


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

<b>Sunday, Sept. 21,</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Encounter <i>Philippians Study</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lite Lunch/Sight & Sound Movie <i>David Booth: Danny Aube</i> <i>Greeters: Judy Chapman &amp; Vicki Maphis</i> <i>Children: Carolyn Carney &amp; Danna Doyle</i> <i>Counters: Brian Henshaw &amp; Roger Hill</i> <b>Monday, September 22</b> Happy Fall  <b>Tuesday, September 23</b> 12-4 Bridge fh 9-1:30 hosting District meeting upstairs 10:30 Freedge <b>Wed., September 24</b> BSF 9 <sup>30</sup> & TOPS 5 <sup>30</sup> 11:00 Prayer Group ( <b>All are welcome</b> ) fh 6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Thursday, September 25</b> TOPS 8:30 7:00 Reach & Serve <b>Friday, September 26</b> 11-3 Bridge fh 11-2:00 Music Dir. office hours <b>Sunday, Sept. 28,</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Encounter <i>Philippians Study</i> 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Worship <i>Booth: Sam Henshaw</i> <i>Greeters: Betty Phillips &amp; Polly Look</i> <i>Children: Cathy Lichvar &amp; Glenda Gale</i> <i>Counters: Roy Walker &amp; Lorraine Shelton</i> <b>Upcoming:</b> Oct. 5 Finance; Oct. 7 W&W; Oct. 9 Trustees Oct. 12 Church Council after worship <i>Tentative</i> Oct. 23 Church Council at 4 Oct. 26 Hosting Charge Conference
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Scriptures: Jeremiah 8:8-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

**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:** Laura (Dan) Folger; Betty & Ronald; Kelly; Mason Look; Nick; Wayne Walters; Larry Sullivan; Colleen O'Dell Multer; UMM Men's group; Connie & Bo; Will Rodgers; Steve Spurr; Brylin Gonzalez; Ben & Crystal Walker; Jessie Evans; Linda D.; our country; our world; our dear friends; Rich Lichvar; Aaron Rust; Tina Raia; Charlie Kirk's family & friends; Carolyn Barr; Sandy Carter; Richard Sanchez; our president; Sage; Sarah; Stori; Jean Snider; Amy & Caitlin; Russ & Lara Conklin; Dottie Holstein; Beth Mitchell; thanks for healing; Sabrina; Arthur Neving; David Russell; Beverly Lockhart; Virginia Stanley; Vicky Johnson; Michael Cheladyn; Arnold Gale; Bollingers; Ellen Neff; Sharon Gale; our president; Sandy Dunkle; Epsteins; Jeters; Mark Wells; Rev. Phyllis Early; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Kelly & Alida O'Neal; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Leroy Lamarr; Dennis Tusing; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Jason Ritchie (*Tammy Corey's brother*); Aimee Lorusso; Barbara Bledsoe; Cathy; Dan & family; Ralph, Dee & Family; friends & family traveling; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; JoAnne Carper; 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; the hungry; homeless; lonely; grieving; Butch & TJ Ketterman; 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.

15th Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2025, 10:30 a.m.



**Kernstown United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez**  
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*\* All who are able, please stand; bold print - all respond*

Prelude	(Prepare your hearts for worship)	David Landrum
Bell Introit	How Great Thou Art	Handbell Choir
Ringling of the Bell		
Greeting		Lay Leader, Ric Dunkle
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<b>Living for Jesus</b>	<b>Cokesbury 173</b>

Lighting of Altar Candles  
**\*Call to Worship** **Rev. Dr. Gómez**

When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...  
**Help us, God, for the glory of Your name.**  
When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...  
**Help us, God, for the glory of Your name.**  
When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...  
**Help us, God, for the glory of Your name.**  
Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.  
**Help us, God, to receive Your help and to extend Your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of Your name.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2025.*

Scripture Lesson	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Kelly Henshaw
Response to the Word	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing	Choir
Offering	Shine, Jesus, Shine	

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light. Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.**

Offertory Prayer  
Prayers of the People  
Congregational Prayer

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Loving and Gracious God—Holy one of Israel—tender one to all who call upon You with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with Your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn Your ways, inspire those who seek Your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with Your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild and posted on the Kir-shalom website. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at [re:Worship blog at re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/opening-prayer-bless-us-we-pray.html](http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/opening-prayer-bless-us-we-pray.html)

Children’s Time  
\*Hymn  
Gospel Lesson  
Sermon

Jesus Calls Us  
Luke 16:1-13  
Bottom Line

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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 Surrender All

UMH 354  
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\*Choral Benediction  
May the Peace of the Lord Go with You  
May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness; protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Postlude

(Rejoice in the music of the Lord)

David Landrum

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](mailto:pastor@kernstownumc.org); or you can call the church office 540-667-7298. Note, these are both land lines and they cannot receive texts.

**Movie Today** - On Sunday, September 21, we will be showing Sight & Sound's production of "David" shortly after a lite lunch is served. Hot dogs and ice cream also available.

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

**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.

**United Women in Faith Project** - "Lighting the Path to the Christ Child" - During September, make donation of \$5 per light in memory or honor of someone to benefit local missions. Donation forms and envelopes to return the forms are on Mission Table in narthex. For more information, contact Doris Miller (540-303-3135) or Cheryl Spurr ( 526-637-7513).

**Worship & Wonder** - The music director’s office hours are Friday this week from 11-2.

**Worship & Wonder** - Scripture Readers are needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025 and for 2026. There is a sign-up sheet for on the ministry table in the narthex. Please sign up if you or your family would like to read for the entire month. If you have questions, please contact Lorraine Shelton (540-771-8301, [lorraineshelton0566@gmail.com](mailto:lorraineshelton0566@gmail.com)).

**Worship & Wonder** - Communion – Starting on October 5, we will be partaking communion once a month at the rail. If you have questions, please contact Lorraine Shelton (540-771-8301, [lorraineshelton0566@gmail.com](mailto:lorraineshelton0566@gmail.com)).

**Educate & Equip** - Adult Encounter Sunday School Class has returned on Sunday mornings at 9 am. A study of the Book of Philippians led by Rev. Steve Wells meets in room 3 on the second floor of the Education wing. The book is written by Dr. David Jeremiah. Join us.

- 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](http://kernstownumc.org/give)
  4. Scheduled payments through your bank
  5. Mail check to KUMC

