

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
January 1, 2017

Please pray for Denise Goertzen (see note); and Kim & Fred Powell.

Pastor Denise will be out of the church office this week recovering from surgery to remove a bone spur from her foot. Please keep her in your prayers for quick healing.

The next two Sundays, Jan. 8 & 15, coin offerings will be collected in **baby bottles to benefit ComfortCare Women's Health**. Bottles are also available in the foyer if you would like to take them home to fill.

Men's Events:

- Coffee & Conversation this Tues., Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m., at Donuts Delight in Stuarts Draft;
- Men's Prayer Breakfast this Sat., Jan. 7, 7 a.m., at Springdale;
- Serving breakfast at Disciples' Kitchen this Sat., Jan. 7, 9 a.m.

Twenty-eight (28) infant kits were collected at our **Christmas Eve service**, and \$1,020.20 was received for WARM (Waynesboro Area Refugee Ministry). Blessings to all who helped with the service and/or donated in any way!

We will **celebrate communion** next Sunday morning, Jan. 8. Plan to participate in this special time together.

Our winter *School for Christian Living* (SFCL) sessions will begin on Wed., Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m., and will run each Wednesday evening through Feb. 22. Sessions will focus on "Baptism; Membership; Communion," and Pastor Kevin would like to begin each session with someone sharing a personal story related to the topic. If you would be willing to share briefly about your experience, please talk to him. Some ideas for what you might share related to your baptism, joining the church, or celebrating the Lord's Supper include: something you found especially meaningful; how that experience impacted your faith; what you wish could have been different; or how you experienced God in this event. Thank you for your participation. Check your church mailboxes for additional SFCL information.

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Menno Bucks Café will resume next Sun., Jan. 8, at 9 a.m., with a variety of breakfast foods and hot specialty drinks available!

Springdale has received **grants from Everence** to match donations made to WARM (\$1,000) and the Christian Housing Association (\$1,000)!

In light of the limited positive response to the normal monthly Springdale calendar, as well as the fact that Springdale activities are included each week in the Sunday bulletin, **a simpler calendar format is being explored** beginning in January. The calendar will include birthdays and anniversaries, but no activities. Responses to this new format should be directed to the church office.

The Mennonite Worship & Song Committee is inviting Mennonites to fill out a survey as this group embarks on a listening and study phase toward **developing a new hymnal collection** to be released in 2020. They are also calling for new and original content. You can find additional information at HymnalProject606.com, under the church mailboxes, or on the bulletin board.

A **history book of Springdale Mennonite Church**, written in 1997 and entitled Where the River Flows, is available for purchase from the church office. Paperbacks are \$10 and hard cover copies are \$15.

Springdale bulletins, announcements, upcoming activities, and audios of the sermons are **posted on the Springdale website each week**. Visit www.springdalemennonite.org for more information.

Spaces for the **Mennonite Disaster Service work trip** to the White Sulphur Springs area of West Virginia (Feb. 27-Mar. 3) are filling up! Please talk to Dave Mininger soon if you may be interested in participating.

The deadline to respond to the rewritten resolution on *Seeking Peace in Israel & Palestine* has been extended to Jan. 9. You can read the resolution/complete the feedback form at <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine/> or pick up the information in the church foyer.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

(Check Springdale's website for a full list of Conference announcements.)

- Thank-you letter from Love INC for our recent donation (\$250).
- Service opportunities through Mennonite Mission Network.
- Learning tour to Israel/Palestine, May 4-27.