

- ◆ Please make sure your cell phones are turned off during worship, so that you can fast from texting and other distractions. Also, please refrain from bring food and drink into the sanctuary.
- ◆ Protective face coverings will be optional for vaccinated persons. We remain considerate of one another's choices and concerns as well as those among us who can't choose vaccinations at this time. We ask that you continue to respect personal boundaries.
- ◆ In order to provide some option of singing, you are asked to only sing softly from your pew at this time and consider the mask for this time of the service.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Nancy

WELCOMING WORDS

The season of Epiphany is about the revealing of the light to the world. Not all see it, of course; this is why Jesus frequently said, "let those who have ears to hear, hear." We who gather for worship have caught a glimpse of something, and we come to celebrate and to lean into that hope.

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible* Arr. Kendall

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** JoAnne Cyrus

L: God welcomes us here.

P: We come to be nourished.

L: Christ nourishes us with love.

P: We come to be transformed.

L: The Spirit re-creates us anew each day.

*** OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)** JoAnne Cyrus

O Spirit of the Living God, flow through our worship. Nourish us with Your loving presence. Draw us ever closer to You, that we might be filled and transformed into the people God created us to be. Speak to our hearts this day and evermore. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* #569 UMH
(sung softly with masks on, please)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Pastor Nancy

Generous God, we are reminded through scripture of the spiritual gifts that You give. We know that these are not for us to hold onto but are gifts for us to share. As we offer our tithes and offerings, prompt us to commit more than dollars, but to see the gifts You

have written on our hearts and to share generously of these as well! We pray these words in the name of Jesus, in whose way we follow, for whose love we are eternally grateful. AMEN.

[If you wish to support Milton United Methodist Church with your tithes and gifts, please mail them to MUMC, 1007 Church Street, Milton WV 25541. If available, you can also give through your bank. If you wish to make a gift today, there is an offering box located at the parking lot entrance sidewalk, and there are offering plates at the doors of the sanctuary.]

OFFERTORY *I Bind My Heart to Thee* Ritter

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

MESSAGE Pastor Nancy

*** HYMN** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #557 UMH
(sung softly with masks on, please)

*** BLESSING** Pastor Nancy
As we have been filled, go now to fill the world.
Fill the world with love and hope.
Fill the world with Christ.
For as we nourish others, God will transform the world through us.

*** POSTLUDE** *We Are the Body of Christ* Brown/Hampton

* Please stand as you are able.



WELCOME: Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out a yellow card that is in the pew rack and leave it in the offering plate. We hope that you will find our church to be a place where you feel welcome and experience the presence of God in a powerful way.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

As part of today's worship, you are encouraged to consider what your spiritual gifts might be and take a spiritual gifts assessment. The WV United Methodist Church has an assessment available if you go to: wvumc.org/spiritualgifts.

This is for your insight but you are also invited to discuss and share with Pastor Nancy or others who might help your thought processes. If there is interest, we will arrange an opportunity to discuss our endeavors either via zoom gatherings or in person if advisable.

You will also find on the site a Learning Management System that may help you engage in some courses to support your faith journey. PORTICO is an e-learning opportunity provided for clergy and lay persons in our conference to "Discover, Develop and Deploy passionate spiritual leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

It is called Portico in reference to ancient places where people would gather for learning. An example of this is Solomon's portico in John 10:23 where Jesus taught and Peter healed the lame man in Acts 3:11.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Recently added names are in Italics.

Nursing & Assisted Living Centers:

Cabell Health & Rehab: Louis Mae Conner

Others: Our Elected Officials; Sunday School (Children, Youth, & Teachers); Military Personnel; Churches & Ministers; Missionaries; Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball; DS Rev. Joe Hill; Pastor Nancy White; 130th Unit of WV Air Nat'l Guard; and

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| Alex S. | John M. | Stan |
| Alice | Ken H. | Steve S. |
| Avery | Larry C. | Steven L. |
| Baby Owen | Mike | Terry B. |
| Brenda | Millie | Terry P. |
| Carlous | Patrick | Tootie |
| Elenora | Roger W. | Zack H. |
| Fran | Rose | |
| J. D. | Shelly T. | |

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The **Confirmation Class** will meet TODAY at Milton UMC at noon.

The **Worship Ministry Team** will meet NEXT Sunday, January 23, following morning worship.

NEWSLETTER: Do you have announcements for February and/or March? Send them to the office BEFORE Thursday, January 20, so they can be included in the next newsletter.

CALENDAR for the Week Beginning JANUARY 16

TODAY

- Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship 11:00 AM
- Confirmation Class at Milton UMC 12:00 PM

THURSDAY: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- T.O.P.S. 4:30—6:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY


- Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship 11:00 AM
- Worship Ministry Team After Worship

LITURGICAL COLORS: “The Christian year has two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent–Christmas–Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent–Easter–Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. After each cycle, there is an ordinary time of growth symbolized the color green. Thus, there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year.” (*The United Methodist Book of Worship*)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

- Online 70
- Parking Lot 3
- Sanctuary 22

Sermon Notes

*open hearts
open minds
open doors*  **Milton United Methodist Church**
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Mission Statement
The mission of Milton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by reflecting God's love through faith, worship, and service so others may discover God's grace.

Now there are varieties of gifts,
but the same
Spirit; and there are varieties of services,
but the same
Lord; and there are varieties of activities,
but the same
God who activates all...
 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, NRSV



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 16, 2022

Milton/Bethesda Charge
Reverend Nancy White, Pastor

- Ministers: Every Person in the Congregation Lay Leader: Brad Stewart
- Song Leader: William Deel Organist/Pianist: Lynn McGinnis
- Church Secretary: Wanda Skidmore Custodian: Andrea Woodard
- Church Web Site: <http://miltonwvumc.org> Church Office Phone: (304) 743-6461
- Church Email: miltonunited@frontier.com Facebook: [mumcwv](https://www.facebook.com/mumcwv)
- Secretary's Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 AM to 2 PM
- Pastor's Email: revnancywhite@gmail.com
- Pastor's Cell: 304-549-0496