

Kernstown UMC Leaders for 2026		
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Lay Servant Doris Miller	Approved Chrg Conf 10/26/2025 *Rev.12/15/25, Karen Wells to Church Council as Membership Secy	

Announcements:
Choir has resumed. Anyone is welcome, we rehearse 7 pm Wednesday upstairs, See David for questions.
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.
United Women in Faith meet on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 10 am in fellowship hall. Program- Installation of Officers for 2026 by President of Shenandoah River District UWF.
Fellowship Brunch on Sunday, Jan. 18 in fellowship hall after worship. Signup sheet is in Care & Connect Area on table in narthex.
Blood Pressure checks by Parish Nurse in mission room after worship Jan. 11 and 25.

Calendar - Week of January 11th
Sunday, January 11, 2026: 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Wesley Covenant Service Worship w/ Brian Henshaw | Booth-Sam Henshaw; Greeters, Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis; Counters-Gary Lantz & Karen Wells
Tuesday: 10 UWF | 10:30 Freedgedge | Music Director Hours | 12-4 Bridge fh
Wednesday: BSF 9³⁰ | 11:00 Prayer Group | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir
Thursday: TOPS 8:30; **Friday:** 11-3 Bridge fh; | Office Closed
Sun., Jan. 18, 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany: 9 Encounter; 10 Coffee | 10³⁰ Worship | Brunch
Booth: Steve Spurr; Greeters: Maria Castro & Carolyn Sibert; Counters: Roy Walker& Brian Henshaw
Prayers: Elaine & Jody; Richard Sanchez; Mark Quakenbush; Mary Grace Hester; family of Kay Strawman; Charlie Donohoe; Travis Hollar (JoAnne Carper's nephew); Sandra Keiter; Sandy Dunkle; Epstein family; Jeter family; Barbara Cooper; Laura (Dan) Folger); health & God's protection; Venezuela; Ukraine; June & Nate W.; Maxine B.; my FL family; displaced; hungry worldwide; Jim Barker; Sharon Gale; Tim Gale; Ellen Neff; Moyers; Bollingers; Natalie Palmer; Arnold & Glenda Gale; Mike Brownlee; thanks for good friends; Sabrina; Annie; Will; Logan family; Alexis; Jonathon; Blake; Blair; Emma; Krista Wilson; Sage; Stori; Sarah; Amanda; Kathy; Pastor Peter Kosolow; Pastor Michael Mattar; Amy & Caitlin; Kim; Bruce & Hilda; Ada Huffman family; Gary Yost; Virginia Johnson; Michael Cheladyn; Virginia Stanley; Carolyn Grove (Doris' sister); Linda; Brenda; Bambi; Ann & her dad; Bonnie Lee; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Leroy LaMarr; our president; Jack Wood; Freddie & Marie; Nancy & Bruce; Dale W.; Patricia Brannon; Cody W.; Barbara Funkhouser; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Brenton Evans; Shy Ann Chapman; Kay Beth Ambrose; Littman family; Bobby Carlye; 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; Spurr; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Jason & Lillian Ritchie (Tammy Corey's brother & mother); Sympathies: Bloxom & Gosnell families

Ways to Give -Kernstown UMC appreciates all donations to further God's Kingdom. There are several options available: Use QR Code to the right → Place in offering basket during worship, Mail check to KUMC, Give online at kernstownumc.org/give, Scheduled payments through your bank

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January 11, 2026

Wesley Covenant Service

***Stand as able; bold print-all respond**
(Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Greeting Ric Dunkle

***Call to Worship**
Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!
How great is our God!
From generation to generation, we will sing Your praises and speak of Your goodness!
Great is our God and worthy of praise!
God, You are just and kind in all Your doings?
Great is our God and worthy of praise!
God, You watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to You!
How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name forever!
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***Hymn 57 UMH** **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**
***Lighting of the Altar Candles**
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 42:1-9 Luke Henshaw
Epistle Lesson Acts 10:34-43
Choir Anthem *Trust in the Lord*
***Hymn 2152 TFWS** **Change My Heart, O God**
***Gospel Lesson** Luke 9: 21-27 Brian Henshaw
Sermon *I Am Yours*
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: 895 (UMH)
John Wesley's Covenant Prayer: Renewing our Commitment to God:
Commit yourselves to Christ as His servants. Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our

inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then, there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully into Your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but His servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. Christ will have no servants except by consent; Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that He requires. Christ will be all in all, or He will be nothing. Confirm this by a holy covenant. To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions: First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ. Consider what your sins are. Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all. Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God. Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence. Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength, so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power. Fourth, resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back. And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord. Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

Covenant Prayer:

O righteous God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I fall down before you. Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done Your will, for You have promised mercy to me if I turn to You with my whole heart.

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

I here, from the bottom of my heart, renounce them all, covenanting with You that no known sin shall be allowed in my life. Against Your will, I have turned my love toward the world. In Your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from You. For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before You.

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let Him.

Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge You as my Lord and God. I take You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as Your servant, to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God.

Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with Him. O blessed Jesus, I come to You, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of Your servants. I do here, with all my power, accept You as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that You are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom, and take You for my only guide. I renounce my own will, and take Your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with Him.

I do here covenant with You, O Christ, to take my lot with You as it may fall. Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from You.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under Your yoke, to carry Your burden. All Your laws are holy, just, and good. I, therefore, take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to Your direction, and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O God, You know that I make this covenant with You today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to You, O God the Father, Whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to You, O God the Son, Who have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit, Who by Your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God. O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant. So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

***Offertory** *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks.

Offertory Prayer

Brian Henshaw

*Ministry Moments

*Hymn 593 UMH

Here I Am, Lord

*Benediction

Brian Henshaw

***Choral Benediction** *Grace, Love, and Fellowship*

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us forever, and ever, forever more. Amen.

***Postlude**

(Rejoice in the music of the Lord)

David Landrum