

**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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When we resist God, attached to our own way, we find ourselves wasting  
away in silence. When we see ourselves as God sees us, love is ours.

GATHERING song:      HAWB 515: Jesus, Rock of ages  
Prelude  
Welcome & Prayer  
Call to Worship

HOLDING ON  
Worship in Song      BB#1: The Gathering, "Out of need  
Silent prayer  
HAWB 531: Ah, what shame I have to bear  
HAWB 503: Come, O thou Traveler unknown

Offering  
Children's time  
(children ages 2-5 are dismissed)

HEARING GOD'S WORD  
Reader's Theater ( based on Luke 15)  
Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
HWB #517 v4 - Open my eyes that I may see  
Sermon: Stop messin' with my religion!

LETTING GO  
Confession  
Assurance  
Theme song: God fill me now  
Sharing and Praying with each other  
Announcements

SENDING song: Black Book # 57: The Gathering, "How can we part"  
Sending words

Worship Leader: Joan Kulp Sermon: Jim Musser  
Song Leader: David Gonzol Pianist: Sandra Snodgrass  
Greeter: Carol Lazer Usher: Bill Hoffman  
Children's Church: Groveen/Rebecca Next Week: Joanne/Nicole

**Meetings and Opportunities for Service**

**March**

18 - Our church gathers for prayer at 7:00pm  
20 - City of Hope missions team presentation; meal begins at 5:30 pm  
23—Simply in Season session, 7 pm  
24—congregational meeting @7 pm  
25—youth assist at soup kitchen, 5 pm at Mkt. St. UMC  
28—James Rhee's ordination at 2 pm  
29 - Christian Education Commission @ 7:00pm  
30 - Worship Commission meeting @ 7:00 pm

**April**

1 - Agape meal - communion & footwashing  
4 - Sunrise service & Easter breakfast  
10—Game Show with Teens and Parents 7—10 pm  
11 - Ekklesia Sunday

Prayer gathering each Tuesday morning at SCMC, 6 am.

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

Our congregation is invited to attend the ordination of Pastor, James Rhee of the Korean Church on Sunday afternoon, March 28, at 2:00pm

Please reserve Saturday evening, March 20 for a presentation by the mission team that went to "City of Hope" last August. Sign up in the back to join in the East African meal at 5:30 pm. Recipes provided.

Christian Education is sponsoring a monthly 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?

The pastors will attend an Alban Institute leadership conference, March 16-18. Please direct pastoral matters to the elders.

Irvin and Ann Heishman have scheduled an auction at their home on June 19<sup>th</sup>. They invite the congregation to donate good quality items with proceeds going to SCMC. Interested persons should discuss possible items with Irvin and Ann prior to putting them in the auction.

In this time of uncertainty, this course, **Financial Planning for a New Decade**, can help you learn the fundamentals of financial planning with a focus on some of the unique opportunities that will be available in 2010. This workshop is offered by **Chad Hatter, JR Showalter, and Stuart Hatter** from Weaver Insurance and Financial Advisors, as part of MMA's March 20, 2010, Stewardship University event at Springdale Mennonite Church, Waynesboro, Va. Another course offered: **Estate Planning: What Must You Know** offered by **Joseph L. Lapp, JD**, MMA church relations manager. For more information or to register, contact Sue Guengerich at MMA at (540) 437-7422 or (800) 442-7930, or e-mail her at sue.guengerich@mmapartners.org. Or visit our Web site (www.StewardshipUniversity.org).

Last week:      Offering:      Worship service: \$1933 YTD budget: - \$70.64  
Sunday School: \$7.61  
Attendance:      Worship service:  
Sunday School:  
Building fund: \$5530.50