

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
December 3, 2017

Please pray for Shawn & Laura Green (making/serving a Thanksgiving lunch today for 100 people, followed by a short program & sharing the Gospel; 1/3 of their guests are non-believers, so pray for open & receptive hearts); those serving/being served at Disciples' Kitchen & Love INC's graduation this week; and the many folks from Springdale suffering from seasonal illnesses.

Menno Bucks Café will be held each Sunday in December (except for Dec. 31) at 9 a.m.! Come enjoy this time of fellowship, food & hot specialty drinks that are served on a donation basis to benefit the Springdale youth

You are invited to the **Congregational Prayer Gathering** that will be held this Wed., Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

Christmas Events:

- **Wednesday, Dec 20:**
 - Primary Sunday School Christmas Party (3-5 p.m.);
 - Making Christmas greenery baskets to take home or give as a gift --all church members invited (4-5 p.m.);
 - All-Church Soup Supper (5-6 p.m.);
 - Christmas Caroling (6 p.m.), with donuts & hot chocolate following.

Please sign up in the church foyer for each of these events!

- **Sunday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m.); infant kits will be collected for Mennonite Central Committee & an offering received for WARM. Kit content lists are available in the foyer, and blankets have been sewn by the Springdale Sewing Circle.
- **Sunday, Dec. 31** - Continental Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 10:30 -- no Menno Bucks Café or Sunday School that morning.

Springdale **calendars for December** are available in the literature rack.

Adult Sunday School class lists for this new quarter have been placed in church mailboxes. You are invited to attend any of the classes listed!

You are invited to **help sing at Augusta Health** next Sun., Dec. 10, 4 p.m.

The next **men's coffee & conversation gathering** will be held at the Goertzens' home on Tues., Dec. 12, at 8:30 a.m.

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One of the issues many in our congregation raised in the recent evaluation for Pastor Denise was a concern for her self-care. Consequently, the Spiritual Health Council (in conversation with Pastors Kevin & Denise and Beryl Jantzi, District Minister) will be **testing a new model for Pastor Denise's hours** this winter to ensure that the role of the Associate Pastor is kept to a half-time work week. Approximately every fourth week will be an opportunity for her to use flex time to compensate for the extra hours worked in previous weeks. She will still be available for emergencies during those times; however, this will ensure that she takes appropriate time and energy for personal health and life. This will be reevaluated after three months and continued if successful, or changed as needed.

Copies of Shawn & Laura Green's **fall update letter** are available in the church foyer.

We have received a **thank-you card** from an area resident whom Springdale recently assisted financially using mission funds/matching Everence funds: *"Thank you all for your kindness and gifts of money . . . it was very much needed and appreciated. May God bless each and every one of you."*

Minutes from the November 5 **Congregational Meeting** are available under the church mailboxes.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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

- Fall update booklets from Mennonite Disaster Service.
- December Prayer Vine copies from Mennonite Mission Network.
- Information about shopping at Ten Thousand Villages to benefit Family Life Resource Center, through Dec. 9.
- Invitation to a celebration at W'boro Menn. Church for the anniversary of Celebrate Recovery, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.
- WNLR's 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.
- "DoveTale," a family-friendly show looking humorously & poignantly into the hearts/minds of Mary/Joseph/Gabriel, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., EMU.
- Christmas Lessons & Carols, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., EMU's Lehman Auditorium; w/a free-will offering received for EMU's Compassion Fund.
- 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.*