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March 2023 Newsletter

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Kilmarnock United Methodist Church

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4/2 - Palm Sunday Worship - 8:30a & 11am

4/6 - Holy Thursday Service - 7pm

4/7 - Stations of the Cross - 4:30p - 6:30p

4/7 - Tenebrae Worship Service - 7p

4/9 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 6:30am (Boy's Camp)

4/9 - Easter Sunday Worship - 11am (No 8:30am service today)

Easter Lily Orders



Deadline to Order - Monday, March 20

To place an order, complete the form below
and drop in offering plate or church office.

_____ # of plants ordered (\$17 each)

Payment for the proper amount \$ _____

Date Ordered _____ Check ___ or Cash ___

Information to be printed in the bulletin:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____





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

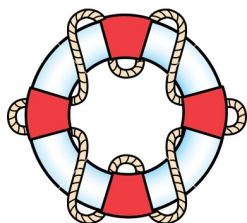
Our Community ~ Our Nation ~ Our Military ~ People of Ukraine ~ First Responders Turkey & Syria, Arthur & Judy Neal, Joan Gillions, Tom Fletcher, Ed Gates, Doug & Teresa Irving, Patti Grace, Steve & Sharon Rice, Bill Creager, Betty Riley, Tom & Nancy Hughes, Charles Lee, Curtis Sampson, Frank Elliott,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



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

SEEKERS - Our class continues through March with *He Set His Face to Jerusalem*. All are welcome to join us at 9:30am.

EXPLORERS CLASS will begin *Who is the Holy Spirit*, the forgotten Person of the Trinity. A study of the third Person of the Trinity throughout scripture, as taught by Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson. Come Join us Sundays at 9:30am.



LifeLines will resume on Monday, April 17th at 5:30pm. Mark your calendar, and Please Join Us in the Seekers Classroom!



FLOWERS

- 5 - Jim & Cheri Bennett
- 12 - OPEN
- 19 - Ellie Davis
- 26 - Bev Miller

USHERS

- Jon & Elaine Baer
- Greg McGrath

SACRISTY PRAYER

- Judy Werner

COMMUNION STEWARD

- Elaine Baer

ALTAR GUILD

- Elaine Baer



LUNCH 'n LAFFS - Join us at 12n on Fri., Mar. 3rd at Lee’s Restaurant. Please wear GREEN and bring a can of soup for the Food Bank. All are welcome! Please RSVP to wjudy7845@gmail.com or 804-436-4441 by 5pm Thurs., Mar. 2nd!



Peace, another Fruit of the Spirit, is a precious commodity when a loved one dies. To facilitate peace at your death, why

not write your own obituary? Write your wishes for the hymns, scriptures, prayers, etc. you want included at your funeral. Prepare now to provide PEACE for your family!



Stewardship Special Event - Join us at 12:30p on Sun., Mar. 12, 12:30 as we welcome Bryan Wood, Licensed Funeral Dir., Advanced

Planning Specialist representing Currie Funeral Home. Wood will offer us helpful suggestions and practical steps for planning our own funeral. What a gift of PEACE that will be for your family and loved ones, AND what a fine example you will be setting for others! We will meet in F’ship Hall for this special event.

March

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Chris Crowther
- 4 - Rose Becker
- 7 - Kristen Ketner
- 8 - Birt Cory
- 8 - Luttrell Tadlock
- 11 - Merry Glascoe
- 12 - Harley Haydon
- 12 - Judy Neal
- 15 - Sally McGrath
- 15 - Robert Crowther V
- 17 - Laurie Breakwell
- 17 - Frank Martin
- 17 - Pat Thomas
- 19 - Jamie Lang
- 20 - Johnny Hayes
- 22 - Cookie Morgan
- 25 - Jordan Rice
- 28 - John Brauer
- 28 - Wally Dawson
- 29 - Diane Whitten
- 30 - Dennis Snader
- 31 - Connie Stinson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Jay & Kristen Ketner
- 23 - Tom & Nancy Hughes
- 31 - Rob & Patti Grace



Newsletter DEADLINE

April Newsletter Deadline
Mon. March 13th!

Mission Dinner - March 15th - 5-7pm Join us for Tacos with all the fixings! Refried beans, side salad, and dessert. Proceeds will go to Community Children Outreach. Please call Jim or Sherry Ketner (804)761-0142 for any questions.



2023

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Net Profit \$5365



Help Lead Worship by Reading Scripture during Sunday Services.

Do you find meaning in reading scripture aloud? Perhaps a little like loving "to tell the story of Jesus and His Love"? Help lead worship on Sunday morning by reading scripture at either the 8:30 & 11:00 services. If you are interested in reading Scripture during our Sunday Morning Services, contact Pastor Penny 757-373-7304 or at pastorpenny@minister.com. The scripture passage will be provided for you by Thursday so that you can practice reading it at home.



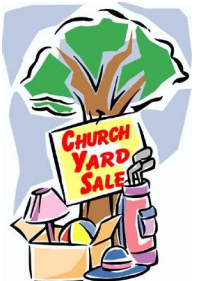
THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE will meet on Tues., Mar. 7 at 10am Our program that day will be meditation through abstract art and color. All women of the church are welcome to join us!. The April meeting is scheduled for Tues., Apr. 4 at 10am.

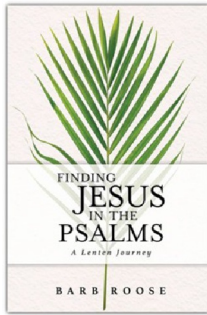
SAVE YOUR PENNIES! The Women's Circle will collect pennies again in 2023 & we invite the congregation to partner with us. Our goal this year - \$1,000 for a mating pair of cattle & \$120 for a sheep (symbolic of the Lamb of God). Please help us purchase these animals through the Heifer Project & bless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



During the season of Lent, the Women's Circle is sponsoring the collection of toilet paper and paper towels for the Haven (a domestic violence shelter) in Warsaw. Please leave your donations outside the church office or in the narthex (where the Angel Tree stands during Advent).

KUMC is cleaning house!! We are planning a church wide yard sale for Sat., May 13 ~ so, 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 in order to store any items you donate and to begin pricing. Please plan to donate – and to volunteer. Half the proceeds will go toward local missions and half to the church. Please call Cheri Bennett (703-999-7677) or Sally McGrath (434-637-0482) if you have questions.





Lenten Bible Study

(March 6, 13, 20, 27, & April 3)

5:30pm in the Seekers Classroom

Finding Jesus in the Psalms offers a rich opportunity for those who want to explore the Christian faith in the stories and poetry of the Old Testament. This Bible Study will allow us to find the presence of Christ in unexpected places. All are welcome, come and join us!

Stations of the Cross will be offered again this year in the F'ship Hall on Fri., Apr. 7 from 4:30-6:30pm, immediately before our Tenebrae Service at 7pm. Both of these opportunities are an excellent way to prepare for Easter Sunday.



STATIONS of the CROSS

DISPELLING DARKNESS - On Good Friday, Apr. 7, KUMC will be hosting a Tenebrae Worship Service at 7pm. Tenebrae is the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows”. Our Organist/Choir Director Wayne Hare has organized a special choir made up of choir members from our community churches to sing the story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Throughout the night the sanctuary gradually grows darker and darker as candles are extinguished. As the service concludes, a single Christ candle stands alone on the altar, reminding worshipers that victory is coming on Easter morning.



Easter Flower Cross - It has become tradition on Easter Sunday to adorn the Easter Flower Cross with cut flowers. As the flowers outside are blooming, maybe you too would like to share with us on Easter Sunday your cut flowers. Outside our sanctuary will be a cross ready to fill with beautiful cut flowers before entering the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Thank you!



PROUD TO  UMC

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson is our new Bishop for the Va. Annual Conference of the UMC. Bishop Sue is a Florida native. As a newly ordained bishop, she was appointed to the North Georgia Annual Conference in 2016; she was appointed to our Va. Conference in 2022. She has a very interesting background; she was an attorney in Fl., serving as a federal clerk and then a litigator for a Tampa law firm before answering her call to ministry.

After serving as a pastor in several churches in Florida, she was appointed as a District Superintendent. She guided a diverse area of very large churches and very small churches, urban, suburban, and rural churches; African American, Haitian, Hispanic churches, a Native American ministry, a large camp and retreat center, and a large campus ministry. She was the “missional strategist” for this region, equipping and resourcing churches for ministry and helping them work together to reach their mission fields for Jesus Christ.

The reason I am sharing her history with you is to help all of us fully understand what an outstanding, well rounded, accomplished bishop we have at the helm of our Virginia Annual Conference. We could not have a better person to guide us through this period in our church leading up to the General Conference in April of 2024, to be held in Charlotte NC.

Bishop Sue has made a video that every member of the UMC in Va. needs to watch. I believe our members have been hoping to hear hard facts about where we are right now. If you want straight talk that debunks some of the misinformation out there about our UMC, complete information about where we are right now and where we are going - you really need to watch her video. To see this - google - Advocate Issues vaumc.org – you will see a list of weekly issues – click on February 7, 2023. Scroll down until you see “Skunk on the Table”. This is where our communications director invites people to speak about different, hard-to-talk-about issues, to hopefully shed light on solutions based on facts and knowledge. Bishop Sue was asked to address where we are right now on topics including disaffiliation, LGBTQ, Laity & Clergy responsibilities to their churches, and where we will hopefully find ourselves in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Craun, District Lay Leader





Year to Date: January 2023

Budget Income \$28,285 **Designated Receipts** \$996

Budgeted Disbursements \$39,814

Designated Disbursements \$2,386

YTD Budget Income \$27,675. **YTD Budget Expenses** \$27,675

2022 RECAP

Budgeted Income \$284,147 **Designated Receipts** \$48,691

Budgeted Expenses \$288,410 **Designated Disbursements** \$83,722

Some of Our Extra Mile Giving

Agape Missions - \$2,015 **Other Missions** \$6,076 **UMCOR** \$9,380

UM Family Services \$1,216 **Parsonage Repairs** \$12,225

Thanks for your continued generosity!

If you have any questions please contact Virginia Craig, Finance Chair (804)761-3953.



SHAMROCK — St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, “Is this one leaf, or three?” Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



Friends from KUMC Outreach and the Choir surprised Tom Fletcher on Feb. 14 to celebrate his birthday ...

Left to right: Brenda Lynch, Betty Riley, Virginia Craig, Wayne Hare, Carole Fletcher and Tom seated.



Children's Ministry Corner

A huge thank you to everyone who helped & attended our Feb. Community Valentine's Party & Potluck Bingo Night. We were so excited about the outpouring of love & support for both of these events. Fun was had by all & we look forward to more events in the near future.

The Children's Ministry & Missions Committee are teaming up for March's Mission Dinner. Join us on Weds., Mar. 15th at 5pm for a Taco Dinner and help us raise money for Children's Local Missions. Invite a friend and share the word.

Easter Candy Collection- We are collecting candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. As always, we ask that the candy be small enough to fit in plastic eggs and individually prepackaged. There will be a box outside of the church office to leave your candy. Deadline for candy donations will be Fri., Mar. 31st.

KUMC Community Easter Party will be Sat., Apr. 8th at 10:30a. Mark your calendars & invite your neighbors. Suitable for ages 12 and under. We will have music, crafts, a lesson and hunt to conclude the festivities! Volunteers are needed at 10am. Please sign up with Mary if you are able to help. mklorenzino@gmail.com

Continue to pray for our Children's Ministry to grow as God sees fit. That families will feel compelled to join us & experience His Word amongst friends! We pray that those who haven't been in a while will jump back in, as they have been missed & that new families will be invited to be apart! Help all of us Lord to invite & minister to families young & old. Help us Lord to fulfill the Great Commission and tell others, especially our children, about who you are. This is my prayer. Amen. ~Mary Lorenzino, KUMC Children's Ministry Director.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12n Lent Worship KBC 6:30p Choir	2 5:30p Comm. Meeting	3 12n Lunch 'n Laffs Lee's Restaurant	4
5 2nd Sun. of Lent 8:30a & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School	6 5:30p Handbells 5:30p Lent Bible Study	7 10a Women's Circle 10-12 Knitters 1-3p Grief Grp	8 12n Lent Worship KBC 6:30p Choir	9 11a – Thirsty Thursday	10	 <i>Spring Forward</i> Set Your Clocks Ahead TONIGHT
12 3rd Sun. of Lent 8:30a & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 12:30p Advanced Planning - Bryan Wood	13 Newsletter Deadline 10a – Prayer Group 5:30p Handbells 5:30p Lent Bible Study	14 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group	15 12n Lent Worship KBC 5-7p Mission Dinner 6:30p Choir	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
19 4th Sun. of Lent 7:30am UMM 8:30 & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School	20 Lily Orders Due 5:30p Handbells 5:30p Lent Bible Study	21 10a Trustees 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group 7p Tenebrae Practice	22 12n Lent Worship KBC 6:30p Choir	23 11a – Thirsty Thursday 7pm – Admin Council	24 10a Security Meeting	25
26 5th Sun. of Lent 8:30 & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 12:30p Potluck Lunch	27 5:30p Handbells 5:30p Lent Bible Study	28 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group 2:30p Commonwealth Birthday Party	29 12n Lent Worship KBC 6:30p Choir	30	31	 Lenten Bible Study Mondays at 5:30pm



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