

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 5/14* Pat Taylor; Greysin; safe travels for Danny; Lindsey Rickard & all graduates; Annie; Emily; Khloe; Connie; Judy & Jerry Chapman; Bonnie & Denny Lee; Kay McDonald; all mothers; Susan & Roger; Bland & Mandy; Jaeda, Sarah & Caleb; Mary Strosnider; Dan & Suzanne Conklin; Russ Conklin; Sage Betko; Clay Knick; Mark Wells; June & Nate; Dusti; Sandi Wilson; Judy G.; Maxine B; Katie; Sage; Sarah; Amanda; Josh; Kathy; Will, Allan & Gregg Rodgers; Judy Spicer; Nancy Hill; Cookie; Susan Burdette; Jeff; Mondy; Mary; Carlin; Blake; Rev. & Mrs. Wellborne; Rev. & Rev. Haynes; Scott Maphis; Wilsons; my parents; Pat Beckwith & her family; Mike & Sandy; Scott T.; Bill T. & kids; thanks for the UWF spiritual life retreat; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Jane Thomas; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Marilyn Stelzl; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Doc Madagan; Amy Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; Tina & Shane Weagley; Adele Birnbaum; our world; Harper family; Fords; Mary Walker (5/22 surgery)

*Scriptures for the week* Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Pet 4:12-14,5:6-11; John 17:1-11; Ascension Sunday Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

#### Calendar

Sunday, May 21 - Ascension Sunday  
9:00 Encounter (*Upstairs*)  
10:20 Worship  
4:00 Men carpool in KUMC parking lot  
*Greeters:* Charlie Donohoe, Polly Look  
*Counters:* Lorraine Shelton, Brian Henshaw  
Tuesday, May 23  
12-4 Bridge (*f. hall*)  
1 Encounter (*Yellow Rm & Online*)  
Wednesday, May 24  
11:00 Prayer & Care (*f.hall*)  
5:30 TOPS  
7:00 Choir  
Thursday, May 25 8:30 TOPS (*f.hall*)  
Friday, May 26 9:30-2:30 Bridge (*f. hall*)  
Saturday, May 27  
Wedding Rehearsal offsite (Rev. Heaton)  
Sunday, May 28 **Pentecost Wear Red**  
9:00 Encounter (*Yellow Room*)  
10:20 Worship (Coffee Social→)  
*Reader:* Cathy Lichvar  
*Greeters:* Vicki Maphis, Judy Chapman  
*Counters:* Lorraine Shelton, Roy Walker



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.

## The Ascension

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

May 21, 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	Cathy Richard
<b>* Call to Worship</b>	Rev. Heaton

Beloved, let us worship God!

**Let us give praise to God, the One who rides upon the clouds!**

Parent to orphans and Protector of widows,

**God gives the desolate a home and leads the imprisoned into prosperity.**

As God led the Israelites through the wilderness and provided for them,  
**we too find our dwelling in God’s goodness and provision.**  
The Rider in the heavens speaks throughout creation;  
**We gather to listen and ascribe power to God! Awesome is God in the sanctuary of creation! Blessed be God! Amen**

*Hymn	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	UMH 57
Lighting of Altar Candles		Sam Henshaw
Scripture Lesson	John 17:1-11	Danna Doyle
Response to the Word	<i>The Lion and the Lamb</i>	Chancel Choir
Offering and Children's Church	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light. Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.*

Prayers of the People	Rev. Heaton
Congregational Prayer	Rev. Heaton

God of wisdom and guidance, steer us, we pray, through our anxious times. The gifts we bring to worship this day are a small part of all we have received. Help us when we push back our inclination to be more generous because of our anxiety about the economy. We hold back on sharing our faith and advocating for compassion and justice out of anxiety about the division in our world and in our neighborhood. We hold back on inviting neighbors to church out of anxiety about how they might view the church right now. Remind us that it is Jesus we offer to the world, not us. Help us to cast the anxiety on Jesus, for the One the tomb could not hold can carry our anxiety with ease. In the name of Jesus, Who broke the hold of death once and for all. Amen

*Hymn	<i>My Life Flows On ( How Can I Keep from Singing)</i>	TFWS 2212
Sermon	“Sing Like a Bird”	Rev. Heaton
	Acts 1:6-14	

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>I’ll Fly Away</i>	TFWS 2282
*The Benediction		Rev. Heaton
Choral Benediction	<i>Go Now and Live for the Savior</i>	
	<i>Go now and live for the Savior. Go, may this joy be your joy too. Go, may this presence ever guide you. Go, live this life the whole day through.</i>	
Postlude		David Landrum
	(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 11408803	

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*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.

**New Members Class PLUS** - Our next New Member Sunday is June 25, 2023. Orientation classes will be June 4, 11, & 18 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.



**Greeters:** Another greeter is needed for June 11 and one each Sunday, July 16 and 23. Please sign up online or in the narthex. Questions, see Susan Hill. Please consider helping with worship. We appreciate your help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48aaa72fa5f4cf8-greeters#/>

**♪ Summer Music** - The sign-up sheet in the narthex is for special music this summer. It doesn’t just have to be music, it could be an interpretative dance or even slam poetry accompanied by bongos. If you even know someone you would like to feature, that is up for consideration as well. If you have any questions, contact David Landrum.

**VBS** - KUMC Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed. Slots remaining: Registration Helper, Kids Bible Study Lead & Helpers, Crafts Helpers, Music Helpers, Games Lead & Helpers, Little Ones Helpers, Group Leaders, Dinner Cleanup Helpers, & Sound/Video Techs. Dates are **7/16-21** from 5-8:30 pm each evening. We appreciate your willingness to share your talents as we aim to shine the light of Christ in our community! Thank you! Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA4A728A4FC1-kumc1>

**Care and Connect** work area would like to have a birthday card shower for Marilyn Stelzl (5/28), address: c/o Lynn Care Center, 1000 N Shenandoah Ave., #112A, Front Royal, VA 22630.

**Men** - Woodstock Christian Fellowship Men invite the KUMC Men to a time of fun and fellowship on Sunday, May 21, at 5. Meet in the KUMC parking lot at 4 pm. See Pastor Bill Erbach for details.