

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
March 19, 2017

Please pray for Richard Showalter (skin cancer removal this Wed., Mar. 22); George Weaver's brother, Ray (hospice has been called in due to pancreatic cancer; prayers are requested, but no calls or visits at this time); Rachel Shenk (cross-cultural in Guatemala & Colombia); our WARM guests (the thermal shelter will conclude for the season at the end of March).

Third Sunday of Lent: Our bodies know the desperate need for water. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

The coin offerings during today's worship service will be used to fill an envelope for the **WARM Board Fundraiser**. This board will remain up in the church foyer through the end of March; all contributions are appreciated.

All men are invited to Donuts Delight this Tues., Mar. 21, at 8:30 a.m., for coffee and conversation!

Come and **sing with the residents at The Meadows** next Sun., Mar. 26, at 9:30 a.m.!

All ladies are invited to a "tea party" **bridal shower for Tara Stoll** next Sun., March 26, at 3 p.m., at Springdale! *Please sign up in the foyer if you will be able to attend.* Details were recently placed in church mailboxes.

Congregational Council has nominated Pastor Kevin and Darlene Koblick to serve as **Springdale's delegates at Orlando 2017**, Mennonite Church USA's convention this summer. If you have any affirmations, questions or concerns about these nominations, please talk to Mark Hochstedler.

Kerry Showalter is **selling mulch and running a 5K** as a fundraiser for Young Life to help him attend their camp this summer. Mulch is double-ground & will be delivered (not spread) to Augusta County folks on Apr. 8 (\$55/half-load; \$75/full load; \$125/two loads). Talk to Kerry or Lisa Showalter to order mulch or to donate towards the 5k run.

Please note the **letter on the bulletin board from Steven and Carol Blair** about their upcoming move to South Carolina to be nearer to Steven's dad.

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Posters for our upcoming "**Laughter is Sacred Space**" event are available in the foyer for you to take and post at your place of employment or other visible location. Thanks!

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community?

Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for the Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit www.MennoniteMission.net.

Financial Update (9/1/16-2/28/17)

Income	\$112,707
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$132,202</u>
Shortfall as of 2/28/17	\$ 19,495

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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

- Information regarding Mennonite Women USA events happening at the convention this summer.
- Brochures for summer camp at Highland Retreat.
- A letter from Ervin Stutzman regarding a different approach for the delegate sessions at this summer's MC USA Convention.
- A new letter from the Green family, mission workers in Italy.
- The March newsletter from Disciples' Kitchen.
- A new letter from the Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry.
- "How Can We Keep from Singing?" - a unity hymn-sing with songs of hope & peace, today, 7 p.m., Harrisonburg First Church of the Brethren.
- Holy & Beloved: "Compassionate Sanctuary," a gathering for women, Apr. 1, EMU, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; \$25 fee includes lunch/childcare.
- Schola Cantorum's performance of Brahms' "Requiem," Apr. 2, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, W'boro. Free admission. *Nelson Driver and Christine Fairfield are part of this group.*
- Celebrating Congregational Life, a one-day seminar (Apr. 29) for lay leaders/pastors, with workshops and keynote speaker Art McPhee.
- Family Fun Day at W'burg Christian Retreat Center, Apr. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Talk to Krista Powell with questions.
- Summer Peacebuilding Institute classes on trauma awareness, restorative justice, dignity, leadership, and peace education. For more information, visit www.emu.edu/spi.