

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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With humanly scandalous remedies, God provides healing and hope in the midst of death and despair. We respond in trust, looking to God to restore us in times of trouble.

Gathering song: May The Words Of My Mouth

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Worship in Song: Longing for Light (#54, Sing the Journey)

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (#95, STJ)
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (#577, Blue Hymnal)
Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us (#352, Blue Hymnal)
My Faith Looks Up To Thee (#565, Blue Hymnal)

Offering

Children's time Confession

Theme song - STJ #29 You are all we have
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

Hearing the Word

Scripture - OT Numbers 21:4-9
NT John 3:14-21

Sermon: God restores in the midst of despair

Responding:

Song of Response: Amazing Grace (#143, Blue Hymnal; verses 1,2,3,6)

Sharing & Praying with each other

"In our hearts, in our words, in our thoughts, in all we do, we praise you, O Lord."

Announcements

Sending song: If You But Trust In God (#576, Blue Hymnal)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Sandra Snodgrass Pianist: Ron Snodgrass
Greeters: Monica Carr Usher: Bill Hoffman
Children's Church: Groveen/Rebecca Next Week: David/Nicole

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

March

Today- Pot luck luncheon for Horsts'
23 - Congregational Care Commission Meeting at 10:00am
25 - Korean Church Prayer Support Team at 7:00pm
26-Church prayer meeting at 7:00pm
26—SCMC scheduled to help at 5:00 pm at Soup night, Mkt St. UMC
27--SCMC gym night at Evendale Elementary 7—9 pm; basketball & Volleyball are possible activities.

April

2 - Stephens City Pastor's Fellowship
6 - Northern District Pastor's Meeting
7—Service and Witness Commission @ 7pm
9 - Agape Meal @ 6:00 p.m.
10 - Stephens City Community Good Friday Walk at 12:00 noon
11--Men's Breakfast @ 7 am
12 - Easter Sunrise service at 7:00am
14—Church Council mtg@ 7 pm
18—Church Bike Hike
29 - Christian Education Commission @ 7:00 p.m.

In your mailbox today is a TheMennonite subscription form. If you wish to subscribe or renew, please complete and return with \$10.00 to the box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Kelly and Bob Phillips will lead bikers on a 20-mile round trip bike hike beginning at Hancock MD on Saturday, April 18th, start time TBA. Get your bikes ready now!

Attention Parents! This is a reminder to register your children for summer camp by March 31st to receive the best discount. You can register at www.highlandretreat.org or call 540-852-3226 for a brochure.

Attention College Students... Trying to make plans for summer employment? You are invited to attend a FREE college weekend at Highland Retreat April 3-5, 2009. The purpose of this weekend is to introduce you to our summer youth camping program while seeking summer staff. Some things to expect: home style meals, get an inside look at summer camp, challenge course, good fellowship!

Thank God for the Hall family from Pa., serving with the Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago for 3 months. They are giving piano and guitar lessons and assisting with worship. May God use these interactions to build the Church.

EMU and EMS are offering Lent devotions online. Visit www.emu.edu/devotions and sign-up to receive them by email.

Please turn off cell phones and electronic devices during Sunday School and worship.

Last Sunday: Offering: Worship service: \$ (under budget--\$)
Sunday School: \$
Attendance: Worship service: 42
Sunday School: 32
Building fund: \$3353.00