

**Stephens City Mennonite Church**  
*Invites You to Celebrate the Lord's Presence*

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9:30 am Sunday School                      Worship 10:30 am  
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Focus: Arise! Shine! Epiphany boldly opens the mystery of God for all the world to see. The Universe Maker is no longer the sole property of one nation or one people. The magi, Gentile visitors from the Far East, show us that God's shining grace comes through and for all people.

Gathering Song  
Prelude  
Welcome & prayer  
Call to Worship  
Worship in Song  
Offering

Hearing God's Word  
OT Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6  
Children's time visitor  
Candle lighting  
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)  
NT Readings - Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12  
Sermon - Arise! Shine! God's mystery is revealed

Responding to the Word  
Song of Response  
Prayer of confession  
Words of assurance  
Praying and Sharing with each other  
Announcements  
Sending Song  
Benediction

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser      Sermon: Jim Musser  
Song Leader: Pat Spory      Pianist: Anna Grant  
Greeters: Irvin Heishman      Usher: Monica Carr  
Children's Church: Carol and Sarah

**Meetings and Opportunities for Service**

**This week:**

January 8th—Missions Commission mtg @ 7:15  
11 - Congregational Life Commission @ 9:00 am

**Looking Ahead:**

12 - Men's breakfast @ 7:00 am  
13 - Communion Sunday; Classics meet following worship service lunch & chapter 6

19 - Youth activity

20---Ekklesia

-- Anointed Voices @ 4:00 pm  
hosted by Worshipping without walls

22—Church Council mtg @7 pm

27 - Commissioning of Glenn and Velma Horst for missions trip

**February:**

1 & 2—Sister Care PREP meeting

2—VA conference delegate session

4 &5—Pastors' training at Highland Retreat

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper by sharing together in communion.

On this Epiphany Sunday, we follow the Wise Men's example of bringing gifts to Jesus. He wants our hearts and lives most of all. Virginia Mennonite Missions received gifts from individuals and congregations in the past month which enlarges God's Kingdom in the world. Thank you very much for your gift!

Please pray that Mennonite Mission Network workers Lillian and Norm Nicolson will be prepared mentally, emotionally and spiritually for their return to Burkina Faso tomorrow. Lillian will be involved in Bible translation in the Siamou language and Norm will record scriptures and Christian programs.

**Last Sunday**

Attendance:                      Worship service: 71

    Sunday school: 54

Offering:                      Worship: \$2199.81

    Sunday school: \$9.00

To meet budget expenses, we need an average of \$1,711.54 per Sunday. Offering total is currently \$355.08 under projected giving.