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 Sunday through Thursday
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Sun 12 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
 9:25 a.m. Youth drama class. Classroom No. 1
 9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
 4:30 p.m. Community Choirfest. Asbury United Methodist
 5:30 p.m. Youth group bowling at Shepherd. Fellowship Hall

Tue 14

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon
 7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room
 8:00 p.m. Irish Trio. Sanctuary

Wed 15

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

Thu 16

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1

Sat 18

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall
 9:15 a.m. Deacon Shepherds. Fellowship Hall

Sun 19 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; Ps. 119:33-40; 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5:38-48

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 9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
 12:15 p.m. SPC refugee committee. Classroom No. 1

SUNDAY SEMINARS: *Becoming the Beloved Community, Part 2*, begins **Feb. 12, 9:25 a.m.**, with a series of conversations around race using *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving. This book offers "a rare window on how white Americans are socialized. Irving's focus on the mechanics of racism operating in just one life — her own — may lead white readers to reconsider the roots of their own perspectives — and their role in dismantling old myths." (Van Jones)

COMMUNITY CHOIR FESTIVAL. Our own choir plus music from the churches of Shepherdstown including the Shepherdstown Elementary Drumming Group. **Sunday, Feb. 12, 4:30 p.m.**, Asbury United Methodist Church. (Shepherdstown, Rt. 480)

HYMN SING with the 10 other Presbyterian churches of the Eastern Panhandle. **Sunday, Feb. 26, 4:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This takes the place of the regular Hymn Sing.

SHOWCASE OF TALENT. **Friday, March 10.** Twelve 4-minute spots available, plus world premier of Chloe William's original play: "The Golden Truths from Willy Wonka." Notify the office if you have an "act" (music or reading).

Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday

February 12, 2017

10:45 a.m.

LEANING INTO DARKNESS

Draw me into the depths.
 Take me down to the holy darkness to Love's roots.

I lean into that darkness,
 The darkness that surrounds me,
 This nurturing room for my restless spirit.

Let me borrow your eyes, Beloved.
 Then I shall see in the dark,
 though for answers I do not look.

It is enough to wait,
 To wait in the holy darkness,
 This nurturing womb for Love's yearning.

Listening to the sound of silence,
 And leaning into the song of darkness,
 I wait for You.

Waiting with purpose for who I will become,
 Waiting without agenda for things I cannot change,
 I become one with the One I love,

For I have seen too many stars,
 Too many stars to let the darkness overwhelm me.
 I keep vigil. I keep vigil. I keep vigil.

I keep vigil,
 For I have seen too many stars,
 Too many stars to let the darkness overwhelm me.

M. Wiederkehr & V. Frye

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Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who live with spiritual integrity! Blessed are those who honor the Inner Being, who follow You with their whole heart, Who enfold the world with love and walk on peaceful paths!

Psalm 119
(Merrill)

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life.

Deuteronomy 30:19

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:8-9

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Mileur Bailey

Ava Joyce

Rosemarie Coy

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare

Available in the nursery.

See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace

Love before us...

Proclamation

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God,
Whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 32**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

GRACE A BOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

O Beloved, you offer joy, hope and love but we close our hearts.
You lead us toward freedom, peace and healing but we turn away.
Forgive and free us. Raise us up out of our fears. Help us trust your great faithfulness. Help us choose life.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of grace and gratitude

***Response (2x)**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessing the World

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

****Hymn 188**

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lessons

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 • Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon

"Reluctant Christians"

Hymn 314

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Neighbors"

Ghanaian melody / arr. A. Lovelace

Affirmation

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Response (2x)**

Light before us...

Peace before us...

Charge & Benediction

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Postlude

The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us. **Black Elk**

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one getting burned. **The Buddha**

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.
Mary Anne Radmacher

I don't know much about you but I do know some about me. It's a mixed bag of good and bad, a mulligan stew saved only by a pinch or two of Hope
Euonymous

Flowers placed by
The Price family fund

*stand if you are able
**children to First Pew

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sign up in office

Kyrie by Georgiann Toole