

Calendar - Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday, July 12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship

Booth: Dave Ford; Greeters: Judy Allen & Lorraine Shelton

Counters: Gary Lantz and Mary Anton

Monday: 4 Sandwich Making | 4:30 R&S Meeting | 6 Prayer Vigil

Tuesday: 10³⁰ Freedge | 11-2 Music Dir. Hours | 12 Bridge fh

Wednesday: 11 Prayer Group (all are welcome) | 5³⁰ TOPS

Thursday: Prayer & Fasting time | 12 noon Facebook Live | 1-4 Music Dir. hrs.

Friday: 11-3 Bridge fh

Sunday, July 19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | 11:30 Brunch Potluck | 12:30 Movie | Booth: Brian Henshaw

Greeters: Lisa Dawson & Cathy Lichvar; Counters: Roger Hill and Arnold Gale

Sympathy: to Carolyn Sibert & family on the loss of her brother, Charles "Jay" Funkhouser

Prayers: Frank Murrie; USA; our president; our ministers, teachers & church leaders; Gene (JoAnne Carper's brother); Jared & Emily; Jimmy; Steward; Tony; Douglas; C.J.; Lourdes; Bob; Barbara Bledsoe; Charlie Donohoe; Russ Conklin; Kelly Babyok; Avery & Sophia Conklin; Caleb; Tami; decision on selling home; David Russell; Arnold Gale; Jim B.; Bolingers; Moyers; Trammels; Jesse I.; Sharon Gale; thanks for freedom to worship; Christine; Polly Look; David; Nancy Hill; Alice Hill; Jilla family; Bruce & Hilda; Michael Cheladyn; Virginia Stanley; Shelva Jones; Magaline Corbin; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Bonnie Lee; Mike O'Neal; Jim Park; Barbara Mallory; Chrissy Rust; Sean Spurr; Lois Smith; Sandy Keiter; Barbara Day; Kim Evans; Barbara Cooper; Mary Stosnider; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; Rev. Clay Knick & Lisa; Pastor Aaron Fitch; Helen & Russ Fitch; Nelda Harless & family; Carole Ay; Tina & Shane Weagley; Bob, Lorraine, & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Nellie Snoots; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; the hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving; our world; the elderly in this extreme heat

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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



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."

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude

(Prepare your hearts for worship)

David Landrum

Ringling of the Bell

Greeting

Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Hymn 332 UMH

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

*Call to Worship

We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance in the Spirit Who dwells in you.

We come to set our minds on the Spirit Who guides us and draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing. Amen.

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Time with the Younger Congregation

Prayer for Illumination:

Nancy Tisinger

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 25:19-34
New Testament Reading Romans 8:1-11
Special Music *I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb* Stephanie Harrington & Jacob Henshaw
*Hymn 492 UMH *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire*
*Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Rev. Dr. Gómez
Message *The Spirit Sets Us Free*

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS
Offering *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.

*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 98 UMH *To God Be the Glory*
*Blessing
*Choral Blessing Grace, Love, and Fellowship
May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us forever, and ever, forever more. Amen.

Postlude (Rejoice in the music of the Lord) David Landrum
*Stand in body or spirit **Bold print – all respond**
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal TFWS-The Faith We Sing; 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 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 and Fasting –As part of our “**Lord, Teach Us to Pray**” prayer campaign, we invite the entire congregation to participate in a **Day of Prayer & Fasting** on **Thursday, July 16**. We encourage you to fast during the **morning and through the noon meal**, using this time for personal devotion, Scripture reading, quiet reflection, and prayer. As you seek the Lord, pray for Kernstown United Methodist Church, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and for God's vision as we faithfully make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Pastor Victor Gómez will conclude our day of prayer and fasting with a special prayer through **Facebook Live at noon**, inviting everyone to join together as one church family in seeking God's wisdom, strength, and direction. “*Lord, teach us to pray.*” Luke 11:1

Prayer Campaign Info Cards & More – “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” – runs July 1 – Sept. 30. Pick up an Info Card for all the events in the narthex. Mark your calendars for a new **Prayer Series** on Sunday mornings at 9 beginning August 2nd led by Pastor Victor.

Today's Special Music Guest - Joining us today is Stephanie Wood who is a professional performer, choreographer, and dance instructor. Professional performance credits include Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, American Music Theatre, Busch Gardens, Kings Dominion, Hershey Park, and RWS & Associates. Stephanie has choreographed numerous productions at Riverside Center, the Riverside Awards, and Hershey Park. She graduated with honors from Oklahoma City University with a bachelor's degree in dance performance. Stephanie is the 2019 Broadway World Central Virginia Award Winner for Best Choreography for *Annie*, starring Sally Struthers. She has taught at numerous dance studios in the Mid-Atlantic region.



Special Music upcoming: 7/19 Ian Lane, Tenor; and 7/26 Jason Labrador, Violinist
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 offering. Designate to OCC

Brunch - Next Sunday, July 19, join us for our Fellowship Potluck Brunch followed by a Sight & Sound movie showing, *A Great Awakening* (*see below*).

A GREAT AWAKENING. The Great Awakening was one of the most formative moments in American history, uniting generations around the belief that true liberty is found only in Jesus Christ. This story is more than history. It's a reminder that God can change the world through the work of willing hearts - and we believe God will do it again. George Whitefield preached at least 18,000 times. He was one of the founders of Methodism, influenced by the Wesleys. He was admired and respected by Benjamin Franklin. Join us next week after the potluck brunch for the showing.

