

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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The anticipation of God's "bursting in" means we must be ready. God's agenda is radical: it brings down what was high and lifts up what was low. God's light will guide us in continuing along the path of peace, a path fulfilled by God's coming.

Gathering song
Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Prayer
Worship in Song
Luke 3:1-6 - Phoebe Hershey
Candlelighting - Advent 2
Offering
Children's time
(children ages 2-5) are dismissed)

Keynote text - Luke 1:68-79 - Rick and Nancy Heisey
Text of Hope - Philippians 1:3-11 - Denny and Eunice
Sermon - Get ready! God calls us to choose the path of peace
Song of Response
Litany of Response
Prayers of the people
Announcement
Sending song
Benediction

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Joan Kulp Pianist: Anna Grant
Greeter: Irvin and Ann Heishman Usher: Rick Heisey
Children's Church: Linda/Anna Next Week: Carol/Sarah

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

December

- 10 - Service & Witness Commission @ 7:00 p.m.
- 12 - Men's breakfast @ 7:00p.m.
- 13 - Congregational Care Commission @ 7:30 p.m
- 13- Youth have Lunch out after church then It's A Wonderful Life play
- 16 - Korean Church Ministry Support Team meeting at 7:00pm
- 17- Youth Xmas Party at Doug and Darcy's 6:30 - 9:30 pm
- 17 - Our church gathers to pray at 7:00pm
- 20 - Christmas caroling@ 1:30 pm after lunch—see below
- 24 - Christmas eve celebration at 7:00pm

January

23-24 - Annual missions festival

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



Our church will Christmas carol at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 20 to five elderly couples suggested by social services. A gifts box for each couple is under the tree for food and hygiene items. We will have lunch together before leaving. Please bring a can of vegetable soup and a side dish.

Joanne Thompson will be beginning a puppet ministry here at SCMC in the next couple of weeks. If you have a puppet or two you can donate to this ministry please see Joanne.

Thanks to Crystal Musser and her sister Sheri and Dung X. Nguyen for preparing the Visual Elements for our worship space for Advent this year. The visuals are intended to evoke the Christmas star theme and also capture the vastness of space and time in which God operates.

The final two performances of DOVETALE, the Christmas story performed by Ted & Company TheaterWorks, will take place at the Eastern Mennonite School Auditorium, Harrisonburg on Dec. 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m. Actors are Ted Swartz, Ingrid De Sanctis and Trent Wagler. DOVETALE is appropriate for all ages. Advance tickets (a reserved section seat) are available by calling 540-833-6710. General admission tickets will also be available at the door. All tickets are \$10.

Last Sunday: Offering: Worship service: \$1387.03 YTD budget: +\$977.59
Sunday School: \$4.00
Attendance: Worship service: 52
Sunday School: 39
Building fund: \$4780.50