

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

<u>Sunday, Sept. 7, 13th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00 Encounter 10:00 Coffee Conversation with Pastor Victor 10:30 Worship <i>Booth: Brian Henshaw</i> <i>Greeters: Glenda & Arnold Gale</i> <i>Children: Cathy Richard & Glenda Gale</i> <i>Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Mary Anton</i>	<u>Wednesday, Sept. 10</u> BSF 9:30 & TOPS 5:30 11:00 Prayer Group (All are welcome) fh 6 & 7 Handbell & Choir Practice <u>Thursday, Sept. 11</u> TOPS 8:30 <u>Friday, Sept. 12</u> 11-3 Bridge fh <u>Saturday, Sept. 13</u> Lay Servant Training 9-4 <u>Sunday, Sept 14, 14th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00 Encounter 10:00 Coffee Conversation with Pastor Victor 10:30 Worship <i>Booth: Danny Aube</i> <i>Greeters: Charlie Donohue & Judy Chapman</i> <i>Children: Cathy Lichvar & Mary Anton</i> <i>Counters: Gary Lantz & Brian Henshaw</i>
<u>Tuesday, Sept. 9</u> 10:00 UWF 10:30 Freedge Ministry 11:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 Worship & Wonder Meeting 11-2:00 Music Dir. office hours 12-4 Bridge fh	

Announcements

(more announcements on insert)

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.

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, Sept. 8. Otherwise, we look forward with gratitude to your continued service. Thank you for sharing your gifts and graces with our church! Pastor Victor

Scriptures: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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



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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.



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** All who are able, please stand; bold print - all respond*

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum
Ringing of the Bell
Greeting Lay Leader, Ric Dunkle
***Opening Hymn** Are Ye Able **UMH 530**
Lighting of Altar Candles
***Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Gómez

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

Whatever we do, God knows our name.

However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.

However we live, God knows our name.

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!

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

Scripture Lesson Philemon 1:1-21 Kelly Henshaw
Response to the Word Acclamation of Assurance Choir
Offering He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad. He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad. He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Offertory Prayer
Prayers of the People
Congregational Prayer

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All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for Who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.

Posted on the re: Worship blog at re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/opening-prayer-psalm-139.html.

Children’s Time
*Hymn
Gospel Lesson
Sermon

Have Thine Own Way, Lord
Luke 14:25-33
The Cost of Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Gómez
UMH 382
Rev. Dr. Gómez
Rev. Dr. Gómez

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with Your people on Earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach Good News to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your

Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At His ascension, You exalted Him to sit and reign with You at Your right hand.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Renew our communion with Your Church throughout the world and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in Your name. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord’s Supper
Ministry Opportunities

*Hymn
*The Benediction

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129
Rev. Dr. Gómez

*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

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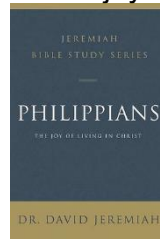
Who's Who in The Pew - Member Attendance, Prayer Requests & Visitor Info - Please fill out the card located in the pews and place it in the basket during the offering. Include your name and any prayer requests or concerns for our church leaders. If you are a visitor, Welcome, feel free to include your contact info and any requests.

Kernstown UMC Announcements Insert September 7, 2025

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Victor - Each Sunday at 10am, 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!



Educate & Equip - Adult Encounter Sunday School Class - Join us on Sunday morning starting Sept. 7, at 9 am as we begin a 12-wk. 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!



United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 10 am. Program will be Election of Officers and Pledge for Missions. Our **Faith Project** is going on now. "Lighting the Path to the Christ Child", during Sept.. Make a donation of \$5 per light in memory or honor of someone to benefit our local missions. Donation forms & envelopes are in the narthex. Contact Doris Miller or Cheryl Spurr for info.

BSF Int'l - We host Bible Study Fellowship again this year starting this Wednesday, Sept. 10, anyone may join. This year's study, *Exile and Return, A Time to Build*, invites you on a powerful journey through the Old Testament, where God's people were called to build His kingdom in a foreign land. Their story is our story-we, too, are strangers in a broken world, called to build for His glory. As we explore how God equips and positions His people, we're challenged to ask: Am I building my life for Christ? *Exile and Return* reminds us that our time to build is now. Books included in this year's study: Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi. Lesson materials can be accessed for free as pdf or through the BSF app. If a hard copy is preferred, books can be purchased for about \$20, plus shipping. Various groups/times are available locally or online for men/women/students. See Nora Seabright for more info or visit <https://join.bsfinternational.org/>.



Worship & Wonder - Handbell & Choir practices have resumed on Wednesdays, 6 & 7 pm. 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.

Care & Connect will meet on Tues., Sept. 16 at 10 am (fellowship hall).

R&S - Jubilee Kitchen sign up for Sept. 20 is on the ministry table. Freedge Ministry sign up is also on the ministry table for September.

Kernstown UMC Announcements Insert Sept. 7, 2025 *continued*

Lay Servant Training Academy is Sat., Sept. 13, from 9am-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/

Save the Date - On Sunday, Sept. 21, we will be showing Sight & Sound's production of "*David*" after the coffee social.. Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart. With original music inspired by the Psalms, *David* is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this original stage production.



Pew Prayers: Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Barbara Cooper; Andy Brock; Branson; Daniel Folger; Barbara Funkhouser; safe travels for Bucky & Carolyn; Lindsey Rickard; Aiden; for children to come; thanks for friends; Sabrina; Debbie; Shenandoah University staff & professors; Carolyn Barr; Charlie Ridgeley; Elizabeth Sargent (99th birthday); Brenda Newcome; George Tasker; Connie Parson; Greyson Baker; Krista Baker; Susan Hill; Doug Seabright; Seegren family; Chris; Caleb; Jean Snider; David Russell; Sandy Dunkle; Epstein family; Jeters; Woody Ford; Don Bailey, Jr.; family/friends of Sharon Law; Pat & Walt Radney; Kim Riley; Mark Wells; Russ Conklin; Lara Conklin; Kelly Babyok; our parents; Magdaline Corbin (*Markley's sister*); Virginia Stanley; Michael Cheladyn; Vicky Johnson; Ellen Neff; Jim B.; Gales; Moyers; Natalie Palmer; Bolingers; our country; our president; Richard Sanchez; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Kelly & Alida O'Neal; Bonnie Lee; Leroy Lamarr; Polly; Dennis Tusing; Dan & Cathy; Jill & family; families of catholic school shooting; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; JoAnne Carper (*home*); 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; Sandra Keiter; 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