



Stephens City United Methodist Church

Welcoming ~ Jesus-Centered ~ Mission-Oriented

THE MESSENGER

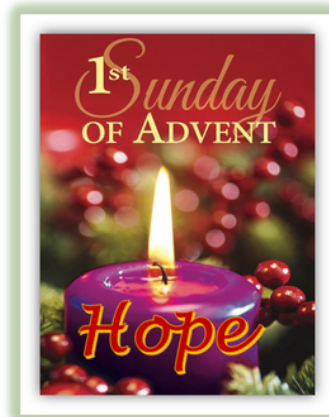
NOVEMBER 26, 2025

This Week's Worship

First Sunday of Advent ~ Hope

[Matthew 24: 36-44.](#)

[Please sign-up to read scripture](#)



November 30, 2025
10:00 AM Worship
Bulletin

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WORSHIP

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Worship Road ahead](#)

The Adult Sunday School class meets week at 8:45 – 9:45 in Room 200. The current study, taught by Christy Wintrode, is on Jesus's parables, using a book by Josh Scott, Parables – Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place. November 23, Joe Staggs will also present lessons from The History and Archaeology of the Bible. Starting November 30, the Advent study is A Child is Born by Amy- Jill Levine.

The **SCUMC Online Prayer Group** meets the [FIRST](#) and [THIRD](#) Wednesdays of the month via Zoom for a time of intercessory prayer. Click the links to join.



Jesus' Birthday Party [December 5th]~
for children in 1st through 5th grade
and their parents. We will provide pizza
and popcorn, watch a Christmas themed
movie, and read the Christmas story
together. And, of course, there will be
birthday cake. Click this link to register
by Wednesday December 3rd for food
planning purposes.



Attention Ladies. Mark Your Calendars: United Women in Faith (UWF) Christmas Gathering will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 am in the Gathering Area. All Food Pantry Volunteers are also invited to attend. We will have a special speaker, wonderful music, mission awards, memorial gifts and of course refreshments. This event is guaranteed to get you into the Christmas Spirit. Also Secret Sisters will be revealed. Hope you can attend. Any questions please contact Debbie Jones, (540-409-8260) UWF President.

At 10 am, Sunday, Dec. 14, enjoy the ADVENT and CHRISTMAS Prelude and Worship with music by the Congregation, Chancel Choir, Soloists, Stephens City Ringers, String Quartet from Shenandoah University and Piano Duets.

Financial contributions in Honor and/or In Memory of loved ones are greatly appreciated!



Food Pantry

This past week, The Food Pantry served **64 families**, comprised of **225 individuals**. Thank you!

Contact Cookie Shank, Food Pantry Manager, at 540-313-5673 or email: foodpantry.scumc@outlook.com, for more information and how you can help.

Current Food Pantry needs:

Cereal	Peanut or Almond Butter
Canned Tuna or Chicken	Canned Soups, Stews, Chili
Canned Fruit	Canned Veggies
Canned or Dried Beans	Boxed Mac and Cheese
Pasta and Rice	Spaghetti Sauce



Family Promise ~Winchester Area provides critical support to local families experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, offering case management, rental support, and financial counseling. The organization has served more than 250 local families—preventing nearly 40 evictions and helping 70 families secure permanent housing.

You are warmly invited to attend the 2nd Annual Tacky Sweater Party on December 13, 2025, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided, and activities for the whole family, including ornament making, a hot cocoa station, a trivia contest, a silent auction, and of course, our Tacky Sweater Contest. Be sure to bring your dancing shoes, too, because Jump Alley will be providing music throughout the evening. The party is being generously hosted by Braddock Street UMC at 115 Wolfe Street, Winchester, VA 22601. For Tickets, [CLICK here.](#)

Take a moment to see what is happening with WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter). [Click here for their newsletter ~ WATTSup.](#)





Join us this winter for our Inside Out Winter Camp! We'll play camp games, sing camp songs, and have all the camp fun you can imagine; just Inside Out! Along with all of this fun, we'll learn about how we can take our Christian values and feelings and express them to people around us. We'll exemplify this through mission work and showing God's love to others. Check-in begins at 6:30 PM on Friday January 16th and pickup is at 1:30 PM on Sunday January 18th.

[Registration](#)

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**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Thank you Preschool and Daycare families for donating your Thanksgiving Food Drive to our Food Pantry



Christmas Poinsettias



Time to order your Christmas Poinsettia(s). The poinsettias are from Weber's Nursery and are 7" with foil lining. Each poinsettia costs \$20. Orders will be taken through Sunday, December 7th.

Poinsettia Color (Circle One): Red or White

Name of Giver: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

of poinsettias _____ x \$20.00 = Total: _____

UPCOMING MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK			NEXT WEEK		
Nov 30th		1st Sunday of Advent (HOPE)	Dec 7th		2nd Sunday of Advent (PEACE)
	8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)		8:45am	Sunday School (Rm 200)
	10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)		10:00am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)		6:00pm	Quilting Group (Rm 102)
Dec 1st	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Dec 8th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Grief Support Group (Rm 101)
Dec 2nd	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Dec 9th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution		11:00am	Food Pantry Distribution
				6:00pm	Lions Club (Fellowship Hall)
Dec 3rd	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Dec 10th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Prayer Group Meeting (via Zoom)		7:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
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Dec 4th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)	Dec 11th	8:00am	Seniors First SAAA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)		7:00pm	Apple Valley Ringers (Sanctuary)
Dec 5th	6:30pm	Jesus' Birthday Party (Fellowship Hall)	Dec 12th	10:00am	Caring Outreach (Rm 102)
Dec 6th	10:00am	UWF Christmas Gathering (Fellowship)	Dec 13th	10:00am	Staff Parish Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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