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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Even in deep darkness, our sheltering God holds us. We release our grip on earthly things and open ourselves to God's transformation.

Gathering song
Prelude
Welcome & Prayer
Call to Worship

HOLDING ON
Affirmation of faith - HWB 711
Worship in Song
Offering
Children's time
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

HEARING GOD'S WORD
Reader's theater - (based on Gen 15; Psa 27, Philippians 3, Luke 13)
Scripture Reading - Philippians 3:17-4:1
HWB #517 v.2 - Open my eyes that I may see
Sermon: If you don't like the dark, turn on the Light
Song of Response

LETTING GO
Confession
Assurance- HWB 707
sharing and praying with each other
Announcements

SENDING song
Sending words

Worship Leader: Joan Kulp Sermon: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Sandra Snodgrass Pianist: Ron Snodgrass
Greeter: Carol Lazer Usher: Irvin Heishman
Children's Church: Linda/Rebecca Next Week:

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

March
2 - Special Events Committee at 7:00pm
4 - Our church gathers to pray at 7:00pm
5-7 - Virginia Mennonite Conference Men's retreat
9 - -Congregational Care Commission at 7:30am
13 - Men's breakfast @ 7 am
23—Simply in Season session, 7 pm
24—congregational meeting @7 pm
25—youth assist at soup kitchen, 5 pm at Mkt. St. UMC
30—Simply in Season Session, 7 pm

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

We will have a congregational meeting March 24th to review information presented by the buildings and grounds committee on possible expansion of the church building.

Please reserve Saturday evening, March 20 for a presentation by the mission team that went to "City of Hope" last August.

Christian Education is sponsoring a six session series entitled **Simply in Season.** The first session is on March 23 at 7:00p.m. It is a journey toward meaningful eating. What is the story behind the food we eat?

VEFC is collecting used books for our annual booksale on April 9-10 at Calvary Church of the Brethren. Please see Pat Spory if you wish to donate books.

VMRC will host Glen E. Miller, M.D., 2 p.m., March 2 for "Empowering the Patient," a presentation on how consumers can reduce the costs of their healthcare and improve its quality. The presentation is free and will be in Detwiler Auditorium in VMRC's Corporate Center, 1501 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg, VA."

Irvin and Ann Heishman have scheduled an auction at their home on June 9th to liquidate some personal items and are designating a portion of the proceeds for our church. They invite the congregation to donate good quality items with 100% of proceeds going to SCMC. Interested persons should discuss possible items with Irvin and Ann prior to putting them in the auction. Proceeds will go to replace church windows and for a furnace repair/upgrade. They also welcome a group from SCMC to provide a food stand. Reserve the date. Please direct questions to one of the Stewardship and Finance Commission members, Irvin, Denny, or Mike.

Last week: Offering: Worship service: $2095.00YTD budget: - 643.15
Sunday School: $5.00
Attendance: Worship service: 57
Sunday School: 43
Building fund: $5280.50 Haiti relief kits: $565