

THE

# FELLOWSHIP INFORMER

Stephens City Mennonite Church  
October 2008

## Worship Schedule

- October**
- 5 - World Communion Sunday  
Acts 2:37-47
  - 12 - Book of Acts
  - 19 - Book of Acts, Table  
discussion groups over  
lunch
  - 26 - Ekklesia Sunday
- November**
- 2 - Dr. Lawrence Yoder, EMS  
professor/ table group  
discussions
  - 9 - Book of Acts
  - 16 - Book of Acts
  - 23 - Book of Acts / Thanksgiving
  - 30 - Begin advent series - Let  
Your Face shine

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*On Wednesday, October 1, the Youth Group purchased the required items and assembled 12 Relief Kits for people in Iraq. Thanks to all in the congregation who contributed. The kits were taken to the Relief Sale and added to many others.*

## **Annual Harvest Party**

Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 pm  
Irvin and Ann Heishman are willing to open their home to the congregation again this year.

## Health Fair Update

The Health Fair is fast approaching. The committee thanks all of you who have committed yourselves to volunteer your time for this event. We need many of you to host this event on October 11 from 9:00 - 1:00. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with our community and to promote health.

We are still in need of muffins, soup, vegetables and other healthy snacks for the food center. Please check the sign up sheet to see where you can contribute. The town of Stephens City will be celebrating its 250th anniversary the weekend of October 11-12. The Town Office has kindly offered to promote the Community Health Fair along with their events happening in town.

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## **Be a part of our New Church Directory**

Please sign up in the foyer of the church to have your directory photos done on October 23.

Olan Mills will be taking the photos from 3:00 - 9:30 pm.

We encourage every family to get a family portrait (\$20.00 value).

It takes less than an hour to take the photos and view the video proofs.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 4: Kay Hoy
- 4: Phoebe Hershey
- 9: Shannon Neff
- 9: Jodi Nisly Hertzler
- 10: Monica Carr
- 10: Dan Rosenberger
- 11: Andrew Myers
- 15: Jacob Myers
- 16: *Howard and Debbie Fleming,*  
1993
- 20: Sarah Hoffman
- 20: Doug ZehrVogt
- 26: Wayne Rosenberger
- 27: *Todd and Chrissy Neff*
- 26: *Lee and Kristen Miller, 2002*
- 30: Greg Drescher

# POLITICS

By Doug ZehrVogt

Do I have your attention? Few things can stir people's interest and emotion like politics. This is especially true during election time. So I figured I would exercise my prerogative as editor to share some of the things I have been thinking about during this political season.

First of all, most of you who know me well are aware that I am not exactly what most would refer to as conservative in my political views. Rest assured that this little editorial has nothing to do with that.

One of the things that I appreciate about our church is the diversity of backgrounds and Christian experience that each of us has. Of course, that means that we may not always agree on let's say maybe something like politics. I know that you are as astonished as I that everyone else in the congregation doesn't agree with us politically. It's hard to understand why someone would have different views on something like which political party to support. After all, doesn't the Bible make it clear whom Jesus would support?

Although we may not agree on who should be the next president, hopefully we can agree that it is Jesus who binds us and holds us together. That it is HIS love and grace and mercy that are most important in our lives as individuals and as a congregation. No matter how we may disagree with each other on political issues, let us extend that same love and grace and mercy to each other as we walk together. Let us pray together that God will use us to bring His Kingdom and Glory. I will close with some lyrics from a song that seem to fit well.

Within the peace of the One who has died  
Within the cross and the pierce in His side  
Within the rising and the rolling of a storm  
Within the Lord we can live, we can live

Within the right hand of the Father above  
Within the making of the faith and the love  
Within the hope of a kingdom for a home  
Within the Lord we can live, we can live

Within the tears of the man we can cry  
Within the face of temptation we can try  
Within the garden we, too, can feel alone  
Within the Lord we can live, we can live

-Mike Knott

## The Cell Phone vs. The Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we interrupted our favorite program to take just one verse?

What if we gave it to our kids as a gift?

What if we made sure our friends and family were on the same plan?

What if we stepped out of a meeting, just to read one encouraging verse?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

What if we interrupted our dinner to read it?

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being "disconnected" because of an unpaid bill.

Jesus already paid the bill in full.

And just think- no dropped calls.  
God hears them all!

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