

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV

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.

Nov. 27: Megan; Sylva; Jen; Mark & Deanna Wells; Stephanie Chapman; Dr. Duvee; Mary; Linda Boyce family; Jean Rowe; the homeless, sick, persons in military & hospital; Connie; Julie Dodson; Jane; Kay McDonald; Bennie Baker; Ashley & Frank Moore; Austin Madigan; Kevin Owens; Danny Oates; the UMC; our nation; our world; Ukraine; Dorton family; Patty DeHaven & family; Bruce & Hilda Lambert; Audrey Dorton, Wilsons; Walkers; Cathy Richard; Dusti; Judy; Trudy; June & Nate Windle; the Barnetts; Chris; Ann; Kaitlin; Sage; Sarah; Amanda Bentley; Hannah Gibson; Lee Lichvar; WATTS; thanks for anniversaries; victims; Robbie; thanks for friends, family, sunshine, hope & rain; Dee; Len; Danny; Burris; Sherry; Tom, Allan & Gregg Rodgers; young people; Donna Wilson; Karen; Simon Newlin
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

Winchester & Fred. Co. are LOW on community transmission level, Per CDC on 11/17.

Today's Lay Ministries: Lay Leader: Cathy Richard; Scripture Reader: Steve Ayers; Call to Worship: Suzanne & Dan Conklin; Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis; Counters: Gary Lantz & Carolyn Carney

Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Calendar

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| Sunday, Dec 4.~ 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 New Member Class 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship Tuesday, December 6 11-4 Christmas Lunch & Bridge (f. hall) 6:30 Trustees (new date) (f. hall) 7:00 SPPRC (new date) (DeMoya Rm.) Wednesday, December 7 9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer & Care (f. hall) All Invited 5:30 TOPS 6:00 Bells Canceled 7:00 Choir | Thursday, December 8 8:30 TOPS (fellowship hall) 7:00 Church Council (new date)(f. hall) Sun., Dec. 11 ~ New Member Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent CCAP items & Santa (unwrapped) gifts due 9:00 Encounter (Sunday School) 10:20 Worship Dec. 11 Lay Ministers: Lay Leader: Cathy Richard; Reader: Cathy Lichvar; CTW: tbd; Greeters: Kevin & Barb Mosser; Counters: Roger Hill & Brian Henshaw |
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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.

2nd Sunday of Advent



Unrevealed Until Its Season

10:20 a.m. Worship Service

December 4, 2022



Rev. Gary Heaton

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| Prelude | David Landrum |
| Ring of the Bell | Sam Henshaw |
| Greeting /Announcements | Lay Leader |
| *Call to Worship | Suzanne & Dan Conklin |

O God, we light the second candle of Advent. We seek Your Justice, both mighty and tender. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by You.

Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain.

God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock. This Advent, we seek such a God.

Saving God, look upon Your world and heal Your land and Your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as You are. Amen.

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

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| *Hymn | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> | UMH 211 |
| Lighting of Altar Candles | | Sam Henshaw |
| Scripture Lesson | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Steve Ayers |
| Response to the Word | <i>African Star Carol</i> | KUMC Chancel Choir |
| Offering and Children’s Church | Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Verse 2) | UMH 251 |
| | The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Savior’s birth. 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 |
| Almighty and everlasting God, architect of this world and all others: we know You had a vision for all Your creation to dwell together. With the creatures of the air, earth, and sea, You long for us to live in respect and justice with one another. We gather this morning, understanding that we have denied You that desire. We have fallen short of the aspiration You have that divine love would indwell our hearts. We ask You to help us use who we are and what we have to heal this abused and broken world. In Christ, our Savior. Amen. | | |
| Hymn | <i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i> | UMH 236 |
| Sermon | “A Knot That Will Not Slip ” | Rev. Heaton |
| | Matthew 3:1-12 | |
| 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>There's a Song in the Air</i> | UMH 249 |
| *The Benediction | | Rev. Heaton |
| *Choral Benediction | <i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i> | |
| | <i>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.</i> | |
| Postlude | | David Landrum |

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 Class - Our New Member Sunday is next week, Sunday, December 11. Orientation classes will be today at 9:00. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Heaton or call the church office. This class is open to everyone.

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.

Council, Trustees & SPPRC all meet this coming week, please see the calendar on the back for these special called or new dates. Thank you for your leadership!

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 and pick them up at 10:00 am. There will be no class on Dec. 25.

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.

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:

- *Be A Santa To A Senior* tags are on the tree, gifts due Sunday, 12/11. Tape the tag to your box or bag with the unwrapped gifts and place them under the tree.
- CCAP Christmas items due Sunday, December 11 (new date)
- UWF Christmas Luncheon (off-site): Tuesday, December 13th 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

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