

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
December 4, 2016

Please pray for John & Vickie Whitworth and Carolyn See
(John's health is rapidly declining); and **Vernon & Betty Berry**
(Dotty VanLear's parents; Vernon's health is failing).

Menno Bucks Café is being held each Sunday morning, 9 a.m., through the end of January (with the exception of Dec. 25 & Jan. 1). A variety of breakfast food items & hot specialty drinks will be served Dec. 4 & Jan. 8, with donuts/specialty drinks being served the other mornings. All items are available on a donation basis to benefit our high school youth. Come enjoy this time of fellowship!

Worship bags for our younger children have been updated and are available to be picked up from the front pew immediately after the Children's Time each Sunday morning during Advent. Children's bulletins are also available for pick-up from the front bench.

All men are invited to meet at Donuts Delight this Tues., Dec. 6, at 8:30 a.m., for **coffee and conversation!**

Congregational Council has nominated Joshua Fairfield to serve a 2-year term as a **Springdale delegates** to Virginia Mennonite Conference, and Debbie Frank to serve a 3-year term, beginning as a delegate-elect. Mim Wenger is continuing as Springdale's other delegate. If you have affirmations or concerns about Joshua and/or Debbie serving in these roles, please talk to Mark Hochstedler, Congregational Council Chr., by Dec. 18.

The next **Congregational Prayer Gathering** will be held this Wed., Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. You are invited to participate!

Congratulations to David & Jessica (Goertzen) Velásquez who were married in Guatemala on November 26! You are invited to a **wedding reception** for them this Sat., Dec. 10, 3-5 p.m., at Springdale. The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Target. Also, you can visit their website at www.theknot.com/us/jessica-and-david-velasquez.

Cancer Awareness: In light of Kim Powell's recent diagnosis, and as a way to support all those connected to our congregation who are dealing or have dealt with breast cancer or other types of cancer, *you are invited to wear pink next Sunday, Dec. 11.* Pink stickers will also be available!

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The **bulletin board** between adult Sunday School classrooms #2 & #3 now contains information about the Shawn & Laura Green family, mission workers in Italy supported by Springdale. Check it out!

In addition to the new church picture directory which is in process, Nancy is creating a **2017 address directory**. If you are not in the current address directory, or have changes that should be made, please contact Nancy or place a completed change form in the white box in the foyer by Dec. 18.

Pastor Denise will be **licensed for ministry** during our worship service on Sun., Dec. 18. District Minister Beryl Jantzi will share with us that morning and will be in charge of the licensing portion of the service as well.

Mark your calendars for **Christmas Caroling** on Wed., Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.! All ages and singing abilities are welcomed, and donuts & hot chocolate will be served afterwards.

You and your family/friends are invited to our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Sat., Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. This service will include scripture, music and candlelight, and will focus on the story/song "Christmas in the Trenches." If you wish, you are invited to bring infant care kits for Mennonite Central Committee. Kit content lists are available in the literature rack (blankets are available in the church foyer). Also, an offering will be received to benefit WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry).

Over 50 families are involved in **Love INC's "Loving Your Neighbor" program**, with nearly 100 people waiting to participate. Love INC is asking for your prayerful consideration about volunteering in this program as a mentor, teacher or aide. Please see additional information on the bulletin board or under the mailboxes.

Donate to WARM (W'boro Area Refuge Ministry) this month for credits that **reduce your state tax liability** in addition to the standard deductions for your gift to a 501c3 nonprofit. WARM's tax credits are available on a first come, first served basis. Add'l information is under church mailboxes.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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

- WNLR/New Life Ministries-sponsored Christmas Celebration, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Augusta Expo, featuring "Faithful Praise" & Pastor Scott Reese.
- Handel's *Messiah*, presented by choir students from Eastern Mennonite High School, Dec. 13 & 15, 7:30 p.m., in the school auditorium (free admission). *Maggie Fairfield, Sara Beth Mumbauer & Elijah Powell are members of this choir.*
- Other local Christmas events.