for thinking of me. Your generous love offering at Christmas was so appreciated. Thank you again and blessings to all in the New Year! Joanne



**KUMC was the recipient of a \$1000 grant** from Mr. & Mrs. Harry (Natalie) Norris of Roanoke. This grant was made from The Norris Family Fund through Vanguard Charitable, a donor-advised fund. The accompanying letter states. "This contribution of \$1000 is in thanks for the many kindnesses show to Curtis Sampson. (Our Uncle Curtis).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30p Choir	2 5:30p Comm. Meeting	3 12n Lunch 'n Laffs Kilmarnock Inn	4
5 8:30a & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School	6 10a – Prayer Group 5:30p Handbells 5:30p LifeLines	7 10a Women’s Circle 10-12 Knitters 1-3p Grief Grp	8 5-7p Mission Dinner 6:30p Choir	9 11a – Thirsty Thursday	10	11 11am Valentine Party Valentine Party 
12 8:30a & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 12:30p Worship Comm	13 Newsletter Deadline 5:30p Handbells 5:30p LifeLines Lent @ Home Available	14 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group	15 6:30p Choir	16	17 Winter Lay Servant Training (thru 2/18)	18
19 8:30 & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 4:30p Bingo Potluck	20  5:30p Handbells 5:30p LifeLines	21 10a Trustees 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group	22  12n Lent Worship KBC 6:30p Choir 7p Ash Weds Service	23 11a – Thirsty Thursday	24	25
26 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. of Lent 8:30 & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 12:30p Leave a Legacy of Love	27 5:30p Handbells 5:30p Lent Bible Study	28 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group 2:30p Commonwealth Birthday Party				 Mondays at 5:30pm

# February

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