

*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.

*Prayer Requests week of 2/19:* Don Adams (recovery from knee surgery); Dennis Lee; Connie; Kay McDonald; Charlie Donohoe & family; Linda Rotruck & family; Dave & Kristy; Wendy Aube; Lourdes Kloers; people of Ohio living near train wreck; Jerry Puffinburger; Ashley Moore; Frank Moore; Fred & Marie Cheshire; family of Richard Hawkins; Picolo family; Suzanne Conklin; Deborah Colburn; Eric Zieg; Amy Hartman; Audrey Dorton family; Ann & Will Rodgers; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Mary Shetler; Jane Thomas; the Wilsons; Mary & Roy Walker; Tina & Shane Weagley; Joan Dodson; Nellie Snoots; Florence Roman; Doug & Nora Seabright; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Adele Birnbaum; Sharon & George Teets; Doc, Harold Madagan; our world; the relief workers in Turkey & Syria; Jonathan; Jamie; Scott; Christopher; Tim Alexander; Sage; Sarah; Vicki; Kathy; God's favor over my life so that I may grow in Him; Cathy Richard (for successful surgery); my parents; Tom & Sue Chicca; Steve Spurr; Ben & Crystal Walker; people under persecution; earthquake victims; Deanna Wells; Mark Wells; Colleen Odell-Multer (Cheryl Spurr sister); Simon Newlin (Audrey's daughter, Jeanne's father-in-law)

*Hospital:* Mary Kathryn Clark; Ann Rodgers; *Home recovering surgery:* Cathy Richard  
*Care Facilities:* Connie Mitchell; Rosalie Wehn; Marilyn Stelzl; Virginia Ebbs;

Steven Dobbin; Lloyd Henry; Marietta Lipscomb; Jean Snider; Linda Sullivan

*Sympathy:* Charlie Donohoe & her family on the passing of her brother, Bud Rotruck

**Scriptures:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**Calendar**

<p><b>Sun., February 26</b> - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship <i>Greeters:</i> Carole Ay &amp; Maria Castro <i>Counters:</i> Brian Henshaw &amp; Caroline Fields <b>Tuesday, February 28</b> 12-4 Bridge (fellowship hall) <b>Wednesday, March 1</b> 9-11 BSF (3 rooms upstairs) 11:00 Prayer &amp; Care (fellowship hall) 5:30 TOPS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 2</b> 8:30 TOPS (fellowship hall) Saturday crafting canceled <b>Sun., March 5</b> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00 Encounter 10:20 Worship <i>Scripture Reader:</i> Danny Smith <i>Greeters:</i> Danna Doyle &amp; Judy Allen <i>Counters:</i> Roger Hill &amp; JR Richard <b>Upcoming:</b> 3/9 Trustees; 3/12 Daylight Savings Time begins ☀️; 3/14 Reach &amp; Serve; 3/18 Jubilee Kitchen; 3/19 B-Day Covered Dish; 3/21 Care &amp; Connect; 3/23 Church Council; 3/26 🎵 Cantata</p>
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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.



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**



**10:20 a.m. Worship Service**

**February 26, 2023**



**Rev. Gary Heaton**

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

Prelude	David Landrum
Ring of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting / Announcements	Carolyn Carney
*Call to Worship	Rev. Heaton

The Tempter says, "If you are..."

**God, help us prove that we are Your people.**

If we are the people of God, our love will flow from inside out to God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

**God, help us prove that we are Your people.**

If we are followers of Christ, our faith will plant seeds of justice, so we can reap a harvest of reconciliation and healing where violence and desolation once took root.

**God, help us prove that we are Your people.**

If we are students of the Holy Spirit, our hope will dream a world of flourishing for all of God's creation, inspiring us to spread God's abundant life like butter on warm toast.

**God, help us prove that we are Your people.**

Though the Tempter says, "If you are...", God says, "You are mine."

**God, as the people You claim as Your own, teach us to live in and return to love, faith, and hope whenever we fall.**

*\*Hymn Jesus, Tempted in the Desert TFWS 2105*

Lighting of Altar Candles Sam Henshaw

Scripture Lesson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Stacey Park

Response to the Word *Joy and Delight* Handbell Choir

Offering and Children's Church *He Has Made Me Glad* J.J Gibbs

*I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.*

*He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.*

Prayers of the People

Congregational Prayer

**Generous God, as we remember Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us: to measure our worth, our power and our security by what we have. As we worship You this morning, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to You. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley TFWS 2112*

Sermon "Dry, Dirty, Dusty Wilderness" Rev. Heaton  
Matthew 4:1-11

Response to the Spoken Word *Song of the Potter* 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 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269*

*\*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. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.*

Postlude David Landrum

(\*Please stand as able) CCLI # 11408803

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### 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.



**A New Encounter Class** was introduced today, please join us next week as we study the Old Testament. Our book is in the DeMoya room 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!