

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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Through the darkness that covers all the earth, God's light goes out to all nations.
All peoples will reflect God's face as they come to the light and become radiant.

Gathering songs: HaWB 202 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
 NCH 549 Caroling, Caroling

Prelude
Call to Worship
Prayer

Worship in Song: NCH 544 God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
 NCH 551 Over in Bethlehem
 HaWB 214 Morning Star, O Cheering Sight
 HaWB 199 The First Noel

Confessing: HaWB 204 Gloria

Children's time

Offering
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: The welcoming face of God

Responding:

Songs of Response HaWB 218 As With Gladness Men of Old
 NCH 539 We Three Kings of Orient
 HaWB 221 Hail the Bless'd Morn
 HaWB 222 How Brightly Beams the Morning Star

Prayers of the congregation

Announcements

Sending song: NCH 550 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Sending words

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: David Gonzol Pianist: Anna Grant
Greeters: John & Carol Lazer Usher: Monica Carr
Children's Church: Carol/Sarah Next Week: Groveen/Nicole

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

January

- 7—youth group @7 pm
- 8 - Congregational Care Commission @ 1:00
- 8 - Prayer gathering @ 7:00 pm
- 9 – Coffee House @ SCMC: 7-10 pm
- 10—7 am men's breakfast
- 11 – Ekklesia Sunday
- 12 – Ex. Council @ 7:00 p.m.
- 13 – Worship Commission @ 7:00 pm
- 17—youth group event
- 18 - Communion
- 20—Service & Witness commission @7 pm
- 22---SCMC serves @5pm, soup night at Mkt. St. UMC
- 24—5:30 pm Mission Dinner : Focus on Bolivia w Dovanna Zehr
- 25--Continuing mission focus on Bolivia in worship service



Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices during the worship service and Sunday School hour to reduce distractions from worship.

The next congregational **prayer gathering** about the future of the church expansion in ministry/building will be held on Thursday evening, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Please come to the SCMC Coffeehouse on Friday Jan. 9th at 7 pm! Bring and share: board games, snacks, your poems and songs and theatrical talent. Come and join in as Chris Whitney leads us in theater improv, read your poems, and try your hand (or voice?) at karaoke if we can borrow a machine.

VMM *tranSenders*, Jared and Traci Stoltzfus serving in Santiago, Guatemala, interact with people who are seeking ecologically sound water supplies and with persons volunteering in the local hospital. Thank God for their persistence in doing good work every day.

ADDICTIONS DOCUMENTARY ON ABC-TV. A documentary on addictions produced by Mennonite Media will air on ABC-TV from Jan. 4 to Feb. 15, 2009 at the discretion of local TV stations. Finding Hope in Recovery: Families Living with Addiction tells challenging and heartbreaking stories of families facing addictions and traveling the stages of recovery—and setback. For airing schedule, click “Airing Dates” at FindingHopeInRecovery.com (more dates will be added after Dec. 22).

Last Sunday
Offering: Worship service: \$1585.25 (under budget -\$1490.37)
 Sunday School: not held
Attendance: Worship service: 35
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Building fund: \$2853.00