



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 23, 2026

This Week's Worship

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

"What the World Needs Now..."

[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#)

[Matthew 22:34-46](#)

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

October 25, 2026
11:30am Worship
Bulletin



~ Pastor Mike's Questions for Reflection ~

. Is there any area of your heart, soul, or mind that you are withholding from God? Who is the "neighbor" in your life right now that is difficult to love, and how can you serve them this week? Have you submitted to Jesus merely as a helper, or as the undisputed Lord of your life?

**Bible Study for
November 1 Worship**

[Joshua 3:7-17](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2:9-13](#)

[Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37](#)

[Matthew 23:1-12](#)

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**



Daylight saving time (DST) in the United States ends at 2:00 a.m. local time on Sunday, November 1, 2026, when clocks move back one hour to 1:00 a.m



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Look for this bag in the gathering area to place gifts in appreciation for Pastor Mike and Jessica. Some suggestions: gift cards, baked items, vegetables from your garden (canned or fresh), if you have knitting or sewing talents you can gift those.

Thanks from SPPRC co-chairs Kim Thomas and Jane Smith



Stephens City UWF will be conducting a Candle Burning Ceremony during the worship services on Nov. 8, 2026. All funds

raised will go directly to the Shenandoah River District UWF for Mission Projects that benefit Women, Children and Youth. If you would like to participate, please fill out this form and return to the church office by Nov. 2nd. **All checks should be made out to SC-UWF with “*Candle Burning*” in the memo.** Any donation amount is accepted. The candle will burn based on the total amount raised.

Thank you!

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Amount: _____

Forms are located in the Gathering Space

UWF wish to thank all who contributed to the diaper drive for our church food pantry. We lost count of the diapers donated as they were given out weekly to those in need. If you wish to still contribute to this worthy cause, you can simply put diapers in the red wagon used for food pantry donations in the Gathering Area or downstairs by the elevator. Much thanks for this successful diaper drive for needy families in our community. Debbie Jones.

We are so grateful and blessed to have the support of our congregation and community for our fall festival. So many of you went over the top to gather supplies, give generously of your time and bring your delicious baked goods. Our 21 crafters had beautiful items for your fall and Christmas shopping and the musicians had a variety of toe tapping and sing-a-long selections. Thanks to John Brishcar who played the part of DJ and auction helper. Galen was outstanding and hilarious as he encouraged folks to bid on items.

Special thanks to the Praise Band, Lyle, Nat, and Rebecca for the entertainment and to the following businesses for their donations:

*Chickfil-A Firestone Clearbrook Shopping Center Shade Equipment
Domino's Pizza Grand Piano Ledo's Pizza Jordan Springs Market
Patton's Furniture Anthony's Pizza Roma's Claudio's Martin's
Olive Garden IJ Canns*

Thank you for any small or large part you played in this endeavor. I saw many neighbors from the local community and some families from the daycare and preschool. Building community and reaching out are the important results of this work. We are evaluating our efforts for improvement next year!!!

God Bless, Jacquetta

Mark Your Calendar

Mountain View UMC will be presenting their Christmas Cantata on December 20 at 4 o'clock, with a dinner after at the Back Creek Ruritan Club (next to the church).

Some Opportunities from our neighbors at Trinity Lutheran Church:

LCW Bedding Drive ~

Trinity's LCW (Lutheran Church Women) will be collecting NEW bedding throughout the month of October to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit that provides beds and bedding to children ages 3–17 in Winchester and the surrounding counties. Collection will begin October 1. Needed items include:

- Twin-size sheet sets with pillowcase (NOT Twin long, or XL)
- Twin-size blankets (must fit a Twin bed; no small blankets or throws)
- Twin-size comforters
- Twin-size mattress covers
- Pillows for Twin-size beds

“Bed in a Bag” sets are an easy way to provide several needed items at once and can be found at Walmart, Target, and other stores.

Please bring donations to the church Nursery anytime during October.

Monetary donations are also welcome; LCW members will be happy to shop for needed items on your behalf.

Trinity Lutheran Church
810 Fairfax Street
Stephens City, VA

Kringle Market

Shop • Browse • Support
Local Vendors & Our Church!

❄️ Saturday, December 12th ❄️
⚡ 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM ⚡

Set up the night
before from
5:00 – 7:00 PM
or 7:00 AM on
Saturday.

Vendor Fee
\$20.00
per 6 ft. table
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Tables provided
for you!

Please see
the attached
application.
— ♥ —

If you have any questions,
please call Kim at
540-664-8088

Thank you!

Support
Small
Business

Shop Local
Make a
Difference



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 25	10:15am	Sunday School	Nov 1		Daylight Savings Ends
	11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)			WATTS Week
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		10:15am	Sunday School
				11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
				6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
Oct 26	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)		Nov 2	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)	
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)			WATTS Week
	6:00pm	Fiber Ministry (Room 102)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		6:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Oct 27	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)		Nov 3	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)	
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)			WATTS Week
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00pm	Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:00pm	Daycare/ Preschool Board Mtg (102)			
Oct 28	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Nov 4		WATTS Week
				8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
Oct 29	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Nov 5		WATTS Week
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
				7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Oct 30			Nov 6		WATTS Week
Oct 31		WATTS Week	Nov 7		WATTS Week

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