

Calendar - Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday, August 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 Prayer Series Begins | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship

Booth: Danny Aube; Greeters: Nancy Tisinger & Dennis O'Neal

Counters: Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton

Monday: 6 Prayer Vigil

Tuesday: 10³⁰ Freedged | 12 Bridge fh | 1 Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 11 Prayer Group (all are welcome) | 11-5 Music Dir. hours | 5³⁰ TOPS

Friday: 11-3 Bridge fh

Sunday, August 9: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Booth: Sam Henshaw; Greeters: Lisa Dawson & Carolyn Sibert

Counters: Gary Lantz & Brian Henshaw

Hospital: Madonna Sponaugle

Home: Polly Look; Barbara Bledsoe

Sympathies to the family of Pastor Bill Erbach (7/24/2026)

Pew Prayers: Sean Spurr; Randy Clark; Matt Wagner; Lee Logword; Barbara Funkhouser; thanks for all the prayers in Jesus' name; Shirley Guess; Nancy Aker; Mary Strosnider; Lara Conklin; Tim Hall; Dottie Holstine; Barbara Mallory; Connie Herbert; Gloria; Amy & Caiti; Tom; Chase; Debbie & Ronnie; Connie; Carolyn; Rich Lichvar; Dwayne Myers; Charlie D.; Carolyn C.; Arnold G.; family of Mickey Helmick; Sonny Matlock; Mark Wells; Dunkle family; the Spurrs; widows & widowers; victims of weather events; David Russell; David Landrum; Edna & family of Wilbur Brescia; Mandy & Bland; Sarah; Caleb; Brittany & family; Judy; Annie; Cheyenne; Jennifer; Sarah; Sage; Stori; Amanda; Kathy; Michael Cheladyn; Virginia Stanley; Vicky Johnson; Jim Markley; our president; family; our ministers; our church leaders; Elizabeth Sargent; Spence family; Jerry Giffin; Mike H.; friends; McKenna; Delaney; Tim; co-workers; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Bonnie Lee; Sandy Keiter; Leroy Lemarr; Audrey; JR Richard; Don, Jill & family; Sandy (Ms. Vicky's sister) Bruce & Hilda; Ralph Dee & family; John & Winnie Rinker; Kim Evans; Brenton Evans; Barbara Day & family; Mary Anton & family; Lindsey Graham's family; Nelda Harless, shut-ins; Carolyn Sibert & Funkhouser family; Paulette Zottig; Carole A.; Betty Cossentine; Park family; Robin Spence; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Lisa & Jay Manuel; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; Jane Thomas; Rev. Clay Knick & Lisa; Pastor Aaron Fitch; Helen & Russ Fitch; Bob, Lorraine, & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Nellie Snoots; Tina & Shane Weagley; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; Chrissy Rust; the hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving; our world; Jim Keeler

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



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."

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude

(Prepare your hearts for worship)

David Landrum

Ring of the Bell

Greeting

Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Hymn UMH 374

Standing on the Promises

**Prayer of Confession*

O God, listen to our prayer of confession, for we would speak honestly before You.

We confess that we haven't always done what is right; that some of our attitudes and actions have hurt others and ourselves and have grieved You.

Forgive us. In Your mercy, look deeply into our hearts. Examine our thoughts and our actions. Test our motivations. Bring to light all the things in our lives that dishonor You.

We want to follow You with integrity; to obey the commandments You have given us; and to walk in ways that bring honor to Your name.

**Words of Assurance*

Siblings in Christ, our God never fails to hear us when we call. Trust in God's forgiveness and unfailing love, and be at peace, for God rescues all who take refuge in God. Amen.

Adapted from "Confession & Assurance: Psalm 17" on the re: Worship blog, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/confession-assurance-psalm-17.html>.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881 *The Apostles' Creed*

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Time with the Younger Congregation

Prayer for Illumination:

Susan Hill

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

Genesis 32:22-31

New Testament Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Special Music *Whisper A Prayer* Cathy Lichvar & Lorraine Shelton
*Hymn 107 Cokes *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer*
*Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21 Rev. Dr. Gómez
Message *Another Day in Our Life*

GOD LISTENS TO US
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer *(you may come to the altar)*

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS
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.
*Offering Prayer

GOD BLESSES US
Holy Communion Great Thanksgiving UMH 13
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 351 UMH *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*
*Choral Blessing *Precious Name*
Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe; it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of Earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of Earth and joy of heaven.
Postlude (Rejoice in the music of the Lord) David Landrum
*Stand in body or spirit **Bold print – all respond**
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal (Red); Cokes-Cokesbury (Brown)
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.

🙏 **Prayer Campaign – “Lord, Teach Us to Pray”**
Kernstown United Methodist Church Prayer Campaign - **July 1 – September 30, 2026**, based on Luke 11:1. The purpose of this prayer campaign is to deepen our relationship with God, strengthen our congregation, and cultivate a culture of prayer throughout the life of Kernstown United Methodist Church. Inspired by the disciples’ request, “*Lord, teach us to pray*,” we seek to become a praying church that trusts God, supports one another, and engages our community through prayer. Pick up an INFO CARD in the narthex. Note: Two events were added on August 19 & September 2 at 11:45 following the Wednesday Prayer Group: *Prayer reflection with peaceful piano in the sanctuary.*

August Prayer Series begins TODAY. During the month of August, the Pastor will engage the congregation on Sundays at 9:00 am in understanding prayer as well as practicing different ways to pray.

- 8/ 2: Why Pray? Prayer, a Relationship with God – Be Still and know that I am God. Taizé
- 8/ 9: Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Learning from Jesus – Understanding the Lord’s Prayer
- 8/16 No Class
- 8/23: Different Forms of Prayer: Thanksgiving, Petition, Intercession – Tongsung Kido
- 8/30: Listening to God: Prayer That Transforms Lives – Intercessional Prayer

Operation Christmas Child Campaign 3 ways to participate:
1. Pick up a shoebox, purchase all items and fill your own, (turn in by end of Sept)
2. Donate items to put in congregation boxes: signup sheet on Ministry Table (due 8/23)
3. Don't want to shop? Cash/check donation to KUMC, memo OCC

Reach & Serve: Urgent Freedge volunteers are needed for August. If you have never done the Freedge and you want to tag along from 10:45-11:30 to see what it entails, call Lisa Dawson.

Newsletters were emailed. Hard copies are in the narthex on the mission table rack.

Save the Date – Fellowship Potluck Picnic is August 16 and a **Hymn-Sing**.



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