

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV

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.

Feb 12: Jerry Puffinberger; Frank, Carolyn, Ashley Moore; Bennie Baker; family of Rosie Walsh; our nation; UMC's; Douglas Castro; Jared Castro; CJ Castro; Emely Gregory; Mary; Peggy; Lisa; Jeff; Mary Walker (upcoming test & surgery); Sandy (*Vicki's sister*); Wilsons; Walkers; Ukraine; Bud & family; Dave & Kristy; Pat; thanksgiving for the kids doing better in school; Barbara Greene & family; teachers; earthquake victims & survivors; Chris & Vicki; Grace Garrett; Anne Dunlap; Holly Rickard (safe travels); Sarah; Sage; Amanda; Vicki; Deanna Wells; Mark Wells; Jennifer; Kaleb; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Dot Watterson; Pastor Peter Kosolo, Mumias, Kenya, Africa; Josh; my parents; families grieving; thanks for blessings we have been given and opportunities to share them; Diane; Sabrina; Valencia: Doris; Perry Cooper; Frances Cooper; friends of Pam Coffman who passed away; June & Nate; Dusti P.; Sandy Wilson; Athena & her dad; Jean Hamilton; Dorton family; Ann & Will Rodgers; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Jane Thomas; Mary Shetler; Tina & Shane Weagley; Joan Dodson; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Doug & Nora Seabright; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Daniel & Sherry Whitacre; Marilyn Stelzl; Helen Baylis; Doc Madagan; Amy & Frank Haines & boys; thanks for Mary Kathryn back home

In Christian Sympathy: Charlie Donohoe & her family on the passing of her brother, Bud Rotruck. Please keep them and his wife's family in prayer. *It is in grief that we mourn, and in hope that we rejoice in the resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ.*

Scriptures: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Calendar

<p>Sun., Feb. 19 Transfiguration Sunday 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship Greeters: Vicky Maphis & Judy Chapman; Counters: Roy Walker & Brian Henshaw Monday, February 20 Presidents Day - Office Closed Tuesday, February 21 10:00 Care & Connect (new time) 12-4 Bridge (<i>fellowship hall</i>) Ash Wednesday, February 22 9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer & Care (f.hall)</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday, February 22 cont'd. 11-1 Ashes to Go Parking Lot 5:30 Bells 5:30 TOPS 7:00 Worship Service Scripture Reader: Steve Spurr Greeters: Judy Allen & Maria Castro Ash Thursday, February 23 8:30 TOPS (<i>fellowship hall</i>) Sun., February 26 - 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship Reader: Stacey Park; Greeters: Carole Ay & Maria Castro; Counters: L. Shelton & C. Fields</p>
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Our **Youth** want to meet you: Slots are now open for March and April. Youth Encounter is looking for people in our congregation to meet at Starbucks on Pleasant Valley Road in Winchester on Sunday mornings at 9. See Kelly or sign up at at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA4A728A4FC1-coffee>

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.



Transfiguration Sunday



10:20 a.m. Worship Service

February 19, 2023



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

Prelude	David Landrum
Ringling of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Carolyn Carney

*Call to Worship J.J Gibbs
 God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in Your presence.
We are comforted by Your holiness and Your glow;
 We are comforted by the hope of the mountain top, where You are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of Your glory.
We witness Your bright power, and Your plan for the nations of the earth.
 As we gather for worship, bring us to the mountain top;
Bring us to the mountain top.

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

Lighting of Altar Candles Sam Henshaw

Scripture Lesson Exodus 24:12-18 Danna Doyle

Response to the Word *How Majestic is Our God* Chancel Choir

Offering and Children's Church *Give Thanks*
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks.

Prayers of the People Rev. Heaton

Congregational Prayer Rev. Heaton

Great God of infinite patience and fidelity, we see You in every plant that grows and blossoms, every creature that runs or flies, in mountains and sunsets and in every drop of rain that falls. We know that creation and transfiguration is not something that happened, but something that is happening every day with Jesus. Help us to continue the work of creation and new creation, that we might become more tolerant, more forgiving, more generous, and more loving. In that name, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH 173

Sermon "Jesus Gets Us, We Get Jesus" Rev. Heaton
 Matthew 17:1-9

Response to the Spoken Word Chancel Choir

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 *Where He Leads Me* UMH 338

*The Benediction Rev. Heaton

*Choral Benediction *Precious Name*
*Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;
 it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.*
Refrain: Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
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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. These are also used for any COVID contact tracing if needed and so we know that you're aware of our posted protocols.

New Members Class PLUS - Our next New Member Sunday is **April 9, 2023**. Orientation classes will be March 19, 26 & April 2 at 9:00 in the pastor's office. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Heaton or call the office. This class is also open to anyone who wants to learn about the United Methodist Church and belong to Kernstown UMC. It is a good opportunity to learn and share about Methodism and the church. If you are already a member and want to brush-up on your Wesleyan spirituality or have questions about current events in the life of the church; please come to this open forum.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 22, a 40 day period of devotion and self denial begins. Lent is a Christian tradition inviting the faithful to observe a Holy season of reflection and fasting in keeping with the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness prior to beginning his ministry. The ashes placed on our forehead are intended to remind us of our frailty and connection to the temporal nature of creation. Between 11AM & 1PM, Rev Heaton & Pastor Witt will offer ashes in the parking lot. All who come in faith are welcome to receive the imposition of ashes to begin the observation of a Holy Lent. Our **Ash Wednesday worship service** will begin at 7PM.



New Encounter Class - Beginning Sunday, February 26, the adult Sunday Encounter will begin a study on the Old Testament entitled "Is God a Vindictive Bully? Reconciling Portrayals of God in the Old and New Testaments" by Paul Copan. Critics outside the church often accuse the Old Testament God of genocide, racism, ethnic cleansing, and violence. But a rising tide of critics within the church claim that Moses and other "primitive," violence-prone prophets were mistaken about God's commands and character. Both sets of critics dismiss this allegedly harsh, flawed, "textual" Old Testament God in favor of the kind, compassionate, "actual" God revealed by Jesus. Are they right to do so? The author answers these criticisms and shows that God is unchanging, righteous, and loving in both the old and new testaments. Please join us for this important and timely study! *Books will be in next week.*

Ministry: Care & Connect work area meets this Tuesday at 10. **Church Council** is canceled for February.