

THE

FELLOWSHIP INFORMER

Stephens City Mennonite Church
January 2008

Worship Schedule

May Jesus Christ the King of glory help us
make the right use of all the myrrh that
God sends and to offer to him the true
incense of our hearts, for his name's sake.
Amen

- January** **6** - Epiphany
 13- Communion
 20 - Ekklesia
 27- Sending Glenn & Velma
 and their team to the
 City of Hope
- February** **3** - Open
 10 - Lent 2008 begins (Out of
 the depths)
- March** **23** - Easter Sunday - Baptism

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1: Todd Neff
4: Elverta Horst
4: *Lloyd and Elverta Horst*
4: *Christopher and Maria Clymer Kurtz, 2003*
6: Ed Hoy
11: Shelby Hertzler
12: Beth Spory
15: Debbie Fleming
17: Carrie Herstam
19: Gloria Kleman
26: Elwood Buracker
31: Aldine Musser

Senior High Youth Class

The 11th & 12th graders at Stephens City Mennonite Church have been learning from other attenders in our faith community. We want to thank all of you who have willingly shared from your experiences in life on a variety of topics during the Fall months.

We plan to continue interviewing and learning to know others throughout the Winter and Spring months. There is nothing to prepare ahead of time. The youth already have questions to choose from and you can pass on any topic you do not feel comfortable talking about in this setting. If you are willing to participate you can let one of the following students know: Jared Heisey, Andrew Myers, Seth Myers, Carlin Kulp, Alexa Han, Virginia Han, Michelle Mason, Brianna Boaz or facilitators Bill Hoffman & Aldine Musser.

From the Evangelism and Mission Commission

A number of people in the congregation reported to the Church Development Committee that they were interested in training or classes in personal evangelism. In response to this, there will be a meeting after church on Feb. 10 for anyone who wishes to discuss this further so the Commission can get a better idea of how we may be able to address this desire in the congregation. Please bring food to share and we will have a potluck with whoever decides to attend.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

As we enter this New Year and consider changes and resolutions, let us ask how we can be more faithful to God, know Jesus more intimately, and be more in tune to the Spirit speaking in our lives. May we also seek to share the love, peace, and hope that Christ gives with everyone we know and to promote God's Kingdom in the entire world. Where relationships are broken, let us strive to bring peace and reconciliation. All of this we do in the name of Christ. Amen.

Looking to be more involved with the church in the new year? Here are some opportunities for you to do just that. For more information, contact the group leader about how you can get involved.

Bible Study/Dinner - Ed and Kay Hoy

This group focuses on fellowship and studying a book of the Bible or a topic.

Prayer & Share group – Vicki & Bill Hoffman & Rick and Nancy Heisey

The focus is on fellowship and providing a safe space to share what is happening in your life and be carried to Jesus.

Classics - Phoebe Hershey

This group is responding to issues related to aging in our families and in the church

Parent Support Group - Congregational Life Commission

This group is both a place to be heard concerning behaviors a parent might be dealing with in the home and a place to be proactive in our thinking about what we might expect in the next stage of parenting.

Men's breakfast - The responsibility for this group is shared among the men. The breakfast begins at 7:00 am

Women's Group - Carol Lazer

This group meets approx. four times a year with various activities including fellowship, spiritually nourishing conversations, crafts, etc.

MOMS - Joanne Thompson

This group is for any age mother especially for mothers with young children who might be looking for relationships with other mothers caring for children.

Venture Club – Joanne Thompson

This is designed for grades 2 – 5. The activities include games, crafts, food, some thing spiritual.

Junior youth Group - Denny & Eunice Myers

This group is for grades 6 – 8. The activities include occasional trips, games, food, conversations about God and with God

Youth group - Christopher & Maria

ClymerKurtz, Crystal Musser, Ben Rosenberger

This group is for grades 9th- 12th graders. The responsibilities for devotions, music, games and food is shared among the group. Friends are always welcomed. They sometimes do service trips or attend events together such as sports.

Exploring Faith Class - Aldine Musser

This is for anyone who is interested in talking about God, the Christian faith from an Anabaptist (Mennonite) perspective. If you are considering baptism or you just want to mull over some questions about how you connect with God's Story. If you are from another denomination you can also join this class. There are several resource books that are used in this class.

Christian Education Hour options

Preschoolers – ages 3 - 5

Primary – K – 2nd

Middler – 3rd – 5th

Junior youth - grades 6th -8th

High School – 9th – 10th grade

11th – 12th grade

Young Adult class

International Bible Study – meets in the sanctuary

Elective Adult class – meets in the parsonage

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