

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV

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Scriptures: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 ; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

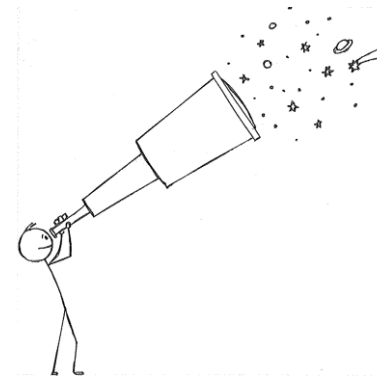
Calendar

Sunday, December 17, New Member Sunday & 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:20 Worship & Cantata <i>Reader:</i> Rich Lichvar <i>Greeters:</i> Vicki Maphis & Judy Chapman <i>Counters:</i> Lorraine Shelton & Cathy Richard Tuesday, December 19 12-4 Bridge (f. hall) Wednesday, December 20 11:00 Prayer & Care (f.hall) 12:00 Advent Service/Lunch w/Rev Heaton 5:30 TOPS Thursday, December 21 8:30 TOPS Friday, December 22 9 ³⁰ -2 ³⁰ Bridge (fh)	Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve 10:20 Worship 7:00 Candlelight Evening Worship Service <i>Reader:</i> Cathy Lichvar; <i>Greeters:</i> Needed, sign up in narthex <i>Counters:</i> Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton Upcoming Dec. 31 Christine Gibbs preaching & Farewell to the Gibbs family Jan. 3 WATTS Dinner at Opequon Presby. Sign up in narthex for food and helpers Jan. 5 Undecorate Church Jan. 7 Wesley Covenant Service
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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 worship. Parents bring their children into the worship service with them. After the offering, Miss Vickie & 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.

Cantata & 3rd Sunday of Advent



Our Journey Through the Darkness

10:20 a.m. Worship Service



December 17, 2023

Rev. Gary Heaton

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Prelude	David Landrum
Ring of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Cathy Richard
Advent Antiphonal Introit	Steve Wells
*Call to Worship	Sherry & David Ford

Reader : Isaiah said that the Lord spoke to the king and said, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But when the king refused, God would not be stopped. "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name Him Immanuel".

All: God wants us to know, even when we aren't sure ourselves. God wants us to experience God's presence, even when we think we can handle life on our own. God sends us signs of God's presence with us; all we need to do is keep our eyes open and look.

Reader : "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel," which means, 'God is with us.'" When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a Son; and he named Him Jesus.

All: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.

*Hymn

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

UMH 236

Lighting of Altar Candles

Sam Henshaw

Reception of New Members

Rev. Heaton

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Rich Lichvar

*Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH 238

Communion Meditation

“Don’t Look for the Devil, Look for the Light”

Rev. Heaton

Text : Mark 1: 9-13

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Heaton

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, Offering & 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)

Proclamation

Morning Star

KUMC Chancel Choir

<i>Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>He Come from the Glory</i>
<i>Morning Star</i>	<i>He Come from the Glory</i>	<i>Morning Star Finale</i>
<i>Chosen by God</i>	<i>Why Do the Shepherds Sing?</i>	

Narrator: Stacey Park & Steve Spurr; Chancel Choir Dir.: Kelly Henshaw; Music Dir./Pianist: David Landrum

*Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

*The Benediction

Rev. Heaton

*Choral Benediction

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Thy 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.

Postlude

David Landrum

(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 11408803

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.

Today is **New Member Sunday**. We welcome Brianna Jackman and Arnold & Glenda Gale as new members of our congregation. Please greet them after the service in the narthex.

Greeters are needed for the next few weeks, please sign up in narthex.



2023 C-CAP Donations



Given in Memory of Carl Ay, Jr. by Carole Ay

Given in Honor of our grandchildren, Aria, Ryan, & Ashton by Vicki Adams

Given in Memory of my mother, Audrey Miller, and my father, Charles Adams, Sr. by Don Adams

Given in Honor of those who serve our country in the military by Roger & Susan Hill

Given in Memory of Charles & Helen Linthicum and William & Jane Young by Margo Young

Given in Honor of our Church Family by Steve & Cheryl Spurr

2023 Poinsettia Donations

Given in Memory of my parents, Lorene & Bruce Shewbridge by Carolyn Carney

Given in Memory of Alfred & Freddie Chapman and Norman & Margaret Tisinger by Jerry & Judy Chapman

Given in Memory of Charles & Betty Barr and Fred & Dolly Cheshire by Freddie & Marie Cheshire

Given in Honor of our children and grandchildren and in Memory of Jon Holstine by Dan & Suzanne Conklin

Given in Memory of Ann & Allen Myers by Lisa Dawson

Given in Memory of Our Loved Ones by Roger & Susan Hill

Given in Memory of Cindy Jackman (Ed’s mom) and Jeff Beaver (Bri’s dad) by Brianna & Edward Jackman

Given in Memory of my husband, James Phillips, by Betty Phillips

Given in Memory of Forest Sike Sponaule, Madonna Psyche Perry, Pauline Welch (Bill’s mother), and Madonna’s sisters by Madonna Sponaule & Bill Tumblin

Given in Memory of Helen Spurr, Mel & Fran O’Dell and George & Jane Gould by Steve & Cheryl Spurr

Given in Memory of Lloyd & Thelma Wise; Edward & Evelyn Custer; Linda Heck, Tommy Wise, and Scott Wise by Eugene & Barbara Wise

Advent & Christmas at Kernstown United Methodist Church - 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. Pick up a brochure in the pew.