

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV

**Wednesday Morning Prayer & Care Group** - At 11:00 AM, every Wednesday morning, the congregation is invited to meet with the pastor for a time of praying for the concerns of the church. Join us during this journey together each week.

**Prayer Requests** via our website under **CARE** [kernstownumc.org/prayer-request](http://kernstownumc.org/prayer-request). This mailbox is checked two times daily. When a request is received, it is sent to the Knee-Mail and phone group, or you can email your prayer request directly to [prayer@kernstownumc.org](mailto:prayer@kernstownumc.org).

Dec. 4: Zachary; Peggy Baker (*Brianna's grandmother*); Bennie Baker; Frank & Ashley Moore; Russ Fitch; Scott Keeler; Austin Madigan; Carl & Carla; Bret & Christine; Connie; Sara Watts; Julie Dodson; Kay McDonald; Suzanne Conklin; Russ Conklin & family; Deborah Colburn; CJ Castro; Pastor Bill; Judy Smith; Glenn Maddox; those who have lost loved ones; Stephanie; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Simon Newlin; Audrey Dorton & family; Wilsons; Walkers; people that are grieving; Cathy Richard; Phil Shobe; Ron Mumaw; my parents; Jean Rowe; Cheryl Spurr; Scott Tumblin; Dianna Sponaule; Teresa Sponaule; Ben Walker; Doug & Denise Wright; Deanna Wells, Mark Wells; the world; Ann & Will Rodgers; June & Nate Windle; new neighbors; Ursula; Amanda & husband; Betty; Bud; Pat; Tom Park; Don Cook (*friend of Sherry Ford*); thanks for friends, family, beauty and hope; Megan); Mary; Jen; Peggy; Cathy, Susan Wills

COVID - Frederick County continues to be LOW but Winchester is in **MEDIUM** transmission, per CDC & VA Health Dept on 12/1.

**Today's Lay Ministries** Lay Leader: Cathy Richard; Scripture Reader: Cathy Lichvar; Call to Worship: Fred & Marie Cheshire; Greeters: Kevin & Barb Mosser; Counters: Roger Hill & Brian Henshaw  
**Scriptures:** Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 1:46-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

### Calendar

<b>Sun., Dec. 11 ~ <i>New Member Sunday</i></b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Senior Santa ( <i>unwrapped</i> ) gifts due 9:00 New Member Orientation 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship <b>Monday, December 12</b> Staff Lunch (offsite) <b>Tuesday, December 13</b> UWF Lunch Italian Delight <i>Stephens City</i> 12-4 Bridge ( <i>fellowship hall</i> ) <b>7:00 Church Council</b> ( <i>fellowship hall</i> ) <b>Wednesday, December 14</b> 9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer & Care ( <i>f.hall</i> ) <i>All Invited</i>	<b>Wednesday, December 14, cont'd.</b> 5:30 TOPS 7:00 Choir <b>Thursday, December 15</b> 8:30 TOPS ( <i>fellowship hall</i> ) <b>Sat., Dec. 17</b> 10:00 Choir 10:00 Jubilee Kitchen <b>Sun., Dec. 18 ~ Cantata ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship <b>Dec. 18 Lay Ministers:</b> Announcements: Lisa Dawson; Reader: Carolyn Carney; CtW: Mary Anton; Greeters: Gary & Loretta Lantz; Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Cathy Richard
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Please know that ALL children are **ALWAYS welcome** to attend our entire church service in the sanctuary. We offer an optional short **Children's** Church program during Sunday worship.

## New Member Sunday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### Unrevealed Until Its Season

10:20 a.m. Worship Service

December 11, 2022



**Rev. Gary Heaton**

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Prelude	David Landrum
Ring of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Lay Leader
*Call to Worship	Fred & Marie Cheshire

We light the third candle of Advent. We look to the One You sent, to point us to Your light.

**The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.**

We have known people who have challenged us and called us into God's light. They seem called by God to prepare us for a deeper LOVE.

**God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent of their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the One Who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God's LOVE and a joyful new beginning.**

I would like to share with you about how God was revealed unexpectedly to me....

*Hymn	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	<b>UMH 240</b>
Lighting of Altar Candles		<b>Sam Henshaw</b>
Reception of New Members		

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Lesson	Luke 1:46-55	Cathy Lichvar
Response to the Word	<i>Sing Gloria</i>	KUMC Chancel Choir
Offering and Children's Church	<b>Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Verse 3)</b>	

**Down in a lowly stable, the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn. Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

Prayers of the People & Congregational Prayer Rev. Heaton

**As we journey through Your Advent, O Lord, give us steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward; unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out; upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know You, diligence to seek You, wisdom to find You, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT.)**

Hymn	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	UMH 220
Sermon	“God Makes a Way; Angels Show the Way; Jesus Is the Way” Isaiah 35: 1 - 10	Rev. Heaton

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Supper		
*Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	<b>UMH 238</b>
*The Benediction		Rev. Heaton

\*Choral Benediction                      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*  
    *Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.*  
    *Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.*  
    *O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

Postlude David Landrum

(\*Please stand as able) CCLI # 11408803

## Announcements

This morning **we welcome** Pamela Martin and Dan & Suzanne Conklin. Their contact information is in the green paper directories in the narthex. Please introduce yourself and get to know your new church families.

**Who's Who in The Pew - Member Attendance & Visitor Info** - Please fill out the card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, please include your contact info and any requests. These are also used for any COVID contact tracing if needed and so we know that you're aware of our posted protocols.

**Council** meets this coming week, please see the calendar on the back for other dates.

**Children's Encounter** (Sunday School) is being offered upstairs in Room 2. The curriculum is aimed at ages 3-8, but 9-year-olds are welcome to attend. Parents drop off children at 9:00 am & pick them up at 10:00 am. There will be no class on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

The **Children's Church program** continues as an option. Parents bring their children into the worship service with them. After the offering, Miss Vickie and Miss Beth will lead the children to the first-floor classroom for story, song, prayer, and fun. Children will be returned to their parents in the sanctuary before communion. Parents always have the option of keeping their children with them in the sanctuary: all children are welcome in our worship services.

**David Landrum**, at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, is offering "Christmas Spectacular" a holiday musical this season. A flyer is available in the narthex for more information about tickets, times, and menu.

**Advent Devotionals** - Daily Advent devotional readings from the Society of St. Andrew are in the narthex for each family to take a copy home. We can look forward to the season of Advent, the preparation, the waiting, and the anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Savior's birth. How do we prepare though? We prepare our home with lighted trees and decorations, and colorful presents; but how do we prepare our spiritual hearts? This daily devotional will help "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

### Reach & Serve updates:

- UWF Christmas Luncheon (off-site): Tuesday, December 13, at 11:00 at the Italian Delight in Stephens City (Dutch treat). Invite your spouse or friend to attend with you.
- Jubilee Kitchen, Saturday, December 17, sign up in narthex
- WATTS Dinner on Wednesday, December 28, from 5-9 pm. Sign-up sheet in narthex for food donations and volunteers to assist. This will be at Opequon Presbyterian Church.

## Kernstown UMC Christmas Dates

Sunday, December 18 @ 10:20 am - Cantata during Sunday Worship  
Sat., Dec. 24 @ 7 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/communion in sanctuary  
Sat., Dec. 24 @ 11 pm - Campfire Christmas Eve in parking lot  
Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 10:20 am - Come as You Are Christmas Day Worship Service