



Stephens City United Methodist Church

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THE MESSENGER

JULY 25, 2025

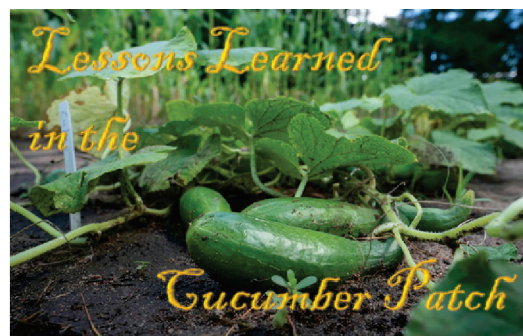
This Week's Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

"Lessons Learned in the Cumber Patch"

[Galatians 6:7-10; Luke 10:1-11](#)

[Please sign-up to read scripture](#)



**July 27, 2025
8:30 AM Traditional
Bulletin**

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**July 27, 2025
11:00 AM Praise
Bulletin**

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WORSHIP

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"Pray & Play Summer"

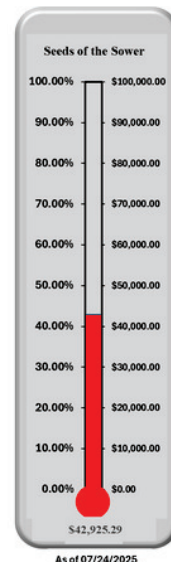
The summer months are filled with family outings and adventurous day trips. As we plan these events, we sometimes forget to include a time for worship. Starting Sunday, June 1st, you are invited to come to church wearing whatever attire you will be wearing for the day's activities. Shorts/capris and a t-shirt, leggings/travel wear, hiking gear, etc. No swimwear please. Come worship (pray), then go play!

The Adult Sunday School Class class meets 9:45 - 10:45 in room 200. . For the rest of the summer, Christy Wintrode will lead a new study on Adam Hamilton's book, **Half Truths**. Interspersed with these lessons, Joe Staggs will continue his study from the book, History and Architecture from the Bible. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Wintrode at christy.wintrode@gmail.com.

The **SCUMC Online Prayer Group** will resume August 20th for a time of intercessory prayer, meeting the **FIRST** and **THIRD** Wednesdays of the month via Zoom. Click the links to join.



Based on the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9, NRSV), your contributions sow the seeds of faith for youth and music ministries and for our future building maintenance. The campaign ends July 31st. Please consider a gift; almost \$43,000 has been given so far. Thank you!



Giving Options:

- Offerings should be marked "SEEDS" on your checks or envelopes.
- Visit our website www.stephenscityumc.org and give online.
- Go directly to the web site by scanning the QR code.



Food Pantry

This past week, The Food Pantry served **58 families**, comprised of **190 individuals**. Thank you!

Contact Cookie Shank, Food Pantry Manager, at 540-313-5673 or email: foodpantry.scumc@outlook.com, for more information and how you can help.

Stephens City UMC Book/Movie Club

2nd Saturday of the month 10:00am to 12:00pm Stephens City UMC, 529 Main St., Stephens City (parking and entrance in back of Church)

2025 Reading schedule

- August 9th—The Glass Castle—Jeanette Walls
- September 13th—Forest Gump—Winston Groom
- October 11th — A Walk to Remember—Nicholas Sparks

For more information please contact Kathie at kathieczerwinski@gmail.com

Pastor Bertina will be on spiritual formation/renewal leave starting Sunday, June 29th, 2025, through Saturday, August 9th, and will not be checking her email until she returns. Rev. Tim Teates will be providing Pastoral Care. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Stephens City United Methodist Church at office@stephenscityumc.org or 540-869-2348.



During both services on August 10th, we will have the blessing of the backpacks, totes and briefcases. Please bring items to the worship service as we ask the Spirit of God to be with you at school, work and each moment of your life.



SCUMC will be hosting WATTS November 1st ~ 8th, 2025. Dee Morris is collecting recipes for a cookbook, and will have recipe cards on 27 April. The recipe cards can also be sent directly at Wattscookbook@outlook.com



CARING OUTREACH will be collecting school supplies for BRIGHT FUTURES FROM NOW UNTIL AUGUST 10th. A list of NEEDED ITEMS will be in the Gathering Area on the table as well as downstairs on the table with the bulletins. Items can be left in the totes upstairs or by the elevator downstairs. These items are distributed to children in all County Schools. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated!!!

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Adult- Size Scissors (Blunt tip)	Binders, All Sizes, Unisex Colors
Dry Erase Markers	Glue Sticks
Highlighters (assorted colors)	Magic Markers (Broad and Fine Point)
Pencils #2	Headphones/ Earbuds (Wired only)
Colored Pencils (12 Pack)	Pens, Blue or Black
Permanent Markers, Sharpies	Pocket Folders (2 pocket)
Composition Notebook	Post-Its
Tab Dividers	Water Bottles, Reusable
Kleenex	Pencil Boxes, Clear or Unisex Colors

PULLED PORK DINNER FUNDRAISER

~ ORDER FORM ~

STEPHENS CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5291 MAIN STREET, STEPHENS CITY

PULLED PORK DINNER = MEAL TO GO
\$15.00 PER DINNER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

****ORDERS DUE BY AUGUST 10, 2023****

PICKUP TIMES BETWEEN 4:00 = 6:00PM AT BACK OF CHURCH

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

DINNER INCLUDES:

PULLED PORK, COLESLAW, MACARONI AND CHEESE, CHOICE OF GREEN BEANS OR BAKED BEANS, ROLL, DESSERT. BBQ SAUCE ON SIDE.

REQUESTED PICKUP TIME: 4:00 __ 4:30 __ 5:00 __ 5:30 __ 6:00 __

PAYMENT DUE AT PICKUP: CASH OR CHECK (PAYABLE TO SCUMC)

TOTAL MEALS ____ GREEN BEANS ____ BAKED BEANS ____

TOTAL PAYMENT AT PICKUP \$ _____



We will be updating our SCUMC Member/Friends Directory in the coming months. We want to tie this in with our Fall Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Stephens City United Methodist Church. Updated pictures for the directory will be taken before and after Sunday services in the coming weeks. Please complete the directory information forms (located in the front foyer and in the bulletins during July and August) and turn them in to Sharon Ritenour or the church office.

Thank you in advance for helping us keep our contact information up-to-date, and to help members and friends get to know our newer members!

Stay tuned...

Updated SCUMC Directory Information	
We will be updating our SCUMC member/friends directory for our Fall 2025 Celebration of the 250th anniversary of Stephens City United Methodist Church. We will be taking pictures before or after Sunday services. Please complete this form to be given to Sharon Ritenour or whoever takes your updated photo.	
Name(s)	
Street Address	
Mailing Address (if different)	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone 1	
Cell Phone 2	
email address 1	
email address 2	

UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
July 27th	8:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Aug 3rd	8:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:45am	Sunday School		9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Praise Service (Fellowship Hall/Orrick)		11:00am	Praise Service (Fellowship Hall/Orrick)
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
July 28th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 4th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00pm	Fiber Ministry (Rm 102)		7:00pm	Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)
July 29th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 5th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
July 30th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 6th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal		7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
July 31st	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 7th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
Aug 1st			Aug 8th	10:00am	Caring Outreach (Rm 102)
Aug 2nd			Aug 9th	10:00am	Movie/ Book Club (Rm 101)

**Our Website has been refreshed and renewed
with a new look! check it out:**

WWW.STEPHENS CITYUMC.ORG

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[CLICK TO VIEW THE CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

Stephens City United Methodist Church

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