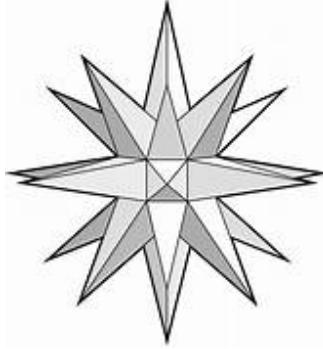


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From Our Board of Trustees

"Please help Joshua stay within his scheduled working hours. If you need his help in completing your church business, please call him to schedule a good time to drop by for assistance. We want him to be able to leave at 2:00 so he can be back in the office at 8:00 the next morning. Due to labor laws, if he has to stay late one day, he is required to take an equal amount of time off the next morning, thus the church office opens late.

Thank you for your cooperation."

"Use whatever gift you've received for the good of one another so that you can show yourselves to be good stewards of God's grace in all its varieties."

- 1 Peter 4:10

OUR BOARD OF ELDERS

Calling all sisters and brothers!

Ushers & Greeters



We need sisters and brothers to usher on Sunday mornings and special services. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bench in the small room just outside the sanctuary restrooms.



We also need bell ringers for Sunday mornings. It's super simple. Please let Sr. Alma know that you'd like to do this!

Visitation Committee



We continue to be busy visiting and calling on our church members at home.

In July, we have treat bags with a July 4th theme. We will be taking these to our friends.

We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd at 10:00 am. We would love to have new team members.

Please consider joining us. Also, we need new ideas of what to do or take when we visit.

In Memoriam

Sr. Kaye Gough



A Tribute to a Friend

Kaye Gough was a friend to everyone... Sadly, we did not get to talk in person for this article. The Lord took Kaye home May 30th. I was her friend, and I am happy to share some fond memories of our times together.

I remember when I first came to Bethania, Kaye was one who made me feel welcomed and comfortable. She seemed to have the gift of knowing how to reach out to those who seemed to feel a little uncertain. The years passed and I knew Kaye would be someone I could always count on. We served as deiners together as well as working with the youth. At the time we had some forty young people between the jr. and senior highs. The trips to Laural Ridge were quite an adventure!

Years go by, friendships strengthen. It's a wonderful thing to have a church family to laugh, cry, share, pray for each other and know they are there when you need them no matter what.

Kaye loved her family, her two daughters and all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would always show me the most recent photos of them when I would visit her.

I didn't get a chance to ask Kaye how she and Dean met or about their wedding, but I did get to see through the years what a devoted couple they were. They were married 57 years.

She loved spending time at the coast fishing and for several years. She and Dean camped with friends at Belews Creek. Our family was invited to come on occasion to learn to water ski. Kaye just knew our little family needed to learn. I remember Kaye and Mary Bell pulling me around and coming back around when I fell, I would have given up on me way before they did, they keep saying "one more time, you can do this." I learned to water ski!

Thanks Kaye for teaching me to water ski, and for being my friend.

-Idalia

Br. Duke Marley



Henry "Duke" Marley was born April 13th, 1931, the only son of Jack and Irma Marley of Cumberland, MD, and was educated at Allegany High School in Cumberland, MD and Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC

He was a Husband: A loving and dedicated provider married to Sara Park for 68 years. He showed Sara much of the World. He was a father to Scott, Paul and David. He bought the boys a Honda 50 Mini Trail when they were around 10 years of age. He made sure they all became Eagle Scouts. He made sure they knew which end of a wrench is which. He helped to send them all to College.

He loved cars: Anyone who met Duke was going to hear about cars. He owned more different kinds of cars than you can imagine. His favorites were: MG's and Porsches. He was a Hudson's Founding member of the Dogwood Chapter of the Hudson Terraplane Club

He joined the Army during the 1953 Korean Conflict Trained as Anti-Aircraft gunner. The conflict ended prior to his deployment. He joined the Army Reserves 312th Med. Evac. Hospital. He was called to Vietnam in 1968 and served in Chu Lai. Upon his return, he stayed in the regular Army and became a Logistics/Medical Service Corps Officer stationed in Ft. Sam Houston, TX Ludwigsburg, then Heidleberg Germany, then Landstuhl Germany, then the Pentagon (Springfield, VA), then Ft. Detrick, MD, Ft. Jackson (Columbia, SC), Ft. Lee (Petersburg, VA), then Seoul Korea, and finally Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington DC. He joined as an enlisted man but retired as a full colonel. That is what is known as a "Maverick" in Army terms.

On top of this all, he was also a good Christian, a good son, a good friend, a grandfather, a salesman, a pilot of glider and fixed wing), a tinker, a handyman, and altogether a fine man.

A Meditation on a Hymn



The graves of all his saints Christ blessed,
And softened ev'ry bed;
Where should the dying members rest,
But with the dying head?

Thence he arose, no more to die,
And showed our feet the way
To follow him, enthroned on high,
At the great rising day.

Then let the last loud trumpet sound
And bid our kindred rise.
Awake, you nations underground;
And saints, ascend the skies.

In the Spotlight

June Feast - 265 Years



Pictures from our 265th Anniversary Celebration Week.
Lovefeast and Communion.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1st: Barbara Peiffer

July 2nd: Henry Gough

July 4th: Frank Butner

July 5th: Faye Bricca

July 8th: Estil Taylor

July 10th: Terri Merritt

July 12th: Linda Conrad

July 12th: Karen Stoltz

July 14th: Sandra Doub

July 16th: Judith Dobbins

July 17th: Deborah Thompson

July 18th: Valinda Wolff

July 20th: Wilma Hunter

July 22nd: Kelly Moore

July 25th: Sue Self

July 27th: Tally Bovender

July 30th: Dianne Taylor



With Your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior, bless them all, we humbly pray; our dear heavenly Father's love and favor be their comfort every day. May God's Spirit now in each proceeding favor them with His most gracious leading; thus, shall they be truly blessed both in labor and in rest. Amen.

The Starfish Story



A Young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean.

“Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?”, the young man asks.

“Because the sun is up and the tide is going out, and if I don’t throw them further, they will die.”, the old man responds.

“But, old man, don’t you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish along it!? You can’t possibly save them all. You can’t even save one tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won’t make any difference at all.”

The old man listened calmly, and then bent down to pick up another starfish, and threw it back into the sea.

“It made a difference to that one.”

