# *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 are encouraged by the faithful living of Bible heroes.

Gathering song
Prelude
Welcome & Prayer
Call to worship
Worship in song:
Children's time
Offering
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-12:2
Sermon: The cloud of witnesses
Reflection questions: How have the saints of the congregation (past and present) shaped the community? How are we encouraged in our faithfulness by earlier generations?
Response:

Recognizing all children and teachers preparing to go to school

Sharing & Praying with each other
Announcements
MC USA Health Care Next Step

Sending song
Benediction

Worship Leader: Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Pat Spory Pianist: Beth Whitney
Greeters: Bill Hoffman Usher: Rick Heisey
Children's Church: Malinda/Rebecca Next week: Audrey/Nicole

## Meetings and Opportunities for Service

**August**

27—SCMC serving at soup kitchen, 5pm @ Market St. Methodist Church
27 @ 6:30 - Parish Nurses(Health Fair) meeting

**September**

4-6 - Church retreat at Highland Retreat
9-- Executive Council@7 pm
12-Men's breakfast meeting@7 am
16 - MST for Korean ministry
24—SCMC youth serving at soup kitchen, Mkt. St. UMC @5 pm
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.

The pastors will be attending the Perspective class at EMS on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 10:00 beginning Sept. 1 - Dec. 8.

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

Today Rodney & Lindsey Nice are being commissioned for service with the Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. They and their children will be going there in early September. Bless them with your prayer and financial support.

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

**Last Sunday**: Offering: Worship service: $1201 (under budget--$3639.92)
Sunday School: $9.00
Attendance: Worship service: 32
Sunday School: 27
Building fund: $4003