

Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER NOVEMBER 13, 2026

This Week's Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"Enter the Joy"



1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Please sign-up to read scripture

November 15, 2026
11:30am Worship Bulletin



~ Pastor Mike's Questions for Reflection ~

If we believe in the kingdom to come, we need not fear, in life or in death. How does that change the way we live? To the extent that we use it at all, how do we use that which God has gifted us?

Bible Study for November 22 Worship

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23
Psalm 100	Matthew 25:31-46

The Adult Sunday School Class will conclude its series on Discipleship on November 22. Starting on Sunday, November 29, the class will begin an Advent Study entitled "Light of the World" by Amy-Jill Levine. The author explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. You are invited to attend from 10:30 – 11:30 AM in Room 200.
Sunday School for elementary students is available in Room 203.

Annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 22nd, 3pm at Duncan Memorial UMC, 210 E. Main Street, Berryville. Please contact the office if you intend to go.





Stephens City UMC Book/Movie Club

The Movie/Book club 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" in 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

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes can be picked up in the Office or Gathering Area and need to be returned by November 22nd. For more information contact Donna Steward, donnajsteward@yahoo.com



JOIN IN THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF DECORATING THE SANCTUARY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 22ND. YOUR HELPING HANDS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED! SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Come and worship ~ SCUMC Christmas Eve
"Lessons and Carols" Service, 6:00 PM

🎵Mark Your Calendar🎵

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

Come One, Come All!

UWF will hold its **annual** **Christmas Gathering** on **Saturday, December 5th** **from** **10 AM-Noon** in the church's Gathering Area. Our guest speaker will be Ashley Moslad who is the Veteran Rep. for Virginia Works and on the board for the nonprofit CVEB. Mission awards will be presented, secret sisters will be revealed, and of course there will be music and refreshments. Basketballs and duffle bags for The Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center in Verona will be collected at this time. This is a great time to get into the true spirit of Christmas. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun event.





Apple Valley Ringers Handbell Choir

2026 Performance Schedule

- *December 6: Presbyterian Church in Berryville, VA @ 4 pm*
- *December 13: Bowman Library in Stephens City, VA @ 2 pm and 4 pm (Please call the library at 540-869-9000 to reserve free seats.)*
- *December 14: Front Royal UMethodist Church in Front Royal, VA @ 6:30 pm*
- *December 31: St. Thomas Chapel in Middletown, VA @ 7 pm*

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
November 21st



WATTS







A heartfelt THANK YOU for welcoming our guests with open arms, kindness, joy, and a safe, warm place to rest each night! We are incredibly grateful to all the wonderful volunteers, including Shenandoah University students, who gave their time to prepare and serve meals, welcome our guests, provide medical care, assist our shelter managers, and, most importantly, take the time to get to know the amazing people we serve.Because WATTS is about so much more than providing a cot and a meal. It's about building relationships, showing compassion, restoring dignity, and reminding our neighbors experiencing homelessness that they matter. Thank you for helping us start our 17th season with warmth, kindness, and hope!








Community
Thanksgiving
Dinner
November
26
12:00 PM -
2:00 PM
Serving Clarke,
Frederick, and the
City of Winchester
Made possible by donations and volunteers.
Monetary donations may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601 with notation for "Community Thanksgiving Dinner."
"A gift to the community"
TAKE OUT
(No reservation required)
First Presbyterian Church
116 South Loudoun Street
Winchester, VA 22601
DELIVERY
To reserve, call 540-533-7409
RESERVATIONS
Accepted Monday, Nov. 2 - Monday, Nov. 23
NO reservations after Monday, Nov. 23
SPONSOR A PIE OR
DONATE ONLINE
fpcwinc.org
phones provided
courtesy of AT&T
Questions?: Bill Stewart 540.533.0452 | Bob Cleaver 540.259.8970
Phone numbers will not be in service until Monday, Nov. 2nd
A sincere thank you to everyone who makes
this gift to the community possible!

Some Opportunities from our neighbors at Trinity Lutheran Church:



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

Looking Ahead: Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service, 6:00 PM, SCUMC Sanctuary

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Nov 15	10:15am	Sunday School	Nov 22	10:15am	Sunday School
	11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		11:30am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		12:45pm	Decorating the Sanctuary
				3:00pm	Charge Conference
				6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
Nov 16	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)		Nov 23	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)	
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		6:00pm	Fiber Ministry
	6:30pm	United Women in Faith (Rm 102)		6:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Nov 17	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)		Nov 24	Please contact Pastor Mike by phone or text to make an appointment (540-817-9605)	
	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)		8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00pm	Administrative Council (Fellowship)		6:00pm	Lions Club -(Fellowship Hall)
Nov 18	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Nov 25	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch (Longhorn)			
Nov 19	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Nov 26		Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)			
Nov 20	9:00am	Lions Club Setup	Nov 27		Church Office Closed
Nov 21	5:00am	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	Nov 28	1:00pm	Caravan of Rescue (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00am	Caregiver Support Group (Rm 101)			

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