

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 Concerns 3/12** – Del Larrick (*Nancy Tisinger's granddaughter husband*); Cullen Franklin; Connie; Kay McDonald; Becky Cather; Denny Lee; Simone Poulin; Tina Spencer; Noah; Jeff & Lisa Beaver; Peg Baker; Mae Kump family; Ann & Will Rodgers & family; CJ Castro, Jared Castro (*deployment*); Sue Corenett; Bernie Baker; Frank Moore; Ashley Moore; Ted Morgan, Joe & JoAnn Patterson; McLain/Ross families; Linda Rotruck; Audrey Dorton family; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Jane Thomas; the Wilsons; Mary Walker; Tina & Shane Weagley; Joan Dodson; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Doc Madagan; Amy Frank Haines & boys; Paulette Zottig; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Doug & Nora Seabright; Sonya Hess & family; our world; Sandy Dunkle; Pastor Gary; work of our church; firefighter in Chicago; Lucy Bailey (Sherry Ford's stepmother); thanks for friends & all our blessings; Annie & Emily; Lisa Yowell; Cathy & JR; my parents; Laban Sadtler; Christina Petty; Julie Barron

**Hospital:** Ann Rodgers; **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); *Military:* Douglas Castro; 1LT Jared Castro; CPO Tiffany McMahan; LTC Tom Crowley; CDR Robert Littman; *Other:* Clay Knick; Jeanne Newlin & Janie Slater; Peggy Gillich, *her great-grandson*, Lawton, & granddaughter; *Missionaries:* Gregg & Jayne Yarian; Pr. Michael & Lupe Geiss

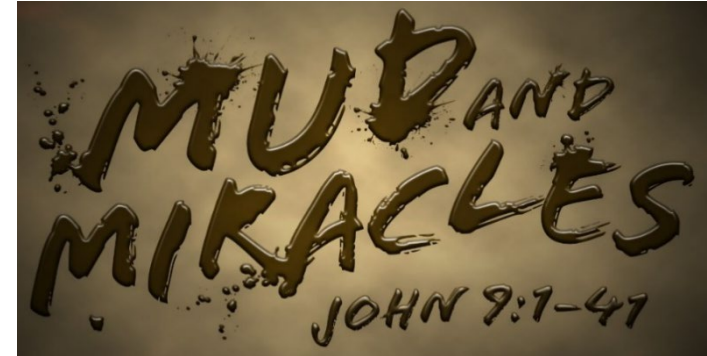
### Calendar

<b>Sun., March 19 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> UMCOR Sunday, CCAP donations due 9:00 New Member Class & Encounter 10:20 Worship Rev. Wells preaching <i>After worship</i> SPPRC <i>After worship</i> Birthday Covered Dish Luncheon Greeters: Vicki Maphis & Judy Chapman Counters: Lorraine Shelton & JR Richard <b>Monday, March 20</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>Tuesday, March 21</b> <b>10:00 Care &amp; Connect</b> ( <i>fellowship hall</i> ) 12-4 Bridge ( <i>fh</i> ) <b>2:00 Worship &amp; Wonder</b> ( <i>DeMoya Room</i> ) <b>Wednesday, March 22</b> 9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer & Care ( <i>fellowship hall</i> ) 5:30 TOPS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	<b>Thursday, March 23</b> 8:30 TOPS ( <i>fellowship hall</i> ) <b>7:00 Church Council</b> <b>Sat., March 25</b> 10:00 Choir <b>Sun., March 26 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 New Member Class 9:00 Encounter Easter Flower orders due 10:20 Worship with <b>Cantata</b> Greeters: Carole Ay & Kris Pine Counters: Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton <b>Upcoming:</b> 4/2 Palm Sunday; 4/6 Maundy Thursday Service; 4/7 Good Friday Prayer Vigil & Good Friday Worship Service; 4/9 Easter Sunrise 6:15 OPC & KUMC Easter Sunday Worship 10:20
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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.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



### 10:20 a.m. Worship Service



March 19, 2023

Rev. Gary Heaton

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

Prelude David Landrum

Ring of the Bell Sam Henshaw

Greeting /Announcements

\*Call to Worship JJ Gibbs

Once we walked in darkness, but Christ calls us into the light.

**We are called to live as children of light, abiding in all that is good and right and true.**

Once we stumbled from blindness, but God offers guidance for our journey.

**We are called to follow Jesus, bringing light into the world.**

Come, let us open our eyes that we may see with new eyes, the wonderful opportunities God offers us this day!

**\*Hymn** **Open My Eyes, That I May See** **UMH 454**

Lighting of Altar Candles Sam Henshaw

Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9 Danna Doyle

Response to the Word *The Potter's Hand* Chancel Choir

UMCOR and CCAP Dedication Doris Miller, Lisa Dawson, and Steve Wells

**Merciful God, thank You for UMCOR and CCAP which shepherd communities through storms and other disasters. Thank You for preparing a table to nourish the hungry. Thank You for offering green pastures with resting spaces to restore souls and lives. Our cup overflows with abundance. Receive our gifts and transform them into acts of goodness and mercy that alleviate suffering and offer hope and healing to Your people. Amen.**

Offering and Children's Church     *In All Things Give Him Thanks*     JJ Gibbs  
*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  
Congregational Prayer

**Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we “see,” we miss the truths You would teach us. With the poultice of Your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults. Make our “shadow side” known to us and help us to diminish it with the light and refining fire of Your love and grace. When we see ourselves clearly, it is then that we can worship You truly. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**     *Open Our Eyes*     TFWS 2086

Sermon     *Mud and Miracles*     (John 9: 1-11, 18-21, 24-25, 28, 35-41 NT pg.96)     Rev. Wells

**Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord**  
**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.**  
**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You. I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.**  
**To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy, holy. Holy holy, holy. I want to see You.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer     UMH 895

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion     UMH 15

**\*Hymn**     *Be Thou My Vision*     UMH 451

\*The Benediction

\*Choral Benediction     *May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You*  
**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness; protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

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 Class PLUS** - Our next New Member Sunday is April 9, 2023. Orientation classes will be **today**, March 19, 26 & April 2 at 9:00 in the pastor's office. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Heaton or call the office. This class is also open to anyone who wants to learn about the United Methodist Church and belong to Kernstown UMC. It is a good opportunity to learn and share about Methodism and the church. If you are already a member and want to brush-up on your Wesleyan spirituality or have questions about current events in the life of the church; please come to this open forum.



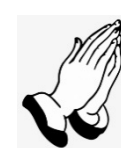
Our **Youth** want to meet you: Youth Encounter is looking for new people in our congregation to meet at Starbucks on Pleasant Valley Road in Winchester on Sunday mornings at 9. If you did not get a chance to talk with our youth last year, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA4A728A4FC1-coffee>

Today is **UMCOR Sunday**. See the insert for more information. We will be dedicating the buckets and CCAP food today. We also welcome Rev. Steve Wells to the pulpit.

**Don't forget** next week is our **Lenten Cantata**, an original composition by David Landrum, entitled *Shattered No More*. It is a musical dramatic interpretation of our Lenten theme. It will take place during the worship time at 10:20. Bring a friend.

**LUNCH** - Join us after worship today for Care & Connect's hospitality team's **Covered Dish Birthday Luncheon** and fellowship.

Worship & Wonder will decorate the sanctuary with **Easter flowers** and be taking **CCAP** donations. If you did not get an order form last week, there are extra forms in the narthex. Form and money are due next Sunday, March 26.



**Prayer Vigil 2023** – This year from Good Friday to Easter sunrise, we, as a body of believers at Kernstown UMC, are invited to participate in a prayer vigil—see insert for more information and sign up online for an hour slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAA72FA5F4CF8-prayer> or call Charlie Donohue at 540-450-6038 and she will sign you up. 34 slots!

Calling all **men**. Beginning on Thursday, March 23, 2023 a new men's F3 workout (WALKING Group) will be starting at Sherando Park at 8:00am. Talk to Brian Henshaw for all the details, call 540-247-2589 or e-mail at [f3forgedscva@gmail.com](mailto:f3forgedscva@gmail.com). F3 stands for Fitness-Fellowship- Faith. Come check it out. (See insert for more info.)

*Scriptures for the Week:* 1Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41