

**Announcements**  
**Springdale Mennonite Church**  
**February 26, 2017**

**Please pray for** Elaine Peruchini (recovering from exploratory surgery this past Friday); Donnie Kiblinger (recovering from a heart catheterization); Clinton & Sue Martin (see note); and MDS trip participants (see note).

Pastors Kevin & Denise will return this afternoon from a **Ministers' Retreat** in Williamsburg. We are happy to have Dale Humphries sharing the message with us this morning!

A meeting will be held in Room #2 today at noon for parents/students who will be involved in the 2017-2018 **Congregational Aid Plan**.

**Lent** is a 40-day period in the Christian calendar that provides a chance to step back and create space, offering opportunities for reflection and repentance. It is a time to renew our commitment to God's ways, emptying ourselves of what distracts us from hearing God's voice. Lent is also described as a wilderness where we face our brokenness. As part of the beginning of Lent, we will share in communion together during the worship service next Sunday morning.

**Clinton & Sue Martin** have moved to Stuarts Draft Christian Home. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of transition.

Please pray for Springdale folks participating in a **Mennonite Disaster Service work trip** this week to West Virginia: *Nelson Driver, Russ Laub, Dave Mininger, Alan Shenk, Ranita Shenk, John Swartz & Mim Wenger.*

Congratulations to Elijah Powell who has been named as a **National Merit Finalist!** (*The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships.*) The 15,000 finalists were selected from approximately 1.6 million entrants nationwide.

Springdale will host the **WARM thermal shelter** Mar. 13-20. Please sign up in the foyer to stay overnight or to help with food, cleaning, laundry, etc.

**Springdale calendars for March** are available to be picked up in the church literature rack. As a way to reduce waste, they will no longer be placed in each church mailbox.

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**Vacation Bible School** is coming up quickly! The Education Commission is looking for motivated/energetic folks to help plan, cook, run games or teach this year. If you have been wanting to become more involved with your church family, this is your opportunity! Interested? Contact Anna Parrish.

If you are interested in playing **church league softball**, please talk to Dave Mininger (men) or Mim Wenger (women).

Additional **volunteers are needed to operate the projector** during Sunday worship services. If you have interest, please contact Steve Mumbauer.

Please complete your Discerning Committee form regarding **ministry areas in which you may like to serve**, and place it in the white box in the foyer by next Sun., Mar. 5. Your input is very helpful! (Job descriptions are posted on the bulletin board for your reference.)

Sign up in the foyer today for "**The Art of Marriage**," a 6-session small group series designed for married and engaged couples in all seasons of life. The first session will be held on Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m., at the Goertzens' home.

Due primarily to fewer portrait sittings, Springdale has incurred a \$270 charge for the **new picture directories**. To contribute towards this expense, please give a donation to Ann Frank earmarked for "picture directories."

The **Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Dave Mininger serves as Springdale's Everence Advocate - please contact him for more information.

Copies of a **report from the recent VA Mennonite Conference Delegate Session** are available in the foyer.

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

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

- Annual Meat Canning, Feb. 27-Mar. 3, Hinton, Virginia.
- Job openings at Eastern Mennonite School, Eastern Mennonite University and other agencies in Harrisonburg.
- EMHS Senior Play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Mar. 2 (pay what you will), 3 & 4, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door (\$7/adults; \$5/students & senior citizens). *Elijah Powell is a member of this cast.*
- Redemptive Compassion training, March and April, Bridge Christian Church (sponsored by Love INC).
- Everence seminars for those who will be retiring soon - Harrisonburg.
- Thank-you letters for Springdale's donations to Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and Love INC.