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April 2023 Newsletter

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Kilmarnock United Methodist Church

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

This is the time of year when we prepare our hearts and souls to celebrate Easter. We are refreshed by times spent in scripture, worship, Bible Study, prayer, service, and witness. We are thankful for the life and sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of the Living God. His betrayal was brutal. The cross was cruel. The tomb was cold. The rock was intentionally placed there to ensure that Jesus' body would not be moved. But that was not the end of the story. No cross, no tomb, no rock could hold Jesus, because God is stronger and more powerful than any stronghold of evil that crucified Jesus. “Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world”(I John 4:4). Let's focus our thoughts, our prayers, and our service on the One who is willing and able to roll away the stone and set us all free!

Going Forward through the Spirit! Hallelujah!

Pastor Penny



At the 2019 Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church, an addendum to the 2016 Book of Discipline was approved and added. One of the new paragraphs was 2553 allowing disaffiliation of a local church over issues related to human sexuality. This choice to disaffiliate from the UMC needs to be made in sufficient time for the process for exiting the denomination to be completed prior to December 31, 2023. Copies of this paragraph are available in the church office.

April 1-30 has been set aside for a time of prayer and discernment to determine the path forward for KUMC congregation concerning the human sexuality issues in our United Methodist Church. On April 30, after our 11 AM Worship Service we will take a straw poll vote to see if a majority of our members want to remain a United Methodist congregation or if they want to proceed with plans to disaffiliate. We ask that you read, study, pray, and learn about the issues before us. Ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit to convict your hearts concerning the way forward for KUMC. The LORD says, “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will guide you with My eye.” Psalm 32:8



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 Sunrise Service	6:30am (Boy's Camp)
4/9	Easter Sunday Worship	11am (No 8:30am svc)



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

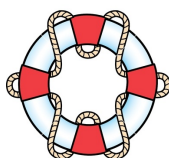



CHILDREN'S S.S.-Join us Sundays at 9:30am in the Education Wing.

SEEKERS - Join us each Sunday in April through April 16 we'll be completing "He Set His Face To Jerusalem." On April 23 & 30, we'll study 2 popular verses from the LifeLine's Bible study. Bring your Bible!

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 resumes Mon., Apr.17 at 5:30p, in the Seekers Class. Proverbs 27 is the source of our first verse this Spring. Some of you have already been reading the chapter wondering which verse it will be! Reading Proverbs 27 you'll discover many gems - some humorous, some profound, some thought-provoking, and some confusing, but all gems! I look forward to revealing our LifeLines verse on the 17th! Mark your calendar & bring your Bible! See you then!





April


FLOWERS
 2 - OPEN
 9 - Easter Lillies
 16 - Marilyn Creager
 23 - John Henley
 30 - OPEN

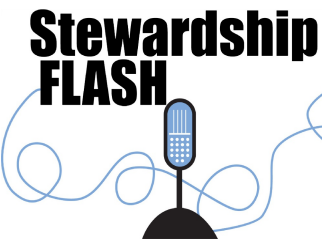
USHERS
 Marilyn Creager
 Jim Bennett, Slater Pittman

SACRISTY PRAYER
 Margaret Nost

COMMUNION STEWARD
 Connie Stinson

ALTAR GUILD
 Heather Dennis

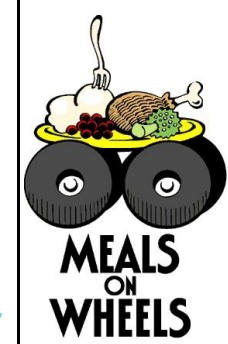




It's Time to SPRING Into TITHING!

If you haven't tried tithing, why not try it this month? What we plant in the spring comes to fruition! In Malachi 3:10, God promised that the discipline of tithing yields 'fields' ripe for harvesting. If you already tithe, continue developing the nine Fruit of the Spirit this month, and watch your spiritual garden grow!

LUNCH 'n LAFFS - We will not meet on Good Friday! **Please join us at 12n on Fri. Apr. 14th** at KC's Crabs & Cues. Wear yellow and bring one can of food. All are welcome! RSVP to Judy Werner 2judy7845@gmail.com or 804-436-4441.



Volunteers are needed for MEALS ON WHEELS IN MAY KUMC will once again provide delivery in May. To volunteer please contact Carole Fletcher (703)850-7053 or the church office (804)435-1797. We will need 2 volunteers per route 3 times a week.

Please consider volunteering if you are able!



BIRTHDAYS

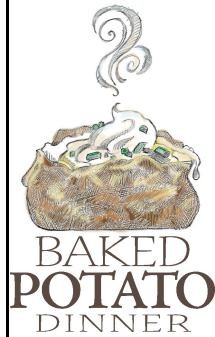
- 1 - Melinda Lewis
- 6 - Megan H. George
- 7 - Jim Symons
- 8 - Angie Tadlock
- 13 - Ellie Davis
- 14 - Mary Tucker
- 16 - Erin D. Hayden
- 18 - Robert Ketner
- 18 - Virginia Tippet
- 20 - Emily Hoar
- 23 - Morgan Alley
- 23 - Emily Wood
- 26 - Bill Creager
- 27 - Laura Bridge
- 28 - Richard Covington
- 30 - Patrick Bridge
- 30 - Whitney Lang

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Jim & Tammy Crandall
- 14- Charles & Georjie Gerhart
- 14- Dave & Laura Reeves
- 17- Dennis & Janine Snader
- 19- Ralph & Jennie Savage
- 22- Gary & Cindy Boyce
- 23- John & Geanie Henley
- 23- Harry & Linda Stemple

Newsletter
DEADLINE

May Newsletter Deadline
Mon. April 10th!



Mission Dinner - April 12th - 5-7pm

Join us for a Baked Potato Bar and salad with all the fixings, rolls and dessert! Proceeds will go to The Agape Center. Please call Jim or Sherry Ketner (804)761-0142 for any questions.

Flower Cross

On Easter Sunday, April 9th we will have a flower cross outside our sanctuary ready to fill with beautiful cut flowers before entering the sanctuary.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

KUMC wants you to know that our church is a Safe Sanctuary church, meaning that a policy and guidelines have been developed to protect the most vulnerable in our congregation and to make our church a safe place where everyone can experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.



THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE will meet on Tues., April 4th at 10am Our program for that meeting will be an open discussion on the issues facing the United Methodist Church.

Don't forget the Two P's ~ PENNIES & PAPER GOODS

PENNIES for the Heifer Project and PAPER goods for The Haven in Warsaw. The collection of paper towels & toilet paper will end Easter Sunday, but keep collecting your pennies into the fall.



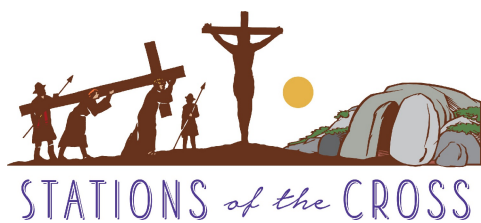
KUMC is cleaning house!! We are planning a church wide yard sale for Sat., May 13 ~ so, as you begin 'spring cleaning', please set aside any items that you could donate. We will close the F'ship Hall for 2 weeks prior to the sale in order to store any items you donate and to begin pricing. Please plan 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.



Friends & Outreach members celebrated Johnny Hayes 90th birthday on Mar 20. Johnny is a very talented artist & his home is a gallery of his many pieces as well as his deceased wife Ann's work & other artists. The group enjoyed a tour of his home along with wonderful stories shared.

L-R: Sherry Ketner, Brenda Lynch, Karen Kingsley,

Johnny Hayes, Frank Martin, Virginia Craig; and Lucy Martin took the picture



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



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 worshippers that victory is coming on Easter morning.



Stewardship Event - One of the least discussed and most expensive situations in life is making funeral arrangements! Bryan Wood, Licensed Funeral Director, Advanced Planning Specialist with Currie Funeral gave an informative presentation with helpful suggestions and practical steps for planning our own funeral on March 12. This was a Stewardship Committee special event as we emphasized the gift of peace during March. Eighteen members and guests attended.

Bryan's talk was straightforward and enlightening. He explained there are over 49 decisions that need to be made within the first three days after death. Are you prepared? Bryan said 70% of the time, it is the wife who has the burden of making these decisions.

Currie offers a planning guidebook to help make these decisions ahead of time. They also offer coverage in case a death occurs out of town. Their assistance at time of death is very comprehensive including such things as contacting Social Security, the VA, and helping with obituaries.

Brian stressed how pre planning one's funeral helps to avoid emotional spending upon a loved one's death and can help avoid disagreements in the family.

As a thank you for being invited to speak, Bryan held a drawing, and three attendees won gift certificates to local restaurants! Give the gift of peace to your family by making your funeral arrangements now.



Year to Date: February 2023

Budget Income \$57,618

Designated Receipts \$3,974

Budgeted Disbursements \$56,623

Designated Disbursements \$3,933

YTD Budget Income \$55,350

YTD Budget Expenses \$55,350

Thanks for your continued generosity!

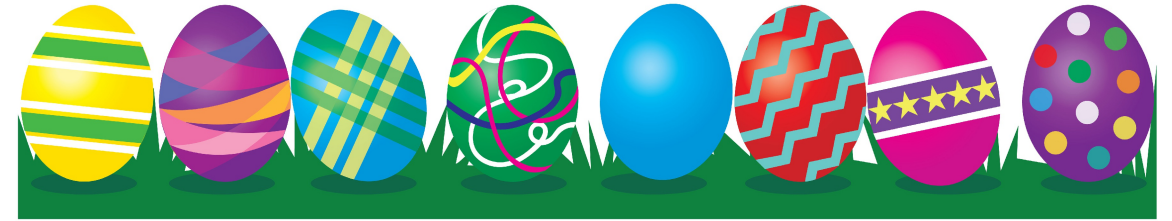
If you have any questions please contact Virginia Craig, Finance Chair (804)761-3953.



Period of Discernment: From April 1 thru April 30, KUMC will be in a period of prayerful, intentional discernment as we listen for the Holy Spirit to guide KUMC in our membership's desire to remain an active congregation of the United Methodist Church or pursue a path toward disaffiliation. On Sunday, April 30, immediately following the 11:00 worship service, a straw ballot vote will be taken of members only. No absentee ballots will be permitted. In addition, the sanctuary will be open on Monday, April 17th and Tuesday, April 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for silent prayer. Further details of this discernment process were mailed and emailed to all members in mid-March. If you did not receive that information, please reach out to the church office.

A Prayer of Discernment:

Father God, we thank you for this day. Father, you are the same today as you were yesterday, and as you will be tomorrow. Since the beginning of mankind, you sought to have a relationship with your creation, to instruct us in the way that we ought to go. Father, today we pray for discernment. We pray that the Holy Spirit that indwells within us will give us a peace beyond understanding to know precisely when something is you, and when something is not. Father, we want to be obedient to your call in our lives. We pray for such discernment to not only make wise choices, but in the course of it all to know we can trust your guiding hand. In Jesus Name, Amen.

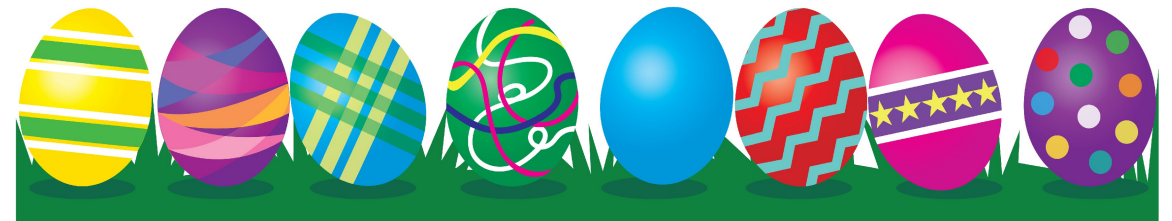



Easter Candy

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.



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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2  8:30a & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School	3 10a Prayer Group 5:30p Handbells 5:30p Lent Bible Study	4 10a Women's Circle 10-12 Knitters 1-3p Grief Grp 7p – Tenebrae Choir Practice	5 12n Lent Worship KBC	6 7p – Holy Thurs. Svc.  Holy Thursday	7 6p –Choir Practice 4:30p-6:30p Stations of the Cross 7p- Tenebrae Service 	8 12n Children's Easter Party 
 6:30a Sunrise Svc 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship	10 Newsletter Deadline 5:30p Handbells	11 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group	12 5-7p Mission Dinner Baked Potato & Salad 6:30p Choir	13 11a – Thirsty Thursday	14 12n – Lunch 'n Laffs	15
16 7:30am UMM 8:30 & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School	17 5:30p LifeLines 5:30p Handbells 11a -2p Sanctuary Open for Prayer (& 18th▶)	18 10a Trustees 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group Open for Prayer	19 6:30p Choir	20	21	22
23 8:30 & 11a Worship 9:30a Sunday School	24 5:30p LifeLines 5:30p Handbells	25 10-12n Knitters 1-3p Grief Group 2:30p Commonwealth B'day Party	26 6:30p Choir	27 11a – Thirsty Thursday	28	29
30 One Svc Today 9:30a Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Straw Poll Vote						



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