

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
December 10, 2017

Please pray for Gordon & Kathy Poindexter (Gordon's health continues to decline); Johnny Stoll (undergoing rotator cuff surgery this Fri., Dec. 15); Joyce Showalter (diet/medication adjustments to help with stomach & esophageal inflammation); & those who struggle during the holidays (because they are alone, away from home, dealing with depression/anxiety, or other reasons).

Singing at Augusta Health has been changed from today to next Sun., Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

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

Christmas Events:

- **Friday, Dec. 15:** JMYF Pizza with the Pastors (6 p.m., Goertzens').
- **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!

- **Saturday, Dec. 23:** MYF Christmas Party (6 p.m., Dale/Paula's).
- **Sunday, Dec. 24:** Regular schedule for Sunday School & Worship (no singing at The Meadows); Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m.) -- Infant kits will be collected for MCC and an offering received for WARM. Kit content lists and blankets for wrapping the kits are available in the foyer.
- **Sunday, Dec. 31:** Continental Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 10:30 (No Menno Bucks Café or Sunday School that morning.) *Please sign up in the foyer indicating food items you are willing to bring for breakfast that morning (breakfast casseroles, donuts/scones, fruit).*

As a possible cost-saving measure, Springdale is trying a **new way of hosting our Prayer & Information Line**. Beginning this Tuesday, please dial 416-1446 to access this line. Your feedback regarding this new line is welcomed.

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A **puzzle table** is now set up in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for all to enjoy whenever you have a free moment here at the church! Thanks to the Library Committee for this initiative.

New address for Dee & Carol Wheeler: 164 Colonial Heights Lane, Waynesboro, VA, 22980.

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.

Springdale continues to **collect paper products** (paper towels, Kleenexes, napkins & toilet paper) for Love INC, and will now also be **collecting batteries** (AA, AAA, 9V) for them. Items should be placed in the marked containers in the entrance foyer. Thanks for sharing in this way!

Available in the literature rack: Springdale calendars for December; adult Sunday School class lists for the new quarter; and copies of a fall update letter from Shawn & Laura Green.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes
(Check Springdale's website for a full list of Conference announcements.)

- Thank-you note from Virginia Mennonite Missions for our \$3,000 contribution towards support of Shawn & Laura Green.
- "DoveTale," a family-friendly show looking humorously & poignantly into the hearts/minds of Mary/Joseph/Gabriel, today, 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.
- EMHS Christmas Worship Services, Dec. 12 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
- Presentation by EMU Cross-Cultural Group regarding their recent trip to Israel-Palestine, Dec. 13, 10 a.m., Lehman Auditorium.
- 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.*