



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

JANUARY 30, 2026

This Week's Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

"What God Requires of Us"

[Micah 6: 1-8](#)

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



**February 1, 2026
10:00 AM Worship
Bulletin**

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WORSHIP

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Worship Road ahead](#)

Lenten Study: The Last Supper

Please join Pastor Bertina for a six-week Lenten Study on "The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross" written by the Rev. Dr. Will Willimon. The study will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, February 25 - April 1, 2026, in Room 200. You can purchase the book online at Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com. In preparation for the first class, please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book. For more information, contact Pastor Bertina at bertinawestley@vaumc.org.

The Adult Sunday School will begin the *Lenten Study, An Unlikely Lent*, by Rachel Billups on February 15th. Joe Staggs will be presenting two chapters from History and Archeology of the Bible: *Young Jesus*, February 1st, and *Jesus and John the Baptist*, February 22nd. Class meets at 8:45 AM in Room 200. All are welcome.

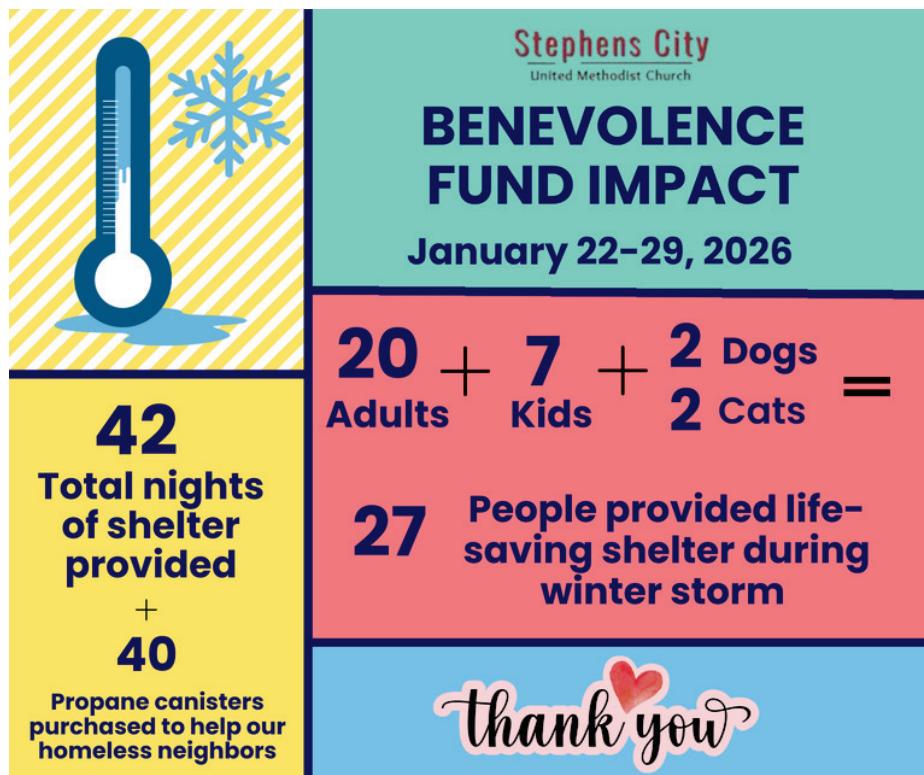
The **SCUMC Online Prayer Group** meets the FIRST and THIRD Wednesdays of the month via Zoom for a time of intercessory prayer. Click the links to join.



Missions Update:

The recent snowstorm and extreme cold kept our church busy responding to urgent needs in our community. Thanks to your generous support of the Benevolence Fund, we were able to step in in a big way — and may have helped save lives. While local shelters expanded their capacity, gaps still remained that left many people without safe, warm places to stay. Through your generosity, we were able to provide 42 nights of shelter for 27 individuals, including families with children, people with pets who had been sleeping outside or in vehicles, and some of our most vulnerable neighbors — older adults, a pregnant woman, an amputee using a wheelchair, and a man on oxygen.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and for each of you who made this ministry possible. Thank you! ❤️ Jennifer Hall





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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Chili Fundraiser

February 6th (4pm - 6pm) and February 7th (11am - 1pm), or after Worship on Sunday

{pickup is at the canopy at back church parking area}

Each meal will feed two people and comes with a quart of chili, 2 pieces of cornbread, and choice of 2 desserts.

- Cost is \$20 per meal.
- Orders are due by February 1st. Paper forms are in the Gathering Space or [order online \(click\)](#)

Please consider donating any of the following items:

- Kidney beans
- Canned chopped tomatoes
- Canned tomato sauce
- 5-pound bag of onions
- Chili powder mix
- Canning rings and lids



Donated items can be placed in the box marked chili fundraiser in the Gathering Space.

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. 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. Thank you, Jacquette Owen

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)

- February 14th—Mitford Series (1st book) At Home in Mitford (movie)—Jan Caron
- March 14th—Room —Emma Donoghue
- April 25th—Courageous—Alex Kendrick, Randy Alcom & Stephen Kendrick
- May 9th—Angela's Ashes—Frank McCourt

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For more information please contact Kathie at
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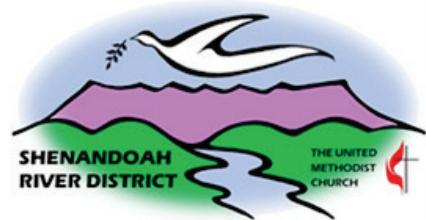
What is happening throughout the Virginia Conference? Find out in the Virginia Conference Quarterly Report, "The Q".

[Click here](#)

[Click for March 14th](#)

[Shenandoah River District Lay Servant Training](#)

Shenandoah River District
United Methodist Men Dinner Meeting and Rally
March 2, 2026, 6:30pm
Manor Memorial United Methodist Church
9320 North Congress Street
New Market, VA 22844



Our guest speaker is District Superintendent Kyungsuk Cho. A free will offering to benefit Camp Overlook will be available. In the spirit of the gatherings of days gone by, we will come together to share a meal, enjoy fellowship and conversation, exchange news and updates, and most importantly, hear the word of God. Reserve your space now to attend! [Register Here](#)



United Methodist Men news from the conference - Read more in, [The Beacon](#).

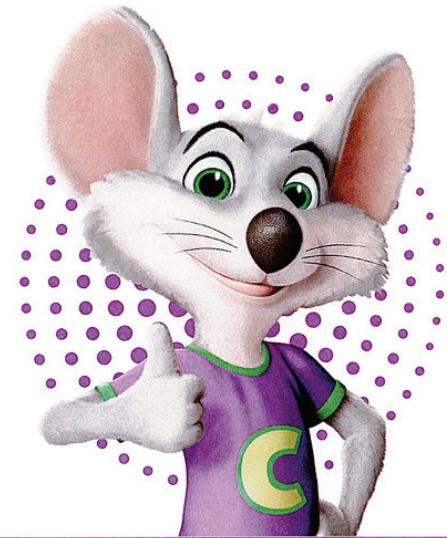
Last 6 SCUMC 2026 cookbooks are available in the church office for \$15 each.

Whoo Hoo! A Win-Win for Everyone

UWF (United Women of Faith) is sponsoring a "Souper" Bowl canned food drive for our food pantry and you can contribute by predicting who the winner of this year's Superbowl will be! There will be 3 bins in the Gathering Area for you to vote by putting in canned food (one can= one vote or \$1= one vote). One bin is marked for the Seattle Seahawks, one bin is marked for the New England Patriots and one bin is marked "I don't care but want to support my food pantry." Last year's canned food drive was a great success with "I don't care" winning! Bins are up and will be there through Sunday, Feb. 8th. Especially needed are peanut butter and jelly, soups, and canned meats. Thanks for all your help in stocking the shelves of our food pantry.

SAVE THE DATE! Four Seasons UWF Ladies Tea will be held on Saturday, April 11 at noon at SC-UMC Fellowship Hall. Our own Ms. Pala will be returning to provide us with a tasty menu as always! If you are interested in being a table hostess please contact Donna Steward at 540-664-9388 or donnagsteward@yahoo.com. If you wish to help in any other way please contact Debbie Jones at 540-409-8260 or drdjonesy@yahoo.com. Look for updates in the newsletter but please don't miss this fun event.





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when our organization is mentioned.

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FR Panel #8337

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ADVENTURE ZONE ADMISSION

EXPIRES 12/31/26

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CHUCK E. CHEESE.

FR Panel #8166

120
PLAY POINTS | **for \$30**

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EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE**®

TIME: 4 pm - 9 pm

ORGANIZATION: SCUMC Preschool and Daycare

EVENT DATE: Thursday
February 5th

EVENT ADDRESS:

145 E. Tevis St.
Winchester, Va.

To find out more, check out chuckcheese.com

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FR Panel #5996

\$29.99

**1 Large 1-Topping Pizza
& 4 Regular Fountain
Drinks**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Feb 1st	8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)	Feb 8th	7:30am	UMM Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Feb 2nd	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Feb 9th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
Feb 3rd	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Feb 10th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
Feb 4th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Feb 11th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Prayer Group Meeting (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Prasie Band Rehearsal
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Feb 5th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Feb 12th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Feb 6th	4:00pm	Chili Fundraiser	Feb 13th	10:00am	Caring Outreach (Rm 102)
Feb 7th	11:00am	Chili Fundraiser	Feb 14th		♥ ♥ ♥
				10:00am	Movie/ Book Club (Rm 101)

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