

**Announcements**  
**Springdale Mennonite Church**  
**January 8, 2017**

Please pray for Rachel Shenk (leaving Jan. 12 for her cross-cultural term in Guatemala & Colombia through EMU); and our high school and college students as they begin new semesters.

Coin offerings will be **collected in baby bottles** today and on Jan. 15 to benefit ComfortCare Women's Health. Bottles are also available in the foyer if you would like to take them home to fill.

**From Worship Commission:** A big thank-you to everyone who gave of their time and energy at Springdale in any way during the recent Advent season! May you be blessed as others were blessed through you!

“To Pastors Kevin and Denise and the rest of the Springdale family: **Thank you** so much for your prayers, visits, cards and emails during my recent loss of John Whitworth. Your support in these various ways has deeply touched my heart. Blessings and love to all of you.” - Carolyn See

JMYFers are invited to “**Pizza with the Pastors**” this Fri., Jan. 13, 6 - 8:30 p.m., at the Goertzens' home!!

***School for Christian Living:***

- 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!
- A **congregational meal** will be held each evening before the *School for Christian Living* sessions (please sign up in the foyer!); and **children's activities & nursery care** will be available during the sessions. The theme for the children's activities will be “God is With Us.”

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**Menno Bucks Café** will be held each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. through the end of January.

You are invited to **help sing at Augusta Health** next Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, 4-4:30, in the hospital atrium.

As we enter the season of possible **inclement weather**, please remember to check the church Prayer & Information Line (932-1862) or WHSV TV3 for information about cancellation of church services and activities.

If you would like to **take a meal to Fred & Kim Powell and family**, dates are open in February and March. Visit [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), use the password “kopowell,” and sign up for your chosen date. If you do not have email access, you may contact Nancy Stoll who will help you sign up.

Twenty-eight (28) infant kits were collected at our **Christmas Eve service**, and \$1,020.20 was received for the Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM)!

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

Are you interested in learning more about conflict transformation/facilitation and gaining tools for working and organizing in the community? The Center for Justice & Peacebuilding invites you to attend **SPI Community Day** on Feb. 17. Cost is \$50 for the full day, including lunch. Visit [www.emu.edu/cjp/spi/spicommunityday/](http://www.emu.edu/cjp/spi/spicommunityday/) for more information.

The Mennonite Worship & Song Committee is inviting you to fill out a survey as they embark on a listening/study phase toward **developing a new hymnal collection** to be released in 2020. They are also calling for new & original content. You can visit [HymnalProject606.com](http://HymnalProject606.com) or check under the church mailboxes or on the bulletin board for additional information.

**Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes**

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

- Thank-you letter from Paul Robbins and Advancing Native Missions for our recent donation of \$100 (Paul was our speaker during the fall *School for Christian Living* sessions).
- Volunteer and employment opportunities in Harrisonburg.
- Annual meeting of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, Feb. 3, 6 p.m., at Park View Mennonite Church.
- Volunteer Info. Night for ComfortCare Women's Health, Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m., Bridge Christian Church. Find out how you can make a difference in the lives of local women (flyers are under the mailboxes).