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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The Sabbath is a gift to us to slow us down and invite us to experience God's rest.

Gathering songs: STJ 22 - By the waters of Babylon; STS 45 - Calm me Lord
Prelude
Welcome
Opening Prayer
Call to worship
Worship in Song: HWB 533 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind
STS 48 - Come unto me
HWB 594 - Lord, you sometimes speak
HWB 5 - There is a place of quiet rest
HWB 491 - Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Offering
Children's time
(children dismissed for Children's Church)

Hearing the Word
Scripture text: Ex. 20:8-11, Matthew 11:28-29
Sermon: SABBATH: A Gift for our time

Responding to the word
Song of Response: HWB 557 - O God in restless living
Community Life sharing
Praying with each other

Sending
Song: HWB 656 - Savior, again to your dear name we raise

Worship Leader: Phoebe Hershey Speaker: Jim Musser
Song Leader: Joan Kulp Pianist: Beth Whitney Sound: Wayne Rosenberger
Greeters: Usher: John Lazer
Children's Church: Sarah & Brad Next Week: Malinda

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

February
1 - Prayer gathering at 7:00 pm
2 - Stephens City pastors fellowship
4 - Virginia Mennonite Conference winter delegate session
4 - Missions dinner at 6:00pm with speakers Phil and Betsy Rhodes
5 - Phil and Betsy Rhodes speaking
6 - Northern District council meeting at New Song Fellowship
16 - Congregational Care Commission @ 9:00 a.m.
20 - Worship Commission
23 - Executive Church Council meeting @ 7 pm

The Service and Witness Commission has planned our annual missions weekend for February 4-5 with Phil and Betsy Rhodes who recently returned from a mission assignment in Israel and Palestine. Phil is currently director at Our Community Place (OCP) in Harrisonburg. On Saturday evening Feb. 4th at 6:00pm we will have a pot luck meal and Phil will share about the ministry of OCP where they minister to people who stop in by providing jobs, meals, clothing and much more. On Sunday morning they will share about Nazareth Village and the Jesus Trail in Israel and Palestine. Please sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary if you plan to attend. Please bring any kind of dish to share.

Sabbath is a sign of God's benevolent desire for the world. By observing the blessed sabbath, the world expresses gratitude to the god who calls us into flourishing life. Richard Lowery, Sabbath and Jubilee

Thank you to each one of you who helped supply food for the Bags of Love. They were taken to the school last Thursday to be handed out to the families for the week-end.
The AED that was donated to SCMC is installed inside the Library, and a special thank-you was sent to The Winchester Medical Center Foundation, a non-profit organization, for this generous donation.

If you are a guest you are invited to fill out the welcome brochure given to you by the greeter and place it in the offering plate. If you wish to learn more about our congregation and church membership, you may speak with the pastor following worship or call the church office at 869-5037. In the bulletin if you see HWB - that is the blue hymn book, NCH - is the brown hymn book, STJ - The green supplement, STS is the purple supplement.

The church bi-monthly prayer gathering will become a monthly gathering on the first Wednesday of each month beginning February 1.

The Worship Commission continues to seek pianists and sound system operators for services.

Last week Offering: Worship service: $1328 Over/ Under Budget: (+$ 1140.61)
Sunday School: $0
Attendance: Worship service: 41
Sunday School: 25