



# Stephens City United Methodist Church

*Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented*

THE MESSENGER      OCTOBER 3, 2025

## This Week's Worship

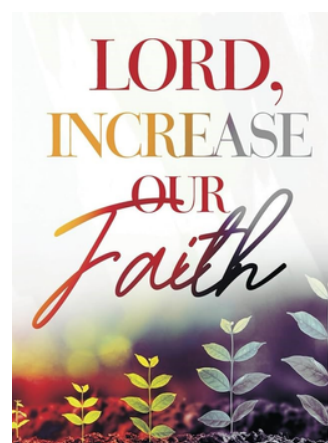
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

*"Faith and Service"*

[Luke 17: 5-10](#)

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



October 5, 2025  
10:00 AM Worship  
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** meets the [FIRST](#) and [THIRD](#) Wednesdays of the month via Zoom for a time of intercessory prayer. Click the links to join.



PASTOR BERTINA WILL BE OUT OF TOWN NEXT WEEK (OCT. 6-10)  
FOR A CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY. IN CASE OF AN  
EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

## 🎬📖 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



## 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



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

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

Fall has arrived and soon will be cold weather. SCUMC is committed to helping our neighbors through the WATTS (Winchester Area 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](mailto:dmorris_241@msn.com))

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



## All Saints Sunday Remembrance

November 2, 2025, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. All Saints Day (Nov. 1) is a time to remember “all the saints from their labors rest.” It is a time to remember Christians of every time and place, honoring those who lived faithfully and shared their faith with us. During worship on All Saints Sunday, we will lift up the names of loved ones who have passed away during the past year.

You are invited to provide the names of loved ones (family members and friends), who have passed since last All Saints Sunday and we will remember them during the worship service. Forms are on the table in the Gathering Space

Forms may be placed in Pastor Bertina’s office mailbox no later than Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

*Save the Date:*

*Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>,*

*1:00 ~ 3:00.*

*Costume Parade at 1:00.*

*Contact Jacquetta Owen at 540-450-*

*4601 for Set-up Space*

## The new directory is coming!

It has been printed and is in the binding process. When the new directories are distributed, (hopefully October 12, 2025), we ask that you make a donation to help cover the cost of paper, ink, and binding. Your free will offering will be greatly appreciated. A container will be available.

I would like to thank the following for their help and/or contributions to the directory:

Kim Craig, helping to take pictures; Carole Baker, proofreading; Rob Moss, securing group pictures and so much more!; Adelle Gunn, Pam Barley, Debbie Jones, Linda Bryant, Steve Koerner for providing pictures; Mildred Smith for dedication page suggestion; Steve Ritenour for technical assistance; and for all those in the congregation who so graciously had their pictures taken and provided their information. I couldn't have done it without each of you!

Thanks so much!

Sharon Ritenour

## REMINDER

**DONATIONS OF BAGGED CANDY, PENCILS, ERASERS, AND OTHER TREAT ITEMS, ARE BEING COLLECTED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT.**

**A COLLECTION BOX WILL BE IN THE UPSTAIRS FOYER. TRUNK OR TREAT WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025, FROM 1:00 - 3:00 PM.**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Oct 5th		<b>Communion</b>	Oct 12th	7:30am	United Methodist Men (Fellowship H)
	8:45am	Sunday School		8:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
Oct 6th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 13th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Grief Support Group (Rm 101)
Oct 7th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 14th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
				6:00pm	Finance/ Admin Council (via Zoom)
				6:00pm	Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)
Oct 8th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 15th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	<b>Breaking the Code Bible Study (200)</b>		11:30am	Lunch Bunch (Longhorn)
	7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal		6:30pm	Prayer Group (via Zoom)
				7:00pm	<b>Breaking the Code Bible Study (200)</b>
				7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
Oct 9th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 16th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Oct 10th	10:00am	Caring Outreach Ministry (Rm 102)	Oct 17th		
Oct 11th	10:00am	Movie/ Book Club (Rm 101)	Oct 18th	10:00am	Caregiver Support Group (Rm 101)

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