

Calendar - Week of February 22nd

Today: 1st Sunday in Lent 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship
Booth-Dave Ford; Greeters: Glenda & Arnold Gale
Counters-Brian Henshaw & Lorraine Shelton

Tues.: 10:30 Freedgedge | 12-4 Bridge fh

Wed.: 9³⁰ BSF | 11:00 Prayer Group | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

Thursday: TOPS 8:30 | **4:00 Church Council** | **Fri:** 11-3 Bridge fh

Sunday, March 1, 2nd Sunday in Lent

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Prayers: Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Sandy Dunkle; Charlie Donohoe; Audrey Dorton; Charles Funkhouser; Caleb; Sarah; Candace Adams; Jim Park; Amy; Caitlin; Chase; Marcy Cormier; Lanny Black; Ashley Langager; Dick Spicer; Minnie; Mckenna; athletes & Olympians; Izzy; Max; Caleb Hess; Sandy Hess; Travis Hollar (*JoAnne Carper's nephew*); Mary Strosnider; Taylor; Linda; thanks for love; Sage; Stori; Kathy; Sarah; Amanda; Dorothy F.; Will Rogers; Judy Harmon; Russ Conklin; Kelly Babyok; Laura Conklin; Vicky Johnson; Michele Cheledyn; James Coleman; Virginia Stanley; Laura (Dan) Folger; Emily Kanade; those who have lost loved ones; Cheryl Dodgen; Donna Chesnutt; Lillian Ritchie (*Tammy Corey's mother*); Chrissy Rust; Mark Wells; Deanna Wells; Susan; Russ, his mother & sister, Glenna; Jim Barker; Ellen Neff; Moyers; Bollingers; Dea Dea's family; Blooms; Gales; pastor & family; Carolyn Barr; Sandy Keiter; Scott & Bill Tumblin; Joel Hooper; Brittany; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Bonnie & Denny Lee; Judy Allen; Nancy Tisinger; LeRoy LaMarr; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; our president; Judy G.; Dusti P.; June & Nate; Athena; Maureen; Doug; our country; trafficked people; Roy Minnick; Pat Beckwith; Robert Duck; Newcome family; Cheshires; peace; our leaders; hard decisions; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahan; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Pastor Aaron; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda & Charles Harless; Bob, Lorraine & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Nellie Snoots; Ed Marshall; Beth DeHaven; JoAnne Carper; Tina & Shane Weagley; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines, & boys; Sharon & George Teets; Doug Seabright's sister; our world; the hungry, homeless, lonely, and grieving; Mason Look; Barbara Bledsoe; Carole Ay; Kay-Beth Ambrose; avalanche victims and families

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1. Place in offering basket during worship
2. Use QR Code to the right →
3. Give online at kernstownumc.org/give
4. Scheduled payments through your bank
5. Mail check to KUMC



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February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude (*Prepare your hearts for worship*) Ellie Kahn

Ring of the Bell

Greeting Ric Dunkle | Rev. Dr. Gómez

***Hymn 269 UMH** *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days*

*Lighting of the Altar Candles

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle Lisa Dawson & Lorraine Shelton

During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus. And we remember that we, too, turn away. Jesus was approached by a rich man. He said he wanted eternal life but was unwilling to change his lifestyle; and he walked sadly away. We, too, are often unwilling to change even the smallest part of our lifestyle in order to follow Jesus. We extinguish the first candle, confessing our unwillingness to do what is necessary to follow Jesus.

O God our deliverer, You led Your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of Your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Sing (*Refrain from: Change My Heart, O God – TFWS 2152*):

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

***Affirmation of Faith 881 UMH** *Apostles' Creed* Rev. Dr. Gómez

***Gloria Patri 70 UMH**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Rich Lichvar

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 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Epistle Lesson Romans 5:12-19

Choir Anthem *Written in Red*

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

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 Rev. Dr. Gómez

Sermon *Testing Your Faith*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: 895 UMH

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *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)

Offertory Prayer Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Ministry Moments

*Hymn 2112 TFWS *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Gómez

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. 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 (*Rejoice in the music of the Lord*) Ellie Kahn
TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black), UMH=United Methodist Hymnal (red) CCLI # 11408803

Announcements

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.

Care & Connect request members to send cards to Nellie Snoots for her 100th birthday on March 4.

Welcome to substitute pianist Ellie Khan. She is currently the music director of Little Women at Riverside. She is in town from Chicago and is an Emmy winning composer and most notably a music supervisor for Six: The Musical. Thank you to her for sharing her talents with us today. Please make her feel welcome and show your appreciation."

Reach & Serve - We are collecting items for UMCOR Cleaning Kits during Lent (2/18-3/22). See display of items needed in narthex. You can take slips for a few items to donate, or fill an entire bucket. You may donate money for us to do the shopping for you (make check out to KUMC UWF & write UMCOR Kits on the memo line).

32nd Community Wellness Festival on Sat., Feb. 28, 10 am-5pm at Apple Blossom Mall.

Worship & Wonder has provided a daily Lenten devotional, *Blessed are the Meek*, which includes scripture readings, reflections, and prayers for you to enjoy during Lent.

Encounter - You are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class during the season of Lent as we study Max Lucado's book, "He Chose The Nails, What God did to win your heart!" This study led by Rev. Steve Wells will invite you to: Linger on the Hill of Calvary. Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow. Touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of God. Allow the tools torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart! We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in classroom #3 beginning on February 22. See Steve Wells for a book.

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New Directories & our 2026 Budget & KUMC Leadership roster is in the narthex by the coat rack. They are both hole punched paper and ready to file in your membership/directory notebook.

Lent 2026 *From the Cross to the Crown*

March 29 Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am

April 2 Maundy Thursday
Eucharist Foot/Hand Washing Service at 7 pm

April 3 Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm

April 5 Easter
Sunrise Service at Opequon Presby. Church Shelter at 6 am
Easter Service, Holy Communion & Cantata at KUMC at 10:30