

Advent & Christmas
at
Kernstown United Methodist Church



for
**Our Journey Through
the Darkness**

Join us as we look for

HOPE & FAITH & LOVE

In the timeless story of the birth of

JESUS

We will be looking to the heavens by searching the stars in the night sky to remind us that the light that shines in the darkness has come to us through our

SAVIOR

December 3| Rev. Heaton - Faith & Science; Our Search for Meaning

December 9, 7:00 pm | St★rg★zing | Opequon Presby.

Parking lot (217 Opequon Ln.)

December 10| Rev. Wells - Preparing for What Is to Come

December 16, 7:00 pm| St★rg★zing Rev. Heaton's Home
(392 Rocky Bluff Rd.)

December 17| Choir Cantata: "Singing in the Dark"

December 24| Rev. Heaton - Christmas Eve Day Facts & Faith

Candlelight Service 7:00 pm

December 31 | Christmas Sunday | Christina & JJ Gibbs

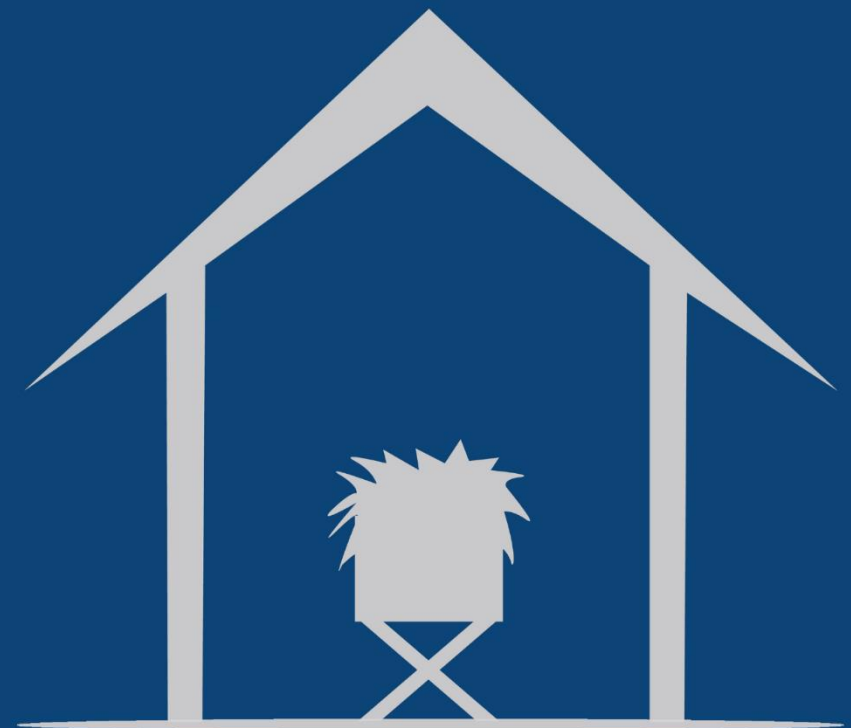
The community is invited to gather for an evening of st★rg★zing through telescopes provided by the Shenandoah Astronomical Society (SAS) whose members will share their interest in the night sky. facebook.com/shenandoahastronomical.

Instructions, Star Charts & Telescopes will be provided, and everyone will be given an opportunity to look through a telescope. The SAS is an amateur club who share experiences and knowledge in their enjoyment of the beauty of the universe.

Come make a unique Christmas memory by joining the magi of old in a journey through the darkness to seek the Light of the World!



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COMMUNITY

ADVENT LUNCHTIME WORSHIP

Kernstown United Methodist Church

Winchester, Virginia

Rev. Gary Heaton, Pastor

Rev. Bertina Westley, Stephens City UMC

Service: Noon

Lunch: 12:30 pm

Community Advent Lunchtime Worship

Kernstown United Methodist Church

November 29, 2023

(*Please stand as you are able)

Greeting

JJ Gibbs

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gary Heaton

A voice cries out:

“Prepare for God’s arrival!”

**Make the road straight and smooth,
a highway fit for our God.**

Fill in the valleys, level off the hills.

Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks.

For our God is coming!

Let us worship together. Amen.

*Hymn *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

UMH 196

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 7:8-16

Prayers of the People

Rev. Gary Heaton

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin, as though there were no justice.

We live in fear, as though there were no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,

For you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Special Music

Homily

Rev. Bertina Westley

*Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UMH 211

*Benediction

Rev. Bertina Westley

Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall. If you need to leave early please feel free to jump to the front of the line.

Advent Lunchtime Worship Services

COMMUNITY ADVENT LUNCHTIME WORSHIP

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Lunch: 12:30 pm

Join us each week for our Community Advent Lunchtime Worship. Our first Advent Lunchtime Worship service will occur on Wednesday, November 29, and the final Lunchtime Worship service will meet December 20. For this ecumenical gathering, we welcome pastors and special musicians from congregations in our community and region. We will provide a "light lunch" (sandwich, side item, drink, and dessert) immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you are on a tight schedule, please feel free to go to the front of the line.

**NOVEMBER 29,
2023**

Rev. Bertina Westley -
Stephens City UMC
Stephens City, VA
“Gospel According to John”



**DECEMBER 6,
2023**

Rev. David Witt -
Opequon Presbyterian
Winchester, VA
“Gospel According to Luke”



**DECEMBER 13,
2023**

Pastor Lock
Winchester, VA
“Gospel According to Matthew”



**DECEMBER 20,
2023**

Rev. Gary Heaton -
Kernstown UMC
Winchester, VA
“Gospel According to Mark”

