Calendar - Week of December 28h

Today: 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | 1-5 Open House at Mill | 5-9 fh private use **Tuesday:** 12-4 Bridge fh | 10³⁰ Freedge Ministry | 11-2 Music Dir hrs | 5:45-8:30 Watts/OPC

Wednesday: no prayer

Thursday, New Year's Day: Office closed | TOPS ? 8:30

Friday: Office closed | 9 Undecorate church (all invited) | 11-3 Bridge fh

Sunday, January 04, 2026, Epiphany Sunday

9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10³⁰ Worship (Lay Leadership Recognition) | 2 pm Concert

1	Leaders	<u>Today</u>	Next Week, Jan 4
	Booth	Sam Henshaw	Sam Henshaw
	Scripture	Cathy Lichvar	Brian Henshaw
	Greeters	•	Your name here sign up in narthex
	Counters	Gary Lantz & Brian Henshaw	Roger Hill & Karen Wells

Pew Prayers: Grey Baker; Charlie Donohoe; Connie Parson; Sandy Keiter; Carolyn Barr; Kim Cooper; Mary Grace Hester; Gary (Barbara McG.'s brother); Alicia Bauer; Lucy Greenstein & family; safe travels; Brenda Newcome; Joyce Cline; Williams family; Daleigh Carper; Barbara Cooper; Laura (Dan) Folger Christie (Ruth F.'s neighbor); Krista Wilson; Daniel Langager (Betty Lou's son); Gaynor Vann; Wes; Jane Funkhouser; Alexis & family; the Seabrights; Jessica Hunter; Joe Shanholtz; Pat & Walt Radner; Carolyn Grove (Doris M.'s sister); Chrissy Rust; Tina; Virginia Johnson; Michael Cheladyn; Virginia Stanley; Maggie Corbin; all people; Russ Conklin; Kelly Babyok; Amy & Caitlin; Doug; Athena M.; Maureen; Meg; Janet; Dusti; June & Nate W.; my FL family; our country; MMIW & children; Danna D.'s brother; Mark Wells; Deanna Wells; Justin, Grant & Zoe Skeens; Sandy Dunkle; Epstein family; Jeter family; Annie; Will; Logan family; Quinn family; Uttman family; Jim Barker; Sharon Gale; Tim Gale; Ellen Neff; Moyers; Bollingers; Natalie Palmer; Arnold & Glenda Gale; Sage; Stori; Sarah; Amanda; Kathy; Deb A; Richard Sanchez; our president; victims & families of Bondi Beach & Brown Univ.; thanks for God showing up in unexpected places; praise our music; world peace; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Leroy LaMarr; travelers; Judy Hansen & family; Bruce & Hilda; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; 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; JoAnne Carper; Tina and Shane Weagley; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines, & boys; Sharon & George Teets; our world; the hungry, homeless, lonely, and grieving; Mason Look; Barbara Bledsoe; Carole Ay; Spurrs; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Aimee Lorusso; Don Adams; Jason & Lillian Ritchie (Tammy Corey's brother & mother); thankful for

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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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December 28th, 2025

1st Sunday After Christmas

*Stand as able; bold print-all respond

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting Lay Leader, Ric Dunkle | Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Call to Worship

Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the Good News of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare Good News wherever we go.

We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025.

*Hymn 250 (UMH) Once in Royal David's City

*Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Affirmation of Faith 881 (UMH) Apostles' Creed

*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

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 Isaiah 63:7-9 Cathy Lichvar

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 2:10-18

Special Music All is Well Steve Wells

*Hymn 240 (UMH) Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13-23 Rev. Dr. Gómez

Sermon The Twelve Days of Christmas (See insert for song lyrics)

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: 895 (UMH)

Invitation to the Offering

*Offertory 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. 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

*Ministry Moments

*Hymn 228 (UMH) He Is Born

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Choral Benediction Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

*Postlude (Rejoice in the music of the Lord) David Landrum

CCLI # 11408803 | UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red)

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

Christmas Undecorating – All are invited to join in the fellowship as we undecorate the church on Friday, January 2, at 9 am.

Cello/Piano Concert – Just a reminder that as we wrap up Advent and Christmas and head to Epiphany, we are having a special cello and piano concert next Sunday, January 4 at 2 pm. The program is entitled "Two Wise Guys Celebrate the Three Wise Guys." We will be featuring guest cellist Tom Valdez and of course David Landrum. It'll be a unique experience for our church that is very exciting during this winter season. A love offering will be collected for the Laurel Center.

2026 Leaders - Next Sunday our Lay Leadership will be recognized

Kernstown UMC Leaders for 2026 🕻 Church Council **Finance SPPRC** Roy Walker Carolyn Carney Brian Henshaw Daniel Conklin Danna Dovle Lisa Dawson Lisa Dawson Ric Dunkle Cathy Lichvar Ric Dunkle Roy Walker Brian Henshaw Brianna Jackman Dave Ford Carolyn Carney Barb Mosser Carolyn Carney Dave Ford Richard Nenge Cathy Lichvar Ric Dunkle Nora Seabright Lisa Dawson Chervl Spurr Steve Spurr Rev. Dr. Gomez Doris Miller Polly Look Roger Hill Sam Henshaw Danny Aube Edward Jackman Nom. & Leadership Dev. Steve Wells Gary Lantz Rev. Dr. Gomez Lorraine Shelton Kevin Mosser Mary Anton Karen Wells* Rev. Dr. Gomez Lisa Dawson Rev. Dr. Gomez Ric Dunkle Sandy Dunkle **Work Area Chairs** Trustees Sherry Ford Doris Miller, C&C Dave Ford Glenda Gale Susan Hill Lisa Dawson, R&S Brenda Long Steve Wells, R&S Edward Jackman Ric Dunkle, Acting E&E Lorraine Shelton, W&W Chris Lutz Barbara Mallory Approved Chrg Conf 10/26/2025 Dwight Miller **Lay Servant** *Rev 12/15/25, Karen Wells to Dennis O'Neal Doris Miller Church Council as Membership Secv



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 *Time with the Younger Congregation* in the sanctuary with the pastor.