

Calendar - Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday, September 20: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 Adult Sunday School/Encounter Rm #3 | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship

11:45 Potluck Brunch fh | Hands of Faith Presentation, Video/Demo fh

Booth: Sam Henshaw; Greeters: Betty Philips; Counters: Roy Walker, tbd

Monday: October/November Newsletter Deadline | 6 Prayer Vigil

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

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

Thursday: 4 Church Council

Friday: Pastor Sabbath | 11-3 Bridge fh

Sunday, September 27: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 Encounter, Rm #3 | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Hands in Faith *nursery*

Booth: Danny Aube; Greeters: Glenda Gale; Counters: Lorraine Shelton & Karen Wells

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

Pew Prayers: Norma Wilson (*Evergreen*); Bob & Lorraine Wilson; Arnold & Glenda Gale; Jim Park; Chrissy Rust; Polly; Charlie Donohoe; Josh & Stephanie; MiMi Henshaw; Sandy Keiter; Lisa Rickman; Penny; Tami; Cheryl; Brian; Dave; Greyson & Kaden Baker; Connie Parsons; Lorraine Shelton; UMM Men's Retreat; Fred Walls; Sean Spurr; Bob & Connie Meadows; my parents; Aiden; Lindsey; Holly; Drew; Wes; Shirley Guess; Marty & Donnie Toyen; Mary Anton on her retirement; Mary Strosnider; Caleb; Jaeda; Emma; Neil; Duane Sweet (thanks for prayers); Sarah; Sage; Stori; Amanda; Kathy; Barbara Mallory; Connie Herbert; healing ministry; Gloria; Tom; Chase; Amy & Caiti; Bebbie & Ronnie; new music ministry/scholarship students and David; Avery Conklin; Sophia Conklin; Russ Conklin; our president; Agues Turner; recent I81 accident victim families; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Leroy LaMarr; Pete LaBeau family; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Lois Smith; June Windle family; Dann's FL family & her brother, Danny; Ursula; Maureen; Connie G.; Dusti; MMIW; Kirk (*LeAnn's stepson*); our country; our leaders; Jill & family; Walkers; Wilsons; Judy & Josh; Ralph, Dee & family; friends traveling; Sandy (Vicky Maphis's sister); 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; Mary Haines; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; the elderly; our world; hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving; Cassie Gonce; Carol Cave family; Jaci Walker; Shana Evans; Audrey & Susan safe travels; Brenton Evans & family; Mary Walker's prayer group

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 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."

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude

(Prepare your hearts for worship)

David Landrum

Ringling of the Bell

Greeting

Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Hymn 581 UMH *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

**Call To Worship*

In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God Who empowers us to press on...

As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

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

Handbell Choir Anthem

Balm in Gilead

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 16:2-15

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Chancel Choir Anthem

Prayer for Peace

*Hymn 393 UMH

Spirit of the Living God

*Gospel Reading
Message

Matthew 20:1-16
It Is Not Fair!

Rev. Dr. Gómez

GOD LISTENS TO US

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

Offering
Clappin’ Kids Medley

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 396 UMH
*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
*Stand in body or spirit
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal (Red); Cokes-Cokesbury (Brown) CCLI # 11408803

(Rejoice in the music of the Lord)
Bold print – all respond

David Landrum

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.

🕯️ Prayer Campaign – “Lord, Teach Us to Pray”
Kernstown United Methodist Church Prayer Campaign - **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.

Potluck Finger Food Brunch Today – Join us for fellowship.
Healing Ministry – Hands of Faith presentation, video, and a demonstration today during the fellowship potluck brunch. Questions, see Elizabeth Reed or Danna Doyle. Begins next week, 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.



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