

Springdale Communicator

"Taste & See that the Lord is Good!"
(Psalm 34:8)

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In these weeks before Christmas, we join with people around the world in preparing to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The theme for our Advent worship services is "Coming to Jesus." During this time, we will be exploring the identity of the One for whom we wait: the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. This is Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, the God-Who-Is-With-Us!



**To prepare for our service next Sunday,
please reflect on Isaiah 9:2-7, 63:15-64:12.**

Remember in prayer:

- *Richard Showalter (arthroscopic knee surgery, Tuesday, December 1);*
- *Andrew & Annie Dutcher;*
- *Brenda Holliday (at Nazareth Village);*
- *Bill Huffman & Minhong Zhang (visa).*



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Tending Our Faith Community

All **young adults** are invited to participate in a service project at the church today at 7 p.m.

Christmas Activities:

- If you would like to **purchase a poinsettia** to decorate the church on Dec. 20 & 24, please sign up on the form in the foyer by next Sun., Dec. 6 (\$8.50/each). The poinsettias will then be given to people selected by the Pastoral Care Team. You can also sign up to help deliver them on Dec. 25 or 26.
- Springdale women are invited to a **Cookie Exchange / Fellowship Evening** here at the church next Sun., Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Lynside women will also be a part of this evening. Come and bring a friend!
- Mark your calendars for **Christmas Caroling** on Wed., Dec. 16, and our **Christmas Eve Service** on Dec. 24.
- **Newborn kits** will be collected at our Christmas Eve Service. Content lists are available in the literature rack.

If you have not yet submitted your **9:11 Project report** to *Pastor Mark*, please do so within the next week.

Worship services during Advent will not include congregational sharing times. Announcements or prayer requests should be given to *Nancy Stoll* for the *Communicator* or to the worship leader before each service.

There will be a **congregational meal** this Wed., Dec. 2, at 5:30 p.m.: vegetable soup, sandwiches (or hot dogs), apple crisp and ice cream. Come & enjoy!

Please return **address directory** change forms to the box in the foyer by next Sunday, December 6.

Pastor Muzet will be **out of the church office** the week of December 7.

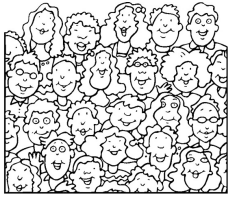
Menno Bucks Café will be held this morning at 9 a.m. and each Sunday morning through Dec. 20. After a holiday break, the café will start up again on Jan. 10. Hot specialty drinks and pastries will be served on a donation basis, with funds benefiting our MYF.

A **new Sunday School quarter** begins next Sunday, Dec. 6. Adult class listings are in church mailboxes.

The Finance & Facilities Commission is pleased to announce that a **second installment of funds** has been received from the estate of *Addison Boehmert* in the amount of \$155,000. Special thanks go to *Jim Brenneman* for his work as executor of the estate. We give thanks to God for this gift and continue to seek God's will for its use.

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Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



Today:
Menno Bucks Café
begins this morning!
(No youth meetings this eve.)

Wed., Dec. 9: JMYFers meet
at the church for a service
project (6:30 p.m.)

Sun., Dec. 13: JMYF/
MYF Activity TBA
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Notes & Correspondence

“Fannie Heatwole appreciated the many cards from Springdale celebrating her 105th birthday. They are read to her frequently and

are new each time. When she is told her age, her comment is, ‘My, that’s old!’”

- Ken & Ruth Heatwole

We have received thank-you letters from Virginia Mennonite Missions and Virginia Mennonite Conference for our recent donations.

Items on Bulletin Board:

- “Christmas with the Hoppers,” Dec. 1, 7 p.m., EMHS;
- Candlelight tours/dinners at Cross-Roads, Dec. 4, 5, 11 & 12;
- Cookie & Craft Bazaar, Dec. 5, W’boro Church of the Brethren;
- Blue Ridge Ministries Advent Retreat, Dec. 12;
- Robin & Linda Williams and Their Fine Group concert, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., EMHS.

Embracing Our Broader Community

December issues of Mennonite Mission Network’s *Prayer Vine* are available in the literature rack.

Information is available on the bulletin board regarding upcoming **Christmas performances by Adelplos**. *Zach Showalter & Ben Stoll are members of this young men’s singing group.*



Join area Christians in song at a **Shenandoah Valley Hymn Sing** at Park View Mennonite Church, today, at 7 p.m. *Sam and Janice Showalter* will be the music leaders.

You are invited to a **fund-raiser dinner** on Sun., Dec. 6, 12:30-2 p.m., at Mt. View M.C. to benefit the medical clinic team traveling to Haiti in January.

Grief, Spirituality and Sexuality: Life after Losing a Spouse will gather widowed individuals and those who walk alongside them during a weekend retreat at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Dec. 4-6. *Rachel Nafziger Hartzler* will explore themes of suffering, lament, and hope—including “A Decembered Grief,” a ritual service addressing grief during the holiday season—while creating a space where participants can share with one another in a safe environment. For more information & to register, visit www.laurelville.org, call 1.800.839.1021, or email Rachel at rach@maplenet.net.

Local author and artist *Joe Nutt* currently has books for sale composed of pen/ink **drawings and narratives of historic houses** in Staunton and Augusta County. Talk to *Nancy Stoll* for more information.

To benefit **Chris & Melody Riddle’s ministry in Italy**, a beautiful quilt in the “Broken Twinkling Star” pattern will be auctioned on Sat., Dec. 5., in H’burg. The quilt is 104” x 113” in navy, maroon and cream. Check the bulletin board for information about viewing or bidding on this quilt.



Our Community Place is hosting a **Benefit Christmas Concert** at Park View M.C. on Tues., Dec. 8. Come at 6:30 p.m. for fine desserts and hot drinks followed by great music at 7:30. Contact Philip at ourcommunity-place@gmail.com for more information.

