

Calendar - Week of March 15

Today: 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Covered Dish Fellowship Brunch
Booth-Sam Henshaw; Greeters-Betty Phillips & Polly Look;
Counters-Roger Hill & Karen Wells

Monday: April/May Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday: 10³⁰ Freedge | 11 Music Dir. Hrs. | 12-4 Bridge fh | 7 Online Webinar

Wednesday: 9³⁰ BSF | 11:00 Prayer Group | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

Friday: 11 Music Dir. Hrs. | 11-3 Bridge fh

Saturday: 10-1 Jubilee Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church (mall)

Sunday, March 22, 5th Sunday in Lent 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship
| Booth-Dave Ford; Greeters-Glenda & Arnold Gale; Counters-Roy Walker & Mary Anton

Prayers: Bob Wilson; Pastor Gomez & Shenandoah mission trip students; Cherly McKelvez; Mary Grace Hester; McKay family; Jessica Aiken; Barbara Cooper; Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Sandy Dunkle; Charlie Donohoe; travel mercies for Lorraine; Margaret Oates; thanks for prayers for Duane Sweet; our parents; Connie and her family; Meg; Doug; June & Nate; Maureen; Dusti; immigrants; MMIW; Iranians; David; Jo Dunlap; Dorothy Funkhouser; Greysin & Kaden Baker; Travis Holler; ; Epsteins; Jeters; Jim Park; Linda Taylor; Chrissy Rust; Tina; Carolyn Barr; Sandy Keiter; our servicemen and women; Rev. Kristen Whitesides; Donna Chesnutt; Cheryl Dodgen; Betty Yankey; Laura (Dan) Folger; Emily Kanade; Tyndall family; Annie; Will; Logan family; Amy & Caitlin; Chase & Tom; Debbie & Ronnie; our parents; Mark Wells; Sadtler family; thanks for joy; Gales; Ellen Neff; Moyers; Sharon Gale; Jim Barker; Bollingers; Trammels; thanks for good times; Wells family; Ruth Clowser family; unspoken request; Paulette Zottig; Darlene Shull; Alida & Kelly O'Neil; Lois Smith; LeRoy LaMarr; Bonnie Lee; Anthony; Ralph & Dee; tornado victims & families; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahan; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; family of Ed Marshall; 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; Nellie Snoots; Tina & Shane Weagley; Doug Seabright's sister; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines, & boys; Sharon & George Teets; our world; the hungry, homeless, lonely, and grieving; Mason Look; Barbara Bledsoe; Carole Ay; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Lillian Ritchie (Tammy Corey's mother); Larrick family

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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



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

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Kernstown United Methodist Church

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

March 15, 2026



Fourth Sunday in Lent

***Stand as able; bold print-all respond**

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum

Ringling of the Bell

Greeting

Ric Dunkle | Rev. Dr. Gómez

***Hymn 504 UMH**

The Old Rugged Cross

*Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

Glenda & Arnold Gale

During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus. And we remember that we, too, turn away. The Pharisees fancied themselves as modern, up-to-date thinkers. But they so enjoyed the power they possessed, they were unable to recognize the power of God in Jesus. We are people of power. Our power often blinds us to the simple power of Jesus' love for all creation and all people. We extinguish the fourth candle, fearful that our own powerful status will close our eyes and hearts to the light of Jesus.

O God our deliverer, You led Your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of Your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Sing (*Refrain from: Change My Heart, O God* – TFWS 2152):

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Time with the Younger Congregation (*Children invited forward for a short message, then dismissed to children's church.*)

Prayer for Illumination

Carolyn Carney

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 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Choir Anthem	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>	
UMCOR Sunday Video		Steve Wells
*Hymn 362 UMH	<i>Nothing but the Blood</i>	
*Gospel Lesson	John 9:1-41	Rev. Dr. Gómez
Sermon	<i>Sight When Blind</i>	
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: 895 UMH		
Invitation to the Offering		
*Offertory	<i>Clappin' Kids Medley</i>	
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Dr. Gómez
Ministry Moments		
*Hymn 359 UMH	<i>At the Cross</i>	
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Choral Benediction	<i>May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You</i>	
	<i>May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you.</i>	
	<i>May He guide you through the wilderness; protect you through the storm.</i>	
	<i>May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.</i>	
*Postlude	<i>(Rejoice in the music of the Lord)</i>	David Landrum

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black), UMH=United Methodist Hymnal (red) CCLI # 11408803

Announcements

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.

Webinar - The Virginia Conference & United Methodist Men and United Women In Faith presents a Racial Justice webinar: *Breaking Down Walls*. A Christian response to the Dismantling of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on Tues., March 17, 2026, 7 pm- 8:30 pm. Zoom Webinar ID: 838 8143 6566, Passcode: 695853. Moderator: Heather Gomez with Panelists: Rev. James Page, Rev. Dr. James Melson, Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez, Rev. Hung Su Lim. This panel conversation will equip Virginia United Methodists to live out our mission of unity in diversity - reflecting the reconciling love of Christ in a divided and hurting world.

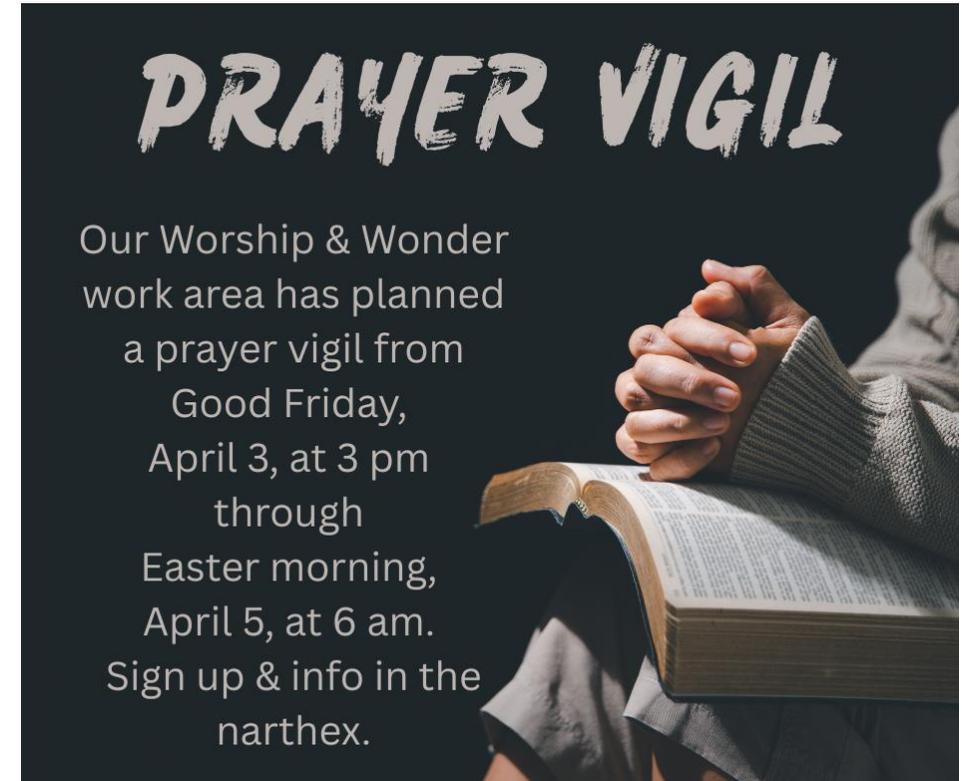
Music director revised office hours thru Easter: Wednesday, March 11, 2-5; Tuesday, March 17, 11-2; Friday, March 20, 11-2; Tuesday, March 24, 11-2; Tuesday, March, 31, 11-2; Thursday, April 2, 2-5.

Reach & Serve – We are collecting UMCOR Cleaning Kit items thru next week, Mar. 22. See display of items needed in narthex. You can take slips for a few items to donate, or fill an entire bucket. You may, also, donate money for us to do the shopping for you (make check out to KUMC UWF & write UMCOR Kits on the memo line).

Easter Flowers & Bright Futures Donations being accepted thru next Sunday, March 22. This year your flower choices are tulips and daffodils for \$12 or any donation for the Bright Futures here in Winchester. Thanks for your donations and help to decorate the sanctuary.

Jubilee Kitchen is Saturday, March 21, from 10-1 at First Presbyterian Church. 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/beverages, and cleaning up the restaurant. Other duties include helping to prepare and plate the food, as well as cleaning up the kitchen. Please sign up at Ministry Table or see Cathy Lichvar.

Prayer Vigil - There is a sign-up sheet on the Ministry in Action table in the narthex. You can pray anywhere you feel comfortable. Guidelines are, also, on the table to help you focus your prayer time.



Lent 2026 From the Cross to the Crown

March 29 Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am

April 2 Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion, Foot/Hand Washing Service at 7 pm

April 3 Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm

April 5 Easter
Sunrise Service at Opequon Presby. Church Shelter at 6 am
Easter Service, Holy Communion & Cantata at KUMC at 10:30