

Announcements, continued

Please join us each Wednesday at 11 as we pray for our congregation and others: Suzanne Conklin; Jerry Chapman; Margo Young; Juanita Maddox; our family & friends; Tom Chicca; Troy; Mark Wells; Lana Austin; Ebbs family; church families; world; peace; capital campaign; Revelation class; Brenton Evans; our veterans; those serving; Barbara Funkhouser; Charles Funkhouser; my parents; Freddie & Marie; Jack Wood; Russ & Helen; Bennie Baker; family of Joan Pugh (*Doris Miller's cousin*); Sarah; Sage; Amanda; Rick; Israel; the Middle East; hostages; Becky Cather; Connie Heironimus; Judy Dray Connelly; Bobbie (*Vicky's friend*); Ralph & Dee Grim; unspoken; Lee Lichvar; Carlin; Annie; Kelly; Sabrina; thanks for beauty of leaves, blue sky, stars and the faces of ones we love; Chris Guerra; family; Rob & Linda Nesmith; Ian Epstein; June & Nate Windle; Doug Barnett; Jae Barnett; Dusti; Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Jane Thomas; Marilyn Stelzl; Dawna Wilson; Wilsons; Mary Walker; Nelda & Charles Harless; Tina & Shane Weagley; Rev. Clay Knick and Lisa; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Sharon & George Teets; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Adele Birnbaum; Betty Murphy; Pamela Martin; Boden family; new jobs and opportunities

Sympathies to the family of Harold "Doc" Madagan

Scriptures: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 or 76; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Calendar

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| Sunday, November 19 9:00 Art of Hospitality Leader Class 9:00 Bible Study John 10:20 Worship <i>time tbd</i> Small Group Adult Pop Topic (<i>offsite</i>) <i>Reader:</i> Cathy Lichvar <i>Greeters:</i> Judy Chapman & Vicki Maphis <i>Counters:</i> Lorraine Shelton & Kevin Mosser Monday, November 20 9:00 Newsletter deadline Tuesday, November 21 10:00 Care & Connect (<i>f. hall</i>) 12-4 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>) Wednesday, November 22 9-11 ³⁰ BSF (<i>2-3 rooms upstairs</i>) 11:00 Prayer & Care (<i>f. hall</i>) 12:00 office closed for Holiday 5:30 TOPS | Wednesday, November 22, cont'd 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service Thursday, November 23 (<i>office closed</i>) Happy Thanksgiving Friday, November 24 (<i>office closed</i>) 9 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰ Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>) Sunday, November 26 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 Bible Study John 10:20 Worship 11:30 Finance Meeting <i>Reader:</i> Rich Lichvar <i>Greeters:</i> Judy Chapman & Vicki Maphis <i>Counters:</i> Lorraine Shelton & Roy Walker Reminder: No Church Council in November, next meeting December 7 |
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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.

25th Sunday of Pentecost



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

November 19, 2023



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** All who are able, please stand; bold print - all respond*

Prelude

Karen Wells

Ringling of the Bell

Sam Henshaw

Greeting /Announcements

Cathy Richard

*** Call to Worship** JJ Gibbs
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
God, we delight in Your creation. We thank You for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of Your presence and provision.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank You for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
God, we delight in Your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!
Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

***Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **UMH 103**
Lighting of Altar Candles Sam Henshaw
Scripture Lesson Psalm 123 Cathy Lichvar
Response to the Word *Pachabel Peace Canon* Choir
Offering and Children's Church *In All Things Give Him Thanks*
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 Rev. Heaton
Congregational Prayer **Rev. Heaton**
Lord of peace and serenity, we worship this day as an offering of praise and thanksgiving. We bring ourselves as our offering, that in living lives of truth, justice, honor, and excellence, we might please You and be worthy of Your never-failing love and presence with us. Give us the courage to reap the harvest of souls Your grace has made bountiful, grateful that Christ and the Holy Spirit might dwell in us, we pray in Jesus’ Holy name. Amen.

***Hymn** *Lord, Be Glorified* **TFWS 2150**
Sermon “Go Out on a Limb” Rev. Heaton
Matthew 25: 14-30

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** *A Charge to Keep I Have* **UMH 413**
***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 Karen Wells
(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 114088
Artwork by Henry Herbert La Thangue a 19th century British landscape painter.
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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.

Our next **New Member Sunday** is December 17. Orientation classes are December 3 and 10, at 9:00. If you have any questions, see Rev. Heaton or call the office.



CCAP Reach & Serve will be collecting items for Christmas dinners thru November, shopping lists are in the narthex. Items are Canned Yams, Canned Green Beans, Marshmallows, Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Potatoes, Gravy Packets/Cans, Dressing/Stuffing Mix, Brownie/Cookie Mix, Pancake Mix, Cooking Oil, Roasting Pans, **Turkeys, Hams**

Thank You - Last Sunday, the choir presented a new anthem in honor and memory of all of our veterans. David Landrum, our Music Director, wrote the lyrics and composed the music for this meaningful anthem. Thank you, David.

Poinsettias – If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone for Christmas, please fill out the order form. An alternative is to make a donation to CCAP. The cost of the poinsettia is \$11. Please indicate on the form how many poinsettias you want to order and/or the amount of the donation to CCAP and the name(s) of the individual(s) you are honoring or remembering. The deadline for placing an order is November 26.



Thanksgiving Eve – This Wednesday, Nov. 22, we will host the 127th Community Thanksgiving joint service with Opequon Presbyterian Church. Their building was destroyed twice during the 1800’s, first when it was occupied and desecrated internally during the Civil War and again when a fire destroyed the sanctuary in 1873. During both of those periods, the Opequon Presbyterian Church continued to gather for worship, welcomed by the Methodists of Kernstown. In 1897, after 24 years of meeting together at Kernstown, the current Memorial Sanctuary at Opequon was constructed, completed in October of that year. As an expression of gratitude for its hospitality, the Opequon congregation invited the Kernstown congregation to share in worship in the newly completed sanctuary on the evening before Thanksgiving. That tradition has continued and expanded over the years, with the choirs combining for special music, communion being served, and the guest pastor preaching while the host pastor plans the service. Often, a time for fellowship has followed the service. This meeting is a visible expression of our unity as Christians and of our shared commitment to mission in our community and beyond. We are grateful for one another, the ties that bind us, and pledge to work together in demonstrating discipleship through love for God and neighbor.