



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2, 2026

This Week's Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

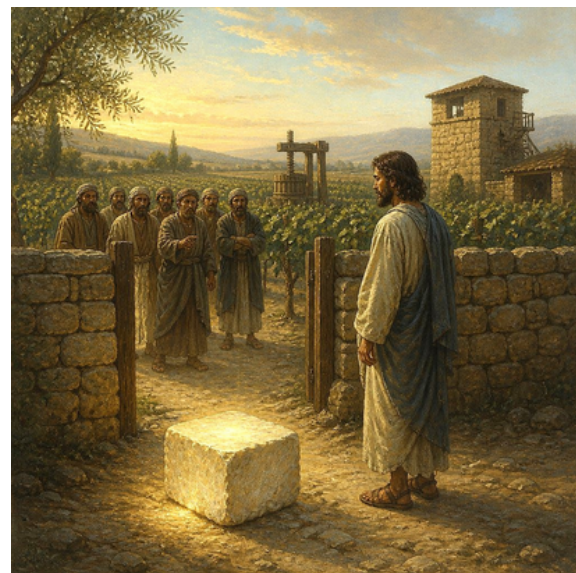
"In Response to Madness"

[Philippians 3:4-14](#)

[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

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

October 4, 2026
11:30am Worship
Bulletin



~ Pastor Mike's Questions for Reflection ~

Study the parable of the Landowner and the Vineyard. What are the "fruits of the kingdom" to which Jesus alludes in Matthew 21:43? How does your life bear fruit for God's realm? What do you contribute to the harvest of God that Jesus describes?

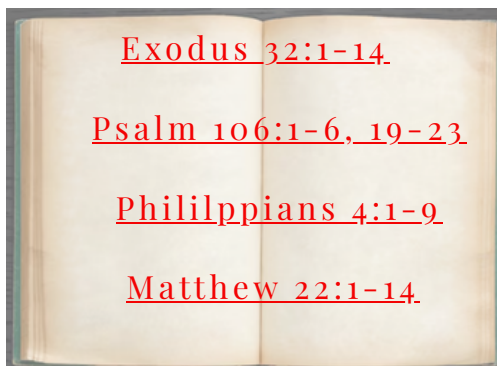
**Bible Study
for October 11
Worship**

[Exodus 32:1-14](#)

[Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23](#)

[Philippians 4:1-9](#)

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)



The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 10:15 am in room 200 each Sunday. This fall, the class will study A Discipleship Series which focuses on what it meant to be a disciple of a rabbi in the time of Jesus. Children's Sunday School is available in Room 203 at 10:15am.



Stephens City UMC Book/Movie Club

The Movie/Book club will not be meeting in October, We will have our last meeting of 2026 On Saturday November 14th, 10am, and will be watching the Movie "Christmas with the Kranks" based on the book "Skipping Christmas". Room 203. The Congregation is welcome to attend . Please RSVP to Galen Snyder, snidersfamily@gmail.com
For more information please contact Kathie at kathieczerwinski@gmail.com

The Sons of the American Revolution and Cemetery Caretakers of Old Frederick present a ceremony honoring the lives and services of the Revolutionary War soldiers John Bell Tilden and Thomas Steele.

Saturday, October 24 – 1 pm
Free Event

Stephens City UMC Cemetery
5291 Main St
Stephens City, VA



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!



THINGS FOR WATTS 2026-2027

**Trying to get enough socks to put on the guests,
each night. Will need 400 pairs of socks.**

White Socks (Calf or higher) for both men and women
White Undershirts (M, L, XL, XXL) for both men and women
Underwear (M, L, XL, XXL) for both men and women
Sport Bras (M, L, XL, XXL) for women

Chapstick (Trial Size)
Tooth Brushes (individual, no multipacks)
Q-Tips (please break down into bags 10 each)
Cotton Balls (please break down into bags w/Q-Tips if possible)
NON-Alcoholic Mouth wash (TRIAL SIZE)
Deo (TRIAL SIZE) for both men and women
Shampoo (TRIAL SIZE) for both men and women
Body Soap or Bar Soap (TRIAL SIZE) for both men and women
Razors for both men and women
Shaving Cream (TRIAL SIZE) for both men and women
Depends (M, L, XL, XXL) for both men and women
Foot Powder (can do large or small)

Hats for winter
Scarfs for winter
Gloves for winter
Hand warmers
Foot Warmers

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



ATTENTION BAKERS

As part of our Fall Festival (Saturday, October 10) we are asking the Bakers of our church to make one of your Special Cakes or Pies for the auction. Maybe you have a recipe from Grandma that you use for special occasions or family gatherings and would like to share how good it tastes. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. Items need to be delivered Friday, October 9, to the church kitchen.

HAPPY BAKING!!!



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			NEXT WEEK		
Oct 4	10:15am	Sunday School	Oct 11	8:30am	United Methodist Men (Fellowship)
	11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		10:15am	Sunday School
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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Oct 5		Pastor Mike IN Office (10-5)	Oct 12		Pastor Mike IN Office (10-5)
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)		6:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Oct 6		Pastor Mike IN Office (10-5)	Oct 13		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)
Oct 7	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 14	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
Oct 8	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Oct 15	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Oct 9		Kitchen in Use	Oct 16		Jane Ruby (Kitchen)
	10:00am	Caring Outreach Ministry (Rm. 102)			
Oct 10	9:00am	Fall Festival	Oct 17	10:00am	Caregiver Support Group (Rm 101)

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