Calendar - Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday, October 18: *Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*
9 Adult Sunday School/ Encounter
10 Coffee | 10[30] Worship w/ Steve Spurr preaching | Finger Food Brunch Social
Booth: Brian Henshaw; Greeters: Betty Phillips ; Counters: Roger Hil & Tammy Corey
Tuesday: 10[30] Freedge | *12 Bridge fh*
3-6 Music Dir hrs
Wednesday: *9-11:30 BSF*
11 Prayer Group (Any & All Welcome)
4 Nominations & Leadership Mtg
Demoya Rm; 5 TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir
Thursday: 4 Church Council
Friday: Pastor Sabbath | *11-3 Bridge fh*
Saturday: 10-11[30] OCC Packing Event

Sunday, October 25: *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost* | 9 Encounter
10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | 11:30 Hands of Faith *sanct.;* Booth: Dave Ford
Greeters: Judy Allen & Dennis O'Neal; Counters: Roy Walker & Karen Wells

Upcoming: ⏰11/01 Daylight Savings Ends & All Saints Sunday

Pew Prayers: Dan Conklin; Roger Hill; Lorraine Shelton; Duane Sweet; Barbara Mallory.; Jim Park; Arnold & Glenda Gale; folks in path of Isaias; Charlie Donohoe; Dunkle's; Sean Spurr and family; Margo Young; Polly Look; Randy Clark; homeless and hurting; Norma Wilson *(Evergreen)*; Bob & Lorraine Wilson Sandy Keiter; Rich Lichvar; Maria Castro; David; Andrew; Frank Carbaugh; Brian & Ann White; Cheryl McKelvey; ; Lisa Bailey; Joanie Peterson; Kaylee Mandel; Claudia Fernandez; Esperanza Vigil; Ana Morales; DV survivors; Sarah; Sage; Stori; Amanda; Kathy; Gene McIlwee (JoAnne Carper's brother); Mary Strosnider; Pam Miller; MiMi; Annie; Josh & Steph; Mark Wells; Bob & Patty Throckmorton; Michael Cheladyn; Shelva Jones; Magalene Corbin; Lois Smith; Carolyn Hott; Polly Look; Denny & Bonnie Lee; President Donald Trump; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Thornley's; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Whitacre's; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; Newcome's; Jane Thomas; Knicks; Fitches; Nelda Harless; Wilsons; Carole Ay; Barbara Bledsoe; Kay Beth Ambrose; Nellie Snoots; Weagley; Chrissy Rust; Haines'; Teets; the elderly; our world; hungry; the lonely; Rinker family; Bette Cossentine; Ruth Folger; Spurr family; Rich Lichvar's daughter; pastor & family

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Children's CHURCH
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."

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Stuffing Week

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) — David Landrum
Ringing of the Bell
Greeting — Ric Dunkle
*Hymn 111 Cokes *Jesus Is All the World to Me*
*Call to Worship — Steve Spurr

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

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: — Heather Gómez & Danny Smith

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* 33:12-23
New Testament Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 1:1-10

Chancel Choir Anthem *You Know Me, Lord*

*Hymn 188 Cokes *Jesus Is Always There*

*Gospel Reading *Matthew* 22:15-22

Steve Spurr

Message *Render*

GOD LISTENS TO US

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

Offering *He Has Made Me Glad*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad. He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad. He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

*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 175 Cokes *Just When I Need Him Most*

*Blessing Steve Spurr

*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) 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.

Greeters - Please sign up in the narthex to welcome and hand out bulletins. We have openings for November 11, All Saints Sunday and November 8 & 29. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed ~ Reach & Serve ~ Freedge Ministry - Our Friendly Neighborhood Freedge is a community refrigerator that is open 24 hours a day for all to enjoy. On Tuesdays, our church picks up food from CCAP and delivers it to Montague Ave. UMC. If you can spare about 45 minutes, please sign up! We need volunteers Oct 13 & Nov 3.

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 18 Stuffing (box)
Oct 25 Cranberry Sauce
Nov 01 Gravy (packet or can)
Nov 08 Pumpkin (can)
Nov 15 Pie Crust Mix

October 18 - MYRRH REMINDER: This week, please pick up **stuffing** 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.

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

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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