

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 have hoped for and celebrated God bursting into our reality through God's incarnation in Jesus. Now the body of Christ, the church, is called to "break out" and live into its cosmic vocation. God works through the unexpected and is recognized by foreign magi. Once more the humble, local and particular reveal God's cosmic, epic, and universal activity.

Gathering songs

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Worship in Song

Candlelighting

Offering

Children's time

(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

Hearing the Word

Keynote text: Ephesians 3:1-12

Text of hope" Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon: Arise! Shine! Reveal the mystery!

Song of Response

Prayers of the people

Announcements

Song of Sending

Benediction

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Joan Kulp Pianist: Anna Grant
Greeter: Ken Blauch Usher: Irvin Heishman
Children's Church: Audrey/Anna Next Week:

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

January

- 4 - Service and witness commission at 7:00pm
- 7 - Our church gathers to pray at 7:00pm
- 9—men's breakfast at 7 am
- 9—coffeehouse, theater improv games 7-10 pm
- 10 - Ekklesia Sunday
- 10—brief congregational meeting re WATTS following worship service
- 11 - Northern District Council meeting at Valley View Church
- 12 - Congregation Care Commission meeting at 7:30am
- 17 - Communion
- 18 - Christian Education Commission meeting at 7:00pm
- 19 - Special events Committee meeting at 7:00pm
- 21 - Our church gathers to pray at 7:00pm
- 23-24 - Annual missions festival
- 28--youth serving at soup kitchen 5:30 pm
- 28 - Worship Commission Meeting at 7:00pm
- 31 - Our Overseer Mike Shenk will preach

February

- 7—Souper Bowl lunch



The social events committee has planned a coffeehouse gathering next Saturday at the church at 7 pm. Coffee will be provided but you may wish to bring flavorings for the coffee or other drinks and snacks to share. Please plan to join in (or enthusiastically watch!) the theater improvisation activity led by Chris Whitney.

The Service and Witness Commission with the approval of Church Council is holding a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan 10 immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the WATTS project that we are participating in to help shelter the homeless this winter. Specifically, we have been asked if we are willing to host a homeless family at our church if the need should arise for the week we have committed to help with this project. That week is from Monday, Feb. 1 to Monday, Feb. 8. It would involve the family being at the church from 6:30 in the evening until 7:30 the next morning. We would provide dinner and breakfast and have someone there with them the entire time.

Last Sunday: Offering: Worship service: \$3247 YTD budget: +298.22
Sunday School: n/a
Attendance: Worship service: 33
Sunday School: not held
Building fund: \$5280.50