



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

MAY 29, 2026

This Week's Worship

Trinity Sunday/ Peace with Justice

Sunday/ Graduation Sunday

"In the Name of the Triune God"

[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

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

May 31, 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.



We Celebrate Our Graduates

**Louisa Catherine Craig, Daughter of Kim Craig
University of Virginia with a B.A. in Psychology**

**Ryan Coffelt, Grandson of John and Carole Baker
Shenandoah University with a Masters in Athletic Trainer**

**Elizabeth Fieo, daughter of Rick and Laura Fieo
Sherando HS; attending Shenandoah University**

**Chase Smith, Grandson of Mildred Smith
Sequoyah HS (Canton, GA); attending Kennesaw State U.**

**Tanner Smith, Grandson of Mildred Smith
Clarke County HS; attending James Madison U.**

**Gabrielle Vtipil, Granddaughter of Ronnie and Barbara Poole
Virginia Tech with a B.A. in Communication**



An interesting article about helping the homeless, featuring a past member of Stephens City UMC ~ Cathy Ritter

Cathy Ritter believes Eden Village's housing model can create a path to stability.

After moving to Richmond from Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, Cathy Ritter began volunteering with local organizations that serve the city's unhoused population, buying blankets, tents and distributing meals. But it was the city's dismantling of a large camp – home to over 120 people experiencing homelessness – that changed her perspective entirely....

[Click to read the full story](#)

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 Grishem

[Click for Entire 2026 Reading Schedule](#)

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

HELP NEEDED TO LOAD 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



Volunteer to help at Annual Conference!

Directional Support

Wednesday-Saturday

Directional Support volunteers will assist with ADA seating, assist with those sitting on the floor, and provide general seating assistance.

Parking

Wednesday-Saturday

Parking volunteers will help with ADA support, designated parking, and traffic flow.

These volunteers will be outdoors in and around Ballard Parking Deck.

**On Wednesday, we will have parking volunteers in the Grace Street parking deck to assist folks attending Clergy Session at the Hotel Madison.*

You do not need to be a member of any United Methodist Church, or be a local church delegate to Annual Conference, just come and help! Invite your family and friends to sign up and help. **Click below** to sign up to volunteer for any 2 hour shift (*sign up for more than 1!*)

I want to volunteer!



THE BEACON



News from the Virginia Conference United Methodist Men

Spring 2026 * Volume 27 Issue 2

AC 2026, Crop Drop, and Annual Breakfast

Reclaiming the Heart of Methodism



Annual Conference 2026 at James Madison University (JMU) in Harrisonburg, VA from June 17-20 is fast approaching. Please make plans to attend and participate in events that the Virginia Annual Conference United Methodist Men are sponsoring.



On Wednesday, June 17 at 7pm, join the Keezletown UMM Night at the ballpark on the JMU campus. Admission is free.

On Thursday, June 18 between 9am and 4pm, please plan to stop by and help bag potatoes that the Society of St. Andrew will deliver to the JMU parking lot near the Annual Conference venue. The potatoes will be delivered to feeding agencies in and near Harrisonburg. Register now to be a part of the vital mission project.

On Friday, June 19 at 6:30am at Dayton UMC, we will join the Virginia Conference United Women in Faith for our 2026 Annual Breakfast. Jeremy Harold, an arborist, will speak on “Caring for God’s Creation.” Registration is open until June 12. Keep reading for additional details.

The VAC UMM Spiritual Life Retreat is back! Join men across the Virginia Conference at Massanetta Springs Camp on September 18-19 near Harrisonburg, VA. Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown is our keynote speaker. Register now.

[CLICK here to continue reading the UMM Newsletter](#)

 **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 Camryn - <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.

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		
May 31	8:45am	Sunday School	June 7	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)
June 1		STEAM Camp ~ ART (8:30-12:30)	June 8		STEAM Camp ~ Science (8:30-12:30)
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
June 2		STEAM Camp ~ ART (8:30-12:30)	June 9		STEAM Camp ~ Science (8:30-12:30)
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
				6:00pm	Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)
June 3		STEAM Camp ~ ART (8:30-12:30)	June 10		STEAM Camp ~ Science (8:30-12:30)
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Prayer Groups (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Praise Band (Sanctuary)
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June 4		STEAM Camp ~ ART (8:30-12:30)	June 11		STEAM Camp ~ Science (8:30-12:30)
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
				6:00pm	Daycare Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
June 5		STEAM Camp ~ ART (8:30-12:30)	June 12		STEAM Camp ~ Science (8:30-12:30)
				8:00am	Jane Ruby (Kitchen)
				10:00am	Caring Outreach (Rm 102)
June 6			June 13	10:00am	Movie/ Book Club (Rm 101)

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