

Announcements, continued

Care & Connect Wednesday Morning Prayer & Care Group - At 11:00 AM, every Wednesday morning, the congregation is invited to meet with the pastor for a time of praying for the concerns of the church. Join us during this journey together each week.

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV *Prayer Requests:* Amy Tucker, CJ Castro; Ehrmman family; Holstine family; Suzanne Conklin; our Pastor; my children (*Pastor Bill*); Annie Cahill; Ashley & Aiden Moslak; David (*surgery*); Drew; Wes; Mr. Plotner; Ian & Emilie Epstein; Mary Walker; Pat; Linda; Danny & Wendy safe travels; Gene Renner; Cayson Coffman; Charles Turner; Becky Cather; Connie Heironimus; Denny Lee; Jerry Chapman; my mom, dad, sister, brother-in-law and niece (*Sarah Lutz*); Persuitte family; grandparents; Sarah; Morocco victims & families; Sarah, Sage & Amanda; Lori, Joe & Emma; Susan Burdette; Kim Lee; thanks for friends & family; Juanita Maddox; Ava; Wilsons, Gary Yost, Bruce & Hilda; remembrance of 911; Faye; Karen Welsh; Daniel Whitacre; Will Rodgers & family; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Jane Thomas; Tina & Shane Weagley; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Georgia Poe; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Simon & Vicky Newlin; Nelda Harless; Doc Madagan; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Rev Eugene Thomas family; Amanda Anderson; our world, Pamela Martin; Ruth Bennington; Betty Murphy; those in Care Facilities: *Consulate H/C*: Connie Mitchell (PA); *Lynn Care*: Rosalie Wehn; Marilyn Stelzl (112A); *Mt. Vernon*: Virginia Ebbs; *Search Grp. Home*: Steven Dobbin; *Spring Arbor*: Lloyd Henry (210); Marietta Lipscomb (239); Jean Snider (144); *W/C*: Linda Sullivan; *Military*: Douglas Castro; 2LT Jared Castro; CPO Tiffany McMahan; LTC Tom Crowley; CDR Robert Littman; *Other*: Clay Knick; Jeanne Newlin & Janie Slater; Peggy Gillich, her great-grandson, Lawton, & grand-daughter; *Missionaries*: Gregg & Jayne Yarian; Pr. Michael & Lupe Geiss

Scriptures: Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Calendar

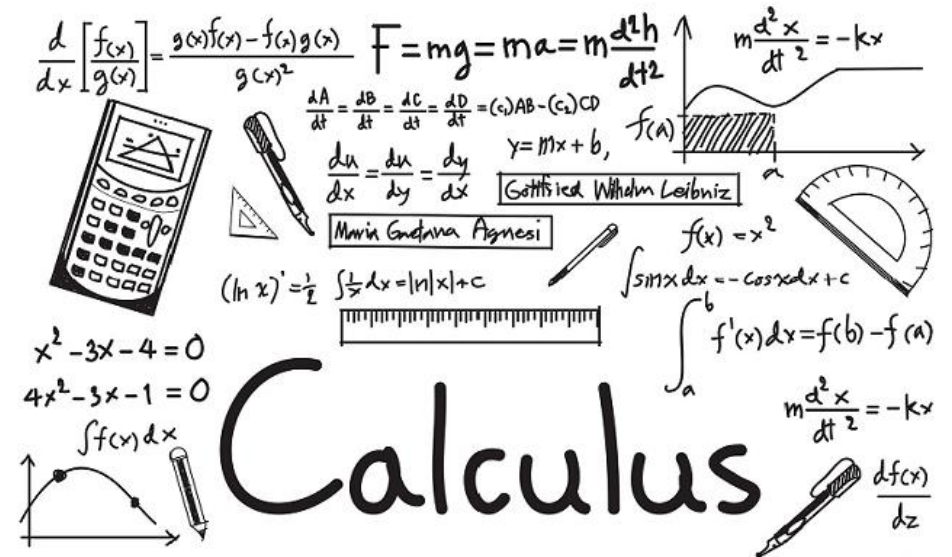
Sunday, September 17 9:00 New Member Orientation 9:00 12-week Bible Study John (week 2) 10:20 Worship 7:00 Small Group Adult Pop Topic (<i>offsite</i>) <i>Greeters:</i> Judy Allen & Judy Chapman <i>Counters:</i> Lorraine Shelton & Carolyn Carney Tuesday, September 19 10:00 Care & Connect 12-4 Bridge (<i>f. hall</i>) 5:00 Wonder of Worship Class (<i>note revised time</i>) Wednesday, September 20 9-11 ³⁰ BSF 2-3 rooms upstairs 11:00 Prayer & Care (<i>f. hall</i>) 5:30 TOPS 6:00 Nominations & Leadership Dev. Mtg.	Wednesday, September 20, cont'd 6:00 Handbells (<i>f. hall</i>) 7:00 Choir (<i>f. hall</i>) Thursday, September 21 8:30 TOPS (<i>fh</i>) 7:00 Reach & Serve (<i>f. hall</i>) Friday, September 22 9 ³⁰ - 2 ³⁰ Bridge (<i>fh</i>) Sunday, September 24 9:00 New Member Orientation 9:00 Bible Study John (week 3) 10:20 Worship 11:30 50 th Year Membership Recognition 7:00 Small Group Adult Pop Topic (<i>offsite</i>) <i>Reader:</i> Cathy Lichvar <i>Greeters:</i> Vicki Maphis & Judy Chapman <i>Counters:</i> Lorraine Shelton & Roy Walker
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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.

16th Sunday of Pentecost



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

September 17, 2023



Rev. Gary Heaton

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

Prelude	Karen Wells
Ring of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Cathy Richard
* Call to Worship	Rev. Heaton

Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

How many times should I forgive?

When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question:

How many times should I forgive?

Until God turns the question around: "How many times have I forgiven you?"

Seventy times seven.

"How many times have I loved you?"

Seventy times seven.

“How many times has My grace been sufficient for you?”

Seventy times seven.

Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God’s, Who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well.

Amen.

***Hymn** *How Majestic Is Your Name* **TFWS 2023**

Lighting of Altar Candles Sam Henshaw

Scripture Lesson Exodus 14:19-31 Steve Spurr

Response to the Word *I Believe* 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**

Generous God, You have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects Your caring. When we come to worship, we have tried to offer our best and please You with our praise. Strengthen us we pray to let Your love and grace overflow from us to a hurting world. In a culture where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ’s name, Who gave all. Amen

***Hymn** *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* **UMH 121**

Sermon “The Math, Mystery and Magic of God’s Grace” Rev. Heaton

Matthew 18: 21-35

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** *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* **UMH 365**

***The Benediction** Rev. Heaton

***Choral Benediction** *May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness; protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Postlude Karen Wells

(*Please stand as able) CCLI # 114088

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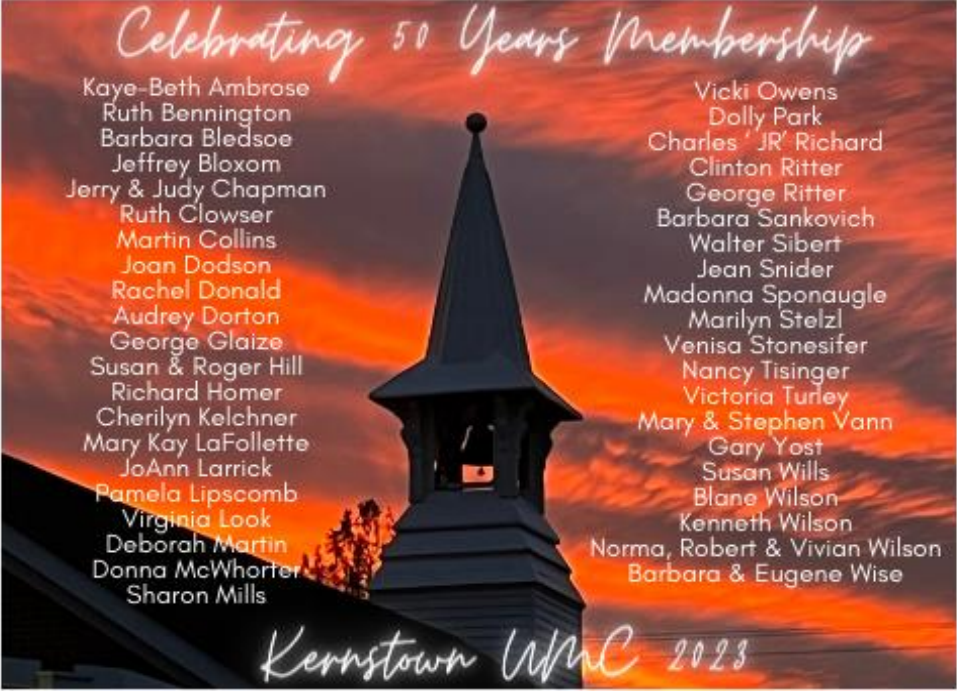
Who's Who in The Pew - Member Attendance & Visitor Info - Please fill out the card located in the pews and place it in the offering basket. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, please include your contact info and any requests.

Our next **New Member Sunday** is October 8. Orientation classes **are today, September 17, 24 & October 1** at 9:00. Any questions, see Rev. Heaton or call the office.



A rich spiritual life involves more than Sunday morning worship. Study, Service and Witness along with Worship have been the hallmarks of what it means to practice a vibrant Christian life. The congregation is encouraged to engage in discipleship beyond Sunday morning worship:

Reach & Serve Thanks to the volunteers who helped with **Jubilee Kitchen** yesterday.



Care & Connect Join us next week as we honor our 50-year members after worship in the fellowship hall.