

Calendar - Week of May 17

Today, Sunday, May 17 Ascension Sunday 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee 10:30 Worship; Booth-Dave Ford; Greeters-Judy Chapman & Carolyn Sibert; Counters-Lorraine Shelton & Brian Henshaw

Monday: June/July Newsletter deadline

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

Wednesday: 11 Prayer Group | 5³⁰ TOPS | 6 Bells | 7 Choir

Friday: ~~Bridge canceled~~; **Saturday:** 12 Memorial. Betty Murphy

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday~Wear Red 9 Encounter | 10 Coffee | 10:30 Worship | Birthday Luncheon Potluck | Booth-Brian Henshaw; Greeters-Betty Phillips; Counters-Gary Lantz & Karen Wells

Prayers: Mothers everywhere; Eleanor (*Nora & Doug's new great grand-daughter*); Jim Park; journey mercies Richard Nenge; Becky Podogar; Elizabeth Sargent; Shirley; Vicki & John; Edna Brescia; Krista Wilson; Connie; Barbara; Taylor; Linda; Russ & Lara Conklin; Kelly Babyok; Avery Conklin; thanks for friends & laughter; people who wanted children but could not; Steve Spurr; Charlie D.; Sandy & Ric Dunkle; Annie; Will; Logan family; Josh & Stephanie; Christine; family of Beth Chapman; Cindy; Steve Wells; Carolyn Barr; Sandy Keiter; Shelby Hollar (*JoAnne C.'s sister*); Dorothy Funkhouser; Joshua's project; transitioning pastors; my family/children; Ian; the sick; Vicki, George & Harry Hill (*Betty L.'s cousins*); Mandy; Sally; Chris; Jonathan; all those chronically ill; widows; orphans; thankful for wonderful mother; Emily Kanade; Laura (Dan) Folger; truth revealer; victims of ICE; misguided; immigrants; homeless; Ursula B.; FL family; Maureen; Vicky Johnson; Magdalene Corbin; Virginia Stanley; Michael Cheladyn; Amy & Caitlin; Chase; Tom; Deb; Ronnie; Barbara Mallory; Darlene Shull; Lois Smith; Bonnie Lee; Polly Look; President Trump; Leroy Lamarr; Alida & Kelly O'Neal; Jim Barker; Bollingers; Gales; Sharon Gale; Moyers; Janny Jones; Brian A., Dee, Ralph & family; Dan, Cathy & Family; Evans family; Carole Cave; Brenda Lineburg; Rick & Debbie Walker; Charlie; Ben & Jaci Walker; Shana Evans; praise for successful surgery; Hadleigh Thornley & family; LSCS Tiffany McMahan; Mary Kathryn Clark; Marilyn Stelzl; Shirley Dick; McKenna Newcome & family; Jane Thomas; Jim & Mary Markley; Chrissy Rust; Rev. Clay & Lisa Knick; Pastor Aaron Fitch; Helen & Russ Fitch; Harless family; Bob, Lorraine, & Norma Wilson; Dawna Wilson; Sandy Wilson; Tina & Shane Weagley; Marilyn Stelzl; Nellie Snoots; Amy, Frank Haines & boys; Sharon & George Teets; Mary Haines; our world; the hungry; the lonely & grieving; Kaye Beth Ambrose; Lillian Ritchie (*Tammy Corey's mother*); Carole Ay; Barbara Bledsoe

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

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

GOD WELCOMES US

Prelude (Prepare your hearts for worship)

David Landrum

Ringling of the Bell

Greeting

Ric Dunkle & Rev. Dr. Gómez

*Hymn 2070 TFWS

He Is Exalted

*Call to Worship

Easter people, in this season of Eastertide, we remember the blessings God gives us—the blessings of Resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.

We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!

We recall the blessings of creation—of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe.

We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!

We share in the blessings of community—of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.

We come to praise God for the blessings of community!

Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing His disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's salvific work among us.

We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God's Resurrection people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

*Affirmation of Faith 881 UMH *The Apostles' Creed*

*Gloria Patri 70 UMH

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Time with the Younger Congregation

Prayer for Illumination: Sarah Gordon

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.

New Testament Reading Acts 1:1-11
Epistle Reading Ephesians 1:15-23
Choir Anthem *The Lord is My Strength and Song*
***Hymn 156 UMH** *I Love to Tell the Story*
*Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53 Rev. Dr. Gómez
Message *Looking Up!*

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 SENDS US FORTH

Ministry Moments

*Hymn 2282 TFWS

I'll Fly Away

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing

Go Now and Live For the Savior

Go now and live for the Savior. Go, may this joy be your joy too. Go, may this presence ever guide you. Go, live this life the whole day through.

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)

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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.

Volunteers Needed ~ Reach & Serve ~ Freedge Ministry - Our Friendly Neighborhood Freedge is a community refrigerator that is open 24 hours a day for all to enjoy. On Tuesdays, our church picks up food from CCAP and delivers it to Montague Ave. UMC. If you can spare about 45 minutes, please sign up! We need volunteers! Questions, see Lisa Dawson.

Face Masks are now in the narthex for your use.



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.

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