

Announcements
Springdale Mennonite Church
December 11, 2016

Please pray for family/friends of John Whitworth (see note); **Fred & Kim Powell**; **Johnny Stoll** (healing from a dislocated shoulder); and **Dick & Louise Alderfer** (death of Dick's brother).

In support of all those connected to our congregation who are dealing or have dealt with **breast cancer or other types of cancer**, *you are invited to pick up a pink sticker or ribbon from the church foyer to wear today.*

You are invited to **help sing** at Augusta Health this afternoon from 4-4:30.

John Whitworth passed away on Wed., Dec. 7. A **family time** will be held this Tues., Dec. 13, at 11 a.m., with the **service** following at noon (both at Reynolds Hamrick Funeral Home in Waynesboro). Please keep Carolyn See, Vickie Whitworth and other family members/friends in your prayers.

“Thank you all so much for your visits, cards and support during our recent loss. Your love and prayers were felt and greatly appreciated and we are so thankful for you, our church family.” - Drew & Natalie Bugden

Join us this Wed., Dec. 14, at 6 p.m., for **Christmas Caroling!** All ages & singing abilities are welcomed, and donuts & hot chocolate will be served.

“Thank you, Springdale congregation, for your generous gift through the educational debt reduction fund for Denise and me. We were very encouraged to receive the full \$3,000 (being matched by a Lilly Foundation grant through Everence), which is enough to finally eliminate the last of our educational debt. I was also touched by the recognition of my 25 years of ministry and the basketful of Dove chocolate. I am so blessed to be your pastor, and to walk this journey of faith with you.” - Pastor Kevin

Young adults are invited to an **evening of fun, games & conversation** at the home of Kevin & Denise Goertzen next Sun., Dec. 18, at 7 p.m.! Please bring a favorite snack or drink, as well as a table game if you would like.

Primary Sunday School students are invited to a **2016th birthday party for Jesus**, Thurs., Dec. 22, from 2-5 p.m.! Come to the church basement to play games, hear a birthday story, make a gift for Jesus, & enjoy some birthday cake. Contact Carleen Layman or Wendy Hochstedler with questions.

MYF Events: Today & Dec. 18 - Menno Bucks Café (be at church at 8:30); Wed., Dec. 28 - Christmas Party at Dale/Paula's Home (6:30 p.m.)!

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Our **worship services** on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 will be held at the normal time (10:30 a.m.), but there will be *no Sunday School* on either of those days.

Menno Bucks Café will be held next Sunday at 9 a.m.; will not be held on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1; and will resume on Jan. 8.

Pastor Denise will be **licensed for ministry** during our worship service next 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.

You and your family/friends are invited to our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Sat., Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. If you wish, you are invited to bring infant care kits for Mennonite Central Committee (kit content lists are in the literature rack & blankets made by our Sewing Circle ladies are available in the church foyer to use with the kits). Also, an offering will be received to benefit WARM (Waynesboro Area Refugee Ministry).

As you may recall, the first draft of a controversial resolution on **Seeking Peace in Israel & Palestine** was presented at the 2015 Mennonite Church USA Convention, discussed, and eventually tabled. This resolution has been rewritten and will be presented (possibly being revised further before that time) at the MC USA Convention next July. The writing team welcomes counsel and feedback on this revised resolution by Dec. 20. You can read the resolution and complete the feedback form at the following link: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine/> or pick up the information in the church foyer. **This is your opportunity to impact the shaping of this resolution!!**

Please give **updates for the 2017 Springdale address directory** to Nancy Stoll by next Sun., Dec. 18. Thanks!

Congregational Council has nominated Josh Fairfield to serve a 2-year term as a **Springdale delegate** to VA Menn. Conference, and Debbie Frank to serve a 3-year term, beginning as a delegate-elect. Mim Wenger continues as Springdale's other delegate. Please direct affirmations or concerns about Josh and/or Debbie serving in these roles to Mark Hochstedler by Dec. 18.

Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes

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

- 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.
- Job openings with Steve Wingfield Ministries, EMU and others.