

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
December 9, 2018

Please pray for Lindsie Hall's friend, Gary Underwood (in the hospital again for a lung issue possibly requiring surgery); and Jessica Ellis (pray that recent injections will be successful in reducing/eliminating back pain).

Children's Activities this Week: Wed., Dec. 12 - Simple meal for children/their families (6 p.m.); & practice for Christmas program (6:30).

JMYF Activities this Week: Wed., Dec. 12 - Discipleship study at Kevin & Denise's (5 p.m.); and Pizza with the Pastor (6 p.m.)

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.

The Primary Department children will share **Christmas Around the World** as part of the morning worship service next Sunday, Dec. 16. The children & their families will also participate in an **international lunch & Christmas party** following worship that day.

All **young adults** (post-high school through early thirties) are invited to a **Christmas Party** on Fri., Dec. 21, 7 p.m., at Kevin & Denise's home!

Do you love to sing **Christmas carols**? In addition to Sunday mornings, you can sing them at the following events (perfect pitch is not needed!):

- Sun., Dec. 16 -- singing carols in the Augusta Health atrium (4 p.m.);
- Wed., Dec. 19 -- soup meal at 5:30 p.m., caroling at 6 p.m., and donuts & hot chocolate afterwards.

Infant care kits will be collected again this year at our Christmas Eve service (Mon., Dec. 24, 7 p.m.). Check the table in the foyer for kit content lists, extra items you can use to help complete your kits (in the clear plastic tub - help yourself!), and blankets from our Sewing Circle to wrap the items in. Also, the **offering collected** at the Christmas Eve service will be donated to the WARM shelter.

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Last Sunday:

Worship Attendance	69
Sunday School	49
Offering	\$2,214.00

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!

Our next **Fifth Sunday Mission Offering** will be held on Sun., Dec. 30. Because this is such a busy time for most folks, you are invited to share your mission offering any of the Sundays in December. Mission envelopes for this purpose are in church mailboxes today. Also, **regular year-end giving** to Springdale may be placed in the offering today, Dec. 16, or Dec. 23; or placed in Ann Frank's mailbox on Dec. 30.

"My Journey, My Ideal:" Glen Guyton, the new Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, will give a 35-40 minute lecture with a time for questions from the audience on Thurs., Jan. 24, 7 p.m., at Lindale M. C. Glen has over 25 years of experience serving in the denomination at various levels. After the completion of four years as an officer in the United States Air Force, Glen felt the call to ministry, in large part due to the peace ministry of Mennonites in Virginia Mennonite Conference. After leaving the military, Glen worked for Mennonite Mutual Aid (now Everence) and on the ministry staff of Calvary Community Church (C3) in Hampton, VA. Glen and his wife, Cyndi, live in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to the lecture, Glen will speak to Eastern Mennonite School students on Jan. 24 & 25. Everyone is invited to his two chapels, 9:30-9:49 each morning, in the school auditorium.

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

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

- 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. *Kate Mumbauer & Mary Fairfield will be participating in this event.*
- Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir auditions, Dec. 12, 4-7 p.m.
- Multiple Christmas events at various churches & VMRC in H'burg.