

**Announcements**  
**Springdale Mennonite Church**  
**September 16, 2018**

**Please pray** for Kerry Showalter, who will undergo surgery for a torn ACL this Thurs., Sept. 20.

You are invited to **help sing at Augusta Health** today at 4 p.m.

Don't forget the **Southern District Family Fun Day** today, 1-4 p.m., at W'boro M. C., including games and a potluck lunch at 1:15 (hot dogs/drinks provided). In case of bad weather, the event will be moved inside.

**Wednesday Evening Gathering:** You are invited to bring a picnic supper to church this Wed. evening, Sept. 19, to eat outside with other Springdale folks (6 p.m., weather permitting). An adult prayer gathering and activities for children will be held at 6:30, rain or shine.

Volunteers are needed to **open apple sauce** this Fri., Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m., at Friendship Park! **Apple butter boiling** will then be held on Sat., Sept. 22, to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. People of all ages are invited to come for any length of time on Sat. (6 a.m. to mid-afternoon).

District Minister **Beryl Jantzi will share with us** next Sun., Sept. 23: 1) during Sunday School to help us "gain deeper understanding of denominational relations, benefits, accountabilities & decision-making processes" (from the Auricle Team recommendations); and 2) during worship: "The First Century Church: Challenges & Opportunities."

As approved in the Auricle Team Recommendations, our **fifth Sunday offerings** (the first of which is Sept. 30) will now go to Area Conference Ministries; Local Missions; Mennonite Church-Related Ministries; Mennonite Church USA; and/or Eastern Mennonite University. An envelope for this purpose is in each mailbox, with extras available. Please note that you may choose the category(ies), but not the specific organizations within. The percentages indicated on the envelopes are how funds will be divided. Undesignated cash or checks received in the offering that day will be divided equally among the five categories. Checks for the budget should be given on another Sunday or placed in Ann Frank's mailbox and marked appropriately.

**From Dave & Mim Wenger:** "A big thank-you for all the notes, cards, flowers and other ways you remembered us for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!"

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**Year-End Financial Note:** Thanks to everyone for your generosity! While the fiscal year ended with a shortfall of \$9,900 for Springdale's budgeted giving to missions, we were still able to donate 10% of our overall offerings received to the various mission agencies we support!

		9/1/17-8/31/18		
Offerings	\$210,655		Non-Mission Spending	(\$215,422)
Special Funds Used	26,388		Giving to Missions	(21,621)
Totals	\$237,043			(\$237,043)

**Thank-you** to Hannah Swartz & Martha Laub for giving Springdale's fellowship hall a much-needed facelift with new curtains and wall art!

**MYF Events:** Sat., Sept. 22 - Help make apple butter at Friendship Park (10 a.m.); Sun., Sept. 23 - Picnic & hike (after worship).

Six weeks of **Wednesday evening activities** will begin on Oct. 10: meals at 5:30 p.m., with studies/activities beginning at 6:30 (including a discipleship study for JMYFers; discussion of Mennonite core beliefs focusing on the previous Sunday's sermon theme/text for the adults; and Peace Lab activities for children). A volunteer is needed to give leadership to the adult sessions - please talk to Pastor Kevin if you are willing.

If you are interested in the possibility of a second **Worship Service of Acknowledgement & Lament** (either because you missed last Sunday's service or would appreciate experiencing this again), please talk to Kevin or Denise. Also, if you were not ready to burn your notes of lament at last Sunday's service, you may burn them at home & give the ashes to Kevin to be included with those for Ash Wednesday.

Discerning Committee has nominated **Martha Laub to serve as the Director of Music** (Worship Commission) through 8/31/20. Please share affirmations or concerns about this nomination with Discerning Committee (*Cindy Houff, Marie Showalter, Mim Wenger*) by next Sun., Sept. 23.

**Last Sunday:**

Worship Attendance .....	79
Sunday School .....	64
Offering .....	\$3,056.75

Check the **bulletin board** for information on the following:

- Augusta Health hospice volunteer training, beginning Sept 17.
- Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry's Day of Jubilee on Sept. 29.