



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

APRIL 24, 2026

This Week's Worship

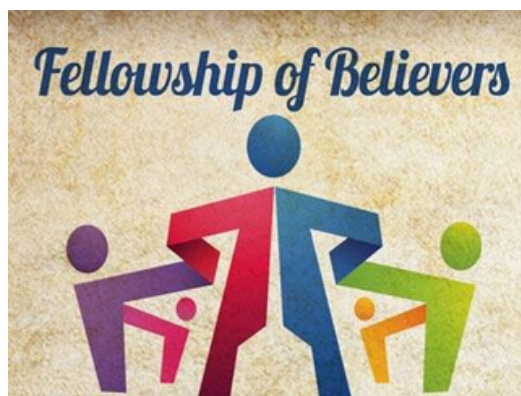
Easter ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

"The Awe of Fellowship"

[Acts 2:42-47.](#)

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

[April 26, 2026](#)
[10:00 AM Worship](#)
[Bulletin](#)
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WORSHIP

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Worship Road ahead](#)

STEPHENS CITY UMC
FAMILY & FRIEND
Day

Sunday, April 26, 2026
JOIN US FOR OUR 10AM SERVICE
5291 Main Street, Stephens City, VA 22655

Bring a family member or a friend to join us for worship. Enjoy fun and fellowship with our church family!

Starting April 12, Christy Wintrode will lead the Adult Sunday School Class in Season 3 of a Discipleship Series from Focus on the Family by Ray Vander Lan. This season focuses on Jesus as a man, who chose to reveal Himself as a first century rabbi to a first century Jewish audience.

In addition, Joe Staggs will intersperse some lessons from the History and Archaeology of the Bible. On April 19, he will present the chapter on "The Ministry of Jesus". Come and join the discussion and fellowship on Sundays at 8:45-9:45 am in Room 200.

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.

Graduations

Anyone with someone in the family who is graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, or college, please turn in a bio and picture to Jacquetta Owen by April 30th.

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10 am, is **Music Recognition Sunday**, featuring the Congregation, Praise Team, Chancel Choir, Soloists, Stephens City Ringers and Shenandoah University String Quartet.



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)

- May 9th—Angela's Ashes—Frank McCourt
- June 13th— Miracles from Heaven: A Little Girl and Her Amazing Story of Healing—Christy Wilson Beam
- July 11th—Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone —J.K. Rowling
- August 8th—Overcomer—Alex & Stephen Kendrick
- September 12th—Dune—Frank Herbert
- October 10th — Skipping Christmas (Book) Christmas with the Kranks (movie)—John Grisham

[Click for Entire 2026 Reading Schedule](#)

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

FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

April 25, 10 am – 3 pm

Stephens City United Methodist Church

Items to Purchase

Bedding flowers
flower arrangements
garden vegetables
flower/veggie seeds
houseplants
Boy Scout mulch
garden supplies
baked goods

Activities

fairy garden making
birdhouse building
landscape services
facepainting
gnome homes
art lessons
planting instructions
games

*** Held at Newtown Commons ***

Also – Music, Michael the Balloon Man

Lolo, the Clown

Smokey the Bear

United
Women
in Faith



Stephens City United Women in Faith (UWF) will be selling hanging baskets and bedding flowers for Mother's Day. We will be set up in front of the church on Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 10th from 10 am-2 pm. Flower arrangements come from Mennonite farms near Shippensburg, PA and are always high quality. This fundraiser helps to support mission work for women, children and youth through UWF sponsored mission programs.

Looking for a way to honor that special person on Mother's Day? Consider donating an UMCOR kit in their name. For \$15, a hygiene kit will be assembled and taken to the designated collection point for the Virginia Conference. Please make checks payable to **SC-UWF** with "Hygiene Kit" in the memo line. Forms are due back to the church office **no later than May 5th**. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day.

All are welcome to help assemble the hygiene kits, Monday, May 18th, 6:30, Rm 102. Questions: contact Debbie Jones at 540-409-8260 or drdjonesy@yahoo.com



I wish to donate \$15 to assemble a hygiene kit.

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

or In Memory of: _____

I wish to have a card sent to notify the honoree:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

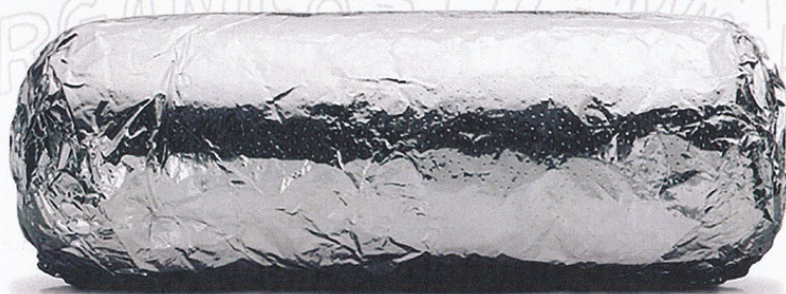
Please use one form for each kit ordered.

The SCUMC Daycare~Preschool will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Gathering Space, April 19 – 26. Books for Children, Grandchildren, even Great-grandparents will be available for purchase throughout the week and after the worship service on Sunday. For more information, contact Heather Austin at 540-866-2132 or scumcd daycare@stephencityumc.org



Senior Center

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR FREDERICK SENIOR CENTER ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SC ACTIVITIES

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND | 4-8PM
2012 S PLEASANT VALLEY RD, WINCHESTER, VA, 22601

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **HYDDEC**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



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Earth Day 2026 Letter

“The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth’s creatures.” (Genesis 9:16)

God’s Covenant promise made after the flood was to do no harm, to humans and to all of God’s creation. Since God promises to do no harm, we, as people who follow the ways of God, we too are committed to do no harm to any part of God’s creation. No harm through our wrongful actions, our greed, or our inattention to God’s beautiful creation.....

[Read more of the Bishop’s letter 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.

You Are Invited: **District Training Opportunity**. We are excited to offer a VIRTUAL Training Opportunity THIS Saturday from 10-12:15.

We have moved our District Training Day into a shorter, virtual format. We hope this will allow for more participation so that churches from across the Shenandoah River District can take advantage of this opportunity.

Our training time will begin at 10:00 AM with a keynote presentation, and then participants can spend from 11-12:15 focused on a specific ministry area of their choice with one of our incredible workshop leaders.

Workshops being offered:

- Putting It All Into Practice, Leader: Tim Ward
- Full Circle Care to Bless Your Laborers, Leaders: Jordan Dillon and Mike Singer from Brotherhood Mutual
- How the Church Can Reach and Help the Anxious Generation (19-30 year olds), Leader: Rebecca Harrigal
- Discovering Our Gifts and Strengths for Ministry, Leader: Amanda Webber
- Serving Christ Together: An Effective Approach to Cooperative Parishes, Leader: Jason Stanley
- Art & Soul – A Visual Arts Worship Design Workshop, Leader: Kathleen Haynes

Find descriptions for these classes [HERE](#)

We're excited. We hope you are too. [See you online on April 25! REGISTER](#)

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

[Click here](#)

[SUMMER CAMP](#)

We will be starting off the summer on June 15. This year's Summer Camp theme is the "Missionary Journeys of Paul".

Register for Summer Camp at <https://www.campoverlook.org/collections/summer-camp>. We offer a sibling discount.



UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
April 26	Friends & Family Day at Church		May 3	8:45am	Sunday School
	8:45am	Sunday School		10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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April 27	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 4	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00pm	Fiber Ministry (Rm 102)			
April 28	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 5	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:00pm	Lions Club			
	6:30pm	Daycare/ Preschool Bd Mtg (Rm 102)			
April 29	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 6	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Praise Band (Sanctuary)		6:30pm	Prayer Group (via Zoom)
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April 30	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 7	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
May 1	Church Office Closed (Apple Blossom)		May 8	10:00am	Caring Outreach (Rm 102)
May 2			May 9	10:00am	Movie & Book Club (Rm 101)

[CLICK TO VIEW THE CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

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