

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
November 19, 2017

Please pray for Chet Peruchini & Family (Chet is still recovering from a fall); Ethel Weaver (at Augusta Rehab); and Kelly Everett (admitted to Crossroads last weekend).

Nancy Stoll is **out of the church office** this week. Also, the office **will be closed on Thursday and Friday** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please send bulletin information for Nov. 26 to the church office by Wednesday, 9 a.m., earmarked for "Rachel Shenk." There will not be an announcement sheet that Sunday.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes are due today! Please talk to Debbie Frank if you have any questions. Thanks for participating in this great outreach!

For next Sunday's worship service (Nov. 26), **you are invited to bring canned goods along with your monetary offerings.** (Canned items will be given to the food pantry at Calvary United Methodist Church.) Food and money gifts will be brought to the front of the sanctuary during the offering time that morning (by those who are able).

Menno Bucks Café will begin next Sunday, 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.

You are invited to help **sing at The Meadows** next Sun., Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m.!

The next **men's coffee & conversation gathering** will be held at the Goertzens' home on Tues., Nov. 28, at 8:30 a.m.

All men are invited to the next **Men's Prayer Breakfast** which will be held on Sat., Dec. 2, at 7 a.m.

Contact Updates:

- New landline telephone number for Don & Lisa Brady: 255-0712.
- New email address for Ann Frank: annfrank65@gmail.com.

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!

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Among other business handled at the **Congregational Meeting** on Nov. 5, 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.

Minutes from this meeting are available in the foyer.

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.)

- **Schola Cantorum concert**, today, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, W'boro. *Nelson Driver is a member of this group; admission is free.*
- **A Day of Prayer & Fasting** for the ministry of Love INC, Nov. 21.
- **A new letter from Norma Teles**, The Joshua Center, Albania.
- **Thanksgiving Day service**, Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m., Trissels Menn. Church.
- **Volunteer orientation date** for Love INC, Nov. 28.
- **A Bach Festival Christmas**, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., H'burg, free admission.
- **Holiday concert**, Rockbridge Choral Society & Youth Chorale, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Lexington Presbyterian Church. *Christine Fairfield is the soloist for this concert.*
- **WNLR's 3rd Annual Christian Christmas Celebration**, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Augusta Expo.
- **Eastern Mennonite Christmas Events** -- Elementary Christmas concert: Dec. 5, 7 p.m.; Middle School Christmas concert: Dec. 8, 7 p.m.; High School Christmas Worship Services: Dec. 12 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
- **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society concert**, Dec. 15 (7:30 p.m.) & Dec. 17 (3 p.m.), Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. *Christine Fairfield is soloing at these concerts.*