

**Announcements**  
**Springdale Mennonite Church**  
**October 29, 2017**

Please pray for those serving/being served at Disciples' Kitchen this Sat., Nov. 4); Drew Bugden's grandfather, Henry (recent heart surgery); Martha Laub's father, Bob Treacy (recent strokes, aging issues); and those struggling with anxiety/depression.

**All Saints' Day:** Each year at Springdale, we **remember and celebrate** the lives of those who have been a part of our congregation through the years, such as the following Springdale people who have "gone home" within the last two years:

<b>John Miller</b> (9/18/17)	<b>Rebecca Underwood</b> (4/22/16)
<b>David Harmon</b> (8/14/17)	<b>Mary Ellen Showalter</b> (3/20/16)
<b>Dorothy Johnson</b> (2/13/17)	<b>Donna Grove</b> (12/25/15)
<b>Milton Showalter</b> (10/8/16)	

**All men are invited** to the following gatherings this week:

- Coffee & Conversation, Tues., Oct. 31, 8:30 a.m. (Goertzens' home);
- Prayer Breakfast, Sat., Nov. 4, 7 a.m.

Congregational Council is exploring how best to provide **opportunities for deeper conversation, discernment and prayer** among the congregation. Additional information about this process, including a meeting planned with Beryl Jantzi and a possible consultant this Wed., Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., was placed in church mailboxes last Sunday.

All ladies are invited to the **breakfast baby shower** for Natalie Bugden which will be held this Sat., Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m., at Springdale!

The **fall Congregational Meeting & meal** will be held next 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 were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday (please bring those with you to the meeting). And please note -- the congregational meeting will include time for discussion, as well as voting.

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!

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Don't forget -- **Daylight Saving Time will end** next Sunday, Nov. 5!

A **congregational Prayer Gathering** will be held on Wed., Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. All are encouraged to participate!

**November calendars** are available in the literature rack in the foyer.

**Reaching Out:**

- Nov. 12-17 - **MDS work trip**, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Contact Dave Mininger if you are interested in participating.
- Nov. 13-19 - Springdale will collect **Christmas shoebox gifts** for Samaritan's Purse. Brochures and boxes are available in the foyer.
- Sat., Nov. 18, p.m. - **Fundraising meal** to benefit **mission workers Shawn & Laura Green**, Springdale. *Please sign up in the foyer!*
- Thurs., Dec. 7, p.m. - **Providing/Serving Cake & Punch** at Love INC Graduation (organized by Peggy Garvey & Marian Mininger).

*"A huge thank-you to all those who helped with the recent roofing project at our home -- roofing/ground work, making/serving food & covering everyone in prayer! We are so grateful for this gift of love -- and it looks beautiful, too! Thanks again & blessings to you all."* - Johnny & Nancy Stoll

One of the Springdale women who signed up to attend the **Mennonite Women of Virginia Annual Retreat (November 10-12)** will not be able to participate after all, and she would like to "gift" her spot to another women. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Shenk.

*"Thanks to all for the prayers, food and visits during my recovery from knee surgery. And thanks to God for swift healing!"* - Maggie Brenneman

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

**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: A special time of prayer will be held at Augusta Expo, Nov. 5, 3-4:30 p.m. This is not a political event, but simply a call to prayer for those who are suffering.
- Simplify: A Simple Living Weekend, Nov. 10 & 11, Brethren Woods Camp & Retreat Center, Keezletown.