Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12

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.

<u>Dec 25:</u> Kelly; Gary Adams; Joe; Emma; Emerson; Jane; Megan; Josh; Mary Kathryn Clark; Susan Wills; Cathy Richard; travelers; Robin Orndorff; Suzanne Conklin; Bennie Baker; Frank Moore; Russell Perry; Fitch family; homeless; Ukraine; our government & military; Ryly Gingles & girlfriend; Crystal Vines; Lisa Dawson; Carolyn Carney

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

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; the 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; Thomas Jerry Bennett family (Barb Hoover's brother)

COVID UPDATE – Community transmission rate for Fred. Co.& Winchester are both **MEDIUM**, CDC 12/22.

Scriptures for the Week: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12 and Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Gal. 4:4-7; Philippians: 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-2

Calendar

Sunday, January 1~New Year's Day

10:20 Worship Service

Greeters: Barbara Cooper & Doris Miller Counters: Roger Hill & Brian Henshaw

Tuesday, January 3

12-4 Bridge (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, January 4

9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs)

11:00 Prayer & Care (f.hall) Áll Invited

5:30 TOPS (DeMoya Rm.)

6:00 Bells

7:00 Choir

Thursday, January 5

8:30 TOPS (fellowship hall)

Saturday, January 7

9:00 Undecorate Church

Sunday, January 8~ Wesley Covenant Service

9:00 Encounter/Sunday School

10:20 Worship Service

Jan 8. Counters: Gary & Carolyn

Upcoming:

Jan. 10 UWF, SPPRC, Reach & Serve/Educate & Equip

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

Announcements (continued)

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.

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.



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.



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

January 1, 2023



Rev. Gary Heaton

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Prelude

David Landrum

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting /Announcements

Lighting of Altar Candles

Sam Henshaw

*Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

UMH 254
Sam Henshaw

*Call to Worship

Rev. Erbach

For everything there is a season:

And a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die.

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

A time to weep and a time to laugh.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything suitable for its time.

God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.

God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before Him.

Whatever God does endures forever.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Cathy Lichvar

Response to the Word

Offering This Is the Day UMH 657
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that
the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, and be glad
in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has
made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Erbach

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Erbach

Gracious God, as we gather this morning, leaving the old year behind us and looking to the new, we offer the strides as well as the struggles up to You. We gather to give You both our hopes and our fears and ask that the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and our lives today as we worship. Grant us each the strength to sing our sing, to pray our prayer, and to listen for the Word that will drive our fears away and move us to offer praise and thanksgiving. Inspire us today we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation Morning Has Broken UMH 145
Sermon "The Promise" Rev. Erbach
(Galatians 3:14-22)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At His ascension, You exalted Him to sit and reign with You at Your right hand. On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Renew our communion

with Your Church throughout the world and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in Your name. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH 383

*The Benediction

Rev. Heaton

*Choral Benediction Grace, Love, and Fellowship
May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God,
our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.
May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God,
our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us
forever, and ever, forever more. Amen.

Postlude

David Landrum

(*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 & 12 in the Pastor's study. See Rev. Heaton with any questions.

Readers & Greeters - If you would like to read scripture or be a greeter, please sign up in the narthex or online. Questions, call Susan Hill or the office.

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

Next week, January 8, our service will be celebrating Wesley Covenant and we will be recognizing our new leaders for 2023. Please join us.