

Calendar - Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday, September 6: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Booth: Dave Ford; Greeters: Betty Phillips
Counters: Gary Lantz

Monday: Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed | 6 Prayer Vigil

Tuesday: 10 UWF | 10³⁰ Freedge | 12 Bridge/Ice Cream fh | 1-4 Music Dir hrs

Wednesday: 11 Prayer | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Handbells | 7 Choir

Thursday: Prayer & Fasting & **FB Live at Noon** | 10 CC Orientation Zoom | **6:30 Trustees**

Friday: Pastor Sabbath | 11-3 Bridge fh

Saturday: 9:30 Discernment Day Braddock St UMC for registered guests

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

Pew Prayers: Jim Park; Chrissy Rust; Steve Spurr; Dunkle family; Joan; Charlie D.; Arnold & Glenda Gale; Duane Sweet; flood victims; Carole Ay; Sandy Keiter; Barbara Bledsoe; Kay-Beth Ambrose; Jill & family; Ralph, Dee & family; travelers; Audrey & family; Wilsons; Walkers; safe travels for Siebert's children; family of Linwood Williamson; Tina Young; Meg & Arron; Josh & Steph; Mike & Mimi; Bill Tumblin; Mandy; Sarah; Emma; Jaeda/Caleb; Lorraine; Jim Barker; Sharon Gale; Bollingers; Moyers; Trammels; kidnapped children; Pam Miller; Mark Wells; Rev. Bob Throckmorton; David; Mary Strosnider; Jean Wilson; Shirley Guess; Ofelia D'Amato; KUMC music program; Pat Taylor; Rick & Debbie Walker; Carol & Sheila Cave; Barbara & Don Day; Ben Walker; Vicky Johnson; Amy & Caitlin; Michael Cheladyn; Magalene Corbin; Virginia Stanley; Avery Conklin; Erica Miller; Gloria; all families & children who are lost to return to Christ & the church; Barbara Mallory; Connie; Linda; Taylor; Alex; our country, our leaders, our military; our president; Lois Smith; Bonnie & Denny Lee; Polly; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Leroy LaMarr; Pete LaBlau family; Mary Preston; June Windle & family; Mark Fleming & family; MMIW; Maureen C.; Ursula B.; thanks for the beauty of the thunderstorms; Sabrina; Wendy & family; those in warzones; Steve and Donna; Barbara Day; Mary Walker; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahon; Sherry & Daniel Whitacre; Mary Kathryn Clark; Shirley Dick; Marilyn Stelzl; Jane Thomas; McKenna Newcome; Knicks; Fitch's; Nelda Harless; Nellie Snoots; Weagleys; Manuels; Haines'; Teets'; the elderly; our world; hungry & homeless; the lonely & grieving

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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
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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 6, 2026

Fifteenth 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 559 UMH

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**Prayer of Confession*

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silent confession.

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good," holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession. Used with permission.

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 12:1-14

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Special Music

If My People Will Pray

Mack Sine

*Hymn 560 UMH

Help Us Accept Each Other

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Rev. Dr. Gómez

Message

Conflict Resolution

GOD LISTENS TO US

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

GOD BLESSES OUR GIFTS

Offering

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks.

*Offering Prayer

GOD BLESSES US

Holy Communion UMH 13

Great Thanksgiving

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 557 UMH

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

*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)

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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 &Thurs., Sept 10, Prayer & Fasting conclude with a Facebook Live prayer experience at noon.**

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

UWF meets on Tuesday in the fellowship hall at 10 am.

New Encounter class will begin September 20, 2026. Unbreakable Courage: Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos, and 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.

Discernment Day – Sat., Sept. 12, from 9:45 am to 3 pm at Braddock St. UMC. Is God Nudging You to Do More? Do you think God is calling you, but you’re not sure how to answer? By virtue of our baptisms, we are all called by God in a myriad of ways — as laity serving in local churches, as missionaries serving abroad, in meeting the needs of our local communities, in the set-apart ministry of the licensed and ordained, and so much more. Discernment Day is an opportunity for you to explore your sense of call alongside others who are discerning. Through prayer practices, small groups, and topical discussion groups, you’ll be given space to learn more, connect with others, and discern your next steps. We take our cue from young Samuel, who learned to answer, *“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”* (1 Samuel 3:1-10). Join us Saturday, Sept. 12, at Braddock Street UMC. The event is free & meals are provided. Register www.shenandoahriverdistrict.org/events/. You’ll be invited to choose two discussion groups to join. Flyer in the narthex.

Spiritual Retreat by the VA Conference UMM-September 18-19 at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conf. Center. The VA Conf. United Methodist Men retreat theme is "B1, Inspire1 - Men of Faith, Sharing their Faith." Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown will be our keynote speaker. Topics include discipleship, mentoring, and prayer life. There will be breakout sessions, fellowship time, and gospel singing. All men of the VA Conf. and beyond are invited. Check in begins at 3:00 PM on September 18 and the retreat concludes at 3:00 PM on Sept. 19. All registrations include dinner, breakfast, and lunch: \$150 registration with overnight lodging, \$65 without overnight lodging. Looking forward to a great time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! See Steve Spurr with questions, flyer in narthex.

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