

Calendar - Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday, September 27: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Booth: Danny Aube; Greeters: Glenda Gale; Counters: Roy Walker & Karen Wells

Monday: 6 Prayer Vigil

Tues.: 10³⁰ Freedge | 12 *Bridge fh* | 1-4 Music Dir hour

Wed.: 9-11³⁰ BSF | 11 Prayer | **2 Worship & Wonder** DeMoya | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

Friday: Pastor Sabbath | 11-3 *Bridge fh*

Saturday: Private use DeMoya Room

Sunday, October 4: World Communion Sunday ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Hands in Faith

Booth: Sam Henshaw; Greeters: Judy Allen & Dennis O'Neal

Counters: Roy Walker & Brian Henshaw

Pew Prayers: Norma Wilson (*Evergreen*); Bob & Lorraine Wilson; Charlie Donohoe; Arnold & Glenda Gale; Jim Park; Lorraine Shelton; Chrissy Rust; Steve & Cheryl Spurr; the Dunkles; Kathy Mazza; Suzie; Sean Spurr; the Meadows; Sharon Gale; Jim Barker; Tramells family; Bollingers; Polly; Barbara Mallory; Brad Grove (*Doris brother-in-law*); Jacob D.; David; Jean Wills; Betty Roberts; Shirley Guess; those grieving the loss of a loved one; Sabrina & KayleaAnna; Sandy Keiter; parents; Lisa Dawson; Christy; Tami; Lisa Rickman; Les Brining; Josh & Steph; Emily; Carie; David Russell; Hills' travel mercies; Caleb; Jaeda; Joseph; Debbie; Eden; Alexis; Ellie; Philip; Emmie; Jan & Duane; Sarah; Sage; Stori; Amanda; Kathy; Mark Wells; Rev. Bob Throckmorton; Sheila; Amy & Caiti; Gloria; Tom; Chase; Debbie & Ronnie; Randy & Linda; Lara, Russ & Avery Conklin; our president; our country; our leaders; Police Chief Lewis; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Leroy LaMarr; Denny & Bonnie Lee; Lois Smith; Maureen; Mark F.; June W. & family; Ursula; MMIW; trafficked people; immigrants; Hands of Faith; Billie & John; Harold Hartman family; Scott Maphis; our church; Walkers, Jill & family; Bette Cossentine; Edna Renner; Cave family; Barbara Day; Paulette Zottig; Mary Walker's prayer group; 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

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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."

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude

(Prepare your hearts for worship)

David Landrum

Ringin of the Bell

Greeting

Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Hymn 158 UMH

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

**Call To Worship*

The apostle Paul calls us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." What is the mind of Jesus?

The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul reminds us that "it is God Who is at work in you." How is God at work in us?

God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul exhorts us to "work on your own salvation with fear and trembling." How do we work on our own salvation?

We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Beloved, we gather to worship God Who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

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:

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 17:1-7

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Chancel Choir AnthemLord, Teach Us How to Pray

*Hymn 2212 TFWSHow Can I Keep from Singing

*Gospel ReadingMatthew 21:23-32Rev. Dr. Gómez

MessageSinging Their Song

GOD LISTENS TO US

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

OfferingThis 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 380There’s Within My Heart a Melody

*Blessing

*Choral BlessingMay 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 spiritBold 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.

W&W meets this Wednesday in the DeMoya Room at 2 pm. Please note date change.

THANK YOU, Church Leaders-The Nominations & Leadership Committee and Pastor Victor want to thank you for your past and continued leadership & partnership in ministry. Your leadership has helped us grow in faith, strengthen our ministries, & share God’s love with our community. We are deeply grateful for your commitment & dedication. We look forward to another exciting year & we thank you for sharing your gifts & graces with our church! **Please contact Pastor Victor by October 7 if you are opting out this year.**

New Encounter class is underway in Classroom 3 at 9 am - *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 for those taking the class. Please sign one out when you take one. Also sign the attendance sheet.

Lay Servant Training by the Shenandoah River District Ministry is Saturday, September 26, at Strasburg UMC. Classes include Basic Course (no fee); Leading Worship, Leading Preaching and Aging & Ministry in the 21st Century are all \$20 each. Lunch provided (free will offering taken). Register at shenandoahriverdistrict.org/layservantministries.

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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