

## Calendar - Week of March 1

**Today:** 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship |

Booth-Brian Henshaw; Greeter-Barb Falcone

Counters-Barbara Mallory & Lorraine Shelton

**Tues.: 10 C&C** | 10<sup>30</sup> Freedge | 11 Music Dir hrs | 11 Staff Mtg | 12 Bridge

**Wed.:** 9<sup>30</sup> BSF | 11:00 Prayer Group | 5<sup>30</sup> TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

**Friday:** World Day of Prayer | 11-3 Bridge fh

**Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Starts**

9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship w/Rich Lichvar preaching

Booth-Danny Aube; Greeter Judy Chapman & Vicki Maphis;

Counters-Gary Lantz & Arnold Gale

**Prayers:** Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Sandy Dunkle; Charlie Donohoe; Barbara; Emilie; Carmela; Ismael; Maddy Perry; Sofia Enlow; Laura (Dan ) Folger; Emily Kanade; Annie; Will; Johnston family; Logan family; Jim Park; Amy & Caitlin; Tom; Chase; Joel Lichvar (Rich's brother); Wes; Lindsey; Holly; Drew; Taylor; Sandy Hess; Chrissy Rust; Mark Wells; Deanna Wells; Laban & Bev Sadtler; travelers; immigrants; Athena M.; June & Nate; Maureen C.; Doug; Mari; our country; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Bonnie & Denny Lee; Carolyn Barr; LeRoy LaMarr; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; our president; our parents; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; 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; Sandy Wilson; Nellie Snoots; JoAnne Carper; Tina & Shane Weagley; Sandra Keiter; Doug Seabright's sister; family of Ed Marshall; Beth DeHaven; 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*); Evans family; Bette Cossentine; Peggy Gillich; JoAnne Larrick

**Sympathies** to the family of Ruth Clowser (Dolly Park's mother) passed on Friday, February 27.

**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



## 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 1, 2026

Second 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 98 UMH To God Be the Glory**

\*Lighting of the Altar Candles

\*Extinguishing the Lenten Candle Sherry & Dave Ford

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. We will never know the motivations of Judas' betrayal. All we know is that Judas thought his agenda was more important than Jesus'. We, too, are all often willing to put our agenda and priorities ahead of the Light of the World. We extinguish the second candle, recalling with regret the times we have betrayed Jesus by the darkness of our own self-centered willfulness.

**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.**

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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 Genesis 12:1-4  
Epistle Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Choir Anthem *Till He Comes Again*  
**\*Hymn 371 UMH** *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*  
\*Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 Rev. Dr. Gómez  
Sermon *The Gospel After Dark*

Pastoral Prayer & **Lord's Prayer: 895 UMH**

Invitation to the Offering

**\*Offertory** *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 Rev. Dr. Gómez

The Great Thanksgiving Page 13 (UMH)

Ministry Moments

**\*Hymn 159 UMH** *Lift High the Cross*

**\*Benediction** Rev. Dr. Gómez

**\*Choral Benediction** *May the Peace of the Lord Christ 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

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.

**C&C** - Reminder C&C meetings are now the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, we will be meeting this Tuesday, March 3 at 10am.

**Reach & Serve** - We are collecting items for UMCOR Cleaning Kits during Lent (2/18-3/22). 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).

**District News- Lay Servant Training** on March 14, 2026, at Otterbein UMC in Harrisonburg, VA, at 9 AM. Classes: Basic; Leading Prayer; Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (United Methodist Polity); or Becoming a Church Where Young People Thrive. Go [shenandoahriverdistrict.org/lay-servant-training-day/](http://shenandoahriverdistrict.org/lay-servant-training-day/) for more info and to register.

**Encounter** - You are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class during the season of Lent as we study Max Lucado's book, "He Chose The Nails, What God did to win your heart!" This study led by Rev. Steve Wells will invite you to: Linger on the Hill of Calvary. Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow. Touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of God. Allow the tools torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart! We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in classroom #3 beginning on February 22. See Steve Wells for a book.

**Lent 2026 From the Cross to the Crown**

**March 29 Palm Sunday** Worship Service at 10:30 am

**April 2 Maundy Thursday**  
Eucharist 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



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.