

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
December 2, 2018

Please pray for Jessica Ellis (undergoing sacroiliac joint injections this Wed., Dec. 5, as the recent injections did not have the intended outcome); Ann Frank (death of sister-in-law, Evelyn Schmidt, on Nov. 25); and those serving or being served at Disciples' Kitchen tomorrow.

“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.

A men’s **Coffee & Conversation** gathering will be held this Tues., Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m., at the Goertzens’ home.

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

JMYF Activities: Wed., Dec. 5 - Discipleship Study at Dale/Paula’s, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 12 - Gathering at the Goertzens’ (p.m.)

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

You are invited to **share a Christmas card** from yourself/your family with the Springdale congregation! Simply attach your card to the ribbons in the church foyer. These can take the place of, or be in addition to, cards you place in the church mailboxes, and will make a festive addition to our Christmas decorations.

All parents of MYFers are strongly encouraged to attend a **Parent Meeting** next 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.

Menno Bucks Café is happening! You are invited to come at 9:00 on Sunday mornings to enjoy hot specialty drinks (and sometimes food) served on a donation basis, while fellowshiping & supporting our youth.

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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, and blankets to wrap the items in are available from our Sewing Circle. *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. Today, and on Dec. 9 & 16, 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.

Last Sunday:

Worship Attendance	92
Sunday School	44
Offering	\$6,311.00

Mark your calendars for a **meal, Christmas caroling, and donuts/hot chocolate** on Wed., Dec. 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Sun., Dec. 30, we will share together in a **continental breakfast** at 9:30, followed by worship at 10:30 (no Sunday School that morning). Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to bring a breakfast casserole, donuts/scones, or fruit/fruit cocktail. Thanks!

Don’t forget to use **smile.amazon.com** as you make online Christmas purchases from Amazon! This allows you to select a charitable organization to which a small percentage of your purchase is given.

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

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

- Arts & Crafts Market, Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Stuarts Draft High School (*including hand-crafted items by Raven Showalter*).
- 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.
- Eastern Mennonite School’s Christmas worship program, Dec. 11 & 13, 7:30 p.m., including a full orchestra and an 85-voice choir.
- Thank-you card from Armando & Veronica Sanchez for Springdale’s commitment to support the new Hispanic ministry in Waynesboro.