

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
October 22, 2017

Please pray for Pastor Denise (participating in a spiritual retreat - "Opening to Grace" - tomorrow & Tuesday); Gordon Poindexter; Ethel Weaver; and Anna Miller.

Two **singing opportunities** are available today: 1) at The Meadows (9:30 a.m.); and 2) at Augusta Health (4 p.m.). All are invited to help sing!

Youth Event: JMYFers/MYFers are invited to Dale & Paula Martin's home this Wed., Oct. 25, at 6 p.m., for a Fall Party!

Plan to **help fill relief buckets for MCC** this Sat., Oct. 28, beginning at 9 a.m. at the church! Lunch will be provided, *so please sign up in the foyer if you plan to participate!*

Congregational Council is exploring how best to provide **opportunities for deeper conversation, discernment and prayer** among the congregation. Please check your church mailboxes for additional information about this process, including a meeting planned with a possible consultant on Wed., Nov. 1, at 7 p.m.

The **fall Congregational Meeting & meal** will be held on Sun., Nov. 5, following worship. If you plan to stay for the meeting, please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share during the meal (chicken and drinks will be provided). *Please sign up in the foyer to participate.* Also, agenda information and annual reports are in church mailboxes today. Please note that the congregational meeting will include time for discussion, as well as a vote.

A congregation-wide **Fall Gathering** will be held on Wed., Nov. 15, beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m., and activities following. *Please sign up in the church foyer* to attend & to indicate food items you are willing to bring!

If you are interested in **learning more about membership** at Springdale, please talk to Pastor Kevin.

Congregational Council **has nominated Steve Driver** to serve a three-year term as a Springdale delegate to Virginia Mennonite Conference (serving the first year as a delegate-elect). Please direct affirmations or concerns about this nomination to Mark Hochstedler by Nov. 5.

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Ladies - don't forget the **breakfast baby shower** for Natalie Bugden on Sat., Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m., at Springdale!

Reaching Out:

- Nov. 12-17 - **MDS work trip**, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Contact Dave Miner if you are interested in participating.
- Nov. 13-19 - Springdale will collect **Christmas shoebox gifts** for Samaritan's Purse. Brochures/boxes are available in the foyer. *Toothpaste & candy are no longer accepted in the boxes.* Please talk to Debbie Frank with any questions.
- Sat., Nov. 18, p.m. - **Fundraising meal** to benefit **mission workers Shawn & Laura Green**, Springdale.
- Thurs., Dec. 7, p.m. - **Providing/Serving Cake & Punch** at Love INC Graduation (organized by Peggy Garvey & Marian Miner).

Minutes from Springdale council and commission meetings are regularly posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to receive copies via email, please contact the church office.

Bulletins, announcement sheets and Sunday sermons are **posted on the church website** weekly. Visit www.springdalemennonite.org to access this information.

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Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes
(Check Springdale's website for a full list of Conference announcements.)

- Weekday Religious Education benefit event, Nov. 4, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Cornerstone Church of Augusta.
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, Nov. 5: A special time of prayer will be held at Augusta Expo that day from 3-4:30 p.m. This is not a political event, but simply a call to prayer to our community for those who are suffering -- sponsored by a number of local ministries.
- Simplify: A Simple Living Weekend, Nov. 10 & 11, Brethren Woods Camp & Retreat Center, Keezletown.