

Kernstown UMC Purpose Statement:
"Strives to welcome ALL into a loving church family
that glorifies God through worship, nurture, and outreach to our neighbors."

Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 24, 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Coffee Conversation with Pastor Victor 10:30 Worship Booth: Sam Henshaw Greeters: Lorraine Shelton & Cathy Lichvar Children: Carolyn Carney & Sherry Ford Counters: Roger Hill & Lorraine Shelton Tuesday, August 26 10:30 Freedge Ministry 11-2:00 Music Dir. office hours 12-4 Bridge fh Wednesday, August 27 TOPS 5 ³⁰ 11:00 Prayer Group (All are welcome) fh 6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	Thursday, August 28 TOPS 8 ³⁰ Friday, August 29 11-3 Bridge fh Sunday, Aug. 31, 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Coffee Conversation with Pastor Victor 10:30 Worship Booth: Steve Spurr Greeters: Jim & Mary Markley Children: Danna Doyle & Glenda Gale Counters: Roy Walker & JR Richard Monday, September 1, 2025 Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed Upcoming Mtgs: 9/4 SPPRC; 9/9 UWF, W&W 9/11 Trustees; 9/16 C&C; 9/25 Church Council, R&S
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Scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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 each week.

Be faithful in prayer-Philippians 4:6-7: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Pew Prayers: JoAnne Carper; Steve Straight; Mary & Roy Walker; Doug Seabright; Tina & Landon; Woody Ford; Sharon Law; Mimi & Michael Henshaw; kids returning to school; Lapp family; Logan & Reich; Treney family; travel mercies; Wendy, Danny & families; Kaden Baker; Connie Parson; Simone Poulin; Josue; survivors of domestic violence; churches everywhere; Gene Fishel; Laney starting college in Montana; our parents; our families; family of Joanie Kinser; Joel Hooper; Doris, Bill & Scott Tumblin; our church & new minister; Vance & Carthy; Mark Wells; family of Brenda Hess; Russ Conklin; Lara Conklin; Tim Hall; Sandy Dunkle; Epstein family; Jeter family; Kristi Epstein; Walter W.; June & Nate W.; Maureen C.; Dusti; our country; our president; Richard Sanchez; family of Judi Erikson; Anne & Jerry; Jim Barker; Ellen Neff; Moyers; Bolingers; Gales; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Kelly & Alida O’Neal; Leroy Lamarr; Dennis Tusing; thanks for the beauty of this world; those who suffer; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; Nellie Snoots; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Pastor Aaron Fitch; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda & Charles Harless; Bob, Lorraine & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Tina & Shane Weagley; Ed Marshall; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; our world; the hungry; homeless; lonely; grieving; Carole Ay; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Jason Ritchie (Tammy Corey’s brother); Aimee Lorusso; Jean Snider; Barbara Bledsoe



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 as well as a **children’s moment** in the sanctuary with the pastor.

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025, 10:30 a.m.



Kernstown United Methodist Church
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** All who are able, please stand; bold print - all respond*

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum

Ringling of the Bell

Greeting Lay Leader, Ric Dunkle

*Opening Hymn Lord of the Dance UMH 261

Lighting of Altar Candles

*Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Gómez

Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.
We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.
We gather today to witness the Gospel at work among us.
We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God’s kingdom on Earth as it is in heaven.
We gather today to declare our faith in God’s unshakeable kingdom.
We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God’s steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2025.

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 12:18-29 Kelly Henshaw

Response to the Word David Landrum

Offering 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

Prayers of the People
Congregational Prayer

Rev. Dr. Gómez
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Listening God, hear our prayers as we come before You. Hear the ones who are crying with pain in their heart. Hear the ones who are weeping with grief long into the night. Hear the ones who are sobbing in their loneliness. Loving God, heal their pain. Restore their lives. Mend their broken hearts. Leading God, lead us through the dark valleys. Lead us through troublesome times. Lead us to our home with You. Teach us to listen to Your voice, that we may hear the cry of the needy and respond. Teach us to love, that we may offer care that brings others to You for healing. Teach us to lead, with Your vision so that we lead others home in You. Amen.

*Adapted from Rev Abi and posted on Rev Abi's Long and Winding Road blog. vicarofwadley.blogspot.ca/.
Re-posted on the re: Worship blog at re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/prayer-for-others-proper-16-c.html.*

Children's Time		Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Hymn	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	UMH 600
Gospel Lesson	Luke 13:10-17	Rev. Dr. Gómez
Sermon	<i>Rules Are Rules!</i>	Rev. Dr. Gómez

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		
Ministry Opportunities		
*Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	UMH 593
*The Benediction		Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Choral Benediction	<i>Precious Name</i>	
<i>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.</i>		
Postlude	<i>(Rejoice in the music of the Lord)</i>	David Landrum
	CCLI # 11408803	



Announcements

Who's 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.

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Victor - Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., join Pastor Victor for a time of coffee, chatting, and fellowship. It is a relaxed space to connect, share, and enjoy one another's company before worship. Everyone is welcome, come as you are!



Nametags - Please wear a nametag so that the pastor and others can learn our names.

New Pastor - Request a meeting or visit – If you would like to have a meeting at the church or a visit from the pastor, please let him know. You can reach Pastor Victor at 540-662-2432 or email him at pastor@kernstownumc.org; or you can call the church office 540-667-7298. Note, these are both land lines and they cannot receive texts.

Reach & Serve - Freedge Ministry - Our Friendly Neighborhood Freedge is a community refrigerator that is open 24 hours a day for all to enjoy. On Tuesdays, our church picks up food from CCAP and delivers it to Montague Avenue. If you can spare about 45 minutes a week, please sign up for this ministry. There are plenty of spots in September. Also, if you have excess garden produce this summer, please drop it off at your nearest Freedge.

Worship & Wonder - Summer Music - Handbell & Choir practices return Wednesday, August 27, at 6 and 7 pm, respectively. If you have a love of music in your heart, you are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please reach out to David Landrum at davidlandrum17@gmail.

Educate & Equip - Adult Encounter Sunday School Class - Join us on Sunday morning, Sept. 7, at 9:00 am as we begin a 12-week study of the Book of Philippians led by Rev. Steve Wells. We will meet in room 3 on the second floor of the Education wing. Our book is written by Dr. David Jeremiah, and he will lead us through the letter of Philippians in a chapter-by-chapter study that will help us understand Paul's letter to the people at the time, and what it means to Christians today. The believers in Philippi were experiencing both concern for Paul while he was in prison and spiritual discouragement. Paul wrote this loving letter to encourage them in their faith and to remind them that there was a greater future in store for him and for them. Paul remained joyful in the midst of his sufferings, and he knew the same would be true of the Philippi believers as well. Books can be picked up from Steve Wells. Please join us!

Lay Servant Training Academy is Sat., Sept. 13, from 9-4pm at Macedonia UMC, 1941 Macedonia Church Rd., White Post, VA. We are excited to share an opportunity for all who feel called to grow in their faith and service. The Lay Servant Academy is offering classes to strengthen your discipleship, leadership, and witness in the church and community. Whether you are new to serving or have been leading for years, this is a chance to deepen your gifts and calling. Please let Pastor Victor know if you are interested or if you have any questions. You can register at shenandoahriverdistrict.org/layservantministries/

Save the Date - On Sunday, September 21, we will be showing Sight & Sound's production of "David" after the coffee social.

Reach & Serve – OCC- If you took a box to fill, they are due Sept 21. Please contact Lisa Dawson if you have questions.

Ways to Give -Kernstown UMC appreciates all donations to further God's Kingdom. There are several options available:

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

