

Calendar - Week of June 26, 2026

Sunday, July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship; Booth: Sam Henshaw

Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis; Counters: Karen Wells & Lorraine Shelton

Monday: 6 Prayer Vigil

Tuesday: 10³⁰ Freedde | 12 Bridge fh

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

Friday: 11-3 Bridge fh

Saturday: District Training for registered guests (9 am setup, 10-1, in sanctuary & f.hall)

Sunday, August 02 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Counters: Roy Walker & Lorraine Shelton

Prayers: Jim Park; Lillian Sloan "100"; thanks for safety in the storm in the Sweet's neighborhood; Frank, Ann & Kellie Murrie (friends of Sweets); Simone Poulin; Charlie Donohoe; Roger Poulin; Danny Aube; Chrissy Rust; Doug Seabright; Dunkle family; Steve Spurr; Arnold & Glenda Gale; Brittany & family; Mandy, Bland & family; David; those who experience family crisis; families to reunite; Caiti; Chase; Amy; Tom; Debbie & Ronnie; Gloria; Carolyn; Pam Miller; our country & military; Suzanne Earley; parents; Madonna & Bill; Gene (*JoAnne Carper's brother*); thanks for joy; Assia Milanov; Judy & Dick Spicer (Betty Lou's brother and sister-in-law); Mickey Helmick; family of Johan Sebastian Duran and his 3-year old daughter; Mark Wells; Barbara Mallory; Connie Herbert; David Russell; JoAnn Tokash; Shirley Guess; Nancy Aker; Jim Barker; Bollingers; Trammels; Ackers; Michael Cheladyn; James Coleman; Vicky Johnson; Magdalene Corbin; victims of war; Mark. F. & parents; Ursula B.; June & Nate W.; Maureen; Danna's brother & Florida family; cancer patients; Lois Smith; Polly; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Bonnie Lee; Sandy Keiter; Leroy Lemarr; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Lisa & Jay Manuel; 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; Bob, Lorraine, & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Barbara Bledsoe; Nellie Snoots; Carole Ay; Tina & Shane Weagley; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; the hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving; our world; the elderly in this extreme heat; Rich Lichvar; Bob Cole

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 sanctuary. 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."

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum

Ring of the Bell

Greeting Ric Dunkle

*Hymn 117 UMH *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Call to Worship Brian Henshaw

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 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: 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.

Scripture Readings Luke 15: 11-32 and Luke 23: 26-43

Special Music

Jason Labrador

*Hymn 494 UMH

Kum ba Yah

*Scripture Readings

John 3:16; Galatians 2:20; 1 John 4:10

Brian Henshaw

Message

"It's Not Fair...but that is the Point!"

GOD LISTENS TO US

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

Offering

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks.

*Offering Prayer

GOD BLESSES US

Holy Communion

Rev. Steven Wells

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 593 UMH

Here I Am, Lord

*Blessing

Brian Henshaw

*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)

*Stand in body or spirit

Bold print – all respond

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal

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.

Lord, Teach Us to Pray - Kernstown UMC Prayer Campaign - Beginning 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 for all the events in the narthex and join us on this journey.

Prayer Series on Sunday mornings at 9 beginning August 2nd led by Pastor Victor. Understanding prayer as well as practicing different ways to pray

Aug. 2 – Why Pray? Prayer, a Relationship with God – Be Still and know that I am God. Taizé

Aug. 9 – Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Learning from Jesus – Understanding the Lord’s Prayer

Aug. 23 – Different Forms of Prayer: Thanksgiving Petition, Intercession – Tongsung Kido

Aug. 30 -Listening to God: Prayer That Trans- forms Lives – Intercessional Prayer

Note: Two events have been added on August 19 & September 2 at 11:45 following the Wednesday Prayer Group called: Prayer reflection with peaceful piano in the sanctuary.

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

Special guest-Jason J. Labrador (Shenandoah University, '01) is a violinist & vocalist of the Winchester/DMV area. He has been an SSMT fixture since 1996, spanning 50+ productions as an actor (including the title role in Fiddler on the Roof) and pit musician. He is the Associate Concertmaster of Piedmont Symphony Orchestra, Assistant Principal 2nd Violin of Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra, and tenor section leader at St. James Episcopal Church. Jason serves on the boards of the Piedmont Symphony & Arts Chorale of Winchester, directs live music for Summit Events Co., and owns Labrador Entertainment. He resides in Winchester with his partner, Kyle, and their seven cats.



Holy Communion - Now that we are observing Holy Communion every Sunday, we would love to have a few more people to volunteer to clean up the Holy Communion elements after the service. It takes about 15 minutes and training is available. If you want more information, please contact Lorraine Shelton, 540-771-8301 or email Lorraineshelton0566@gmail.com

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