

Calendar - Week of November 30th

Today: 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | 11:30 UWF Lighting Shrubbery
Tuesday: 12-4 Bridge fh | 10:30 Freedage | 11 Staff Meeting | 11-2 Music Director hours
Wednesday: BSF 9³⁰ | 11 Prayer Grp. **(All are welcome)** fh | TOPS 5³⁰ | 6 Bells | 7 Choir
Thursday: TOPS 8:30 | 7:00 SPPRC zoom | . **Friday:** office closed | 11-3 Bridge fh
Sunday, Dec., 7, 2025, 2nd Sunday of Advent | 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10³⁰ Worship

Leaders	Today 11/30	Next Week
Booth	Dave Ford	Sam Henshaw
Scripture	Lorraine Shelton	Cathy Lichvar
Greeters	Charlie Donohoe & Judy Chapman	Vicky Maphis & Judy Chapman
Children	Danna Doyle & Glenda Gayle	
Counters	Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton	Roger Hill & Brian Henshaw

Newsletter Correction/Addition: Arnold & Glenda Gale Anniversary is December 7
Pew Prayers: Oliver Hege (*Cathy & JR's grandson*); Crystal Walker; unspoken; poor families with children; Will Rodgers; Mary Grace Hester (*Mary A.'s niece*); Brooke Harris (*Betty Lou's great niece*); Tommy Henry (*Doris M.'s nephew*); all those who have lost loved ones before the holidays; those without family; Hudson Becken and Becken family; Debbie A; Amanda; Riggleman family; Connie Parson; Greysin Baker; Mary Strosnider; Carol & Brian White; Dean Shewbridge; Seegren family; Anna Richardson; Rev. Kristen Whitesides; Jessica Hunter; Scott Tumblin; Brittney; Joel Hooper; Bill; Mark Wells; Deanna Wells; Zoie Skeens; Rich Lichvar; holiday travel mercies; thanks for family and answered prayers; Debbie; Sabrina; Japan fire victims; Sarah; Sage; Kathy; Amanda; Emma; Caleb; Jacob; Andrea; our nation; immigrants; our leaders; June & Nate W.; MMIW; David; Annie; Will; Logan family; BeBe; David Russell; Russ Conklin; Avery Conklin; Doris Holstine; my parents; Amy & Caitlin; Richard Sanchez; our president; Christians in Nigeria and other countries; Jim Barker; Tim Gale & family; Ellen Neff; Moyers; Bollingers; Blooms; Natalie; Sharon; Jason & Lillian Ritchie (*Tammy Corey's brother/mother*); Doris Shull; Lois Smith; Alida O'Neal; Bonnie Lee; Leroy Lamar; Kelly O'Neal; Dennis Tusing; Jerry Kimble; Judy Ours family; Dan, Cathy and family; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; family of Jean Snider; JoAnne Carper; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Pastor Aaron; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda & Charles Harless; Bob, Lorraine & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Nellie Snoots; Ed Marshall; Tina and Shane Weagley; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines, & boys; Sharon & George Teets; our world; the hungry, homeless, lonely, forgotten, & grieving; Barbara Bledsoe; Carole Ay; Sandra Keiter; Spurrs; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Aimee Lorusso

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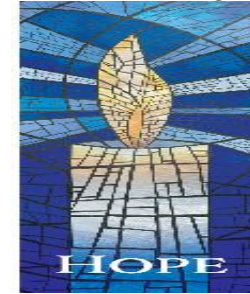
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November 30th, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

***Stand as able; bold print-all respond**

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum
 Ringing of the Bell
 Greeting Lay Leader, Ric Dunkle | Rev. Dr. Gómez
 Hanging of the Greens

***Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope** Carolyn Carney & Judy Allen

In this season of waiting and watching, we come to be still before God.

We come, bringing our hopes and our fears, trusting in God's promises.

The prophet's voice reminds us: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."*

We light this candle as a sign of our hope in the coming Christ.

Be present with us, O God of Hope, and kindle in us the light of Your truth.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (Light the first candle – Hope)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank You for the hope You give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.

***Hymn 219 (UMH)** *What Child Is This*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

***Affirmation of Faith 881 (UMH)** *Apostles' Creed* ***Gloria Patri 70 (UMH)**

Time with the Younger Congregation (*Children invited forward for a short message, then welcome to attend children's church.*)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 2:1-5	Lorraine Shelton
Epistle Lesson	Romans 13:11-14	
Choir Anthem	Celtic Advent Carol	
*Hymn 211 (UMH)	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	
*Gospel Lesson	Matthew 24:36-44	Rev. Dr. Gómez
Sermon	Be Present: Hope	
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: 895 (UMH)		
Invitation to the Offering		

*Offertory This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

Offertory Prayer		Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Ministry Moments		
*Hymn 196 (UMH)	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Choral Benediction	Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy 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.	
*Postlude	(Rejoice in the music of the Lord)	David Landrum

CCLI # 11408803 UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red)

Announcements

Who's Who in The Pew - Member Attendance, Prayer Requests & Visitor Info - Please fill out the card located in the pews and place it in the basket during the offering. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, Welcome, feel free to include your contact info and any requests.

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Victor - Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. join Pastor Victor for a time of coffee, chatting, and fellowship. It is a relaxed space to connect, share, and enjoy one another's company before worship. Everyone is welcome, come as you are!

Nametags - Please wear a nametag so others can learn our names.

Educate & Equip -We begin a new encounter study at 9:00 entitled *The Journey*, by Rev Adam Hamilton. This is a four-week study that "travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem and tells us the story of the birth of Jesus following the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and others." Books are available-no charge. Please contact Carolyn Carney or Ric Dunkle if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Staff Appreciation - Each year, the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee collects funds during Advent to express our gratitude to our Staff for their faithful ministry. We will be collecting Staff Appreciation Gift contributions now through December 14. If you wish to contribute, please use the marked envelope in your bulletin and place it in the offering by Sunday, December 14.

Advent Devotional – Please enjoy the Advent devotional in the narthex from Society of St. Andrew (*Gleaning America's Fields Feeding America's Hungry*). Advent is a season of waiting, wonder, and hope. This year, *Embrace Joy*, the Society of St. Andrew's Advent devotional, invites you to discover a joy that runs deeper than circumstance. Inspired by Mary's song of praise in the midst of uncertainty, it offers daily devotions from pastors and laypersons who share reflections of light, hope, and joy—even in challenging times. Thanks to Worship & Wonder for furnishing these devotionals.

R&S – CCAP Christmas Food Drive - New green shopping lists in the narthex, due Dec. 14. **Reach & Serve – BASTA** (Be A Santa to a Senior) by Home Instead: Kernstown UMC has chosen again this year to support the Senior Gift Tag program through Home Instead. There are 40 gift tags hanging on the Christmas Tree in the narthex. On each of them, a local senior adult has written their Christmas wish list. If you would like to bless a senior this Christmas, please take one tag from the tree, collect the items, place the unwrapped items in a large gift bag and return it to the church by Sunday, December 14 with the gift tag. Thank you for your support!



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Advent Theme "Be Present"

"Presence of the Past" Concert ~ Dec 14 at 7 pm
Love offering benefits Winchester Rescue Mission

"Christmas Presence" Cantata ~ Dec 21 at 10:30 am



"Reclaim Christmas" ~ Christmas Eve
Candlelight/Communion Service ~ Dec 24 at 7pm

"Two Wise Guys Celebrate the Three Wise Guys"
Piano/Cello Concert ~ Jan 4 at 2 pm
Love offering benefits The Laurel Center



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 as well as a **Time with the Younger Congregation** in the sanctuary with the pastor.