

**Announcements**  
**Springdale Mennonite Church**  
**December 25, 2016**

**Our Savior is born!!**

**Please pray for Russ & Martha Laub** (Martha's father, Robert Treacy, suffered a stroke this past Monday; the Laubs are in Rochester with him); Pastor Denise (undergoing foot surgery this Thurs., Dec. 29); and those serving/being served at Disciples' Kitchen tomorrow.

**Pastors Kevin and Denise** will be out of the church office this week. For pastoral needs during this time, please talk to a Blessing Team member or to Nancy Stoll. Denise will also be out of the office the following week as she recovers from foot surgery.

On Jan. 8 & 15, coin offerings will be collected in **baby bottles to benefit ComfortCare Women's Health**. Bottles will also be available in the foyer if you would like to take them home to fill.

**MYF Events:** Wed., Dec. 28 - Christmas Party at Dale/Paula Martin's Home (6:30 p.m.), followed by a Lock-In at Springdale.

A **new letter** from Shawn & Laura Green is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board, and copies are available under the church mailboxes.

There will be ***no Sunday School or Menno Bucks*** next Sunday, Jan. 1.

Our winter ***School for Christian Living*** sessions will begin on Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m., and will run each Wednesday evening through Feb. 22. These sessions will focus on baptism, membership and communion practices.

In light of the limited positive response to the normal monthly Springdale calendar, as well as the fact that Springdale activities are included each week in the Sunday bulletin, **a simpler calendar format is being explored** beginning in January. The calendar will include birthdays & anniversaries, but no activities. Responses to this new format should be directed to the church office.

A **history book of Springdale Mennonite Church**, written in 1997 & entitled Where the River Flows, is available for purchase from the church office. Paperbacks are \$10 and hard cover copies are \$15.

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The deadline to respond to the rewritten resolution on ***Seeking Peace in Israel & Palestine*** has been extended to Jan. 9. You can read the resolution/complete the feedback form at <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine/> or pick up the information in the church foyer.

**Reservations for Sherando Lake's campsites are now open** for next June, when we will be holding our Church Day Out event there! Our Sunday event will be held on June 11, and you are invited to reserve campsites for any/all of that weekend. Visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), search for "Sherando Lake Recreation Area Family Camping," click on "Sherando Lake Recreation Area Family Camping," then click on "Facility Map" to bring up the various campsites. You are encouraged to select a campsite near the C10 site (*reserved by the Goertzen family*), as this is a pretty area near the river, and it would be fun for Springdale folks to camp near each other (\$25/night/campsite). Please contact the church office with any questions.

Springdale bulletins, announcements, upcoming activities, and audios of the sermons are **posted on the Springdale website each week**. Visit [www.springdalemennonite.org](http://www.springdalemennonite.org) for more information.

Dave Mininger is planning a **Mennonite Disaster Service work trip** to the White Sulphur Springs area of West Virginia, Feb. 27-Mar. 3. Please contact him if you may be interested in participating.

**Perspectives on the World Christian Movement** is a class for believers from all walks of life to get threaded into God's story and experience God's heart for all peoples. *Perspectives* will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they are relevant to your life. The spring 2017 class will meet at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center, 711 S. Main St., Harrisonburg. The first two sessions are free. For registration details, find the class at [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org) or contact Carol Tobin at 540-435-9887.

**Items on the Bulletin Board or Under Church Mailboxes**

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

- Project 606 - a new (in-process) song collection from MennoMedia that will have print and digital components. See the bulletin board or visit [HymnalProject606.com](http://HymnalProject606.com) to learn more.
- Service opportunities through Mennonite Mission Network.
- Multiple volunteer and employment opportunities, mostly in Harrisonburg.
- Learning tour to Israel/Palestine, May 4-27, 2017.