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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From complacent acceptance of life as it is, God calls us to new birth. We step out in faith into unknown territories.

Gathering Song
Prelude
Welcome & Prayer
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Children's time
Offering
Confessing our sins
Song
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed for children's church)

Hearing the Word
Scripture - Genesis 12:1-4; John 3:1-17
Reader's theater
Sermon - Into new birth

Responding
Song of response
Confessing our faith
Sharing & Praying for each other
Announcements

Sending Song
Benediction

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Pat Spory Pianist: Beth Whitney
Greeters: Monica & Malinda Usher: John Lazer
Children's Church: Carol/Sarah Next Week: Denny/Seth

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

February:
Today: Luke Drescher here to address retirement issues w/ Classics
20 - Korean Church Ministry Support team @ 7:00 pm
22-24 --- VA Conference Pastor's Retreat
23—Youth firewood cutting service project @ 8:00 am
26 - Christian Education Commission
29 - Congregational Life Commission @ 9:00 am

March
1 - Women's group meeting
5—youth meeting at 7 pm
2 - Heart Attack Risk Program 7:00 - 9:00 am
8 - Men's breakfast
11---Missions Commission meeting @ 7:15
12 - Worship Commission @ 7:00 pm
25 - Executive Council @ 7:00 pm
29—Soul Care for Teachers

The youth will host a firewood-cutting service project at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 (rain date, Mar.1) at the Neff farm. Please tell Christopher, Maria, Crystal, or Ben if you plan to participate.
The Annual Meat Canning is scheduled for **February 25-29, 2008** at the Mennonite Relief Center, Hinton, VA. Virginia Mennonite Conference is responsible to provide help on **Tuesday, February 26.** Help is needed from **5 AM until 11 PM** each day. **Friday, February 29** is scheduled as a community day and help is needed especially in the early morning.

Treat your heart to a check-up-- Heart attack Risk Screening Sun. March 2—12 hr. fasting required. Cost $15. Sign up at table in the rear of the sanctuary. After testing, breakfast will be available for participants. For questions, see Joan Rosenberger.
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The Mussers' will attend the VA Conference Pastors' Retreat next weekend at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

Highland Retreat's Jump Start Summer Camp Event coming February 24th at Cornerstone Christian School's gym from 5 – 7:30 PM. It will be a fun filled event for the whole family especially for those who have never attended summer camp at Highland. Or if you are a returning camper age 6-18, invite your friends to this event to explore the possibility of camp this summer. Some activities of the evening include indoor games, prize giveaways, sports stacking and speed stack demonstrations, nature and craft activities, a presentation for parents, a fireside worship service, food and a special drawing for up to one hundred dollars off camp fees for those who register. For more information, call 852-3226

Goshen College again offers an online spiritual resource during Lent to help believers make time and space in their hearts and minds for God. Until March 23, Goshen College students, faculty and staff are providing weekday reflections based on lectionary Scripture passages and the theme "Out of the depths" available online, by daily e-mail or RSS feed. To access the devotions or sign-up to receive them in your inbox, go to: www.goshen.edu/devotions

A big "Thank you!" to everyone who supported us before and after Noemi's birth with cards, gifts, visits and food. We appreciate and feel loved by your generosity. – Christopher and Maria

Last Sunday

Attendance:	Worship service:62
	Sunday school: 60
Offering:	Worship: $2037 –currently over budget by 338.14
	Sunday school: $6.40