



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

JULY 17, 2026

This Week's Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

"Modern Life: Wheat and Weeds"

Romans 8: 12-25.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43.

Please sign-up to read scripture

July 19, 2026
10:00 AM Worship
Bulletin



*~ Pastor Mike's Questions
for Reflection ~*

How has your understanding of the relationship between suffering and faith (or vulnerability and trust) changed over time? What experiences of God's grace do you need to acknowledge and anoint?



The Adult Sunday School meets in Room 200 at 9 am. The subject for the summer is Jesus's parables.

The next scheduled Council meeting is Tuesday, July 28th, 7pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars for a Meet and Greet luncheon for Pastor Mike on Sunday, **August 2**, 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish or desert to share. Tea, lemonade and chicken will be provided by the church. For more information, please contact Donna Steward at 540-664-9388.

Training for Cross Racial, Cross-Cultural Churches

As part of the Virginia Conference's commitment to cultivating community and healthy Cross-Racial/ Cross-Cultural ministries, a training session is provided to help congregations build relationships, deepen cultural competency, strengthen communication and faithfully navigate ministries across different lived experiences, cultures and perspectives.

Saturday, August 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Kernstown United Methodist Church
3239 Valley Pike, Winchester, VA 22602



Please click and register on the [sign up sheet](#).





CARING OUTREACH is collecting School Supplies for Bright Futures and Middletown Elementary School now through August 2nd. Following is a list of requested supplies. Donated items may be placed in the plastic totes at the elevator doors upstairs and downstairs and in the gathering area. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be distributed to needy children for the coming school year.

- Adult-Size Scissors
- Dry Erase Markers
- Binders, all sizes, unisex colors
- Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- Headphones and Earbuds (wired only, no wireless)
- Pencils
- Pens, blue or black
- Permanent Markers/Sharpies
- Post-Its
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Boxes, clear or unisex colors
- Kleenex
- Reuseable Water Bottles
- Tab Dividers
- Magic Markers

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)

- August 8th—Overcomer—Alex & Stephen Kendrick
- September 12th—Dune—Frank Herbert
- October 10th — Skipping Christmas (Book) Christmas with the Kranks (movie)—John Grishem

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For more information please contact Kathie at
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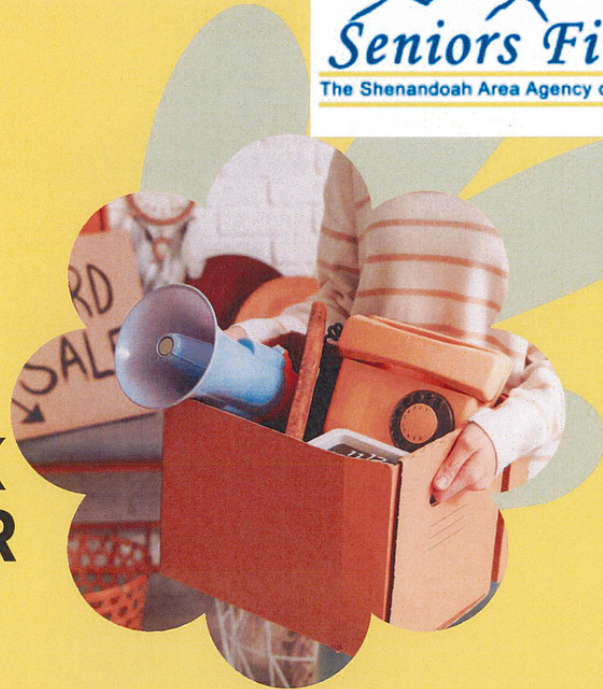
*A fun time at the July 11th Book/ Movie Club for
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.*



YARD SALE!

SUPPORTING THE FREDERICK SENIOR CENTER

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July 30 & 31

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
July 19	9:00am	Sunday School	July 26	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		10:15am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		11:15am	Trustees Meeting
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July 20	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	July 27	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00am	Pastor Mike Out of Office		10:00am	Pastor Mike in Office
	7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		6:00pm	Fiber Ministry (Rm 102)
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July 21	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	July 28	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00am	Pastor Mike Out of Office		10:00am	Pastor Mike in Office
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00pm	Finance Committee (Rm 102)		6:00pm	Daycare/ Preschool Board Mtg (102)
				7:00pm	Administrative Council -Fellowship Hall
July 22	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	July 29	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Worship Committee (Rm 102)			
July 23	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	July 30	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
				10:30am	Seniors First Indoor Yard Sale
July 24			July 31	10:30am	Seniors First Indoor Yard Sale
July 25	12:00pm	Brenda Perry Funeral Service	Aug 1	10:00am	Cross Cultural Training

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