Announcements Springdale Mennonite Church January 7, 2018

Please pray for members of the <u>Springdale Listening Team</u> (see note); and mission workers <u>Shawn & Laura Green</u> (celebrating their wedding anniversary today).

The following people have agreed to serve on the **Listening Team** during Springdale's Conflict Transformation Process: *Russ Laub, Carleen Layman, Ranita Shenk, Bertha Showalter and John Swartz.* They will begin meeting with consultant Barbara Robbins in the near future. Please cover these people and this process with your prayers.

Pastor Samuel Martinez, from **our sister church in El Salvador**, sent the following note: "Thank you very much sister (Nancy) for always maintaining that fraternal relationship and for the information of your activities that strengthen us and encourage us to move forward. May you also, and the Springdale congregation, have a happy new year full of peace and prosperity."

The beginning of the year is a good time to re-focus on our **personal Bible reading!** If you would like a Bible reading record to help you with this, please pick one up from the literature rack in the foyer!

Menno Bucks Café will continue at 9 a.m. each Sunday in January. You are invited each week for fellowship and hot specialty drinks/pastries served on a donation basis to benefit the Springdale youth.

Springdale **calendars for the month of January** are available in the literature rack.

The next **men's coffee & conversation gathering** will be held at the Goertzens' home this Tues., Jan. 9, at 8:30 a.m.

Our **coin offerings on Jan. 14 & 21** will be collected in baby bottles for ComfortCare Women's Health. Additional bottles are available in the church foyer if you would like to take one home to fill with coins.

Mark your calendars for the next **Congregational Prayer Gathering** which will be held on Wed., Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.

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Springdale will host the **WARM** (**Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry**) **thermal shelter** March 12-19. Please mark your calendars and be thinking of ways you can help!

CDs of Springdale worship services are available at the church mailboxes for you to take and listen to. If you decide to keep a CD, please place \$1 in the marked envelope. Also, you can listen to the scripture & message from each Sunday on Springdale's website at www.springdalemennonite.org.

Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus 2018: First practice is today at EMHS from 2:30-4:15 p.m. Practices are scheduled for subsequent Sunday afternoons in Jan. & Feb. with final concerts scheduled on Feb. 25. You are invited to join this group! (Come early for registration and to pay for your music: \$20 or \$10 for students.) For more information, contact Roman Miller at romanjaymiller@gmail.com.

Join Highland staff and friends on Sat., Feb. 17, at Eastern Mennonite High School for the **Highland Benefit Auction**. The auction helps subsidize camp tuition for all camper families and provides scholarships for families with greater need. Contact info@highlandretreat.org if you have something you would like to donate: a new item, service, collectible or baked good. See www.highlandretreat.org for additional details.



Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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

- New letter from the Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry.
- <u>Student Visitation Day</u> at Eastern Mennonite School for Grades 6-12, Mon., Jan. 15.
- <u>Pre-school parents' evening</u>, Jan. 30, 6 p.m., Eastern Mennonite Elementary School.
- <u>Voces8 concert</u>, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., EMHS. Advance tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/students & seniors (all tickets at the door will be \$20).