

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. 20 prayer requests: Ruvimbo & Ayanda Nenge; Dan & Suzanne Conklin; new ministries at Kernstown; David; Emily; more young people 20-40 year olds; Natalie Larrick & Del; Linda Boyce; Carolyn Ash; students, victims & families of UVA & Idaho; Marcy Cormier & family (her sister Loretta passed); Kelly Miller & Susan Covert for passing of Kelly's father (Kelly is Doris & Dwight Miller's daughter-in-law); Sharon & George Teets; our nation & world; Audrey Dorton & family; Brenda Lineburg; Harmon; Sarah; Ashley & Frank Moore; Bennie Baker; Avya Wright; Frank & Carolyn Moore; Wilsons; Walkers; Doug & Stephanie (Dr. Duvee); Krista & Adam; Bud & Pat; Greysin & Kaden; Madison Martin; Scott T; Bill Tumblin & Dianna Sponaule; Cayson Coffman; Lynn (Ruth Folger's friend); Kayla; Amanda; Kim; Courtney; Aaron; Allie; Caden; Landon; CJ Castro; Shobe family; Persuitte family; Froehlich family; Loudoun family; Tammy Look; servicemen & women; Glenda Clayton; my parents; Deanna & Mark Wells; Mike, Sarah & Addison; Allen, Kava & Isabelle Bridge; June & Nate Windle; the Barnetts; Mark; Mable Allen; Dusti; Emily & Gabby; homeless; Gene & Annie Fishel safe travels; Sage; Sarah; Amanda; Mary (legs); Allan, Beau, Gregg & Bailey Rodgers; Ukraine; Sarah Medlock; KUMC; those without family; Connie; Kay McDonald; Julie Dodson; Jane; thanks for good memories; prayers for missing persons families; Sarah; Bruce & Robbie; Sabrina & Serenity Anderson

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

Today's Lay Ministries Lay Leader: Cathy Richard; Reader: Ruth Folger
Advent Candle Lighting & Call to Worship: Roger & Susan Hill
Greeters: Judy Allen & Carole Ay; Counters: Roy Walker & Caroline Fields

Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 27~ 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 New Member Class & Encounter 10:20 Worship 5:00 UWF Lighting Ceremony Tuesday, November 29 12-4 Bridge (fellowship hall) Wednesday, November 30 9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer & Care (f.hall) All Invited 5:30 TOPS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	Thursday, December 1 8:30 TOPS (fellowship hall) Sun., Dec. 4 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 New Member Class 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship Dec. 4 Lay Ministers: Lay Leader: Cathy Richard; Reader: Steve Ayers; CTW: Suzanne Conklin; Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis; Counters: Gary Lantz & Carolyn Carney
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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.

1st Sunday of Advent



10:20 a.m. Worship Service



November 27, 2022

Rev. Gary Heaton

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Prelude	David Landrum
Ring of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Lay Leader
*Call to Worship	Roger & Susan Hill

O God, we light the first candle of Advent affirming the gift of HOPE. We long for You to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

We remember times we longed for God to be our Hope in a seemingly hopeless world.

The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay in the potter's hands. This Advent, we call out to God for HOPE.

Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from You. We ask for Your mercy to reform us in Your image. This Advent, visit us with Your hope, justice, love, and peace. Amen.

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

*Hymn	<i>And Can It Be that I Should Gain</i>	UMH 363
Lighting of Altar Candles		Sam Henshaw
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 2:1-5	Ruth Folger
Response to the Word	<i>The Ash Grove</i>	KUMC Bell Choir

Congregational Response

With God's help, we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Sylva with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

TFWS 2051

Offering and Children’s Church

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Verse 1)

UMH 251

**While shepherds kept their watching, O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light. 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

God of peace and justice, in the past year we have once again witnessed the fruits of war: lives cut short, children made orphans, homes devastated, and hearts broken. We pray to see the day that Isaiah saw in his heart, when swords are pounded into plowshares. These gifts we give this morning, may they be used to make human hearts ready for peace and for the reign of Your Son. In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

Sermon

“A Surprise Gift”

Rev. Larry Lenow

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Response to the Spoken Word

Make Me Your Candle

KUMC Chancel Choir

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

(Please come forward in faith to receive your wrapped gift)

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

*The Benediction

Rev. Heaton

*Choral Benediction

Go Now and Live for the Savior
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.

Postlude

David Landrum

(*Please stand as able) CCLI# 11408803

Welcome The Revs. Larry & Amy Lenow, assisting in worship this morning, are a recently retired clergy couple. They have served the Virginia Conference for thirty-seven years. They are both graduates of The Divinity School of Duke University. Longtime friends of the Heatons, they are delighted to be part of Sylva’s baptism today! Amy is an Ordained Deacon. She has served on staff in Children & Youth Ministry at First UMC, Charlottesville; Messiah UMC, Springfield; Courthouse Community UMC, Virginia Beach and Fredericksburg UMC. A Certified Pastoral Counselor, Amy has also served on the staff of VIP Care. Larry is an Ordained Elder. He has served as Pastor at Trinity UMC, Albemarle; Messiah UMC (Assoc.), Springfield; Courthouse Community UMC, Virginia Beach; Fredericksburg UMC and Trinity UMC, Henrico. Sylva Liv is the granddaughter of Gary & Beth Heaton. Her parents Julie & Joe Dehnert live in State College, Pennsylvania.

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 next New Member Sunday is December 11. Orientation classes will be today and December 4 at 9:00. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Heaton or call the church office. This class is open to everyone.

Encounter Class - Lorraine Shelton will be leading a 6-week Encounter class entitled "You're Not the Boss of Me" by Andy Stanley. It will start after the Hebrews class concludes. Watch for more details.

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.

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 Nov. 27 and 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.”

C-CAP Donations & Poinsettias – due **today**. In celebration of Advent & Christmas, you will be able to order poinsettias &/or donate to C-CAP in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The poinsettias are in a six-inch pot and are available for \$11 per plant. On the easel in the narthex, you will find flyers that you can fill out to order poinsettias or donate to CCAP. Place the completed flyer and your money in the offering basket. Designate on your check whether it is for C-CAP or a poinsettia. All orders & money due today.

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 (sanctuary)
Sat., Dec. 24 @ 11 pm - Campfire Christmas Eve (parking lot)
Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 10:20 am - Come as You Are Christmas Day Worship Service