

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
November 12, 2017

Please pray for those returning from Women's Retreat today; Chet Peruchini (who fell and was hospitalized this past week due to a back injury); Clinton Martin & Dotty VanLear (recent cataract surgeries); and those participating in the MDS work trip to West Virginia this week (*Ron & Darlene Koblick, Dave Mininger, John Swartz, Mim Wenger & possibly others*).

Congratulations to Steve & Tammy Driver on the birth of Kaitlyn Noelle to son, Joe & wife Mandy, on Nov. 1! Kaitlyn weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Nancy Stoll will be **in the office this week** on Mon., Tues., & Wed., so please give bulletin/announcement information to her by Wed morning.

All men are invited to Pastor Kevin's home for **coffee & conversation** this Tues., Nov. 14, at 8:30 a.m.

Springdale will be collecting **Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes** this week through next Sun., Nov. 19. If you would like your shipping costs to be covered by a donor, please let Debbie Frank know before church next Sunday how many boxes you will have to ship (phone #434-806-6901).

A **church-wide Fall Party** is scheduled for this Wed., Nov. 15 -- a chili & cornbread supper (5:30 p.m.) & activities for everyone (6:15-7:30), including intergenerational group games, followed by separate activities for the Primary Dep't, & the sharing of faith stories for everyone else. All ages are encouraged to participate in this fun time of fellowship! Please sign up in the foyer to attend (& to indicate food items you can bring), and talk to Alan or Sharon Shenk with questions.

Don't forget the **fundraising meal** to benefit **mission workers Shawn & Laura Green** that will be held this Sat., Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.! *Please sign up in the foyer today and be sure to indicate if you need a gluten-free dessert.*

Menno Bucks Café will begin on Sunday morning, Nov. 26, at 9 a.m.! Plan to join this time of fellowship, food and hot specialty drinks that are served on a donation basis to benefit the Springdale youth.

Please note the following **new address for Steve & Carol Blair**:
P.O. Box 15265, Surfside Beach, SC, 29587.

Among other business handled at **last Sunday's Congregational Meeting**, two votes were held:

- **First Vote:** Seeking outside consultation (Options 1 & 2), which received 42 votes, *versus* proceeding towards a vote on whether or not to leave Mennonite Church USA (Option 3), which received 21 votes.
- **Second Vote:** Engaging professional consultant Barbara Robbins through Cooperative by Design to work with our congregation in a Conflict Transformation Process (Option 1), 37 votes, *versus* working with District Minister Beryl Jantzi and inviting a local pastor or counselor to help facilitate this process (Option 2), 11 votes.

Votes were held in this manner as a result of feedback received at the informational meeting on Nov. 1. Based on the results of these votes, Congregational Council will move towards appointing a Listening Team to work with Barbara Robbins to begin the Conflict Transformation Process. Please pray for our congregation as we prepare to begin this process.

Infant kits for Mennonite Central Committee will be collected again this year at our Christmas Eve service. Kit content lists are available in the foyer. Please note -- the Springdale Sewing Circle has a good supply of blankets which they have sewn for the kits, so you do not need to purchase those!

Information regarding **Mennonite Disaster Service's Puerto Rico response** to Hurricane Maria so far is available in the foyer.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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

- **New letter** from the Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry -- contact the Springdale office if you would like to receive these letters via email.
- **Thanksgiving/harvest hymn sing**, today, 4 p.m., Harrisonburg.
- **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.
- **Volunteer orientation dates** for Love INC (Nov. 15 & 28).
- **Schola Cantorum concert**, Nov. 19, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, W'boro. *Nelson Driver is a member of this group; admission is free.*
- **Thanksgiving Day service**, Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m., Trissels Menn. Church.
- **A Bach Festival Christmas**, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., H'burg, free admission.
- **Nazareth/Bethlehem Work Group (May 11-28, 2018)** - registration is open; sponsored by Partners in Mission through VA Menn. Missions.