

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

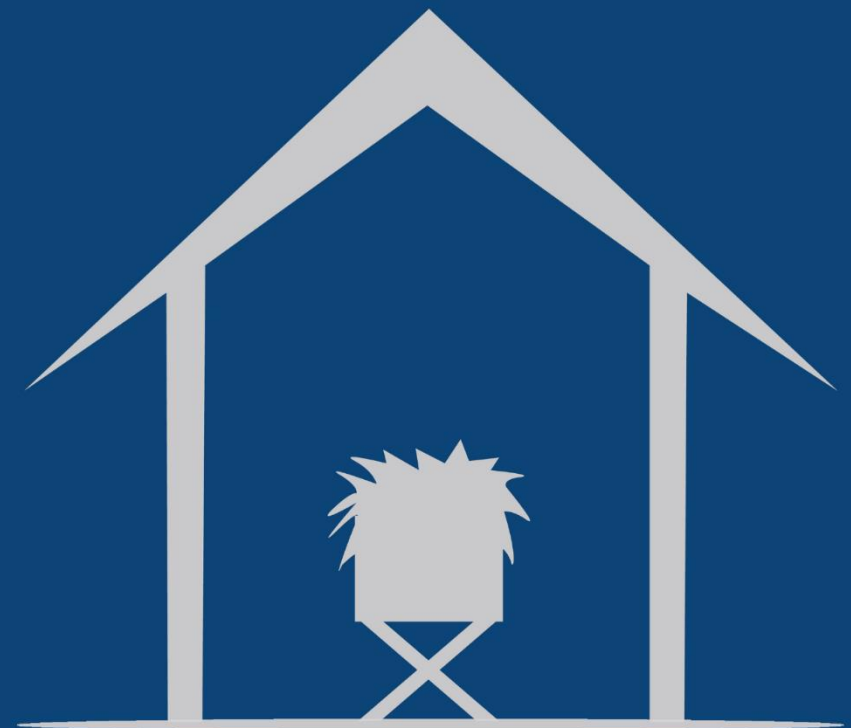
The community is invited to gather for an evening of st★rg★zing through telescopes provided by the Shenandoah Astronomical Society (SAS) whose members will share their interest in the night sky. facebook.com/shenandoahastronomical.

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

Pastor David Witt, Opequon Presbyterian Church

Service: Noon

Lunch: 12:30 pm

Community Advent Lunchtime Worship

Kernstown United Methodist Church

December 6, 2023

(*Please stand as you are able)

Greeting

JJ Gibbs

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gary Heaton

Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem,
In a room out back:
The Messiah is coming.

Not Born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph,
Who pondered and planted wood:
The Messiah is coming.

Not announced by prophets, priests, and kings, but by two women,
Who were the first to know:
The Messiah is coming.

Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where
we least expect it, look among the straw and stars:
The Messiah is coming. Glory to God. Amen.

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

Old Testament Scripture Lesson Isaiah 7:10-17 Rich Lichvar

Prayers of the People Rev. Gary Heaton

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming, we wait filled with hope,
Knowing your light will shine in the darkness. We wait to
anticipate your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world.
We wait to embrace your love, may we reach out to share it with
our neighbors. We wait with joy, bubbling us in expectation of your
birth. Lord, we wait, come soon, and fill us with your life. Amen.

Special Music I Will Wait by Mumford & Sons

Homily

Pastor David Witt

*Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

*Benediction Pastor David Witt

Please join us for a light 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

Service: Noon
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"



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