

Calendar - Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday, October 4: *World Communion Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Booth: Sam Henshaw

Greeters: Judy Allen & Dennis O'Neal | Counters: Roy Walker & Brian Henshaw

Tuesday: 10³⁰ Freedge | 1-4 Music Dir hrs | 12 *Bridge fh*

Wednesday: 9-11^{:30} BSF | 11 Prayer Group | 1³⁰ Staff Mtg | 5 TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

Thursday: Trustees (no trustees in October)

Friday: Pastor Sabbath | 11-3 *Bridge fh*

Sunday, October 11: *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Booth: Brian Henshaw

Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis | Counters: Gary Lantz & Mary Anton

Greeters are needed for October 18 and 25, and early November. Thanks for volunteering.

Pew Prayers: Norma Wilson (*Evergreen*); Charlie Donohoe; Carole Ay; the Dunkles; Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Lorraine Shelton; Arnold Gale; Sharon Gale; Jim Barker; Trammels; Bollingers; Moyers; Ashley Pastur; Sandy Hess; Ann Dunlap & * Jr. Dunlap; Chrissy Rust; Pam Miller; Don Rotruck (Charle's brother); Tina Young (Rich Lichvar's daughter); Larry Geist; Emily; Annie; Josh & Steph; Mary Strosnider; safe travels for Lindey & Holly (Sibert's' granddaughters); Michael Cheladyn; Shelva Jones; Magalene Corbin; Jean Wilson; Shirley Guess; those grieving; Greysin & Kayden Baker; Connie Parson; our parents; Mark Wells; Rev. Bob Throckmorton; Ruth Folger; Sandy Keiter; unspoken; David; Barbara Mallory; family unity; Gloria; Carolyn; Tom; Chase; Sheila; Debbie & Ronnie; our president & advisors; KUMC leaders, students and music; Judy Allen's neighbor; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Leroy LaMarr; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Lois Smith; Carolyn Hott; Lisa Dawson; Polly; Ruthie Livermore; June Windle & family; Ursula; Dusti my FL Family; Hands of Faith Ministry; our country; MMIW; thanks for autumn colors and learning new things; those in war; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; Rev. Clay Knick & Lisa; Pastor Aaron Fitch; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda Harless & family; Bob & Lorraine Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Barbara Bledsoe; Kay Beth Ambrose; Nellie Snoots; Tina & Shane Weagley; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; the elderly; our world; hungry & homeless; the lonely; Cassie Gonce; those cold, hurting & depressed; Jim Park; Doris' brother-in-law; John & Winnie Rinker; Pastor & family; Audrey Dorton

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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



ALL children are ALWAYS welcome to attend our entire church service in the We have a time with younger congregation during the service and also offer an optional short Children's Church program during Sunday worship.

Kernstown United Methodist Church

"Strives to welcome ALL into a loving church family that glorifies God through worship, nurture, and outreach to our neighbors."

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

Green Beans Week

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude

(Prepare your hearts for worship)

David Landrum

Ring of the Bell

Greeting

Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Hymn 57 UMH

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vs. 1-5

* *Prayer of Confession*

Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and our understanding.

Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal, but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us no matter where we find ourselves. When we have forgotten You,

Lord, have mercy.

When we have failed to speak words of love,

Lord, have mercy.

When we have neglected the need of another,

Lord, have mercy.

Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Written by Thomas Sutcliffe and posted on the Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website. http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly_worship/. Reposted on the re: Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/10/prayers-of-approach-and-confession.html>

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Time with the Younger Congregation

Prayer for Illumination:

Ric Dunkle

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 Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Chancel Choir Anthem

We Come In Wonder

*Hymn 87UMH

What Gift Can We Bring

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Dr. Gómez

Message

Bring Your Gifts to Jesus

GOD LISTENS TO US

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (*you may come to the altar*)

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

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.

*Offering Prayer

GOD BLESSES US

Holy Communion TFWS 2257a,b,c,d *Great Thanksgiving*

Prayer after Holy Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

Ministry Moments

*Hymn 634 UMH

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing

Wesleyan Benediction

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. Yes, you can! Yes, I can! Yes, we can!

Postlude

(Rejoice in the music of the Lord)

David Landrum

*Stand in body or spirit

Bold print – all respond

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal (Red) | TFWS-The Faith We Sing (Black) CCLI # 11408803

Announcements

Welcome Visitors! You have blessed us by your presence this morning and we know that God is blessing you today. We hope that you can find a church family at Kernstown UMC.

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.

THANK YOU, Church Leaders-The Nominations & Leadership Committee and Pastor Victor want to thank you for your past and continued leadership & partnership in ministry. Your leadership has helped us grow in faith, strengthen our ministries, & share God’s love with our community. We are deeply grateful for your commitment & dedication. We look forward to another exciting year & we thank you for sharing your gifts & graces with our church! **Please contact Pastor Victor by October 7 if you are opting out this year.**

Bring Your Gifts to Jesus - *not only what is in your hands, but what is in your heart, your prayers, & your life.*” The Magi opened their treasures & offered their gifts to Jesus. Matt.2:11

FRANKINCENSE Sunday Nov 8 - Bring Prayer Covenant Card. Symbol of deity & relationship with God. Prayer life & commitment. “Prayer continues in the desire of the heart, though the understanding be employed on outward things.” – John Wesley

GOLD Sunday, Nov 15 - Symbol of Kingship. Bring completed Pledge Card. Gold invites every person to prayerfully consider financial stewardship as an act of worship. We are not merely paying bills or funding an institution; we are investing in God’s mission through the ministries of the church.

MYRRH Sunday Nov 22 - A symbol of sacrifice. Bring Thanksgiving Meal. Purchase one item during regular grocery trip. Each week at home, place item in bag. We give so that another family can experience a meal with dignity, abundance, and the knowledge that they are remembered and loved.

Oct 04 Green Beans	Nov 01 Gravy Packet or Can
Oct 11 Instant Mashed Potatoes	Nov 08 Pumpkin (can)
Oct 18 Stuffing (box)	Nov 15 Pie Crust Mix
Oct 25 Cranberry Sauce	

October 4 - MYRRH REMINDER: This week, please pick up a can of **green beans** during your regular grocery trip. Bring it home and place it in a paper grocery bag. We are preparing Thanks-giving meals to share with another family.

New Encounter adult Sunday School class is underway in Classroom 3 at 9 am. Our book is *Unbreakable Courage: Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos, & Exhaustion*. Join us.

Hatching Faith — An Invitation! What if our children could help us imagine new ways to experience worship and grow in faith? Hatching Faith is an exciting opportunity through the Virginia Conference to help congregations explore creative ways to include children more fully in the life of the church. We want KUMC to give it a try! We need a team of at least 8 people, including a team leader, plus at least 2 children under age 12. Grandparents—this is a great opportunity to invite your grandchildren to be part of something special! This is not another committee—it’s an opportunity to experiment, have fun, listen to our children, and discover new possibilities for our church. Interested in being part of the team? Talk with Pastor Victor or contact the church office.



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