

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
November 25, 2018

Please pray for Chet Peruchini & the Brady family; Brenda Holliday; Louise Swartz (recovering from outpatient surgery on Nov. 21); Jessica Ellis (scheduled for add'l treatment for back pain on Dec. 5); and those participating in the work trip to West Virginia later this week.

“The Lord is Our Righteousness” -- **Advent** is a time for us to remember where Jesus enters God’s story and our own stories, to remember what it means to live righteously, and to look to the future as we seek God’s plan for us as faithful individuals and faithful communities.

Children’s Activities: Wednesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5 & 12, 6:30 p.m., at the church. Talk to Sharon Shenk with any questions.

JMYF Activities: Wednesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5 & 12 - Discipleship Study, 6:30 p.m., at the church.

If you can **take a meal** to Jim & Lou Sinclair this Thursday, please sign up at takethemameal.com, use Sinclair as the last name, and Lou as the password, or contact the church office. The meal should be low in sugar and carbohydrates if possible.

A **Congregational Prayer Gathering** will be held on Wed., Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to participate.

All parents of MYFers are strongly encouraged to attend a **Parent Meeting** on Sun., Dec. 9, immediately following worship. Talk to Ranita Shenk or Johnny Stoll with questions.

Copies of the Springdale **calendar for December** are available in the literature rack.

“Thank you all for showing such loving kindness with the closing of the position of Associate Pastor. Your thoughtfulness continues to bring me joy.” - Denise Goertzen

The next men’s **Coffee & Conversation** will be held on Tues., Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m., at the Goertzens’ home (not on Nov. 27 as previously noted).

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Infant care kits will be collected again this year at our Christmas Eve service (Mon., Dec. 24, 7 p.m.). Kit lists are available on the foyer table. *Please note the contents have changed somewhat from previous years!*

“Can I Wash My Car on Sunday?” Our adult Sunday School class has been studying Biblical Communal Discernment. On Dec. 2, 9 & 16 (note date changes), we are going to practice what we’ve been learning by focusing on the question, “What does it mean for us to honor the Sabbath?” Even if you have not been a regular participant, please join us on these Sundays.

The MYF-sponsored **Menno Bucks Café** will begin next Sun., Dec. 2, at 9 a.m.! Plan to come enjoy hot specialty drinks (and sometimes food) served on a donation basis, while fellowshiping & supporting our youth.

Please note Springdale’s **current Blessing Team members:** Ann Frank, Dave Powell, Alan Shenk, Danny Showalter & Louise Swartz. You may contact any one of them, or Pastor Kevin, if you would like a visit/prayer.

Last Sunday: No Sunday School or Worship due to power outages.

Christmas caroling will be held on Wed., Dec. 19, at 6 p.m., followed by donuts & hot chocolate.

Copies of a **blog post** by Clyde Kratz (VA Menn. Conf. Exec. Minister), entitled “The Discipline of Hope,” are available under the mailboxes.

The local Salvation Army has an urgent **need for bell ringers**. Call Patty at 943-7591, X-101, if you can help.

Info. on the Bulletin Board, in the Foyer or Under Mailboxes

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

- A Bach Festival Christmas, Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m., Martin Chapel at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.
- New Life Ministries’ sharathon, Nov. 27-29, WNLR, 1150 AM.
- Christmas benefit concert for Hospice of the Shenandoah, Nov. 29, 7 p.m., W’boro Seventh-Day Adventist Church.
- Christmas on the Homestead, Dec. 8, 2-6 p.m., Crossroads Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center (\$10/adults; \$5/children).
- High school essay contest through MCC’s Washington Ofc. (students can win up to \$750). Visit mcc.org/essay-contest for additional info.
- Christmas Lessons & Carols service, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Lehman Auditorium, Eastern Mennonite University.