

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
January 22, 2017

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Save the Date! Springdale youth would like to invite you to a **Valentine Banquet** on Sat., Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.! This event is for everyone: singles, couples or families. (*Age-appropriate food & entertainment will be provided for younger children separately.*) The menu and tickets will be available next Sunday.

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

Don’t forget to **reserve your campsite** at Sherando Lake for Church Day Out in June! Our church service will be held on Sun., June 11, and you are invited to camp out any/all of that weekend. Visit www.recreation.gov; search for “Sherando Lake Recreation Area Family Camping;” click on “Sherando Lake Recreation Area Family Camping;” then click on “Facility Map” to bring up the various campsites. You are encouraged to select a site near the C10 site (reserved by the Goertzens). The cost is \$25/night/site.

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!

In case of **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.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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- An evening of worship with the White Hill Choir, today, 6 p.m., White Hill Church of the Brethren, Stuarts Draft.
- 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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