

THE

FELLOWSHIP INFORMER

Stephens City Mennonite Church
March 2009

Worship Schedule

Lent 2009: Our Lives are in Your Hands

March 1 – God provides for creation

Gen. 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

March 8 – God blesses for service

Gen. 17:1-7; Mark 8:31-38

March 15 – God overturns human wisdom

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

March 22 – God restores in the midst of despair

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

March 29 – God leads from failure to life

Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

April 5 – Palm Sunday- God rules in humility

Mark 11:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11

Agape Meal @ 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2009

Please join us for communion and footwashing/
handwashing. The breaking of bread is the making present
of Christ's story as well as our own. It is in this life that is
taken, blessed, broken, and given that Jesus Christ wants
to make us participants.

John 6:35-58

Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life
is fed, renewed and greatly comforted.

Become the never failing wine, the spring of joy that shall
incline our hearts to bear the covenant sign.

May Christians all with one accord unite around the scared
board to praise your holy name, O Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2009

Theme: WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD

Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.

Egg Hunt - 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education Hour - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Hour - 10:30 a.m.

If you have a song offering you want to bring to the Easter
worship service please speak to one of the worship
commission members (David Gonzol, Sandra Snodgrass,
Joan Kulp)

Just as entering **prayer is**
a **breaking of bondage**
to the cultural gospel, so
also the fruit of **prayer**
is an empowering of
the person in freedom,
discipline and commitment
to stand before
the gods of culture
and yet to live
otherwise.



John Francis Kilmurray

Lent. A Season for Prayer.

As a Christian Educator @ SCMC you are invited to a
Mini Retreat for Soul Care on Saturday, March 21,
2009 – 8:30-10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided.

The theme is **LEAD ME TO THE ROCK.**

Jesus, Rock of Ages,
let me hide myself in thee.

Jesus, living Water,
let me drink from your flowing stream.

EASY MONEY

Are you aware that you can help raise money for the church's Capital Improvement Fund just by buying groceries and gas? Buying groceries and gas is something that we all do, and at the same time you could be helping our Capital Improvement Fund grow.

This is how it works. Martins and Food Lion have gift cards which we buy to use in purchasing groceries and gas. Martins and Food Lion only charges us 95% of the value of the gift card and the other 5% goes into our Capital Improvement Fund. Some families have already been buying the gift cards and during the months of December and January our church raised \$306.25.

Eunice Myers has gift cards with her on Sunday mornings. She normally has cards of \$100 value. If you want a smaller denomination, just let her know. The best way this works is to email Eunice at djemmyers@verizon.net before Sunday and she will come with the cards. You just need to write a check made out to Stephens City Mennonite Church. If you have any questions, just give Eunice a call at 869-6852.

If all of us use these gift cards to purchase our groceries and gas, we can have the funds we need to make capital improvements. You can also sell them to your neighbors and friends. It requires little effort. Once you get in the habit of purchasing the gift cards, I believe that you will enjoy the convenience of it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3: Anna Snodgrass
- 5: Robert Phillips
- 7: Carlin Kulp
- 7: Gemma Snodgrass
- 9: Groveen Neff
- 10: Luke Drescher
- 10: Audrey See
- 12: *Craig and Sheri Reed*
- 13: Ben Spory
- 15: Lloyd Horst
- 18: Ben Fleming
- 18: Colleen Neff
- 25: Daniel Garcia
- 26: Chrissy Neff
- 31: Floyd Kulp

Vacation Bible School

It's that time again! Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! It is going to take a lot of help to make this all go smoothly. There will be more information coming soon concerning the the date (sometime in June) and times of Bible School. If you are willing to help one day or all week please let me know. We need group leaders, activity leaders, and people to do the skit. I would like to keep the skit to youth age and above if I have enough willing to do it.

Thanks,
Malinda Kleman

LENT

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

May Our Lord
grant us all the
graces we need and desire.



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