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** <u>kernstownumc.org/prayer-request</u>. 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 <u>prayer@kernstownumc.org</u>.

Week of Dec 18: Maria Castro, Mary Kathryn Clark (hospital); Kelly; Megan; Love & Peace to All; Blaine & Susan; Vicky; my parents; Charles Funkhouser; Margaret Oates; Barbara Funkhouser; Ben Walker; Beckwith family; Karen Mitchell; Bud & Pat; Connie; Susan Wills; Dorton family; our world; Harry Bowen; Hugh Martin, Jr.; Stephanie; Sarah Gordon; Madonna Sponaugle; McKenna; family of Kathy Adams; Robin Orndorff; those traveling this upcoming week; thanks for our choir & its music ministry; Mark Wells; Deanna Wells; those who are sick; June & Nate W.; Judy G.; Doug & his family; Andy Keeler; Scott & Dannette Keeler; Bennie Baker; Dan Hammond family; Chuck & Sonya May family; Allen, Gregg, Beau & Dee Rodgers; Ukraine; Len; Sherry; Tom; Eleanor; Pastor Peter Kosolo; Mumias; Kenya; Carlin Afide; Mary; family of Thomas Jerry Bennett (Barbara Hoover's brother)

Care Facilities: Consulate H/C: Connie Mitchell (PA); Lynn Care: Rosalie Wehn; Marilyn Stelzl (112A); Mt. Vernon: Virginia Ebbs; Search Group Home: Steven Dobbin; Spring Arbor: Lloyd Henry (210); Marietta Lipscomb (239); Jean Snider (144); Sunrise at Bon Air: Irene Gates (205); W/C: Linda Sullivan (30) Barbara Wise; Military: Douglas Castro; 2LT Jared Castro; CPO Tiffany McMahan; LTC Tom Crowley; CDR Robert Littman; Other: Clay Knick; Gordons; Jeanne Newlin & Janie Slater; Peggy Gillich, her great-grandson, Lawton, & granddaughter; Missionaries: Gregg & Jayne Yarian; Pr. Michael & Lupe Geiss

COVID – Fred. Co.& Winchester are both LOW transmission, per CDC & VaHD 12/15.

Christmas Eve Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus: 11-14; Luke 2:1-20
Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:20 Worship Service

Dec. 25 Lay Ministers: Lay Leader: Cathy

Richard; Reader: Brian Henshaw;

Greeters: Roger & Susan Hill; Counters: Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton

Monday, December 26 Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 Office Closed

12-4 Bridge (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 28

11:00 Prayer & Care (f.hall) All Invited 5:00 WATTS dinner volunteers at OPC

5:30 TOPS

Thursday, December 29

8:30 TOPS (fellowship hall)

Friday, December 30 Office Closed Sunday, January1~New Year's Day

10:20 Worship Service

Jan. 25 Lay Ministers:

Lay Leader: Cathy Richard;

Reader, Greeters & Counters tbd:

Upcoming:

Jan. 09 Undecorate sanctuary.

Jan. 10 UWF, SPPRC, Reach & Serve

Jan. 11 Worship & Wonder

Jan. 12 Staff Meeting, Trustees

Jan. 17 Care & Connect

Jan. 18 Service of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan. 23 Staff Retreat

Jan. 26 Church Council



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.

Christmas Eve



Unrevealed Until Its Season

7:00 p.m. Worship Service



December 24, 2022

Rev. Gary Heaton

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* All who are able, please stand, bold print - all respond

Prelude

Greeting

*Opening Hymn

The First Noel

UMH 245

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Leader: The mystery is of the Messiah has now been revealed.

People: For a Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His

shoulders.

Leader: And He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince

of Peace.

People: He will establish and uphold justice and righteousness

Leader: God's love will redeem through service and sacrifice and humility.

All: Our salvation is incarnate in the Life, Teaching, Suffering, Death and

Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

*Hymn Joy to the World UMH 246

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Response to the Word Strange Way to Save the World Steve Wells

*Offering Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Verse 1) UMH 251

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

*Prayer of Preparation Christmas UMH 231

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ You gave Yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, He may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to Whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Hymn of Promise (lyrics by David Landrum) Words on screen

Now we gather to sing carols and to light the candles too. We gather for the Baby Who was born for me and you He would die for all our sins and give hope eternally Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There were shepherds from the meadows.

There were wise men from afar.

They were guided by the angels.

They were guided by a star.

And they found a little Baby, but a Savior He would be Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There are gifts. They're wrapped in paper,
Topped with ribbons and with bows,
There's a gift that's so much better than a single one of those.
It's a Baby in a manger, He was born for you and me,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Homily "Unwrapping the Messiah" (Matthew 16: 13-20) Rev. Heaton

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

The Service of Lights

Special Music O Holy Night David Landrum, Handbells and Karen Wells, Piano *Hymn Silent Night, Holy Night UMH 239

*The Benediction

Postlude

(*Please stand as able) CCLI#11408803

Announcements

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.

New Members - Our next New Member Sunday is February 19. Orientation will be at 9:15 on January 29, February 5, and 12 in the Pastor's study. See Rev. Heaton with any questions.

Readers & Greeters for 2023 - If you would like to read scripture or be a greeter, please sign up in the narthex. We will send you a reminder, questions, see Susan Hill.

Poinsettia - If you ordered a poinsettia, please take it home today or deliver it.

Worship & Wonder will be undecorating the church on Saturday, January 7, at 9 am. If you are available, we could use the help.

WATTS Dinner on December 28. Drop off donations to the fellowship hall at 10. Helpers and servers will meet at Opequon at 5 pm.

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 & 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.

January 8 Service will be celebrating Wesley Covenant and we will be recognizing our new leaders for 2023. Please mark your calendar and join us.

Rev. Gary and Beth Heaton are grateful for all the cards and gifts from the Kernstown church family. We pray God's blessing on you and yours. Merry Christmas.

I am blessed to be a part of this KUMC family; Thank you for the gift! Blessings, ♥Pam.

Kernstown UMC Christmas Services

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

Merry Christmas!