

STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
*Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
and Serving the World with Love.*
11:00 A.M. July 16, 2023

**Do What You Can:
The Story Of Queen Vashti**

Gathering Music

Prelude *How Majestic Is Your Name* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Life of the Church
A Minute for Mission

***Call to Worship**

One: Today, we consider Queen Vashti
Have we considered her a “hero” of the book of Esther?
She is fearless, brave, and full of integrity

Many: We see Esther’s heroism foreshadowed by Vashti
Two women, dealing in different ways to thwart abuse of power

One: Here, we see Vashti refuse to be paraded as an object
Vashti defies the king’s humiliating request
Her defiance and stand for dignity cost her her crown

Many: Vashti’s refusal shakes the king’s councils and the country
And her defiant exit opens the door for another strong woman
to step into the throne room

One: Today, we are invited to consider how power can lead to
overstepping boundaries

Many: We are invited to recognize and act when we see abuses of
power.

***Singing** *God of the Bible* Insert

Children’s Story Catherine S. Jennings

Special Video *Does Your Heart Break* - Work of the People

Scripture Reading *Esther 1:1-18*

Sermon *Do What You Can: The Story Of Queen Vashti*

***Singing** *Beauty For Brokenness* Insert

Sharing and Prayer

Offertory *Blessed Assurance* Dale Wood

***Singing** *Will You Come And Follow Me* Insert

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Toccata in Seven* John Rutter

**CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS PEACEFULLY,
SIMPLY, TOGETHER**

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Ministers: All God’s People **Gathering Music:** Debbie Landes

Worship Leader: Amy Farthing

Director of Music: David MacMillan **Organist:** Gaylon Hevener

Ushers: Don Crickenberger, Larry Adams, Scott & Sally Shomo, Wyatt Shomo

Nursery Workers: Debbie Clark and Phyllis Lunsford

Caregiving Team Members: Bruce Bowman, Bryan and Ferral Quick, Gail Gregory, Marilyn Garber, Pat Phillips, Ernie and Debbie Landes, and John Wampler

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Pray for Alice Patler, Mary Cline, Matthew Lane, Delmer Botkin, Melba Cline, Judy Zdinak, Cleo Simmons, Sue Whisman, Phyllis Lunsford, Charlotte Kennedy, Carrie and Jamie Smith, Norma Shoemaker, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Judy Cook, Cindi Spitzer, Fred Wilkerson, Jr., George Sullivan, Gaylon Hevener, Stanley Shackelford, Rosalie McLearn (Shenandoah Nursing), A.J. Sandridge, Jr., Nancy Gehr, Ray Leitch, husband of Anita Wilkerson Leitch (niece of Fred and Frances Wilkerson), and Mary Seay.

Continue praying for the people of Ukraine and all impacted by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

*Please contact the church office or the Pastor if you would like to add someone to the prayer list or to remove a name.

Our Church This Week

Wednesday: 12 noon – Sr. Adult meal/program

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – TOPS

Saturday: Church Workday

Attendances and Offerings, July 9, 2023

Sunday School – 55 Worship - 83

Needed Each Week: \$7,007.25

Offering: \$4,676.00 Memorials: \$165.00