

Stephens City United Methodist Church

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THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 9, 2026

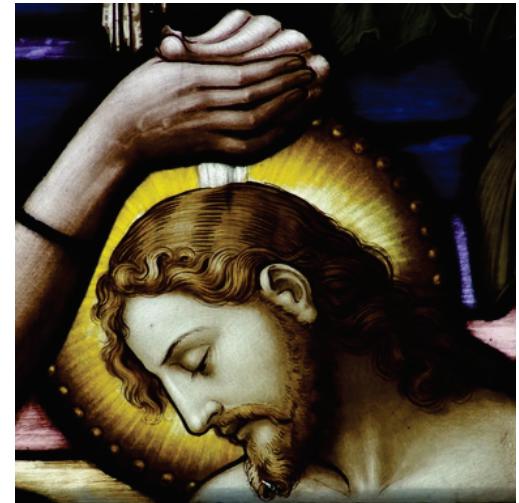
This Week's Worship

Baptism of the Lord

"Outward Sign, Inward Grace"

[Matthew 3: 13-17](#)

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



January 11, 2026
10:00 AM Worship
Bulletin

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WORSHIP

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Worship Road ahead](#)

The Adult Sunday School will be finishing *Parables - Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place* and then begin *An Unlikely Lent*, by Rachel Billups on Feb. 15. Class meets at 8:45 AM in Room 200. All are welcome.

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.



Food Pantry

This past week the Food Pantry served 80 families with 265 individuals.

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)

- January 10th—A Tree Grows in Brooklyn—Betty Smith
- February 14th—Mitford Series (1st book) At Home in Mitford (movie)—Jan Caron
- March 14th—Room —Emma Donoghue
- April 25th—Courageous—Alex Kendrick, Randy Alcorn & Stephen Kendrick
- May 9th—Angela's Ashes—Frank McCourt

[Click for Entire 2026 Reading Schedule](#)

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

As the chair for the Stewardship Committee, I would like to meet with those who are available and willing to help me to plan and execute several fundraisers over the next few months. A meeting is planned for January 11 at 11:15 in room 200 to hash out ideas and set up committees. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your gifts in these events.

The Stewardship committee is planning a *Chili Fundraiser* on February 6th and 7th, and we need help to prepare. Please consider donating any of the following items:

Kidney beans unanned chopped tomatoes unanned tomato sauce
5-pound bag of onions chili powder mix unanning rings and lids
Put them in the box marked chili fundraiser.

If you would like to donate brownies, cupcakes or sheet cake, please sign up on the sheet at the round table. Those bringing desserts can drop them off on Thursday, Feb 5th after 3 pm or on Friday, Feb 6th before 4 pm. Chili can be picked up between 4 and 6 on Friday, Feb 6th, or on Saturday, Feb 7th between 11 am and 1 pm under the canopy in back of the church. Chili can also be picked up on Sunday morning.

Those helping to prepare chili, pack jars, cut and pack cornbread and desserts are asked to help between 10 am and 4 pm in the kitchen.



walk for WATTS!
feb. 28, 2026
cnoy.com/winchester



On **February 28, 2026** WATTS is hosting the “**Coldest Night of the Year**” (CNOY) - a 2k or 5k (1 mile/3 mile) winteriffic fundraising walk held in 50+ cities across the U.S.! The Winchester walk will **support WATTS' mission to break the cycle of homelessness one life at a time** for people experiencing homelessness and hurt in our community.

And, **STEPHENS CITY UMC HAS A TEAM!** You can sign up to walk or donate to support at: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1038099>

Schedule

- 4:00 pm: Meet Check-in
Start/Finish at
Braddock Street United Methodist Church
115 Wolfe Street
Winchester, VA 22601

Check-in starting at 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall; the walk steps off at 5:00 PM! Don't forget to come back inside the church at the completion of your walk for a free "soup kitchen" meal to complete your experience!

Parking - Street parking is available all around the church. Parking meters are FREE ON WEEKENDS in Winchester. There are also several lots nearby or the Braddock AutoPark, which is \$2.00/hour (fully automated)

Please note: Wolfe Street will be blocked off between Braddock Street and Washington Street for walkers to gather.

- 4:45 pm: Muster Gather for Opening Remarks
- 5:00 pm: Move Send-off
- 6:00 pm: Munch Light meal served
- 7:00 pm: Mosey Goodbye + see you in 2027!

Visit <https://cnoy.com/faq> for answers to many common questions or the Winchester Area site: <https://cnoy.com/location/winchester>



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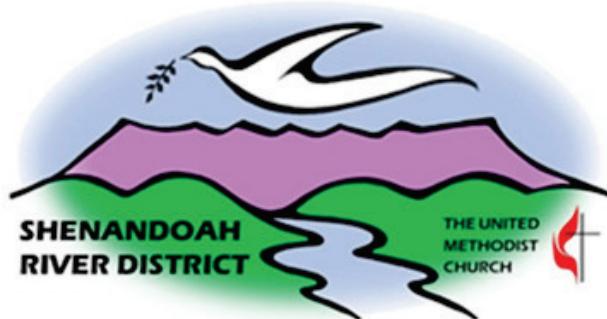
There will not be *Stephens City Kids* in January. The next meeting is Sunday, February 15th , at 3:00pm.

Ministry Groups, if you would like to keep your 250th poster, they are in the office. Remaining posters will be disposed of February 1st.

Click this Link to see the 2026 Stephens City UMC Church Leadership

Join us this winter for our Inside Out Winter Camp! We'll play camp games, sing camp songs, and have all the camp fun you can imagine; just Inside Out! Along with all of this fun, we'll learn about how we can take our Christian values and feelings and express them to people around us. We'll exemplify this through mission work and showing God's love to others. Check-in begins at 6:30 PM on Friday January 16th and pickup is at 1:30 PM on Sunday January 18th.

Registration



**Shenandoah River District
United Methodist Men Gathering**

March 2, 2026

**Manor Memorial United Methodist Church
9320 North Congress Street
New Market, VA 22844**

**Guest speaker will be District Superintendent Kyungsuk Cho
Reserve your space now to attend!**

REGISTER HERE

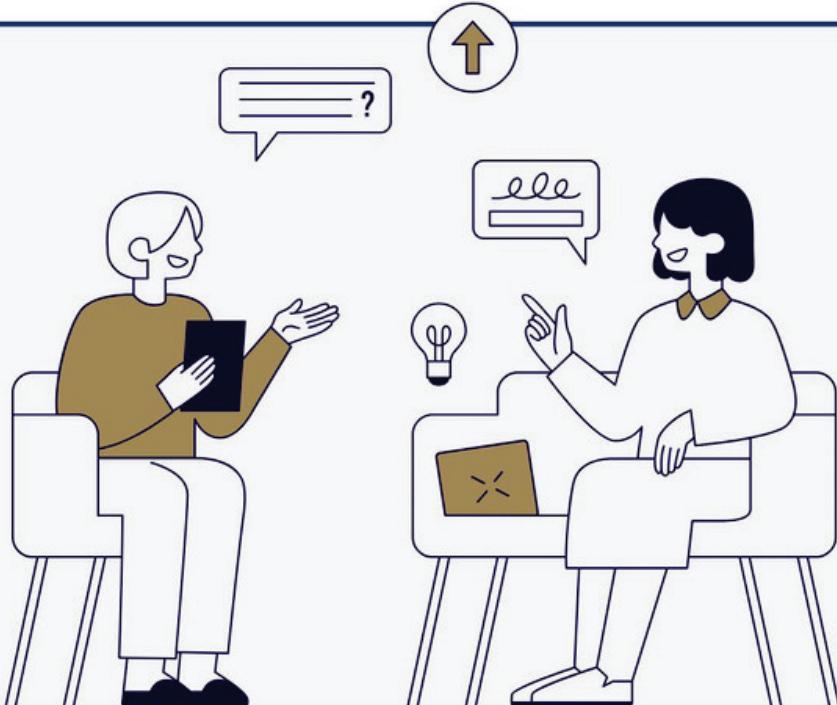


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**Friday, January 16th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Stephens City United Methodist Church
5291 Main St., Stephens City**



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UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Jan 11th	7:30am	United Methodist Men (Fellowship H.)	Jan 18th	8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)
	8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)		10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
	11:15am	Stewardship Meeting (Rm 200)			
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)			
Jan 12th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Jan 19th		Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday <i>Church Office Closed</i>
				6:30pm	United Women of Faith (Rm 102)
Jan 13th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Jan 20th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:00pm	Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)		6:30pm	Finance/Administrative Council (Zoom)
Jan 14th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Jan 21st	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Prasie Band Rehearsal		11:30am	Lunch Bunch (Longhorn)
				6:30pm	Prayer Group Meeting (via Zoom)
				7:00pm	Prasie Band Rehearsal
Jan 15th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Jan 22nd	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Jan 16th	9:00am	Virginia Job Works Fair (Fellowship H.)	Jan 23rd		
Jan 17th	10:00am	Caregiver Support Group (Rm 101)	Jan 24th		

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Stephens City United Methodist Church

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