



**September 13, 2020**



*At Kernstown, we make Disciples as we:  
Know God  
Grow in God  
Sow God into the World*

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:20 Worship Service**  
**September 13, 2020**

Please complete the pew pad and pass it along during the Gathering.

\* All who are able, please stand.      **bold print—all respond**

Greeting/Announcements

Bob Greatorex

Prayer of Preparation

Bob Greatorex

**Almighty God, You built Your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ Himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom Your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prelude

David Landrum

\*Call to Worship

David Landrum

Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

**Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.**

Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

**For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.**

\*Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**UMH 384**

\*Prayer of Confession

Nancy Tisinger

**All-knowing God, You look not only upon our deeds but also upon our hearts. It is in a spirit of reconciliation with one another that we bring our offering this day, remembering this to be Your command. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, use these gifts to serve those in need. Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

*1 John 1:5-7*

Pastor Aaron

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in



# *Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV*

## **CARE FACILITIES:**

**Consulate Health Care:** Connie Mitchell (PA)

**Spring Arbor:** Evelyn Perry (Cottage #405), Peggy Ramey (#227)  
& Marietta Lipscomb (#239)

**Mount Vernon Nursing Center:** Virginia Ebbs

**Search Group Home:** Steve Dobbins

**Sunrise at Bon Air:** Irene Gates (#205)

**Greenfield Senior Living:** Mel O'Dell

**Orchard Woods:** Phyllis Baker

**UPCOMING SURGERY:** Selena Littman – Sept. 18 (thyroid removal); Vicky Maphis – Sept. 18 (second eye for cataracts)

**SYMPATHY:** Carolyn Sibert & family; Rich Lichvar & family; Bruce Gordon & family

**MILITARY:** CPO Tiffany McMahan; MMN3 Seth Anton; LTC Tom Crowley; Jared Castro, ROTC; CDR Robert Littman of the USS Theodore Roosevelt

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Aaron, Cooper, & Elise; Leathia Conrow; Pastor Clay Knick – lymphoma; Hannah Henshaw; Pastor Aaron's Uncle Fred; Charlotte Notzelman; Jim & Shirley Dick; Roy Walker; Margo Cross; Kris Pine; Margaret DeMayo; the Nutrys; the Henshaws; Patty Burchard – recovering from shoulder surgery; Vicky Maphis – recovering from cataract eye surgery; the Gordons; Selena Littman

## **PRAYERS OF PRAISE/THANKSGIVING:**

**Missionaries:** Gregg & Jayne Yarian; Pastor Michael and Lupe Geiss – back in the U.S. from Nepal

**Local Missions:** VAN (Valley Assistance Network), The Winchester Rescue Mission, Lord Fairfax Food Bank, C-CAP

**At Home:** Bryan Hartley, Pat Price, Jean Snider, Claude Bennington, Betty Murphy, Mary Kathryn Clark, Tina Weagley; Florence Roman; Phyllis Tharpe

## **Prayer Requests:**

### **September 6**

Prayers for students & teachers in our area who are starting in-person school on Tues. 9/8; Lawton MacDonald; Terice Harris (moving); Carlisle Courtney (Will Rodgers' brother-in-law); Herb & Gloria Dailey; Billie Jean Neil; Allen Boyd; Mark Rosenthal; Lewis Hitt

### **August 30**

Robert McMillian; the Quay Stolte family; for the people of Texas and Louisiana affected by Hurricane Laura; for those in California affected by wildfires; Twilet Rosner; thanksgiving for our congregation! – Lord, bless them and keep them; Linda Gordon (Nellie Snoots' daughter-in-law's sister); Jill Weber

### **August 23**

Lola Bryant & husband Billie; Roy Robinson; David Zarefoss; Scott's family (Marcy Cormier's nephew); Loretta & family (Marcy Cormier's sister); Anthony – 17-year-old diagnosed with lymphoma; JR Richard; Tracy Wilson (Wilsons' niece); Aaron Autry; Sandy Glover (Carolyn Carney's cousin); family of Dan Highway; unspoken prayer requests from many in our congregation

### **August 16**

Monte Keiter (Sandy Keiter's son); the Gordons; Mara Burke; Missy Steele (Cindee's mom); Debbie Major (Patty Burchard's daughter)

*\*\*If you would like for us to lift up a prayer request, please call the office at 540-667-7298 or email us at, [csteele@kernstownumc.org](mailto:csteele@kernstownumc.org). We also have prayer request slips in the pews you can fill out and place in the offering plate. These names will remain on this list for four weeks.*

# Announcements

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**MINISTRY MINUTE** – Do you have a minute? The Men’s Core Group and Donna have created devotional-a-day videos from the published work, *Colors of His Abundance*, by our very own Mary Kathryn Clark! Check it out on our website - it can start your day off right!

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE OCC WINCHESTER AREA DROP OFF CENTER** – We will need volunteers to greet the public in the Fellowship Hall and receive and count their collection shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. KUMC is a Winchester area Drop Off Center and this year **National Collection Week is November 16 – November 23**. We need people who can be accurate and write legibly on paperwork, and also those who can pack the shoeboxes into cartons and load the cartons into the trailer. Please contact Bob Greatorex (540-662-3137 or [greatorex@yahoo.com](mailto:greatorex@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in serving. Time slots for collection are as follows:

Monday, November 16	9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Tuesday, November 17	9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Wednesday, November 18	9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Thursday, November 19	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 20	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 21	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 22	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 23	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** - It is that time of year to start thinking about filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We can still participate even though we are not currently meeting in person. Stop by the church office and pick up a shoebox and fill it! Your shoebox needs to be returned to the church no later than November 15. If you are not comfortable going out and shopping, you can go to the church website and click on the link that says [Build a Shoebox Online!](#) This link will take you to the Samaritan's Purse website, where you can virtually fill a shoebox for just \$25! It is fast and easy and the check-out is secure. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Lichvar (540-664-7280).

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**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** - Thank you Kernstown for your continued faithful giving! As the Lord puts it on your heart, please mail your tithes and offerings to the church at this time, or you can also give online!

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – The deadline for submissions for the October newsletter is tomorrow, Monday, September 14, at noon.

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**TECH TEAM MEETING** – There will be a Tech Team meeting by ZOOM tomorrow evening, Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m.

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**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** – Church Council will meet this Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. on ZOOM. Please try to attend as we will be approving Charge Conference paperwork.

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**JUBILEE SOUP KITCHEN** – The Jubilee Soup Kitchen is this Saturday, September 19, at First Presbyterian Church from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thanks to all who signed up to help!

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**VA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – The Virginia Annual Conference is this Saturday, September 19! All official clergy and lay members should have already registered.

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**CHARGE CONFERENCE** – Charge Conference is quickly approaching on Sunday, September 27, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM. The Charge Conference should only take about 20 minutes and everyone is invited to join! The ZOOM email invite will be sent out soon.

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**HYMNAL HAPPY HOUR** – Due to David's new fall schedule, there will no longer be Hymnal Happy Hour on Tuesday evenings. You can still catch him on all the other weeknights at 5pm!

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**WORSHIP VIDEOS** – We need your help to continue to make our pre-recorded worship service videos! The sign-up sheet for the month of October is now open and the link to the sign-up sheet was re-emailed to everyone. You can check it out to reserve your spot or call the church office. Any questions or problems, call/email Cindee. Interested in making a video, but don't think you can? Let us know you are interested - we have people who can help you!

# CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

## September 13 through September 20

### Sunday, September 13

10:20 a.m.      Worship (online)

### Monday, September 14

Noon              Newsletter Deadline

5:00 p.m.        Hymnal Happy Hour with David (Live Stream)

6:30 p.m.        Tech Team meeting (ZOOM)

### Wednesday, September 16

1:00 p.m.        Intercessory Prayer with Pastor (Live Stream)

5:00 p.m.        Hymnal Happy Hour with David (Live Stream)

### Thursday, September 17

5:00 p.m.        Hymnal Happy Hour with David (Live Stream)

6:30 p.m.        Church Council (ZOOM)

### Friday, September 18

5:00 p.m.        Hymnal Happy Hour with David (Live Stream)

### Saturday, September 19

All Day            Annual Conference (Virtual)

10 - 1 p.m.       Jubilee Soup Kitchen (First Presbyterian)

### Sunday, September 20 – **Small Group Sunday**

10:20 a.m.        Worship (online)

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF September 13<sup>th</sup>:  
Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11 & 20-21; Romans 14:1-12  
and Matthew 18:21-35



## Letter to the Congregation

Dear Kernstown UMC,

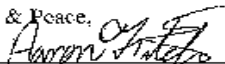
Grace and peace be to you! I am writing to let you know the 2020 and projected 2021 state of the KUMC budget. Currently, giving is down because we are not worshipping regularly due to COVID-19. We project, if nothing changes, we will have a deficit between \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. COVID-19 has reduced our costs, but we are still running a monthly deficit. As a result, we have reduced the program budget for 2020.

In 2021, the Finance Committee believes KUMC will need to cut the budget by 30%. I am going to request at the next SPPRC meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> a 20% cut in my salary. I have made the Staff aware that KUMC may need to cut staff salaries for next year. The Finance Committee, the Administrative Council, and I were all in agreement that we do not want to continue to spend reserve funds to make up for a budget shortfall.

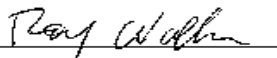
Please pray concerning KUMC's current budget deficit and do whatever the Holy Spirit leads you to do.

The prophet Malachi reminds us of how good God is when he says, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." God promises to meet our every need, especially, when we do whatever it takes to be faithful to the Lord. At KUMC we are being faithful to give, and we will make appropriate changes to only spend what we receive. As we continue to give by faith, and live within our means, we will be blessed in ways we cannot imagine.

Joy & Peace,



Pastor Aaron



Roy Walker, Finance Committee Chair