



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

MAY 15, 2026

This Week's Worship

Easter ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

"Expanding our Horizons"

[Acts 1:1-11](#)

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



May 17, 2026
10:00 AM Worship
Bulletin

WORSHIP

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

Christy Wintrode will continue to lead the Adult Sunday School Class in a Discipleship Series by Ray Vander Lan. We'll be taking a look at what it meant to be a disciple in Jesus' time and today. 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.

Friends,

In our responsibility to care for children, youth and vulnerable adults, Stephens City UMC requires all volunteers to attend **Safer Sanctuaries Training**. This would include the upcoming STEAM Camps, Vacation Bible School, Stephens City Kids ~ anyone who is assisting with programs where children, youth or vulnerable adults participate.

Training will be offered on Wednesday, May 27th, 7:00pm via Zoom

Please Register your attendance through the link by May 24th.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAD2CA1F9C16-56644369-safe#/
Participants will be sent a link on May 26th.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAD2CA1F9C16-56644369-safe#/)



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)

- 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

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

Middle East United Methodists feel brunt of war

- Filipino United Methodists who work and worship in the United Arab Emirates and surrounding countries have been caught in the crossfire of the U.S.-Israel war with Iran.
- While congregations, so far, report no casualties, the war has taken its toll on United Methodists in the Middle East.
- Church leaders call for prayer for a true end to the conflict and lasting peace.

[Link to full article](#)

United Women in Faith wishes to thank everyone who donated funds to assemble UMCOR hygiene kits. We will be able to purchase supplies to put together 40 kits which will be taken to Macedonia UM Church. From there, they will be transported to a warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA, to be housed until needed, whenever and wherever a natural disaster might arise. If you would like to help UWF assemble kits, please join us at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 18th in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

UWF also wishes to thank all who purchased hanging baskets from our successful fundraiser. UWF has a "Pledge to Mission" to meet and those funds are used to support mission projects for women, children and youth both locally and around the world. Thanks for your support!

HELP NEEDED TO LOAD TRUCK
KITS FOR CONFERENCE



We are seeking volunteers to assist with loading the Kits for Conference on the truck Monday, June 8th. Help is needed at both Vision of Hope United Methodist Church and **Macedonia United Methodist Church.**

Each location needs 5-7 volunteers to ensure the trucks are loaded safely and efficiently. Your time and effort will make a meaningful difference in supporting this important ministry. If you are available to help, please sign up below. We truly appreciate your willingness to serve!

Vision of Hope will be picked up at 10:15AM.
Macedonia will be picked up at 11:30AM.

COMPLETE FORM TO HELP

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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.camcoverlook.org/collections/summer-camp>. We offer a sibling discount.





Kidneys For Kids

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Please share — sweet Camryn needs a lifesaving living kidney donor.

Camryn Frey is an energetic, sassy little girl who was unexpectedly diagnosed with End Stage Kidney Disease and a Wilms tumor in March 2025. At 2½ years old, she went from playing to being hospitalized in the PICU after swelling, loss of appetite, and very high blood pressure. She had a bilateral nephrectomy, chemotherapy, and months of dialysis (hemo in hospital and peritoneal at home). Despite everything, Camryn is joyful and resilient — but she needs a kidney transplant to have a chance at a normal childhood.

We are hoping for a living donor so Camryn can get a transplant this summer. If you are healthy, willing to be tested, and want to learn more about being a living kidney donor, please:

Share this post widely — reach is everything. Message this page or comment "INFO" and we will get right back to you with details and next steps. If you're comfortable, tag people who might consider donating or who work in healthcare. No medical background is needed to start — just curiosity and willingness to learn. Every share brings us closer to finding Camryn's match. Thank you for helping this brave little girl get a chance to be a 3-year-old again. ❤️

Contact information to register for Cameryn - <https://www.uvahealth.com/treatments/living-donations>

Or calling 434-924-8604 or 800-543-8814.

Her DOB is 10/2/2022.

Your blood type doesn't matter, as they participate in paired kidney donation ❤️

Camryn is a child from our Daycare who we have been praying for. Perhaps you or someone you know could be a match.



**Keezletown UMM Night @ Harrisonburg Turks Baseball vs. Charlottesville
Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

Who's Invited:

- Virginia Annual Conference
- Virginia Conference United Methodist Men
- Shenandoah River District United Methodist Men

Cost:

- Free Admission: say "Keezletown United Methodist Men"
- Dairy Night with giveaways of dairy products
- Concessions and Turks merchandise available for sale

Location:

- Eagle's Field at Veteran's Memorial Park at JMU
- 270 Veterans Memorial Drive
- Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Time:

- Games Starts at 7:00 PM on June 17, 2026
- May arrive as early as 6:00 PM
- Arrive by 6:15 PM for meet and greet with Turks Players

More Information: Contact Rev. Joel Robinette at joelrobinette@vaumc.org

Keezletown UMM at the Game: Look for the Purple Shirts with Keezletown UMM on them behind home plate.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
May 17	8:45am	Sunday School	May 24	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)
May 18	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 25		Memorial Day (Office Closed)
	6:30pm	UWF Assemble Hygiene Kits (Rm 102)			
May 19	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 26	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00pm	Administrative Council (via Zoom)		6:00pm	Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)
May 20	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 27	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (Longhorn)		7:00pm	Safer Sanctuaries Training
	6:30pm	Prayer Group (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Praise Band (Sanctuary)
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May 21	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	May 28	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00pm	Daycare/ Preschool Graduation			
May 22			May 29		
May 23			May 30		

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