

Calendar - Week of July 5, 2026

Sunday, August 23: *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Labyrinth in the fellowship hall

9 Prayer Series | No coffee time today | 10:30 Worship | no concert today

Booth: Sam Henshaw; Greeters: Lorraine Shelton & Betty Phillips

Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Arnold Gale

Monday: 6 Prayer Vigil

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

Wednesday: 11 Prayer Group (*all are welcome*) | 5 TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

Thursday: 4 Church Council

Friday: *11-3 Bridge fh*

Sunday, August 30: *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9 Prayer Series | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship

Booth: Danny Aube; Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis

Counters: Roy Walker & Karen Wells

Pew Prayers: Arnold Gale; Barbara Funkhouser family (*Pam B.'s aunt & Carolyn Sibert's sister-in-law*); Yanisin Villecas; our president; praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Hawaii; Koehler family; Shirley Guess; David Landrum; Charlie D.; Avery Conklin; Danielle Scilla; M&MIW; Mark F. & family; June Windle & family; Ursula; Dusti; Maureen; our world & its leaders; Dunkle family; Steve Spurr; folks traveling; James Barker; Glenda; Sharon Gale; Bollinger's; Moyers family; Tramell's; all who needlessly suffer no matter their nationality; thanks for sunshine & rain; Sabrina & those in war zones; Newman family; Timothy; Anna; Sarah; Emma; Christina Young; Robert; all families who are estranged; Gloria; Carolyn; Tom; Chase; Debbie; Ronnie; Barbara Mallory; Michael Cheladyn; Virginia Stanley; Magalene Corbin; Mary Preston (*president, District UWF*); Pam Miller; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Leroy LaMarr; Jim Park; Betty Phillips; Connie Herbert; Chrissy Rust; Lois Smith; Polly; Madonna; Sandy Keiter; Mark Wells; Lana Austin; Thornley's; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Whitacre's; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; Jane Thomas; Newcome's; Knicks; Fitch's; Nelda Harless; the Wilsons; Nellie Snoots; Weagleys; Haines'; Teets; the elderly; the hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving; Kay Beth Ambrose; Audrey Dorton; Carol Aye; Barbara Bledsoe; victims of the Indiana flooding; Mary Strosnider; Lee Folger

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 23, 2026

Thirteenth 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 568 UMH

Christ for the World We Sing

*Call To Worship

The Lord calls us together from many places and walks of life.

We come to worship the living Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus asks each of us, "Who do you say that I am?"

We confess with Peter: You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

Upon this confession, Christ continues to build His Church—a people of grace, hope, and love.

We are living stones, called to proclaim God's mercy and share Christ's love with the world.

The gates of fear, doubt, and death cannot overcome the power of God's kingdom.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to live faithfully and serve boldly.

Come, let us worship the One Who calls us by name, equips us for ministry, and sends us into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

With joyful hearts, grateful spirits, and expectant faith, let us worship God!

*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

Exodus 1:8-2:10

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Special Music *Teach Me How to Pray* Steven Wells
*Hymn *God Is So Good* Words below & on screen

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He’s so good to me!
He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He’s so good to me!
He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He’s so good to me!
I love Him so, I love Him so, I love Him so, He’s so good to me!

*Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20 Rev. Dr. Gómez
Message *What Are They Saying About Me?*

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS
Offering *In All Things Give Him Thanks*
And in all things give Him thanks, and in all things let your gratitude shine through. And in all things give Him thanks. For He has given all things unto you. (repeat)

*Offering Prayer
GOD BLESSES US

Holy Communion
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 555 UMH *Forward Through the Ages*

*Blessing
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: One event was added on September 2 at 11:45 following the Wednesday Prayer Group: *Prayer reflection with peaceful piano in the sanctuary.*
August Prayer Series – The Pastor will engage the congregation on Sundays at 9:00 am in understanding prayer as well as practicing different ways to pray.

- 8/23: Different Forms of Prayer: Thanksgiving, Petition, Intercession – Tongsung Kido
- 8/30: Listening to God: Prayer That Transforms Lives – Intercessional Prayer

Handbells & Choir resume rehearsal this week on Wednesday, August 26th at 6 and 7, respectively. It’s a great time of fellowship and we would love to have you there. No music experience is required. All you need is a song in your heart and a joy of music to share with the Lord. I’d love to see some new faces. There is some exciting music planned for the fall and I hope you will join us to be a part of it. Music Director hours return to Tuesdays 1-4.

Operation Christmas Child Campaign thru the end of Aug., questions see Lisa Dawson.

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

Lay Servant Ministry Training - Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, 9 am-4pm at Strasburg UMC. Four classes are being offered: 1-Basic Course (Free!), 2-Leading Worship, 3-Leading Preaching, 4-Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century. The cost for each class is \$20 (except the Basic Class). Those who register for the Basic Class are eligible for a refund with the purchase of their required book. Simply email a copy of your receipt to ShenandoahRiverDistrict@vaumc.org, along with your mailing address, and we will send you a refund. Lunch will be provided, with a free-will offering. To register, go to <https://www.cognitofrms.com/VAUMC/SRDSeptemberLayServantMinistryTraining> and to learn more about the books or reading materials required for each class. For registration questions, contact the district office.

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