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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God's turning us around toward right living is our salvation. This is not a reason for anxiety; it is reason to celebrate. When we live and walk in peace and justice, God triumphs gloriously over the powers of oppression and fear.

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

Hearing the Word - Read by David and Karen Gonzol
Keynote text: Luke 3:7-18
Text of Hope: Isaiah 12:2-6
Sermon: Rejoice! God comes in mercy to turn us around

Song of Response
Litany of Response
Prayers of the People
Announcements
Sending Song
Benediction

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Pat Spory Pianist: Beth Whitney
Greeter: Craig Kleman Usher: Darcy ZehrVogt
Children's Church: Carol/Sarah Next Week: Groveen/Rebecca

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

December

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.

On December 27th we will have breakfast together at 9:30 am and will not have Sunday School that day. Please bring a food to share.

Jared Heisey would welcome your Christmas cards, pictures, or any notes you wish to send. Please write him at: 141 Fort Collier Road, Winchester, VA, 22603. So that he may have your return address to respond to you, please write it rather than using a label.

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.

Today the Maranatha School for the Deaf in rural Jamaica celebrates Christmas with a program attended by family and community members. Thank God for the staff and for VMM workers Rodney & Lindsey Nice who have worked hard to prepare for this event, and thank God for the sponsors who have sent gifts to bless the students.

Last Sunday: Offering: Worship service: $1450 YTD budget: +$720
Sunday School: $5.45
Attendance: Worship service: 50
Sunday School: 40
Building fund: $4780.50