

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
January 15, 2017

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Invitations to help sing:

- At Augusta Health, today, at 4 p.m.;
- At The Meadows, next Sun., Jan. 22, at 9:30 a.m.

All men are invited to meet for coffee & conversation this Tues., Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m., at Donuts Delight in Stuarts Draft.

School for Christian Living:

- Our winter *School for Christian Living* (SFCL) **sessions will begin** this Wed., Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m., and will run each Wednesday evening through Feb. 22. The overall theme is “Baptism; Membership; Communion,” and the topic for this week is “What is Baptism?”
- 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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If you took a **baby bottle** home to fill with coins for ComfortCare Women’s Health, please return it to the church by Jan. 29. Thanks!

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

If you have one or more **red (cloth) rectangular table cloth(s)** to fit an eight-foot table, and are willing to loan it(them) to Tara Stoll for her wedding, please contact Nancy Stoll. Thanks!

Springdale will host the **WARM thermal shelter** Mar. 13-19. Please be thinking of ways you can help out that week!

Springdale will host “**Laughter is Sacred Space**,” a production of Ted & Company TheaterWorks, on Fri., May 19, at 7 p.m. This is a humorous & moving story of “*grief, loss & ultimately hope; a life full of paradoxes as Ted (Swartz) walks us through his journey working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder; and after his partner’s death, performing Biblical stories while experiencing the profound absence of God.*” Add’l information is available under the church mailboxes. Mark your calendars!

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.

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/ for more information.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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- A new letter from the Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry.
- A thank-you letter from Virginia Mennonite Missions for our recent donation (\$1,500).
- 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).
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