

Calendar - Week of September 13, 2026

Sunday, September 13: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship

Booth: Brian Henshaw; Greeters: Judy Chapman & Vicky Maphis

Counters: Gary Lantz & Mary Anton

Monday: 1 Cross Cultural Program fh | 4 Sandwich Making fh | 4:30 R&S meeting fh

6 Prayer Vigil | 6:30 Clergy Payroll Webinar

Tuesday: 10³⁰ Freedge | 12 Bridge fh | 1-4 Music Dir hrs

Wednesday: 9-11³⁰BSF (2 rms upstairs) | 11 Prayer | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Handbells | 7 Choir

Friday: Pastor Sabbath | 11-3 Bridge fh | 2026 Spiritual Retreat

Saturday: 10 Jubilee Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 Adult Sunday School/Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship

11:45 Potluck (finger foods) Brunch fh | Hands of Faith Presentation, Video/Demo fh

Booth: Sam Henshaw; Greeters: Betty Philips & your name here

Counters: Roy Walker & Arnold Gale

Upcoming: Worship & Wonder moved to Wednesday, Sept.30 at 2pm (new date)

Pew Prayers: Norma Wilson; Glenda & Arnold Gale; Jim Park; Charlie Donohoe; Steve & Cheryl Spurr; Dunkle family; Duane Sweet (thanks for prayers); Sean Spurr; the Meadows; Susan Chicca; Wells traveling mercies; Donna Sims; Ronnie Schutz; Brad Grove (*Doris' brother-in-law*); Krista; Greysin; Andrea Furrow; Wes; Jim; Grace; family of Lindwood Williamson; Sarah; Sage; Stori; Amanda; Kathy; Barbara Mallory; Chrissy Rust; war to end; Sandra Keiter; David; David Russell; Ray Tachoir; Pam Miller; Mary Strosnider; Avery Conklin; Irene Spangler; Virginia Drummonds; Michael Cheladyn; Magalene Corbin; Sheila Jones; Al Jones; our president; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Leroy LaMarr; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Lois Smith; Polly Look; Jill & family; Walkers; Wilsons; Audrey & family; our church; our country; family of Jim Lantz; 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; Kay Beth Ambrose; Carole Ay; Barbara Bledsoe; Nellie Snoots; Tina & Shane Weagley; Lisa & Jay Manuel; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; the elderly; our world; hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving; Cassie Gonce

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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 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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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude

(Prepare your hearts for worship)

David Landrum

Ring of the Bell

Greeting

Carolyn Carney & Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Hymn 2040 TFWS

Awesome God

**Call To Worship*

Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

In this place, may we encounter Christ Who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

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

Cathy Lichvar

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 14:19-31	
New Testament Reading	Romans 14:1-12	
Chancel Choir Anthem	<i>The Prayer w/ Lead Me, Lord</i>	
*Hymn 170 UMH	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 18:21-35	Rev. Dr. Gómez
Message	<i>Who Is Counting?</i>	

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

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 77 UMH *How Great Thou Art*

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing *May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go With You*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness; protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

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.

🔔 **“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”** Kernstown UMC Prayer Campaign - **July 1 – Sept. 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. This week: **Prayer Vigil Monday**

R&S We will be making sandwiches and meeting on Monday this week, see back for times. Also there is a change jar if you want to donate your coins to help purchase supplies.

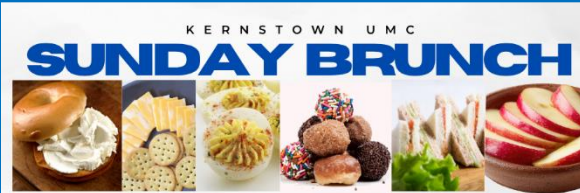
R&S Jubilee Kitchen sign up is in the narthex this coming Saturday, meet downtown.

Next week – Bring a covered dish and join us for fellowship next Sunday at our Brunch Covered Dish. Sign up in narthex. FINGER FOODS for easy cleanup.

Healing Ministry – Hands of Faith presentation, video, and a demonstration on Sept. 20 during the fellowship potluck brunch. Questions, see Elizabeth Reed or Danna Doyle. Begins Sept. 27 after worship.

New Encounter class will begin Sept. 20. *Unbreakable Courage: Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos, & Exhaustion.* Does a day without difficult news seem out of reach? Max Lucado offers a fresh look at the story of Elijah the prophet, showing you how you can stand strong day by day in the face of turbulent times. Elijah's story will help calm your fears and guide your steps. Books are available in the classroom today for those taking the class. Please sign one out when you take one.

Lay Servant Training by the Shenandoah River District Ministry is September 26 at Strasburg UMC. The training will be held from 9 am to 4 pm. Rev. Dr. Jason Stanley will be teaching and serve as our keynote speaker. Four classes include Basic Course (no fee); Leading Worship, Leading Preaching and Aging & Ministry in the 21 Century are all \$20 each. Lunch will be provided and a free will offering taken for the meal. Scholarships are available, if needed. Contact Raini Newman at raini.newman0210@gmail.com. Register at shenandoahriverdistrict.org/layservantministries.



09-20-26 AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP

- **FRUIT** sliced apples, grapes, bananas, cuties/mandarin oranges
- **CHEESE/CRACKERS**
- **DEILED EGGS OR HARD BOILED EGGS**
- **DONUT HOLES**
- **MINI BAGELS/CREAM CHEESE**
- **FINGER/TEA SANDWICHES**

Goal-Finger foods that can easily be picked up and an easy cleanup!

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