

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. 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.

Dec. 11: Mary Walker; William Ford (*Dave & Sherry's grandson*); Mary; Phyllis; Deanna Wells; Mark Wells; Mason & Danielle to come to worship with us; Christian workers around the world; my parents; Vladimir Putin; Megan; Jacob; Luke; thanks for hope, beauty, new & old friends; Robbie; thanks for grandchildren; Allan & Greg Rodgers; Bud; Pat; Kaden & Greysin; Jane Parrish; Anne Dunlap; Sage; Sarah; Amanda; Kathy; Dorton family; our world; Susan Wills; Bob; Susie Summers & family; Wilsons; Walkers; Suzanne Conklin; Russell Conklin & family; Deborah Colburn; Stephanie & Drew; Peggy Cathys; Nellie; Al & June; Stephanie (*prayer of thanks*); Robin Orndorff; Zachary; Donna; Jay's family; homeless; June & Nate W; Dusti P; Judy G; Teresa & Deanna Sponaule; Scott & Bill Tumblin; Joan Rowe; Dawna Wilson; Kenny Wilson

COVID - Frederick County continues to be LOW but Winchester is in **MEDIUM** transmission, per CDC & VA Health Dept on 12/9.

Today's Lay Ministries Greeting: Lisa Dawson; Reader: Pamela Martin; CTW: Mary Anton; Greeters: Gary & Loretta Lantz; Counters: Lorraine Shelton & JR Richard

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Calendar

Sun., Dec. 18 ~ Cantata, 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship Tuesday, December 20 12-4 Bridge (<i>fellowship hall</i>) Wednesday, December 21 9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer & Care (<i>f.hall</i>) All Invited 5:30 TOPS Thursday, December 22 8:30 TOPS (<i>fellowship hall</i>)	Friday, December 23 Office Closed Sat., Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve 7:00 Candlelight Service Sanctuary 11:00 Campfire & Carols, Parking Lot Sunday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day 10:20 Come as you are Worship Service **No Encounter or Sunday School Dec. 25 Lay Ministers: Lay Leader: Cathy Richard; Reader: Brian Henshaw; Greeters: Roger & Susan Hill Counters: Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton
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Kernstown UMC Christmas Dates

Sat., Dec. 24 @ 7 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/communion
Sat., Dec. 24 @ 11 pm - Campfire Christmas Eve in parking lot (weather permitting)
Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 10:20 am - Come as You Are Christmas Day Worship Service



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 worship. Parents bring their children into the worship service with them. After the offering, Miss Vickie & 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.

Cantata & 4th Sunday of Advent



Unrevealed Until Its Season

10:20 a.m. Worship Service



December 18, 2022

Rev. Gary Heaton

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Prelude	David Landrum
Ringling of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Lisa Dawson
*Call to Worship	Mary Anton
<i>L:</i> O God, we light the fourth candle of Advent hearing Your angel Gabriel and witnessing the faith of Mary. Fill us with your PEACE and light.	
P: We recall the times we have struggled and known when God has filled us and our world with Peace.	
<i>L:</i> Mary was a young, strong, spiritual woman. Even though her life was not easy, she heard God's voice and said yes. Her song was a prayer that would uplift those who were downtrodden. Her lyrics shattered the proud and called the world to change. She would bear within her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World. This Advent, we respond to God's promise of peace.	
P: Revealing God, visit us and fill us with Your Spirit. Bring Your Good News to life within us. Give us courage to carry Your light into the injustices and shadows of this world. Amen.	

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

*Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

UMH 250

Lighting of Altar Candles **Sam Henshaw**
Scripture Lesson Romans 1:1-7 Pamela Martin
Prayers of the People & Congregational Prayer Rev. Heaton

Almighty God, Light of the World, You caused light to shine out of darkness in the Advent of Jesus our Christ; You constantly open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in Your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.

Communion Meditation “The God of Wait” Rev. Heaton
Matthew 1:18-25

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, Offering & Children’s Church

Proclamation “Miracle in a Manger” KUMC Chancel Choir

Hallelujah, He Is Born!
Miracle in a Manger
Holding Her Baby Boy, Soloist: Kelly Henshaw
Christ in Us
The Greatest Gift
Chancel Choir Director: Kelly Henshaw; Director of Music Ministries/Pianist: David Landrum



*Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **UMH 196**
*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

Sing-A-Long - on the front of your pew card under “what church leaders need to know,” write down your favorite Christmas song or hymn so we can sing them next Sunday - Christmas Day!

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.



2022 C-CAP Donations

Given in Honor of our grandchildren, Aria, Ryan & Ashton by Vicki Adams
Given in Honor of my loving wife, Vicki, by Don Adams
Given in Honor of our daughter, Kim DeHaven & Family by Gary & Loretta Lantz
Given in Memory of my parents, Golden & Kathleen Landis by Vicky L. Maphis
Given in Memory of Hugh & Emogene Martin by Pamela Martin
In Memory of Vernon & Virginia Wells and Steve & Frances Hawes by Steve & Karen Wells
Given in Honor of our Church Staff by Steve & Cheryl Spurr



2022 Poinsettia Donations

Given in Memory of Harley & Anna Adams by Vauda Gay Adams
Given in Memory of my parents, Bruce & Lorene Shewbridge, by Carolyn Carney
Given in Memory of Marshall Carper by Jo Anne Carper and family
Given in Memory of Alfred & Freddie Chapman and Norman & Margaret Tisinger by Jerry & Judy Chapman
Given in Memory of Charles & Betty Barr and Fred & Dolly Cheshire by Freddie & Marie Cheshire
Given in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Prosser & Mary Brown Cooper by Barbara Cooper
Given in Memory of Don Bailey, Sr., Bill Ford, and Shirley Bailey and In Honor of Bobbie Ford & Lucy Bailey by Dave & Sherry Ford
Given in Honor of the Glory of God by Roger & Susan Hill
Given in Honor of my sister, Sandra L. Waggy by Vicky L. Maphis
Given in Honor of Allan & Gregg Rodgers, W. Allan Rodgers, Jr., and In Memory of Marion “Dudie” Bowers, Tommy Dorton, and Willa Mae & Leroy Rodgers by Ann Rodgers
Given in Honor of Kara, Logan, Diana, Carol, and Brooklyn Spurr (our five grandchildren) by Steve & Cheryl Spurr