



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

This Week's Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Sharing the Good News"

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

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



September 28, 2025
8:30 AM Traditional
Bulletin

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September 28,
2025
11:00 AM Praise
Bulletin

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WORSHIP

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Worship Road ahead](#)

Beginning October 5th, the Adult Sunday School Class will meet 8:45 – 9:45 in room 200. The current Sunday School study is **Parables- Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place** by Josh Scott. 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 Wintrobe at christy.wintrobe@gmail.com.

The **SCUMC Online Prayer Group** meets the [FIRST](#) and [THIRD](#) Wednesdays of the month via Zoom for a time of intercessory prayer. Click the links to join.

Bible Study, **Breaking the Code** is meeting Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, room 200, until November 19th. (No Bible Study on November 5th, WATTS week). For additional information, contact Pastor Bertina at bertinawestley@vaumc.org.

Caregiver Support Group – You're Not Alone

Are you a caregiver walking the challenging path of supporting a loved one? Join us for our Caregiver Support Group, held every third Saturday of the month at 10:00am in Room 101 at the church.

This is a safe, welcoming space where we:

- Share ideas and practical tips
- Support one another through the ups and downs
- Face our situations with love, humor, and zero judgment

Whether you're new to caregiving or have been on this journey for years, you're welcome here and we'd love to meet you. Come as you are.

Questions? Contact Kathie Czerwinski at Kathie.Church@outlook.com



Fall has arrived and soon will be cold weather. SCUMC is committed to helping our neighbors through the WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter) program. Our WATTS week is November 1st ~ 8th. Please consider donating the following items:

- TRIALSIZE: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deo, lotion, mouthwash (must be non-alcohol), foot powder, shaving cream, soap, dental floss, chap stick, toothpaste
- Feminine products, Depends (both men and women)
- Individually wrapped tooth brushes
- Under shirts for both women and men Sizes Medium/Large/XL/XXL
- Underwear for both women and men Sizes Medium/Large/XL/XXL
- Socks-no ankle socks

Contact Dee Morris for more information (dmorris_241@msn.com)


[Please SIGN UP to volunteer for our WATTS Week! \(click this link\)](#)


Final Church Movie/Book Club Meeting of the Year!

Join us for our last gathering of 2025 as we dive into **A Walk to Remember** by Nicholas Sparks — a heartfelt story that's sure to spark meaningful conversation.

Meeting Details:

 Date: Saturday, October 11

 Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 or 12:00 PM (depending on discussion)

 Location: Room 101,

Simply watch the movie, read the book, or do both — whatever works for you! Whether you're a longtime member or joining for the first time, we'd love to have you there.

Questions? Contact Kathie at  Kathie.czerwinski@gmail.com

UWF would like to contact our college and military “kids” to let them know their church is thinking of them. Please send any current addresses to Debbie Jones at drdjonesy@yahoo.com or text 540-409-8260 no later than October 1. Thanks for your help.

Come and join in the celebration of 250 years of our heritage at Stephens City United Methodist Church. The October 19th Worship is at 10:00am. Bring your favorite covered dish for the luncheon to follow.

As part of the 250th Celebration, all BELL RINGERS are invited to join in for a special performance. Please contact Jacquetta Owen, 540-450-4601 or jacquettaowen@gmail.com for more information. Rehearsals will be starting soon.

Save the Date:

Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 25th, 1:00 ~ 3:00.

Costume Parade at 1:00.

Contact Jacquetta Owen at 540-450-4601 for Set-up Space





The Virginia Conference United Methodist Men are co-sponsoring *Reaching Across the Racial Divide: A Presentation* by Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby on Saturday, October 11 from 1- 3 PM at Laurel Ridge Community College, Middletown Campus, Carl and Emily Thompson Conference Center. Free and open to the public, all are welcome!

Reaching Across the Racial Divide is a collaborative event featuring Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby, the authors of *Cousins: Connected Through Slavery*, (UWF 2023 Reading Program selection). The book tells the stories of two women – one black, one white – who discover a connection between their families rooted in slavery in rural Virginia. They will share their powerful story of discovering their family connection and embarking on a journey of reconciliation and reparation. Their story reflects ties to many parts of the Shenandoah River District and nearby towns and counties. The authors will take questions and sign copies of their book, available for purchase.

Co-sponsored by:

- Laurel Ridge Community College
- Shenandoah River District United Women in Faith
- Shenandoah River District United Methodist Church
- Virginia Conference United Methodist Men
- Virginia Conference Black Methodists for Church Renewal

Additional information and registration with in-person and virtual options are available on the Laurel Ridge Community College website. For more information, please contact Laura Douglass, SRD UWF Social Action Coordinator, at lauradouglass@vaumc.org.



Please join us for

Stephens City United Methodist Church



PAINT NIGHT ***FUNDRAISER***

Friday, Sep 26
6:30-8:30pm

Contact Jacquetta Owen at 540-450-4601 to register

ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

No painting experience needed!

**Join us for a fun
evening of guided, step-
by-step instructions to
create your own
masterpiece!**

\$25



LIMITED SEATING - [Stephens City UMC website](#)

5291 Main Street, Stephens City, VA 22655

UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Sept 28th	8:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Oct 5th	8:45am	Sunday School
	9:45am	Sunday School		10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00am	Praise Service (Fellowship Hall)		6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
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Sept 29th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 6th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
				7:00pm	Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)
Sept 30th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 7th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
Oct 1st	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 8th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Prayer Group (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Breaking the Code Bible Study (200)
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Oct 2nd	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 9th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Oct 3rd			Oct 10th	10:00am	Caring Outreach Ministry (Rm 102)
Oct 4th			Oct 11th	10:00am	Movie/ Book Club (Rm 101)

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Stephens City United Methodist Church

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