Calendar - Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday, October 25: *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost* | 9 Encounter
10 Coffee | 10[30] Worship | 11[45] Hands of Faith *sanct.* | 11[45] Choir Practice; Booth: Dave Ford; Greeters: Judy Allen & Dennis O'Neal; Counters: Roy Walker & Karen Wells
Monday: Stewardship Mailing
Tuesday: 10[30] Freedge | *12 Bridge fh* | 3-6 Music Dir hrs | **4 Church Council**
Wednesday: *9-11[30] BSF* | 11 Prayer Group (All Welcome) | *5 TOPS* | 6 Bells | 7 Choir
Friday: Pastor Sabbath | *11-3 Bridge fh*
Saturday: Halloween | 9 UWF Zone Meeting *fh* (All United Women invited)
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, Nov. 1: *All Saints Sunday* | 9 Encounter |10 Coffee | 10[30] Worship | 11[45] Choir
Booth: Sam Henshaw; Greeters: Betty Phillips & Polly Look
Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Roy Walker

Greeters - Please sign up in the narthex, openings for Nov. 8 & 29. Thank you.

Pew Prayers: family of Gary Tisinger *(Judy Chapman's brother);* Lorraine Wilson; Norma Wilson *(Evergreen)*; Bob Wilson; Jim Park; Claire; Chrissy Rust; Leslie Hawkins *(Nora's niece);* Sandy Keiter; Kirk Hammon; Amber Hamman; David Russell; Lisa Rickman; Tami; Christie; Arnold & Glenda Gale; family of Frank Crosen; aging parents; discernment; Bob & Connie Meadows; Randy Clark; Sean Spurr; Wendy & Danny safe travels; Canadian military, fire causalities/families; Greysin & Kaden; upcoming election; Pam Miller; Brad Grove *(Doris' brother-in-law);* Chris Neff; Daniel Langager *(Betty's son);* Helen Corfman *(Betty L. sister);* Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Dunkles; Roger; Duane; Steve; Carolyn; David; Laura (Dan) Folger; Emily Folger; our world; Rich Lichvar; Lorraine Shelton; Charlie Donohoe; Mark Wells; Rev. Bob Throckmorten; Lana Austin; David Russel; Mary Strosnider; Gene McIlwee (JoAnne's brother); Sarah; Sage; Amanda; Kathy; Dan Conklin; Lara Conklin; Avery Conklin; Barbara Mallory; Don Trenary (*Barb Mallory's brother-in-law);* Hailey & Tucker *(unborn daughter);* Shirley Guess; those grieving; family of Mary B. Walton; MiMi; Annie; Josh & Steph; James Barker; Trammels; Bollingers; Moyers; Sharon Gale; Scott Maphis; Ralph & Dee; Jill & family; Audrey Dorton; our country; guidance for our president & advisors; our ministers; President Donald Trump; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Polly; Madonna; Carolyn Hott; Lois Smith; ; Felicia; Mark F.; family of June Windle *(Danna's cousin);* Norma, Frank & family; Rodgers family; Ursula; Maureen; Dusti; Danna's FL family; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; 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; Dawna Wilson; Nellie Snoots; Carole Ay; Barbara Bledsoe; Kay Beth Ambrose; Tina & Shane Weagley; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; Vicky Maphis; the elderly; hungry & homeless; the lonely

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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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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.

Kernstown United Methodist Church

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

October 25, 2026 — Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Cranberry Sauce Week

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship) — David Landrum
Ringing of the Bell
Handbell Introit *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* — Handbell Choir
Greeting — Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez
*Hymn 384 UMH *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
*Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Time with the Younger Congregation
Prayer for Illumination: — 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 *Deuteronomy* 34:1-12
New Testament Reading 1 *Thessalonians* 2:1-8
Anthem *Our God* — Chancel Choir
*Hymn 408 UMH *The Gift of Love*

*Gospel Reading *Matthew* 22:34-46 Rev. Dr. Gómez

Message *Crazy Little Thing Called Love?*

GOD LISTENS TO US

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

Offering *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

*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 2068 TFWS *I Love You, Lord*

*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) | THWS-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.

Charge Conference – Sunday, November 22 - The annual Charge Conference will take place on **Sunday, November 22, at 3:00 p.m.** at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church in Berryville, VA. All members of the Church Council are also members of the Charge Conference. If you are unable to attend, please notify Pastor Victor. Thank you for your participation and continued commitment to the life and ministry of our church.

Choir Rehearsals - If you want to be a part of the choir but aren't able to drive at night or have a Wednesday commitment, then we have the perfect option for new members. Every 1st and 4th Sunday of the month we will rehearse after church in the choir room and rehearsal resources to practice at home are provided so that you can regularly participate and still feel prepared with the amount of time you are able to commit to. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to have you. Everybody can sing and it's such a great time of fellowship. If you have any questions, ask David or Kelly.

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. **October 25 -** MYRRH REMINDER: This week, please pick up a can of **Cranberry Sauce** 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.

Oct 25 Cranberry Sauce | Nov 08 Pumpkin (can) | Nov 01 Gravy | Nov 15 Pie Crust Mix

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.

UWF United Women in Faith -Fundraiser for local Missions**.** "Lighting the Path to the Christ Child". UWF will sponsor donations to light the shrubbery outside the sanctuary during Advent. People can donate $5 each to the memory or honor of someone for the lights. An outdoor lighting ceremony will be held on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29, after the worship service. We will collect the donations thru November 1. See Doris Miller.

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