

*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).

**Jan. 1:** Mary; Bob; Sage; Sarah; Amanda; Aaron; Kathy; Susan; Rose H; Beverly C.; Jean H.; my parents; Dorton family; Mary Kathryn Clark; Sharon & George Teets; our World; Drew & Stephanie; Bri; Gary Yost; Joy Nesselrodt; Sandra L Waggy (*Vicky's L. sister*); those who are grieving; Becky Cather; Kay McDonald; Denny Lee; thanks for warmth, hope, family & friends; Billy Eyles; Mary Kathryn Clark; Gary Yost; Tom & Sue Chicca (*Steve Spurr's sister and brother-in-law*); Helen Spurr (*Steve Spurr's mother*); Mary Ann Parker (*David's grandmother*); Praises: Julie; Jim Markley will be 90 on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

**Dec 25:** 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

**Condolences:** Family of Irene Gates passed on 12/20/22

**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); *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 Update - Community transmission rate for Fred. Co.& Winchester are both **MEDIUM**, CDC 12/29

**Scriptures for the Week:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

**Lay Ministers:** Lay Leader: Cathy Richard;

1/8 Reader: Greeters: Maria Castro & Carolyn Sibert

1/8 Counters: Gary Lantz & Carolyn Carney

1/15 Reader: Greeters: Maria Castro & open slot

1/15 Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Cathy Richard

### Calendar

Sunday, January 8~ Wesley Covenant Service

9:00 Encounter/Sunday School

10:20 Worship Service

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 UWF (*f.hall*) All women invited

12-4 Bridge (*fellowship hall*)

6:00 SPPRC (*DeMoya Rm.*)

7:00 Reach & Serve/Educate & Equip (*f.hall*)

Wednesday, January 11

9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs)

2:00 Worship & Wonder (*f.hall*)

5:30 TOPS (*DeMoya Rm.*)

6/7 Bells/Choir

Thursday, January 12

8:30 TOPS (*fellowship hall*)

11:00 Staff Meeting

7:00 Trustees **note new time**

Saturday, January 14 Crafting all day f.hall

Sunday, January 15

9:00 Encounter/Sunday School

10:20 Worship Service

### Upcoming:

Jan.17 Newsletter Deadline; Care & Connect 10:30 new time

Jan.18 Service of Prayer for Christian Unity 11:00

### 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.

**UWF** meeting on Tues., Jan.10, at 10:00 in fellowship hall. Program is Installation of Officers. All women invited.

**Children's Encounter** (Sunday School) is upstairs now in Room 3 at 9:00.



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.



### Wesley Covenant Service

10:20 a.m. Worship Service

January 8, 2023



Rev. Gary Heaton

Ringling of the Bell Sam Henshaw  
Greeting /Announcements Lay Leader  
\*Opening Hymn **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** UMH 240  
Lighting of Altar Candles Sam Henshaw  
\*Call to Worship **The Apostles' Creed** UMH 881  
Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Bob Wilson  
Response to the Word *God Is Doing Something New* Choir  
Offering & Children's Church  
*In All Things Give Him Thanks*  
*And in all things give Him thanks, and in all things let your gratitude shine through. And in all things give Him thanks.*  
*For He has given all things unto you.* (repeat)  
Prayers of the People Rev. Heaton

**O God, Searcher of all our hearts, You have formed us as a people and claimed us for Your own. As we come to acknowledge Your sovereignty and grace, and to enter into a new covenant with You, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let Your Spirit impress Your Truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

\*Hymn of Preparation

***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

UMH 57

Sermon Text

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Heaton

Sermon

*“Baptism, a Means of Grace”*

Rev. Heaton

**COVENANT SERVICE**

**INVITATION**

Commit yourselves to Christ as His servants.  
Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him.  
Christ has many services to be done.  
Some are more easy and honorable,  
    others are more difficult and disgraceful.  
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,  
    others are contrary to both.  
In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves.  
But then there are other works where we cannot please  
    Christ except by denying ourselves.  
It is necessary, therefore,  
    that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.  
Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:  
**Let me be Your servant, under Your command.**  
**I will no longer be my own.**  
**I will give up myself to Your will in all things.**  
Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.  
**Lord, make me what You will.**  
**I put myself fully into Your hands:**  
    **put me to doing, put me to suffering,**  
    **let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You,**

**let me be full, let me be empty,**  
**let me have all things, let me have nothing.**  
**I freely and with a willing heart**  
**give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.**  
Beloved, confirm this by a holy covenant.  
First, set apart some time, more than once,  
    to be spent alone before the Lord;  
    in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and  
        gracious acceptance of you;  
    in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the  
        covenant;  
    in searching your hearts whether you have already freely  
        given your life to Christ.  
Consider what your sins are.  
**I freely confess my sins and trust in God's grace alone.**  
Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual  
    they are, and whether you, after having carefully  
        considered them, are willing to choose them all.  
    **I will, God as my helper.**  
Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and  
    reverence.  
**I will, God as my helper.**  
Third, claim God's covenant,  
    rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength,  
    so you can keep your promise.  
Trust not your own strength and power.  
**I will, God as my helper.**  
Fourth, resolve to be faithful.  
    You have given to the Lord your hearts,  
        you have opened your mouths to the Lord,  
        and you have dedicated yourself to God.  
    With God's power, never go back.  
**O God, You know that I make this covenant with You**  
**today without guile or reservation.**  
**If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me**  
**to set it aright.**  
**And now, glory be to You, O God the Father,**  
    **Whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my**  
    **God and Father.**

**Glory be to You, O God the Son,**  
    **Who have loved me and washed me from my sins in**  
    **Your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer.**  
**Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit,**  
    **Who by Your almighty power have turned my heart**  
    **from sin to God.**  
**O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and**  
**Holy Spirit,**  
    **You have now become my Covenant Friend.**  
**And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your**  
    **covenant servant.**  
**So be it.**  
And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in  
    heaven.

*(All) Amen.*

Pastoral Pray and 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

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

UMH 384

\*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

