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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We find comfort and strength in God.

Gathering songs
- Black Book 15: The storm is passing over
- Black Book 42: Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Prelude
Welcome & prayer
Worship in Song
- HAWB 330: I believe in God
- HAWB 342: At the name of Jesus
- HAWB 334: Christ is the world's true light

Children's time
Offering
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Sermon: Standing Firm in Faith
Songs of Response
- HAWB 333: Christ, who is in the form of God
- HAWB 228: Our Father who art in heaven

Reflection questions:
How does the church assert a firm foundation in this post-modern world where nothing seems certain? As the body of Christ, how does the church express God's grace and faithfulness to those outside its walls?

Prayers of the congregation
Announcements
Sending song: Black Book pocket: In the beginning was the Word
Benediction

Worship Leader: Mike Spory Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: David Gonzol Pianist: Sandra Snodgrass
Greeters: Ben Rosenberger Usher: Irvin Heishman
Children's Church: Groveen/Anna Next week: Malinda/Rebecca

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

August
18 - Worship commission meeting at 7:00pm
27—SCMC serving at soup kitchen, 5pm @ Market St. Methodist Church

September
4-6 - Church retreat at Highland Retreat
9-- Executive Council
16 - MST for Korean ministry
30—Service and Witness Commission, 7pm

Prayer meeting each Tuesday morning at 6 am in the church basement

The annual ABBA reception is to be held Sept. 25th at Fellowship Bible Church at 7 pm. Stephen Mansfield is the speaker. Please see Monica Carr for a table spot.

Register now for Laurelville's Music and Worship September Training, September 11-13, 2009. This training is designed for music leaders, accompanists and worship leaders both new and experienced who hope to grow, deepen or explore their gifts. Registration forms are available at www.laurelville.org or call 800-839-1021. Registration for the January 8-10, 2010 Music and Worship Leaders Retreat begins 9/14. Participants in the September Training will be eligible to register early.

Mark your calendars for the **Mennonite Women of Virginia Fall Retreat**, November 13-15, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Express, Richmond-Koger South. Call for Hotel Reservations: 1-800-282-0244

Please sign up at the back table for our church retreat at Highland in early September.

The Centro Koinonia congregation from Bari, Italy, is participating in a family camp at a mountain retreat. For some of the members, it's the first time they are experiencing a Christian camp. Pray that God strengthens their faith and commitment in this event.

Last Sunday:
Offering: Worship service: $1,478 (under budget--$3009.61)
Sunday School: $13.75
Attendance: Worship service: 45
Sunday School: 34
Building fund: $4003