



# Stephens City United Methodist Church

*Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented*

THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 15, 2025

## This Week's Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Joy in Jesus"*

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12:2

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



August 17, 2025  
8:30 AM Traditional  
Bulletin

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August 17, 2025  
11:00 AM Praise  
Bulletin

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WORSHIP

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Worship Road ahead](#)

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](mailto:christy.wintrode@gmail.com).

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

## 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

- September 13th—Forest Gump—Winston Groom
- October 11th — A Walk to Remember—Nicholas Sparks

For more information please contact Kathie at  
[kathiecerwinski@gmail.com](mailto:kathiecerwinski@gmail.com)

## Food Pantry

This past week, The Food Pantry served **63 families**, comprised of **219 individuals**. Thank you!

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

SCUMC will be hosting WATTS November 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Dee Morris is collecting recipes for a cookbook to support our ministry to WATTS. The recipe cards can be placed in the WATTS mailbox in the office and also sent directly to [Wattscookbook@outlook.com](mailto:Wattscookbook@outlook.com)

There are two wheelchairs the church would like to give to persons in need. One is narrow the other is wide. These will be available till September 14 unless already claimed before then. You can contact the office or Galen Snider (540-771-0942).

Thanks to everyone for the collection of school supplies for Bright Futures. Your all are so giving to help children with school needs! Your Generosity is always appreciated.

The Caring Outreach Team is very grateful for your help!!

**Members and Friends,**

**The church directory update is progressing nicely. For those who so graciously had their pictures taken before or after church services and completed the info sheets, thank you!**

**If you have not yet had your picture taken and filled out your updated directory information, the new deadline for submitting pictures is September 1st. This will allow the directory to be finalized, proofread, printed, and assembled by our 250th Celebration Sunday, October 19, 2025.**

**Please send pictures and updated information to Sharon Ritenour, at nellis4@comcast.net.**

**Thanks!  
Sharon**

### **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	

The fall Shenandoah River **District Lay Servant Academy** is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th at Macedonia United Methodist Church, 1941 Macedonia Church Road, Stephens City.

Our classes will be the Basic course, taught by Rev. Stephen Creech, pastor at Manor Memorial UMC; United Methodist Heritage, taught by Rev. Larry Davies, a retired elder and former district superintendent in the Virginia Conference; Leading Bible Studies, taught by Rev. Joel Robinette, pastor at Keezeletown UMC, and Leading Worship, led by Rev. Susan Catlett, pastor at Emmanuel UMC.

We will gather shortly after 8:00 a.m. in the upstairs lobby of the Macedonia UMC sanctuary. The folks at Macedonia will offer a breakfast and coffee. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a worship service featuring newly appointed District Superintendent Rev. Kyungsuk Cho.

Online registration will begin around August. 5. The registration fee will be \$20. Lunch will be provided with a free will offering. Classes will end around 4 p.m. We also are pursuing the possibility of offering shared transportation to Macedonia UMC. More details should be available shortly.

In addition to the district training opportunities, you can find other places to pursue Lay Servant classes. The Virginia Conference is conducting a virtual Lay Servant Academy on August. 15-16. Classes include the Basic Course, a class in Spiritual Gifts, and a class in United Methodist Polity. Details and registration are available here:

<https://brushfire.com/vaumc/lisasummervirtualevent2025/604608/details>. If you have questions, you can contact Tianna Durbin at [tiannad@arcolachurch.org](mailto:tiannad@arcolachurch.org).

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**STEPHENS CITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

# PRESCHOOL

## **2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR NOW ENROLLING!**

We offer:

- ✓ 3 Year Old Classes - 2 day and 3 day options
- ✓ 4 Year Old Classes - 4 day and 5 day options
- ✓ The preschooler must be 3 or 4 years old by the 30th of October to be enrolled.

**Part-Day Program**  
9:00 a.m. to 12:45p.m.

**CALL OR EMAIL NOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR**

**540 - 869 -1368**

**[stephenscitypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:stephenscitypreschool@gmail.com)**

**5291 Main St. P.O. Box 428. Stephens City, VA 22655**



## UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Aug 17th	8:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Aug 24th	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)
Aug 18th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 25th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	United Women in Faith (Rm 102)		6:00pm	Fiber Ministry (Rm 102)
Aug 19th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 26th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:30pm	Finance Meeting (Zoom)		5:00pm	Lion's Club (Shelter)
	7:00pm	Administrative Council (Zoom)			
Aug 20th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 27th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (Longhorn)		7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Preschool Parent Orient. (Sanct/Narth.)			
	6:30pm	Prayer Group (Zoom)			
	7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal			
Aug 21st	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 28th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
Aug 22nd			Aug 29th		
Aug 23rd			Aug 30th		

[Click to View Shenandoah River District UMC Events](#)

**CLICK TO VIEW THE CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **Stephens City United Methodist Church**

**P.O. Box 428, 5291 Main Street, Stephens City, Virginia 22655**

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**Preschool Office:** 540-869-1368 stephenscitypreschool@gmail.com

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