

This Weeks' Calendar *Happy New Year!*

Sunday, December 31 10:20 Worship 11:30 Farewell to the Gibbs family <i>Greeters:</i> Judy Allen/Barbara Cooper <i>Counters:</i> Roy Walker/Lorraine Shelton Monday, January 1 New Year's Day (office closed) Tuesday, January 2 12-4 Bridge fh Wednesday, January 3 11:00 Prayer & Care fh 5-9 WATTS Dinner Prep/Srv. OPC 5:30 TOPS	Thursday, January 4 8:30 TOPS 1:30 Small Group Friday, January 5 9:00 Undecorate Church 9 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰ Bridge fh Sat., January 6 10-4 f.hall in Use Sun., January 7 Wesley Covenant Service 10:20 Worship <i>Greeters:</i> Lorraine Shelton <i>Counters:</i> Cathy Richard/Lorraine Shelton
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Kernstown UMC Work Areas/Groups First Meeting

Tuesdays:	
Care & Connect 3 rd Tuesday, 10	January 16
Educate & Equip 3 rd Tuesday, 7	January 16
Reach & Serve 2 nd Tuesday/BiMo., 7	January 11
UWF 2 nd Tuesday, 10	January 9
Wednesdays:	
Prayer & Care, 11	Weekly
Handbells Practice, 6	January 10
Choir Practice, 7	January 10
Thursdays:	
Trustees' 2 nd Thursday, 6: ³⁰	January 11
Council 4 th Thursday, 7	January 25
As needed	
Worship & Wonder, Tuesday, 2pm	January 16

First Sunday after Christmas Day



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

December 31, 2023



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January 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 12-4 Bridge fh	3 11 Prayer & Care fh 5 ³⁰ TOPS DeMoya Watts Dinner at OPC	4 8 ³⁰ TOPS fh 1 ³⁰ Small Grp	5 9 Un-Decorate Church 9 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰ Bridge fh	6 Epiphany of the Lord F.Hall in Use Private party 10-4
7 Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany Sunday 10:20 Wesley Covenant Worship Service	8	9 10 UWF fh 12 Staff Mtg 12-4 Bridge fh	10 9-11 BSF 3rms upst 11 Prayer & Care fh 5 ³⁰ TOPS DeMoya 6 Handbells ♪ 7 Choir ♪	11 8 ³⁰ TOPS fh 6 ³⁰ Trustees 7 Reach & Serve	12 9 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰ Bridge fh	13
14 2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany 10:20 Worship	15 Office Closed MLK Jr Day Newsletter Deadline	16 10 C&C fh 12-4 Bridge fh 2 W & W 7 E & E	17 9-11 BSF 3rms upst 11 Prayer & Care fh 5 ³⁰ TOPS DeMoya 6 Handbells ♪ 7 Choir ♪	18 8 ³⁰ TOPS fh 7 SPPRC	19 9 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰ Bridge fh 6 Line Dancing	20
21 3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany 10:20 Worship	22	23 12-4 Bridge fh	24 9-11 BSF 3rms upst 11 Prayer & Care fh 5 ³⁰ TOPS DeMoya 6 Handbells ♪ 7 Choir ♪	25 8 ³⁰ TOPS fh 7 Church Council	26 9 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰ Bridge fh	27
28 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany 10:20 Worship	29	30 12-4 Bridge fh	31 9-11 BSF 3rms upst 11 Prayer & Care fh 5 ³⁰ TOPS DeMoya 6 Handbells ♪ 7 Choir ♪	February 14 Ash Wednesday February 18 1st Sunday in Lent March 24 Palm Sunday March 31 Easter		

Prelude

David Landrum

Ring of the Bell

Sam Henshaw

Greeting/Announcements

Cathy Richard

*Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

UMH 250

Lighting of Altar Candles

Sam Henshaw

*Call to Worship

JJ Gibbs

Praise to the Christ-child, the newborn Prince of Peace!

We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.

Praise to the God Who has come to us in the flesh!

We are being created. We are no longer afraid.

Praise to the Spirit Who calls us together to serve!

We will be sustained. We are no longer afraid.

Come, let us worship God!

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

Nancy Tisinger

Response to the Word

David Landrum

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 & Congregational Prayer (Col. 3:12-17) JJ Gibbs

Giver of every mercy, You call us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. However, we often clothe ourselves with different attire: apathy, hatred, arrogance, and brashness. Help us to bear one another and forgive each other even as we ask forgiveness from You. Help us to don the clothing of love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. This we pray in the name of Your Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation *He Is Born* **UMH 228**

Sermon *What, So What, and Now What?* Christina Gibbs

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**

The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Erbach

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** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **UMH 224**

*Choral Benediction *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

*The Benediction

Postlude David Landrum

(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 11408803



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.

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.

Christmas Greetings - Check the bulletin board beside the elevator for cards from Nellie Snoots and Bill Tharp.

Farewell - Please come to the fellowship hall following the service to bid farewell to JJ Gibbs and his family as they move to North Carolina. We are grateful for his ministry here at KUMC and for Christina's ministry at Camp Overlook.

Undecorate - All are welcome to come to the church on Friday at 9 am to help undecorate the sanctuary.

Next week - on the first Sunday of the new year (Jan. 7), our morning worship will include a **Wesley Covenant Service** for church leaders. All who serve on church committees or work areas are encouraged to attend.

Line Dancing - next date is Friday, January 19, at 6:00 pm. Light refreshments available. Come join the fun! Questions, see Lorraine Shelton.

Prayers - *Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12* Please join us Wednesday at 11:00 as we pray for our congregation and others: Charles & Nelda Harless; Hillary; Michael Morrison; Timothy Bageant; Peggy Gillich; parents that have lost their children; Israel & Gaza; Mark Wells; family friends; sick, dying & homeless; Steve Wells; Linda Sullivan; those grieving loved ones; Cathy Richard; Freddie & Marie; Russ & Helen; Jack Wood; good friends; friends/family of Carolyn Quinn; Sage; Stori; Sarah; unspoken; Pastor Aaron; Lee Lichvar (*Rich/Cathy Lichvar son*); Dottie Holstine & family; world peace; Caleb; Jaeda; Newman family; Annie; thanks for family; Sabrina & Derek; Don Bailey, Jr. (*Sherry Ford's brother*); safe travels for Ruth Folger's children; all God's children; June & Nate; Dusti; Miranda Pichurski & baby Brody; Doug; Mr. Hinson; Katie; Connie (*Charlie Donohoe's daughter*); Barbara Bledsoe; Gildersleeve family; Suzanne Conklin; Ehrman family; family of Donna Williams; Middle East; Oiana; Krista Baker; Simone Poulin; Connie Heironimus; Becky Cather; praise for the majesty of the heavens; new jobs; Betty Murphy; Pamela Martin; Cindy Brennan (*Pam's cousin*); Wayne Vandevander family; Sonya Hess family; Walkers; Audrey Dorton & family; Bruce & Helda Lambert; Sandra Waggy (*Vicky's sister*); Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Marilyn Stelzl; Shirley Dick; Jane Thomas; Wilsons; Dawna Wilson; Tina & Shane Weagley; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Amy, Frank & boys; our world; sympathies to the family of Pat Price (*see obituary on bulletin board by elevator*)

Scriptures - Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40;

Calendar - On the back are the work area/group meeting times/schedules with their first meetings in 2024 as well as our January calendar. Please review and know that you are always welcome to attend or join any of these meetings.

Special Thanks to all our volunteers who keep our ministries going.