### 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, Sept 14, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Encounter

10:00 Coffee Conversation with Pastor Victor

10:30 Worship

Booth: Danny Aube

Greeters: Charlie Donohue & Judy Chapman Children: Cathy Lichvar & Mary Anton Counters: Gary Lantz & Brian Henshaw

Monday, September 15 Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 16
10:00 Care & Connect
10:30 Freedge Ministry
11-2:00 Music Dir. office hours

12-4 Bridge fh

Wednesday, September 17 BSF 9<sup>30</sup> & TOPS 5<sup>30</sup> 11:00 Prayer Group (All are welcome) fh

6:00 Handbell Practice 7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, September 18 TOPS 8:30

Friday, September 19 11-3 Bridge fh

Saturday, September 20

10-1 Jubilee Kitchen at FPC Sign up in narthex

Sunday, Sept. 21, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 Encounter 10:30 Worship

11:30 Coffee Social followed by "David" movie

Booth: Dave Ford

Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicki Maphis Children: Carolyn Carney & Lisa Dawson Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Roger Hill

**Scriptures:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

**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: Jan Sweet's Bent Mtn. friends; Wendy; Linda; our country; Cheryl & Addie; Kevin Wilkins; John; Vicki; Bill T.; Joel Hooper; Brittney Pennington; our church; Pat Magee (Doris's sister-in-law); Carole Ay; Audrey Dorton; Sandra D.; Don C.; Jayne M.; Michael McRae; Valda B.; Kathleen Gibson; Nathalia Hernandez; Evans family children; Linda Straight (Steve's brother); my parents; Susan Hill; Chris; Caleb; Emma; Jean Snider; David Russell; Carolyn Barr; Sandy Keiter; Doug & Stephanie Chapman; Amy & Caitlin; Sandy Dunkle; Epsteins; Jeters; Spurrs; Doug Seabright; Clay Knick; Mark Wells; Russ Conklin; Lara Conklin; Dottie Holstine and family; our parents; Beverly Lockhart; Virginia Stanley; Michael Cheladyn; Vicky Johnson, our president; Richard Sanchez; Jeannie Rathman; Agnes Turner; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Kelly & Alida O'Neal; Bonnie Lee; Leroy Lamarr; Dennis Tusing; Ellen Neff; Gale family; Moyers; Bolingers; our country; Sage; Stori; Sarah; Amanda; Kathy; June & Nate W.; Maureen; Dusti; thanks for memories; Sabrina; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Jason Ritchie (Tammy Corey's brother); Aimee Lorusso; Barbara Bledsoe; Mary H.; Mason; family of Linda Sullivan (Larry Sullivan, 413 Shenandoah Hall, 300 Westminster-Canterbury Dr, Winchester, VA 22603- https://ompsfuneralhome.com/obituary/linda-senter-sullivan/)



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.

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

**UMH 98** 



# **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

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting Carolyn Carney

\*Opening Hymn To God Be the Glory

Lighting of Altar Candles

\*Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Gómez

We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

God is our hope and our refuge.

We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

### God is our hope and our refuge.

We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

# God is our hope and our refuge.

Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God Who delivers and restores us.

May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

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

Scripture Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Cathy Lichvar
Response to the Word Grace Will Find You Choir

Offering 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 Rev. Dr. Gómez

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Gómez

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**Congregational Prayer** 

Rev. Dr. Gómez

This world would deny You, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask; but we will praise You, and exalt Your name, for we know that You are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known Your healing. We have known Your provision. We have known Your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise You ever more. Amen

Written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship, faithandworship.com/. Re-posted on the re: Worship blog at re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/affirmation-alpha-and-omega.html.

Children's Time Rev. Dr. Gómez

\*Hymn Grace Greater than Our Sin UMH 365
Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10 Rev. Dr. Gómez

Lost and Found

**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

Sermon

**Ministry Opportunities** 

\*Hymn Amazing Grace UMH 378
\*The Benediction 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

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 name tags - Please Wear a name tag so others can learn each other's name.

# **Church Council & Charge Conference Season**

Our Church council meeting date is Sunday, October 12 after church.

**Charge Conference** - Our church will serve as one of the four host locations. Our Northern location includes 27 churches/19 charges in Clarke, Frederick & Winchester. They will meet here at Kernstown UMC on **Sunday, October 26 at 3 pm**. The District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Kyungsuk Cho, is looking forward to meeting with churches.

**Trustee & SPPRC** signed paperwork is due <u>October 16</u> at <u>unity.vaumc.org</u>. It can be entered into the unity system directly or sent to the office prior.

Certified Lay Servants & Speakers prepare reports online at <u>unity.vaumc.org</u>. Only <u>Certified</u> Servants/Speakers prepare reports. Basic Lay Servants do not complete a report.

If you need help with your login, please contact the office or the district office.

**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!

**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.

**Reach & Serve** - Jubilee Kitchen is Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10-1, at First Presby. Church downtown Winchester. KUMC participates in this once a quarter. You will help about a dozen other volunteers feed those with food insecurity. The duties may include serving the patrons as in a restaurant setting: setting tables, delivering plated food, and cleaning up the restaurant. We still need volunteers, please sign up at Ministry Table or see Cathy Lichvar.

**Save the Date** - On Sunday, September 21, we will be showing Sight & Sound's production of "David" after the coffee social.

**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).

**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).

**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).

**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.

**Reach & Serve** – OCC- If you took a box to fill, they are due Sept 21. Please contact Lisa Dawson if you have questions.

**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
- Scheduled payments through your bank
- Mail check to KUMC

