



Body of Christ

May 16, 2021



At Kernstown, we make Disciples as we:
Know God
Grow in God
Sow God into the World

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* = please stand if able

7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
10:20 a.m. Worship Service
May 16, 2021

Ringing of the Bell	Sam Henshaw
Greeting /Announcements	Pastor Aaron Fitch
Prelude	David Landrum
Lighting of Altar Candles	Sam Henshaw
Call to Worship	Pastor Aaron
<i>Leader: Mystery of God, draw us near.</i>	
People: Fill our minds with awe!	
<i>Wisdom of God, surprise us.</i>	
Encourage us with hope!	
<i>Glory of God, shine through our lives.</i>	
Reveal Your power and Your glory!	
<i>In the mystery, the wisdom, the glory of God,</i>	
Let us worship!	

*Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **UMH 327**

Prayer of Confession Charlie Donohoe

We delight in Your law, O God, but we don't always follow the rules. Shower us with Your mercy, that we may know Your forgiveness and Your grace. Guide our steps, that we may follow You more closely. Draw us ever closer to You and to one another, that we might support one another as we follow where You lead us in our efforts to create a world of unity and boundless love. In Your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Aaron

God watches over us with mercy and grace. Christ's forgiveness flows freely, redeeming us and making us whole.

Presentation of Children's Bibles Pastor Aaron & Pat Beckwith
Dane and Sam, receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Music David Landrum

Prayer for Illumination Charlie Donohoe
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Scripture Reading *Acts 1:1-11 (New Testament)*

Sermon *"Who Has Been Taken Up from You"* Pastor Aaron

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**

*Apostles' Creed **UMH 881**

*Hymn *Awesome God* **TFWS 2040**

*The Benediction Pastor Aaron
Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Postlude David Landrum

Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV

WINCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER:

CARE FACILITIES:

Consulate Health Care: Connie Mitchell (PA)

Spring Arbor: Marietta Lipscomb (#239) & Lloyd Henry (#210)

Mount Vernon Nursing Center: Virginia Ebbs

Search Group Home: Steven Dobbins

Sunrise at Bon Air: Irene Gates (#205)

Orchard Woods: Phyllis Baker

Lynn Care: Rosalie Wehn (Mimi's grandmother) & Marilyn Stelzl

UPCOMING SURGERIES: Betty Lou Langager – May 21

SYMPATHY: Tisinger/Chapman families; Ruth Bennington & family; Perry/Martin family; Bill Tharpe & family

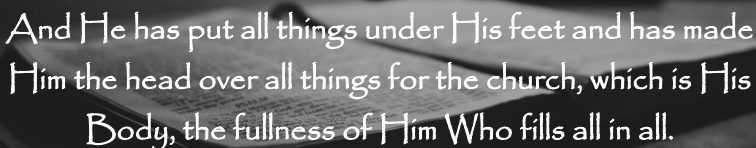
MILITARY: CPO Tiffany McMahan; MMN3 Seth Anton; LTC Tom Crowley; Jared Castro, ROTC

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Aaron, Cooper, & Elise; Pastor Clay Knick – lymphoma; the Gordons; the Burchards; Marshall Carper; Judy Allen; Jeanne Newlin & Janie Slater; Peggy Gillich; Polly Look; Shirley Dick

Missionaries: Gregg & Jayne Yarian; Pastor Michael & Lupe Geiss

Local Missions: VAN (Valley Assistance Network), The Winchester Rescue Mission, Lord Fairfax Food Bank, C-CAP

At Home: Bryan Hartley, Pat Price, Jean Snider, Mary Kathryn Clark, Tina Weagley, Florence Roman



And He has put all things under His feet and has made Him the head over all things for the church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

Weekly Prayer Requests

May 9

Family of Annalue Wyatt (Madonna Sponaugle's sister); Marilyn Stelzl; Marshall Carper; Maria Castro; Margo Young; Lisa Dawson; Gussie Lee; Zack Harner; Betty Lou Langager; Doug Langager and family on the loss of his brother; Pastor Aaron - unspoken

May 2

Elaine & Billy Masters; Phyllis Baker; Frank Moore; Hayley Moore; Evelyn Jennings; Marietta Lipscomb; Charles "Ike" McFarland

April 25

Simone Poulin (Danny Aube's aunt); family of Rev. Dr. Dan Garrett; Peggy Gillich; Lawton MacDonald; Lee Lichvar; Traci Wilson; Brady Hamilton (Greatorex's grandson)

April 18

Russell Parrish – had kidney stone surgery; Judy Smith – had a heart ablation; Marcy Cormier; Katie Teets; Lawrence, who is homeless; Polly Look; Laurel Look; Jo-Ann Larrick; Gene Wise – had surgery on 4/16 and did well; Barbara Baltimore & family on the loss of Barbara's cousin Allison Finley-Harris

***If you would like for us to lift up a prayer request, please call the office at 540-667-7298 or email csteele@kernstownumc.org. You can also place prayer request slips in the offering box in the sanctuary. These names will remain on this list for four weeks.*

Announcements

CHILDREN'S BIBLE PRESENTATIONS – Today we are presenting Bibles to Dane Henshaw and Sam Henshaw! We pray the Word of God will be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path throughout your lives. The next presentation Sunday will be June 13.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – The Finance Committee will meet today after the in-person worship service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Submissions for our June newsletter are due tomorrow, Monday, May 17, at 12 noon.

PEOPLE IN MINISTRY – Each Sunday for the in-person worship service, we need greeters, a seating usher, and a lay person/reader. We'd love to have you help out! If interested, you can sign up on the white board in the narthex or simply call/email the church office.

DAVID OFF – Director of Music and pianist/organist, David Landrum, will be off May 17 – June 1. We will have pre-recorded music at the in-person worship services during this time.

WOMEN'S CORE GROUP – The Women's Disciple Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

SPPRC MEETING – SPPRC will meet on Tuesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Church Council will meet on Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

PASTOR AARON OFF – The Bishop has called for all clergy to have a "time apart for renewal" on Monday, May 24, which is Aldersgate Day. *"Aldersgate commemorates the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his 'heart strangely warmed'" (from umc.org).*

MEN'S CORE GROUP MEETING – The Men's Core Group will meet on Tuesday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

WORSHIP & WONDER & HEALTHY CHURCH TEAM MEETING – A combined meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

DISTRICT UMW UMCOR PROJECT – May is the last month to do an UMCOR **School Kit** and/or **Hygiene Kit**. The list of items required for each type of kit was included in the May newsletter. Bring your items and/or completed kits to the church – there is a box in the mission room. Thanks to our UMW for sponsoring these kits!

WANTED: KUMC OCC PROJECT LEADER -

We are still looking for someone to be the OCC Project Leader for Kernstown UMC congregation. Check out our OCC page on our website to learn more – there is a short video at the bottom of that page about the Project Leader position. If you feel a calling to spearhead this project for our church, please contact **Bob Greatorex** (540-662-3137 or greatorex@yahoo.com).



KUMC NEWTON SCHOLARSHIP – Letters of interest for the KUMC Newton Scholarship for graduating high school seniors who will be attending college/university/trade school this fall are now being accepted! **Eligibility requirements for applicants include: a minimum of two years' membership at KUMC with regular church attendance. Involvement with KUMC ministries and Youth is also beneficial.** The letter must detail applicant's high school/college subjects taken, grade point average, and extra-curricular activities, along with the school in which matriculated for Fall 2021, college/trade program to be pursued, expected degree/certification, and any other information deemed important by the applicant. Two letters of personal reference should also be included. All materials are due to the church (mail, email, or deliver) **no later than June 1.**



~ Class of 2021 ~

ABBA CARE LIFE WALK & 4K FUN RUN – AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center here in Winchester is hosting Shine for LIFE Walk & 4K Fun Run next Sunday, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Open Door Baptist Church in Clear Brook. Walk or run with a team or on your own. Can't make it or not comfortable attending a large gathering? Participate virtually instead to support AbbaCare in this vital fundraiser! Visit abbacare.org/walk for more information or to register for the event and start getting pledges. You can also call them at 540-665-9660.



CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

May 16 through May 23

Sunday, May 16

- 10:20 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary / Live Stream)
11:15-ish Finance Committee meeting (FH)
6:00 p.m. Banner Youth (FH)

Monday, May 17

- 12 noon Newsletter deadline

Tuesday, May 18

- 2:00 p.m. Women's Disciple Study Group (FH)
7:00 p.m. SPPRC meeting (FH)

Thursday, May 20

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting (FH)

Sunday, May 23

PENTECOST

Reminder to wear **RED**

- 10:20 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary / Live Stream)
6:00 p.m. Banner Youth (FH)



SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF May 16th:

Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; and John 17:6-19