

**Announcements**  
**Springdale Mennonite Church**  
**November 5, 2017**

Please pray for our congregational meeting this afternoon following worship; Gordon Poindexter; and those attending the Women's Retreat next weekend in Natural Bridge.

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

A **church-wide Fall Party** is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 15. A chili and cornbread supper will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by activities for everyone from 6:15–7:30. Activities will begin with group games that require participation from children, youth and adults. Group games will be followed by separate activities for the Primary Department, and the sharing of faith stories with everyone else. We need all ages to participate to make the evening a success! Please sign up in the foyer to attend (and to indicate food items you can bring) so the cooks can estimate quantities. Talk to Alan or Sharon Shenk with questions.

The **men's Coffee & Conversation gatherings** are held every other Tuesday, at 8:30 a.m., at the Goertzens' home. The next one is scheduled for Tues., Nov. 14.

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

The Layman-Wenger family **no longer has a telephone landline**. Please note their cell phone numbers: 273-9381 (Evan); and 220-8681 (Carleen).

**Reaching Out:**

- Nov. 12-17 - **MDS work trip**, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Contact Dave Minerger 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**. *Please sign up in the foyer and be sure to indicate if you need a gluten-free dessert!*
- Thurs., Dec. 7, p.m. - **Providing/Serving Cake & Punch** at Love INC Graduation (organized by Peggy Garvey & Marian Minerger).
- Please bring napkins, facial tissues, paper towels & toilet paper, as you are able, to place in the marked tub in the entrance foyer for Love INC.

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If you have **updates/changes/additions to the church address directory**, please complete the pink form recently placed in your mailbox, or contact the church office with the information by next Sunday, Nov. 12. Thanks!

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 today.

**Bridge of Hope's Annual Locavore Luncheon** is Sat., Nov. 11, at Park View Mennonite Church. Doors open for the silent auction at 11, & the meal begins at noon. Come enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Bowl of Good with all locally-sourced ingredients! Tickets are \$25/person or \$175/table of 8 and are available at the door or by calling 478-2356. Gather your friends & family to eat, laugh and do some Christmas shopping while supporting homeless and at-risk women and children in the community.

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

- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church: A special time of prayer will be held at Augusta Expo, today, 3-4:30 p.m. This is not a political event, but simply a call to prayer for those who are suffering.
- New letter from Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry -- contact the Springdale office if you would like to receive these letters via email.
- Volunteer orientation dates for Love INC (Nov. 6, 15 & 28).
- Simplify: A Simple Living Weekend, Nov. 10 & 11, Brethren Woods Camp & Retreat Center, Keezletown.
- Celebration of Love INC's Five-Year Anniversary, Nov. 14, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Common Ground, Fishersville.
- Documentary film, "Seeds of Peace: The Story of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary," Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Martin Chapel, EMU.
- Schola Cantorum concert, "Between Heaven & Earth," Nov. 19, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, W'boro. *Nelson Driver is a member of this group; admission is free.*
- A Bach Festival Christmas, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., Whitesel Music showroom, Harrisonburg, free admission.
- Nazareth/Bethlehem Work Group (May 11-28, 2018) - registration is open; sponsored by Partners in Mission through Virginia Mennonite Missions.
- Various job and volunteer opportunities.