

Calendar - Week of August 30, 2026

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

Monday: 6 Prayer Vigil

Tuesday: 10 Care & Connect | 10³⁰ Freedge | 12 Bridge fh | 1-4 Music Dir hrs.

Wednesday: 10 BSF leaders walk-thru | 11 Prayer | 11⁴⁵ Peaceful Piano (sanct.)

1³⁰ Staff Mtg. | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 SPPRC Classroom #2 | 6 Handbells | 7 Choir

Friday: Office Closed | Pastor Sabbath | 11-3 Bridge fh

Saturday: 10-12 Private Use DeMoya Rm

Sunday, September 6: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship

Booth: Dave Ford; Greeters: **Your Name here**; Counters: Roger Hill & Brian Henshaw

Monday, September 7: Office Closed Labor Day

Pew Prayers: Pew Prayers: Jim Park; Chrissy Rust; safe travels; good health; Darlene; Janice Codmus; Funkhouser & Brannon families (*loss of Barbara Funkhouser*); Hudson family; those searching for healing in Jesus name we pray; Erica Miller; Pam Miller; Mary Strosnider (*JoAnne's C. friend*); Olivia; Joan S.; Arnold & Glenda Gale; Polly Look; military; our president; Nancy Tisinger; our ministers; Shirley Guess; Ofelia; music; Avery Conklin; Charlie Donohoe; Dunkle family; Bollingers; Moyers; Ashley Prather; Sharon Gale; Mark Wells; family of Nancy Whitacre; David Russel; Judy Harmon; Roger; Jaeda/Caleb; Newman family; Lisa Dawson; thanks for joy and the times which make joy shine brighter; David; Russ & Kim Gibson; Michael Cheladyn; Magalene Corbin; Virginia Stanley; Barbara Mallory; Connie Herbert; Linda Defrancesco; Taylor; reconciliation of families; Amy; Caiti; Chase; Tom; Debbie & Ronnie; Gloria; Connie; Carolyn; Kay Beth Ambrose; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; Jane Thomas; McKenna Newcome & family; Rev. Clay Knick & Lisa; Pastor Aaron Fitch; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda Harless & family; Bob, Lorraine, & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Carole Ay; Sandy Keiter; Barbara Bledsoe; Nellie Snoots; Tina & Shane Weagley; Lisa & Jay Manuel; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; the elderly; our world; hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving; Rev. Bob Throckmorton

Update: Madonna is home from hospital for long recoup, she sends her love, misses all and is welcoming to visits.

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 30, 2026

Fourteenth 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 530

Are Ye Able

**Call To Worship*

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept Your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the Good News and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept Your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept Your call on our lives. Beloved, God's call takes many forms.

Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there. God, help us accept Your call on our lives and to trust that what You equip us to do is what You call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

*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 ReadingExodus 3:1-15

New Testament ReadingRomans 12:9-21

Special MusicBroken VesselsJacob Henshaw

*Hymn 399 UMHTake My Life, and Let It Be

*Gospel ReadingMatthew 16:21-28Rev. Dr. Gómez

MessageThe Cost of Confession: Deny Self; Take Up Cross; Follow Jesus

GOD LISTENS TO US

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

OfferingShine, 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

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 424 UMHMust Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

*Blessing

*Choral BlessingPrecious 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 spiritBold print – all respond

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal (Red) 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.*

New Encounter class will begin September 20, 2026. More details soon.

Greeters are needed for next Sunday, September 6. Sign up in the narthex. Thank You.

Care & Connect meet on Tuesday in the fellowship hall at 10 am.

Music Director hours for the fall are now Tuesdays from 1-4 pm.

Handbell & Choir practices resume this week at 6 and 7. Join us.

Spiritual Retreat by the VA Conference UMM-September 18-19 at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center. The VA Conference United Methodist Men retreat theme is "B1, *Inspire 1 - Men of Faith, Sharing their Faith.*" Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown will be our keynote speaker. Topics include discipleship, mentoring, and prayer life. There will be breakout sessions, fellowship time, and gospel singing. All men of the VA Conference and beyond are invited. Check in begins at 3 pm on September 18 and the retreat concludes at 3 pm on September 19. All registrations include dinner, breakfast, & lunch: \$150 registration with overnight lodging, \$65 without overnight lodging. Looking forward to a great time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! See Steve Spurr with questions, flyer in narthex.

Discernment Day – Sat., Sept. 12 from 9:45 am to 3 pm at Braddock St. UMC. Is God Nudging You to Do More? Do you think God is calling you, but you’re not sure how to answer? By virtue of our baptisms, we are all called by God in a myriad of ways — as laity serving in local churches, as missionaries serving abroad, in meeting the needs of our local communities, in the set-apart ministry of the licensed and ordained, and so much more. Discernment Day is an opportunity for you to explore your sense of call alongside others who are discerning. Through prayer practices, small groups, and topical discussion groups, you’ll be given space to learn more, connect with others, and discern your next steps. We take our cue from young Samuel, who learned to answer, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:1-10). Join us Saturday, September 12, . at Braddock Street UMC. The event is free & meals are provided. Register www.shenandoahriverdistrict.org/events/. You’ll be invited to choose two discussion groups to join. Flyer in the narthex.

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