



Stephens City United Methodist Church

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THE MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 27, 2026

This Week's Worship

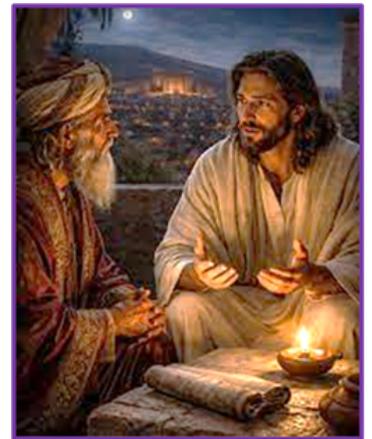
Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

"Born of Water and Spirit"

[John 3:1-17](#)

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



March 1, 2026
10:00 AM Worship
Bulletin

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WORSHIP

[Click to see the
Worship Road ahead](#)

The Adult Sunday School is discussing the [Lenten Study, An Unlikely Lent](#), by Rachel Billups. 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

Last week the Food Pantry served **47** families with **140** 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)

- March 14th—Room –Emma Donoghue
- April 25th—Courageous—Alex Kendrick, Randy Alcom & Stephen Kendrick
- May 9th—Angela’s Ashes—Frank McCourt

[Click for Entire 2026 Reading Schedule](#)

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



Easter Lilies

It's that time of year to order your Easter Lilies. We are ordering lilies from Weber's Nursery. They are 8" plants with foil lining. Each lily costs \$20. Orders taken through **March 10th**.

Name of Giver: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

of lilies _____ x \$20.00 + Total: _____

~ Tickets On-Sale NOW ~

FOUR SEASONS LADIES TEA

Saturday April 11, 2026

12:00pm



**Tickets \$20.00 each and will
be available March 1st**

Ladies dust off your hats and gloves, put on your pearls and come join us for an afternoon of fellowship, refreshments, music and an inspirational speaker

**See Debbie Jones or Donna
Steward for tickets.
Checks Payable to SC-UWF**

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Faith



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) winterrific 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/registrator/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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REV. LAN WILSON
CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF BELONGING AND ADVOCACY
is coming to The Shenandoah River District March 9th and 10th

Rev. Lan Wilson began his role in July 2025 as the Director of Belonging and Advocacy for the Virginia Annual Conference. He is touring all eight districts to share who he is, what his office is all about, and learn what's going on in your part of the state (with regards to life, socioeconomics, culture, justice, ministry). He will be asking how the annual conference can resource/support you.

Clergy and Laity, Shenandoah River District will be hosting four sessions on March 9th and 10th. Please RSVP below for any that you will be attending.



Register for Event

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*.](#)



What is happening throughout the Virginia Conference? Find out in the Virginia Conference Quarterly Report, "The Q".

[Click here](#)



Virginia Annual Conference
June 17-20, 2026
Atlantic Union Bank Center
on the campus of JMU



Calling all Shenandoah Valley folks with gifts for kindness and hospitality:

We are searching for over **150 volunteers to help us host our first Shenandoah River District-area Annual Conference in Harrisonburg** this year. We need many folks (even non-UMC!) with lots of kindness, knowledge and/or stories of the area to make this an unforgettable experience full of Shenandoah Valley hospitality for all.

If you are interested in partnering with us at this Annual Conference, please indicate your willingness, abilities, and availability. Our District Team will continue working with the Annual Conference Planning Committee to determine what jobs are available and then we will reach out and work with you one-on-one to find a job that suits you.

Thank you for your willingness, excitement, and energy. You will be the reason this is a magnificent experience for our Annual Conference members!

Some areas of help that will be needed are:

- Help with set up of conference at the Atlantic Union Bank Center in the days before and take down after the event
- Help with golf carts as they arrive at the center in the days before AC
- Registration Table (signing in Laity and Clergy)
- Ushers (Wednesday through Saturday at noon)
- Hospitality
- Golf carts (driving and assisting persons into the arena)
- Tech Desk

The official sign up sheet is coming soon, but in the meantime, now is the time to be thinking about what you can offer by giving of your gifts and talents!.

SUMMER CAMP

It is hard to believe that while we are in the midst of moving snow and ice, we are preparing for Summer Camp, but here we are. We are gearing up for another fun filled summer camp season. We will be starting off the summer on June 15. The first week of the summer will be Day Camp for all ages. We will have our regular Elementary (Grades 1 – 5) Day Camp as well as an Art Day Camp and Sports Day Camp for grades 3 – 12. We will begin our Overnight sessions on June 21. Throughout the summer we will have multiple sessions of Chriskids (grades 3 – 6), Voyagers (grades 6 – 9), Pioneers (grades 8 – 12), and Adventure Quest (grades 9 – 12). We will also have one session of Horse Camp (grades 6 – 9) and Night Flights (grades 8 – 12) and Mini Camp (grades 1 – 5).

This year's Summer Camp theme is the "Missionary Journeys of Paul". We will continue telling the story of the Early Church that we began last summer. We will travel with Paul as he visits and starts new churches, but that also means we will experience some of the hardships that he encounters.

Register for Summer Camp at <https://www.campoverlook.org/collections/summer-camp>. Register by April 1 and enjoy our Early Bird Discount. We also offer a sibling discount. All Churches are encouraged to sponsor one more camper than last year.



Working at Camp Overlook is a rewarding experience for you, for the campers, and the other staff you work with. You will spend the day sharing God's Love through Songs, Skits, Hiking, Archery, Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Climbing the Wall, Zipping down the Zip Line, and in so many more ways.

Base pay for Overnight Counselors is \$2,000

Base pay for Counselors in Training is \$1,200

Room and Board included. Applications for Summer Staff Positions are NOW AVAILABLE! Please visit <http://campoverlook.campbrainstaff.com>.

Summer Staff Calendar:

- Coordinators Report 5/27/26
- Camp Counselors Report 5/31/26
- Junior Counselors Report Based on School Calendar
- CITs Report 6/7/26
- Summer Campers 6/14/26 – 7/24/26
- All staff are off duty ALL Friday Evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday Mornings

UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
March 1	8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)	March 8	<i>Daylight Savings Time (set clock ahead)</i>	
	10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		7:30am	UMM Breakfast Meeting
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)
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March 2	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	March 9	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
				7:00pm	Finance Meeting (via Zoom)
March 3	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	March 10	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
				6:00pm	Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)
March 4	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	March 11	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Prayer Groups (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Praise Band (Sanctuary)
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March 5	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	March 12	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Worship Committee (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
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March 6			March 13	10:00am	Caring Outreach (Fellowship Hall)
March 7			March 14	9:00am	District Lay Servant Training
				10:00am	Movie & Book Club (Rm 101)

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