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William Becker - son of Stan & Rose Becker; **Tyler** - 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
 Gary Boyce, Joan Gillions, Jim & Cheri Bennett, Tom Fletcher, Ed Gates, Jean Hagen, Doug & Teresa Irving, Patti Grace, Steve & Sharon Rice, Bill Creager, Betty Riley, John Henley III, Tom & Nancy Hughes, Charles Lee, Curtis Sampson, Dick Whittaker, Frank & Betsy Elliott, Dave Reeves



Children's Sunday School - Join us each Sunday at 9:30am in the Education Wing.

Explorers Class - We will continue our study of The Sermon and The Mount using Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson's Study Guide and CD presentation. Join us Sundays at 9:30am in the Explorer's Class.

Seekers Class will begin Oct. 2 & 9 with Judy Werner sharing facts about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, from the book Aligning With God's Appointed Times, by Rabbi Jason Sobel. The dates chosen correspond with these Jewish holidays. Jim Symons will share a book that influenced his life on the 16th. On Oct. 23 & 30, we will join other church members in the F'ship Hall, for the Robert Morris DVD series, Beyond Blessed. Join us Sundays from 9:30-10:30



LifeLines - Join us for LifeLines Monday nights, 5:30-6:30pm, in the Seekers Classroom. Each week, we'll delve into a verse or two of scripture; take a look at the context, compare different versions of the Bible and look at related verses. You may be surprised at the discoveries we make. Enjoy good fellowship and interaction. Give LifeLines a try! We believe you'll be glad you did! Bring your Bible!



October

FLOWERS

- 2 - JoAnn Smith
- 9 - OPEN
- 16 - OPEN
- 23 - OPEN
- 30 - OPEN

SACRISTY PRAYER

Kathee Cernicky

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Sally McGrath, Stan Becker,
Slater Pittman

COMMUNION STEWARD

Pat Brauer

ALTAR GUILD

Brenda Lynch



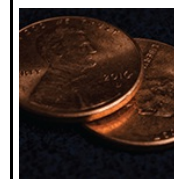
Dear KUMC Friends, Thank you for the many cards, good food, pretty flowers, hospital visits, & other kindnesses shown to both Richard and I over the past few months. We are appreciative of your prayers for our complete recovery.
 Sincerely, Eliza & Richard Wright



THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE -Join us Tues., Oct. 4th at 10am. Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Haven in Warsaw. If this topic is of interest to you, please join us!



The Women's Circle is planning their annual soup and bake sale on Oct.9th. Homemade soup & goodies will be available after the early service, during & after the Sunday school hour & after the 11am service. All items will be sold "by donation." Come stock your refrigerator & pantry! We also welcome your contributions of soup & baked goods to sell. All proceeds will benefit the NNFHC. If you have any questions, please contact Sally McGrath at 434-637-0482.



DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR PENNIES for the Women's Circle! We will have a place to put all that heavy change at Thanksgiving!



JOIN US Fri., Oct. 7th at 12n at Anna's Pizza in Kilmarnock for Christian fellowship & food! An RSVP is appreciated - wjudy7845@gmail.com or (804)436-4441!



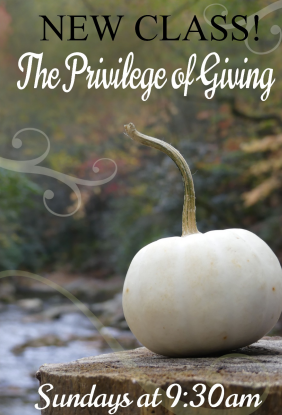
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - William Benson
- 2 - Heather Dennis
- 3 - Charlie Hinson
- 6 - Fran Davis
- 8 - Don Smith
- 8 - Michael Nickerson
- 10 - Dick Manson
- 10 - Alma Tate
- 13 - Leah Pittman
- 13 - Ashly Gordon
- 13 - Jay Ketner
- 14 - Curt Dozier
- 16 - Laura Episcopo
- 18 - Raymond Benson
- 18 - Michelle Crowther
- 22 - Carol Hall
- 24 - Hillary Holt
- 26 - Alice Cottrell
- 26 - Jameson Crandall
- 31 - Harry Stemple



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Scott & Alex Pruitt
- 8 - Kyle & Mary Lorenzino



Beginning Sun., Oct. 23, all are invited to join us in F'ship Hall 9:30-10:30a. We'll be watching the 10 part Robert Morris DVD Series, "BEYOND BLESSED." We'll watch 2 of the 27 minute DVDs each week through November 20 as part of our **Stewardship Education Program**. Robert Morris, who is informative as well as entertaining, teaches what the Bible says about the importance of

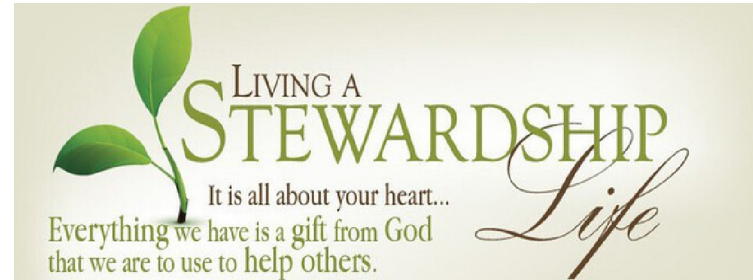
wise stewardship. He addresses beliefs about money and equips people to manage the resources God has given them. He builds a financial foundation based on Biblical principles to help us manage our resources to be a blessing to others. The series is a wonderful tool to share with your children and other family members striving to build a life of good stewardship.

Join us each Sun. Oct. 23-Nov. 20, for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship. DVDs will begin promptly at 9:30!



Grief Support FALL Series in Kilmarnock- Tues., 1-2pm, 9/20-11/22 at KUMC in Fellowship Hall. This Group helps participants explore their reactions to loss within a trusting and confidential environment.

Participants learn about the grieving process and develop strategies for coping to begin to integrate this change in their lives. Each 10-week series will refer to the book, Understanding Your Grief, Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart. To Learn More & Register visit: thebaycenter.org or connect@thebaycenter.org or 804.436.6362



The Privilege of Giving

"Everyone should use whatever gift he has received from God to serve others as good stewards of God's grace in various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

AT KUMC, we are pleased to emphasize our "Privilege of Giving" for five weeks (October 23 – November 20). It is God who helps us serve Him as "responsible stewards". Stewardship is about doing God's work!

Most people immediately think of our priorities in how we use our money when they think of stewardship. Jesus' disciple Peter in the verse above said, "**being a good steward**" has many forms. It does include the giving of our tithes, gifts, and offerings to God. It also includes the giving of our prayers, our presence in worship, our gifts, our talents, our passions, our service, and our witness to God.

Each of us as Christians "must practice our calling" with *diligent stewardship* of the gifts that God has given to us. This is the life which will bring GLORY to God! Every Christian has some gift to give. So for these five weeks, I ask you to pray that you **will grow in your understanding and your practice of giving**.

I believe God wants to bless KUMC in these five weeks as we focus on the **Privilege of Giving** and on the Biblical theology of "the need to the giver to give, rather than the need of the church to receive!" It is an honor and privilege to give back to God because everything we have been given, comes from God! I hope and pray that you will join us for worship as we all strive to become better stewards!



Moving Forward Through The Spirit

Pastor Penny

**YOU ASKED,
WE LISTENED**

Follow Up on Men's Questionnaire - Jesus began his ministry with small groups. Through small groups, John Wesley encouraged early Methodists to grow spiritually and look after one another in love.

The value of small groups is truly great. The Education Committee strongly encourages small groups and is eager to help those interested in finding one. When asked "Which of these Sunday School or Bible Study topics would interest you?" these were the responses: 8 said Old Testament; 9 said New Testament; 3 said Oral Tradition; 5 said Hebrew History; 4 said Parables; 8 said Current Affairs & Christianity; and 1 said History of the Bible. Responders also suggested days of the week and times convenient for them to meet. Please call the church office or Sandy Jordan, 334-616-1278, to let us know which topic(s) would be of most interest to you, and we'll make every attempt to help you form a group! If you'd prefer to begin by simply getting together for coffee with some other fellows in the church, let us know. That could be a great place to start. Together, you could determine an interest you would like to pursue. If you would be willing to lead a group, please let us know. We look forward to helping you in anyway we can.



**The Bible as Literature
Class**

Christian Education Learning Opportunity: Rappahannock Community College's Institute for Lifelong Learning is offering a short course this fall on "The Bible as Literature Part 1: The Hebrew Scriptures." It is being offered the first 3 Mondays on November from 1 pm to 3 pm at a cost of \$35 at the Warsaw Campus **or by Zoom!** The instructor is Dr. Ken Wilbur, recently retired minister of Rappahannock Christian Church in Dunnsville, VA. Based on the responses to the Education Committee's questionnaire to the men of the church from earlier this summer, the study of the Old

Testament and the history of the Bible were two topics of strong interest. For a course description and to register, go to www.rappahannock.edu/foundation/lifelong-learning or contact Brittany Abdul-Malik at 804-333-6707. Residents and employees of RCC receive a 50% discount, and Blue Ridge Bank Golden Advantage members receive a 15% discount off tuition.

**Parsonage Repairs
Funding Request**



Parsonage Repairs Funding Request: In August, the congregation received an email regarding unexpected repairs to the church parsonage, estimated to be approximately \$40,000. While there are reserve funds on hand to cover this unbudgeted expense, the congregation has been asked to consider a special gift restricted to parsonage repairs. Printed copies of the complete email are available in the rear of the church sanctuary or by contacting the Church Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Symons or John Brauer, Co-Chairs of the Trustees, Virginia Craig, Chair of the Finance Committee, or Margaret Nost, Chair of Administrative Council. Thank you.



Year to Date: January - August 2022

Budget Receipts \$204,225
Designated Receipts \$ 23,940
Budgeted Disbursements \$198,456
Designated Disbursements \$23,637

YTD Budget Income \$195,328
YTD Budget Expenses \$196,346

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



Ushers & Greeters needed for November and 2023! Contact Slater Pittman (804)435-1222 for more info and to sign up!.

"Fall Into Jesus" Join Us for Children's Sunday School at 9:30 am. Invite a Friend this Fall! The children are holding up a S'more craft they made...did you know..."That God Loves You S'More Than You Know?" These kiddos do!!



KUMC Kids & Friends are invited to our annual Pumpkin Patch Outing on Sunday, October 23rd at 12:30 pm. We will meet at KUMC and from there congo line to Belmont Pumpkin Farm located in Mathews, Va. You are encouraged to eat before coming or pack a lunch to be eaten on site and to also bring a water bottle. Price of admission will be a group rate and pumpkins will be the price advertised by the farm. Please see Mary Lorenzino to sign up and if you have any questions.



KUMC Children's Ministry's Outreach is excited to participate in the Main Street Pumpkin Walk (formerly known as Kandy 4 Kids). This is a wonderful way to invite families to our church and to also share God's love. We will need a couple volunteers for this event to help pass out candy. The Pumpkin Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th at 4:00 pm on Main Street Kilmarnock. This is a Bay Chambers event. Please see Mary Lorenzino to sign up to volunteer. We will also be assembling treats Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 pm. Many Hands make Light Work. Please Join Us!



The Children's Ministry is looking for one Sunday School Teacher and one Sunday School Aide. The teacher will work closely with the director and will teach/assist based on the literature series that is being used. (It is easy to follow with visuals and handouts.) We are looking for someone who loves children and enjoys working with them, who enjoys sharing God's stories and someone who can commit time to our children between the hours of 9:30-11:00 am Sunday mornings. If you feel that you can serve in any way or are able to give any time, please contact me. We are so very excited to have the need for more teachers and I ask that you pray about this mission in becoming a mentor to our Thank you for considering helping down the educational wing. Mary Lorenzino, Children's Ministry Director. (mklorenzino@gmail.com/804-761-7107)



The KUMC Outreach Committee visited Anita Lee for her 75th birthday celebration with balloons, flowers and a cake. It was a beautiful day and enjoyable stories shared by all. Left to right: Brenda Lynch, Alice Cottrell, Jo Manson, Virginia Craig and Anita Lee



Life Lines resumed Sept. 12. Join us Mondays at 5:30pm in the Seekers Class Clockwise from bottom left are Betty Jo Koons, Margaret Nost, Jon Baer, Sue Dameron,

Martha Mattheisen, Sandy Jordan, Sherry Ketner, Jim Ketner, Slater Pitman, Brenda Lynch, Ami Coyle, Tammy Crandall, and a big thank you to Whitney Lang, who took our picture.