



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 14, 2026

This Week's Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

[Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32](#)

[Matthew 15: 10-28](#)

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

August 16, 2026
11:30am Worship
Bulletin



~ Pastor Mike's Questions for Reflection ~

Why do you think Jesus resisted the Canaanite woman's request? How does this fit with your idea of Jesus' mercy and love? What changed his mind? How does this influence your faith in God?

The Adult Sunday School meets in Room 200 at 10:15am. The subject for the summer is Jesus's parables. Children's Sunday School is available in Room 203 at 10:15am.

CARING OUTREACH would like to thank everyone for the school supply donations for Bright Futures and Middletown Elementary. You exceeded expectations and the supplies were greatly appreciated. Our church family is amazing!!
THANKS!



On August 1st, ten of us from SCUMC, joined with 12-15 other churches from the Shenandoah River District to attend the Cross-Racial/ Cross-Cultural Ministry Training sponsored by the Virginia UMC Conference and taught by Rev. Lan Davis Wilson.

We discussed Diversity, Culture, Assimilation, Accommodation and Mutuality and their definitions. Being aware of our cultural biases helps us to focus on the common connections we have with all people. "Created in the image of God" means all. It also means unity does require uniformity.

We discussed looking at our church and ourselves like we were an Iceberg; what do you see on the surface and what is below the surface that is not seen. Some examples we see on the surface of our church: we are both Traditional and Contemporary; have an excellent Music Program. Our church is both old (250 years) and new with Classrooms and Fellowship Hall. We are small town, located on the corner and can be identified by our Bell Tower. We are handicap accessible and for some attendees, we are within walking distance. We provide services to the community; i.e., The Senior Center, The Food Pantry, the Daycare and Preschool.

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)

- September 12th – Dune by Frank Herbert
- November 14th – Skipping Christmas by John Grisham

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FALL FESTIVAL

STEPHENS CITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SAT, OCT. 10, 9-3

LIVE AUCTION AT 1 PM

540 869-2348 FOR INFORMATION

CRAFT FAIR	LIVE MUSIC
KIDS' GAMES	SILENT AUCTION
FOOD	BAKE SALE

5291 MAIN ST. STEPHENS CITY

If you or someone you know would be interested in a space for the Fall Craft Fair, you can pick up applications on the round table in the gathering area. If you would like more information contact Jacquetta Owen.



For more
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or to RSVP,
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Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Aug 16	10:15am	Sunday School	Aug 23	10:15am	Sunday School
	11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
Aug 17	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 24	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00am	Pastor Mike IN Office		10:00am	Pastor Mike IN Office
	6:30pm	United Women in Faith (Rm 102)		6:00pm	Fiber Ministry (Rm 102)
	7:00pm	Trustees Meeting (Rm 101)		7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Aug 18	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 25	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00am	Pastor Mike IN Office		10:00am	Pastor Mike IN Office
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
				2:00pm	SPPRC Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Aug 19	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 26	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (Longhorn)			
Aug 20	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Aug 27	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
Aug 21			Aug 28		
Aug 22			Aug 29		

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