

**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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What we once prized seems like trash compared to an intimate relationship with God. Relinquishing our self-justifying ways, we pour ourselves out as gift.

Gathering songs:      HAWB #41 Come, Thou Almighty King; May the Words  
Prelude  
Welcome & Prayer  
Call to Worship

**HOLDING ON**

Worship in Song      (overhead) In Christ Alone  
STJ 96 I'm Pressing on the Upward Way  
HAWB #139 Far Far Away  
HAWB #522 My Jesus, I love Thee

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

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Mary's monologue (based on John 12)  
Scripture text: Philippians 3:4b-14  
HAWB #517 Open my eyes that I may see  
Sermon; If you stand on your head, everything looks right

**LETTING GO**

Confession  
Assurance  
Theme song: God fill me now  
Sharing and Praying with each other  
Announcements  
SENDING song:      Knowing You, Jesus  
Sending words

Worship Leader: Joan Kulp Sermon: Jim Musser  
Song Leader: Pat Spory Pianist: Beth Whitney  
Greeter: Monica Carr Usher:  
Children's Church: Joanne/Nicole Next Week: Audrey/Anna

**Meetings and Opportunities for Service**

**March**

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  
22—Youth assist at soup kitchen, 5 pm at Mkt. St. UMC

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

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?

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.

**Save the date for Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly 2010!** Assembly will be held at NC State University in Raleigh, North Carolina on June 24-26, 2010 You won't want to miss this event, featuring Stanley Hauerwas, Isaac Villegas, Jennifer Davis Sensenig, and others speaking on the theme of "Jesus: God's Love Made Flesh." Various activities for children, youth, and adults (delegates and non-delegates alike) are planned. VMC's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be commemorated. Plan now to attend and watch for more information. Registration will be available by April 10.

The Center for Justice & Peacebuilding and Ted & Company TheaterWorks will present "**I'd Like to Buy an Enemy**" – a hilarious, poignant, thought-provoking new show exploring peace and justice issues – on Monday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. in Lehman Auditorium on the EMU campus. The play stars Ted Swartz and Trent Wagler along with Pete Nelson. Tickets are available at the door only for \$12/adults; \$6/students. Call 540-574-4877 for more information.

Last week:      Offering:      Worship service: \$647 YTD budg-1139.50et:  
Sunday School: \$2.00  
Attendance:      Worship service:54  
Sunday School: 38  
Building fund: \$5530.50