

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 the stench of a death-choked landscape, we cry out to God to breathe the Spirit into us. We wait in hope for God to restore the dead to life.

Gathering Song

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Children's time

Offering

Confessing our sins

Song

(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

Hearing the Word

Scripture - Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

Sermon - Into new life

Responding

Song of response

Affirming our faith

Sharing & Praying with each other

Announcements

Sending song

Benediction

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Pat Spory Pianist: Beth Whitney
Greeters: Rosenbergers Usher: Lloyd Horst
Children's Church: Audrey/Becca Next Week: David/Carlin

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

March:

- 11---Missions Commission meeting @ 7:15
- 12 - Worship Commission @ 7:00 pm
- 25 - Executive Council @ 7:00 pm
- 27 - Korean Church Ministry Support team @ 7:00
- 29—Soul Care for Teachers
- 30—Classics, chapter 7

April:

- 13 - Marriage Covenant Sunday - potluck meal
- 27- Child dedication for Noemi, daughter of Christopher and Maria Clymer Kurtz, and Allison, daughter of Todd and Chrissy Neff - potluck meal

Bob and Kelly Phillips will plan and prepare the Easter breakfast again this year. There will be a donation box to cover the expense. Everyone is welcome to attend the Sunrise service and breakfast on March 23.

The sign up sheet for the Agape meal is on the back table in the sanctuary. Please sign your name beside the item you can bring.

VMissions would like to send teams to teach English in several locations this summer where there is great need. Volunteers are needed. Consider serving in Israel, Ukraine, or China with a Partners in Mission team. Contact Philip Rhodes for more information at philip.rhodes@vmmissions.org or 434-9727.

Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus' fifth annual concert will be Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Eastern Mennonite School auditorium. Jay Hartzler is the director. An offering will be taken to support the ministry of Virginia Mennonite Missions.

NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center presents "**Taste of the World**" at 6 p.m. on March 15, 2008 at Park View Mennonite Church (1600 College Ave., Harrisonburg.) The event will feature an assortment of foods from local ethnic restaurants and live music by UVA Klezmer Band. The taste fest will be followed by a live concert at 7:30 with performances by bluegrass trio Trent Wagler and the Steel Wheels, Irish folk-singer Rodney Corder, and jazz harmonica player Austin Shifflett. All proceeds will benefit the work of NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center (www.newbridgesirc.org). Cost is \$60 for dinner and concert, \$20 for concert only. For reservations or more info, contact NewBridges: (540) 438-8295.

An **Easter Vigil** will be held at Park View Mennonite on Saturday night, March 22, from 10:00 p.m. until midnight. In this service we wait and worship together, anticipating the joyful arrival of Easter morning. The Easter Vigil is actually a sequence of four services. We will begin the service outside, gathered around a bonfire, then proceed inside for the remainder of the services. If you have questions, call 434-1604.

Last Sunday

Attendance: Worship service: 78
 Sunday school: 63
Offering: Worship: \$2658
 Sunday school: \$13.50 We are \$900.52 over budget.