Calendar - Week of October 11, 2026

Sun., Oct. 11: *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*
9 Encounter |10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Booth: Brian Henshaw; Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis; Counters: Gary Lantz & Mary Anton
Monday: 4 Sandwich Making, *fh*
Tuesday: 10 UWF *fh* | 10[30] Freedge | *12 Bridge fh*
3-6 Music Dir. hrs. | 7 Hatching Faith Webinar
Wed.: 9-10:30 Drive Thru Prayer | *9-11:30 BSF*
11 Prayer Group | *5 TOPS* | 6 Bells | 7 Choir
Friday: Pastor Sabbath | *11-3 Bridge fh*
Sun., Oct.18: *Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*
9 Encounter |10 Coffee
10[30] Worship w/ Steve Spurr preaching | Brunch
Booth/Greeters: tbd; Counters: Roger Hill/Tammy Corey





Pew Prayers: Sandy Keiter; Norma Wilson *(Evergreen)*; Bob & Lorraine Wilson; those who feel disconnected from us; all who are sick to have a speedy recovery; Jim Park; Arnold/Glenda Gale; Lee Folger; Laura (Dan) Folger; Charlie Donohoe; Greysin; Kaden; Dunkles; Steve Spurr; Lorraine Shelton; Arnold Gale; Duane; Aaron Rust; Brian & Ann White; Rich Lichvar; Brad Grove (Doris' brother-in-law); Dee Walke (Doris' friend); Pam Miller; Mark Wells; Bob & Patty Throckmorten; Margel Wilson; Jackie Alexander; Sandy Hess; David Russel; thanks for laughter; David; our parents; Mary Strosnider; Sarah; Sage; Stori; Amanda; Kathy; Avery, Russ & Sophia Conklin; Kelly Babyok; Barbara Mallory; Mya; Ofelia D'Amato; Jean Wilson; Shirley Guess; Mary B Walton; Dodie Meadows; Michael Cheladyn; Shelva Jones; Magalene Corbin; Mimi; Emily; Annie: Josh & Steph; Jim Barker; Trammels; Bollingers; Sharon Gale; Moyers; Ashley Pastur; Lois Smith; Carolyn Hott; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Polly; President Donald Trump; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; June Windle; Norma; Mark F.; Frank; Ursula; Maureen; Dusti; Danna's FL family; Hands of Faith; Winchester Rescue Mission; CCAP; our country; Walkers; Rick Phares family; Ronald (Vicky M. friend);praise for God's presence on Flydubai flight; 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; Sandy Wilson; Carole Ay; Dawna Wilson; Barbara Bledsoe; Kay Beth Ambrose; Nellie Snoots; Tina & Shane Weagley; Chrissy Rust; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; the elderly; our world; hungry & homeless; the lonely; Cassie Gonce; Scott Maphis

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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



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"Strives to welcome ALL into a loving church family that glorifies God through worship, nurture, and outreach to our neighbors."

October 11, 2026 — Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Instant Mashed Potato Week

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) David Landrum
Ringing of the Bell
Greeting Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Hymn 2074 TFWS *Shout to the Lord*
*Call to Worship

Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 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: Danny Smith & Heather Gómez

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 32:1-14
New Testament Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Chancel Choir Anthem *How Great is Your Love*

*Hymn 2171 TFWS *Make Me a Channel of your Peace*

*Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Rev. Dr. Gómez

Message *Making Peace with One Another*

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

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 2145 TFWS *I've Got Peace Like a River*

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing *Wesleyan Benediction*

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. Yes, you can! Yes, I can! Yes, we can!

Postlude (Rejoice in the music of the Lord) David Landrum

*Stand in body or spirit **Bold print – all respond**

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal (Red); TFWS-The Faith We Sing (Black) 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.

Children's Church - 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.

Care & Connect – Finger Food Brunch next Sunday. Food sign-up is in the narthex.

Greeters – Please sign up in the narthex, we need greeters for October and November.

Choir– We will be having an additional practice on the 1st and 4th Sundays after worship thru the first week of December. Please join us.

UWF United Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday October 13 .

New Encounter class is underway in Classroom 3 at 9 am - *Unbreakable Courage: Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos, & Exhaustion*. Join us.

Bring Your Gifts to Jesus - *not only what is in your hands, but what is in your heart, your prayers, & your life."* The Magi opened their treasures & offered their gifts to Jesus. Matt.2:11

FRANKINCENSE Sunday Nov 8 - Present Prayer Covenant Card. Symbol of deity & relationship with God. Prayer life & commitment. "Prayer continues in the desire of the heart, though the understanding be employed on outward things." – John Wesley

GOLD Sunday, Nov 15 - Symbol of Kingship. Present completed Pledge Card. Gold invites every person to prayerfully consider financial stewardship as an act of worship. We are not merely paying bills or funding an institution; we are investing in God's mission through the ministries of the church.

MYRRH Sunday Nov 22 - A symbol of sacrifice. Present Thanksgiving Meal. Purchase one item during regular grocery trip. Each week at home, place item in bag. We give so that another family can experience a meal with dignity, abundance, and the knowledge that they are remembered and loved.

Oct 11 Instant Mashed Potatoes	Nov 01 Gravy Packet or Can
Oct 18 Stuffing (box)	Nov 08 Pumpkin (can)
Oct 25 Cranberry Sauce	Nov 15 Pie Crust Mix

October 11 - MYRRH REMINDER: This week, please pick up **instant mashed potatoes** during your regular grocery trip. Bring it home and place it in a paper grocery bag. We are preparing Thanksgiving meals to share with another family.

Hatching Faith Webinar - Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7pm. Register for a free informational session and Q&A at vaumc.org/hatchingfaith/

Hatching Faith - — An Invitation! What if our children could help us imagine new ways to experience worship and grow in faith? Hatching Faith is an exciting opportunity through the Virginia Conference to help congregations explore creative ways to include children more fully in the life of the church. We want KUMC to give it a try! We need a team of at least 8 people, including a team leader, plus at least 2 children under age 12. Grandparents—this is a great opportunity to invite your grandchildren to be part of something special! This is not another committee—it's an opportunity to experiment, have fun, listen to our children, and discover new possibilities for our church. Interested in being part of the team? Talk with Pastor Victor or contact the church office.

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