



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

This Week's Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

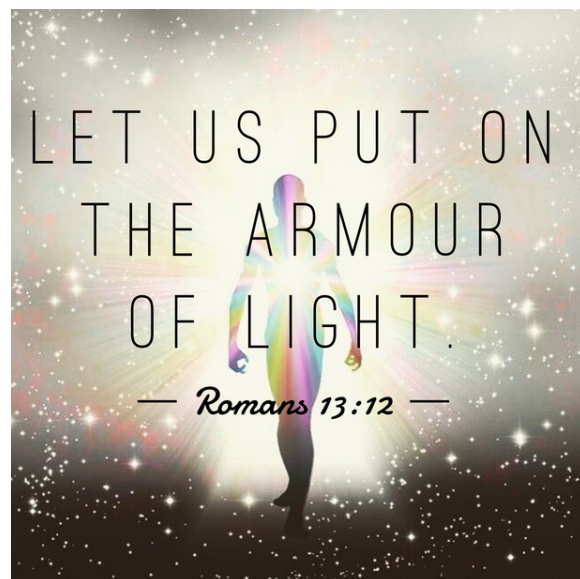
"The Armor of Light"

Romans 13: 8-14.

Matthew 18: 15-20

Please sign-up to read scripture

September 6, 2026
11:30am Worship
Bulletin



~ Pastor Mike's Questions for Reflection ~

The passage from Matthew (18:15-20) is concerned with church discipline in a time of conflict. The focus, however, is not on punishment or blame, but on listening and talking through what has divided or offended so that forgiveness and reconciliation may be accomplished. Does our church have a prescribed way of working through difficulty and division? Has there been a time in our congregation's life or in your own life when conflict or an offense caused breaks in relationship? How might this reading from Matthew have helped that situation? How does the commandment to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves inform our handling of disagreement and division?

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.



Sunday, September 13, 2026, SCUMC will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. The Worship Prelude begins at **11am** and worship continues at 11:30am. Music honorariums and memorials for loved ones are welcomed. For more information contact David Renner.

- **Finance Committee meets Tuesday, September 8, 7pm in room 102**
- **Administrative Council meets Tuesday, September 15, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Worship Committee meets Wednesday, September 23, 7pm in room 102**

Sign Up to volunteer for Watts Week, October 31st ~ November 7th.

[SIGN-UP](#) or scan the QR Code:



If you would like to donate items, click the [Amazon Wish List.](#)

Thank You!

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dee Morris,
dmorris_241@msn.com



Throughout the month of September, The United Women of Faith are sponsoring a Diaper Collection to support our Food Pantry. The collection container will be located in the narthex. Requested sizes are 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Thank you for your generosity

United Women of Faith will be sponsoring a bake sale on Saturday, September 19th during the Church's Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will be split equally between UWF and SCUMC. We need help with donations of baked goods: cookies, brownies, pies and cakes etc... and with purchasing goodies (the fun part). Anything left will be for sale (donations) after church service on September 20th. Thanks so much for your support!

Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast Donation List

Money - purchase sausage/ coffee and paper products

2—5 pound bags flour

7 gal --whole or 2% milk

10—24 oz Pancake syrup

8—24 oz sugar free Pancake syrup

2 – 40 oz canola oil or vegetable oil

5 -- LB butter

1 can spray oil

3 packs – 12 count hot chocolate individual packs

1 box of 24 count hot tea (single cup) tea bags

8 large (64 oz) 100 % Apple Juice (preferably Motts or Apple & Eve etc)

Please consider donating these items for the Pancake Breakfast, September 19th. Items must be delivered to room 102 by September 13th. Make Checks payable to SCUMC with Pancake Breakfast in the memo line. Your support is appreciated.



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.

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) – Room 101

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

[Click for Entire 2026 Reading Schedule](#)

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



Lay Servant Ministry Training

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Strasburg United Methodist Church
114 W. Washington Street
Strasburg, VA 22657

Four classes are being offered:

- Basic Course (Free!)
- Leading Worship
- Leading Preaching
- Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century

The cost for each class is \$20, with the exception of the Basic Class. Those who register for the Basic Class are eligible for a refund with the purchase of their required book. Simply email a copy of your receipt to ShenandoahRiverDistrict@vaumc.org, along with your mailing address, and we will send you a refund.

Lunch will be provided, with a free-will offering.

Click the link below to register for your class and to learn more about the books or reading materials required for each class.

[Register for the Lay Servant Training Day](#)

For registration questions contact the district office at
shenandoahriverdistrict@vaumc.org.

For training questions please contact Pastor Raini Newman at
raini.newman0210@gmail.com



Scholarships are available, if needed.



A Fresh New Look for Room 101

Room 101 has a brand-new spirit—and we’re excited to share it with the whole congregation. After a dedicated team spent many hours painting, cleaning, hauling out old furniture, and thoughtfully arranging new, comfortable pieces, Room 101 has transformed into a warm, inviting space perfect for small groups. The goal was simple: create a room that feels peaceful, welcoming, and useful for ministry and fellowship. And thanks to that hard work, it’s ready to be enjoyed.

To keep Room 101 from slipping back into its former role as a storage space, we’re asking everyone to honor its purpose by using it as intended—gathering, learning, sharing, and connecting. If you’re part of a group that needs a cozy, quiet place to meet, this room is now one of the best spots in the building.

Room 101 is a gift created by many hands. Leave the space just as you found it—tidy, clean, and ready for the next group. Let’s continue to honor that effort by making it a place where community can flourish.



Use your phone to scan the QR Code for
Online Giving or go to the website,
<https://stephenscityumc.org/give>
Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXTWEEK		
Sept 6	10:15am	Sunday School	Sept 13	8:00am	United Methodist Men (Fellowshp H.)
	11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		10:15am	Sunday School
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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Sept 7		Labor Day; Church Office Closed	Sept 14		Pastor Mike IN Office (10-5)
				8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
				7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sept 8		Pastor Mike IN Office (10-5)	Sept 15		Pastor Mike IN Office (10-5)
	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)		7:00pm	Administrative Council (Fellowship H.)
	7:00pm	Finance Meeting (Rm. 102)			
Sept 9	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Sept 16	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
				11:30am	Lunch Bunch (Longhorn)
Sept 10	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Sept 17	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Sept 11	10:00am	Caring Outreach (Fellowship Hall)	Sept 18		Kitchen in Use
Sept 12	10:00am	Movie and Book Club (Rm 101)	Sept 19	7:00am	Pancake Breakfast/ Bake Sale
				10:00am	Caregive Support Group (Rm 101)

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