

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. 31, 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Coffee Conversation with Pastor Victor 10:30 Worship <i>Booth: Steve Spurr</i> <i>Greeters: Jim & Mary Markley</i> <i>Children: Danna Doyle & Glenda Gale</i> <i>Counters: Roy Walker & JR Richard</i>	Thursday, September 4 TOPS 8:30 6:30 Trustees Note new date 7:00 SPPRC
Monday, September 1 Holiday ~ Office Closed	Friday, September 5 11-3 Bridge fh
Tuesday, September 2 10:30 Freedge Ministry 11-2:00 Music Dir. office hours 12-4 Bridge fh	Sunday, Sept. 7, 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Encounter 10:00 Coffee Conversation with Pastor Victor 10:30 Worship <i>Booth: Brian Henshaw;</i> <i>Greeter: Glenda & Arnold Gale</i> <i>Children: Cathy Richard & Glenda Gale</i> <i>Counters: JR Richard & Mary Anton</i>
Wednesday, September 3 TOPS 5:30 11:00 Prayer Group (All are welcome) fh 6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	Save the Date - On Sunday, September 21, we will be showing Sight & Sound's production of "David" after the coffee social.

Scriptures: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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: Pew Prayers:** JoAnne Carper; Steve Straight; Mary Walker; Holly Rickard; Ruth Folger; Jean Snider; Kevin Wilkins; Amy & Caiti; Doug Seabright (*surgery Friday*); Tina; Marcy Cormier; Margaret Willis; Wayne Walters; Sandy Dunkle; Epstein family; Jeters; Steve Spurr; Mark Wells; Connie Parsons; Greysin Baker; Simone Poulin; Gene Fishel; Susan Hill; Chris; Caleb; Susan; safe travels; Sandy Keiter; Carolyn Barr; Walt Radney; Sharon Law; Kim Riley; Woody Ford; Russ Conklin; Lara Conklin; Kelly's baby; Linda; Pat; our parents; Virginia Stanley; Michael Cheladyn; Vicky Johnson; Ellen Neff; Arnold Gale; Sharon Gale; Trammels; Bollingers; thanks for the blooming flowers; our country; Jeff Miller; our president; Richard Sanchez; worldwide peace; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Kelly & Alida O'Neal; Bonnie & Denny Lee; Jeanne Rathman; Will Rodgers; Polly; Leroy Lamarr; Dennis Tusing; Bruce & Hilda; Dan & Cathy; Ralph & Dee; Phillip & family; Vicky Maphis; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Pastor Aaron Fitch; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda & Charles Harless; Bob, Lorraine & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Tina & Shane Weagley; Ed Marshall; Nellie Snoots; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; our world; the hungry; homeless; lonely; grieving; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Jason Ritchie (*Tammy Corey's brother*); Aimee Lorusso; Barbara Bledsoe; Carole Ay



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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 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** We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

Lighting of Altar Candles

***Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Gómez

Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

Let mutual love continue.

As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2024.

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8 Dan Smith

Response to the Word Mountain Dulcimer Praise Danna Doyle

Offering *This Little Light of Mine*
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

Offertory Prayer Rev. Dr. Gómez
Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Gómez
Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Gómez

In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other, who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new Earth. In the power of the love of God our Creator, the company of Jesus Christ, and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Adapted from the people of Pitt Street Uniting Church (Sydney, Australia), Prayers Encircling the World: An International Anthology (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1998), 212.

Children’s Time Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Hymn *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* **UMH 339**
Gospel Lesson Luke 14:1, 7-14 Rev. Dr. Gómez
Sermon *Dinner Etiquette* 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 *Together We Serve* **TFWS 2175**
*The 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) 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 others can learn our names.

Meet with the Pastor - 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.

Church Leaders for 2026 - The Nominations & Leadership Development Committee will soon meet to prayerfully plan for 2026. I would love for you to continue serving in your current leadership role and I hope that you give me the opportunity to be partners in ministry. Your leadership has helped us grow in faith, strengthen our ministries, and share God’s love with our community. I am deeply grateful for your commitment and dedication. If, however, you feel called to rotate off at this time, please let me know by Monday, September 8, 2025. Otherwise, we look forward with gratitude to your continued service. Thank you for sharing your gifts and graces with our church!

Worship & Wonder - Handbell & Choir practices have resumed on Wednesdays, 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.com.

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 9-4 pm at Macedonia UMC. 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. The Basic Class registration is now **FREE!** Register at shenandoahriverdistrict.org/layservantministries/

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

