

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

TODAY / THIS WEEK

**Today 9:30 a.m.:** Faith Exploration Class  
**Wed. 7:00 p.m.:** Congregational Council Meeting  
**Thurs. 7:15 a.m.:** Morning Prayers

Gathering

Prelude - *Shenk Family*  
Welcome and Announcements - *Meg Emery*  
Call to Worship and Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing - *Shenk Family*  
Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)

Listening

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:3-18  
Message: "An Authentic, Inclusive Community" - *Kevin Goertzen*

Responding

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song  
Benediction

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*Today's Nursery Volunteers: Orpha Beyeler, Wendy Hochstedler*  
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**Please pray** for Gene Ramsey who recently broke a bone in his lower arm and is wearing a wrist cast; and former Springdale attendee John Trissel whose wife, Bernell, passed away on April 17 (her service will be held at Springdale this Sat., April 29, at 11 a.m.).

Pastor Kevin is beginning a **sermon series** today on "Springdale's identity, strengths, and calling."

Next Sun., April 30, will be our **fifth Sunday offering for missions!** Envelopes to use for that offering are available on the foyer table.

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

**Apr. 30:** Fifth Sunday Offering for Missions  
**May 1:** Providing Lunch for Disciples' Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)  
**May 4:** Sewing Circle (9:30 a.m.)  
**May 7:** EMHS Touring Choir at Springdale (meal following)  
**May 13:** Bake Sale to Benefit Missions (Cheese Shop)  
**June 5-9:** Vacation Bible School (with Lynside & Greenmonte)  
**June 11:** Church Day Out at Sherando Lake

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Heads-Up: Spiritual Health Council is working with Pastor Kevin and our (Southern) District Minister Kevin Gasser to hold **a review of pastor and congregation** early next month. We hope to gain insight into congregational realities at present and opportunities to refine or re-tool the dynamic fit between pastor and congregation. This task is mandated for SHC in a three-year cycle. We are currently developing a brief survey both with an eye to previous work and also toward the future direction for the congregation. We welcome input from any congregational participant who may wish to share insight for the process as we pursue these goals. Please contact Gerald Shenk if you have concerns or questions. Again, the time frame is short, since we intend to complete the process before the start of Pastor Kevin's upcoming sabbatical (late June). Please hold this process tenderly in prayer together.

**Baptism / Membership:**

- A Faith Exploration Class is beginning today for high schoolers & anyone in junior high with an interest in considering baptism. We are tentatively planning to offer the opportunity to be baptized at Sherando Lake on June 11 (Church Day Out). Please talk to Pastor Kevin or Mark Hochstedler if you would like to be part of this class.
- Any adults with an interest in being baptized and/or becoming members at Springdale are encouraged to visit with Pastor Kevin or a member of Spiritual Health Council (Gerald Shenk, Kim Powell, Kristi Stoltzfus).

On Sun., May 7, the **EMHS Touring Choir** will lead us in worship! Following the service, Springdale will host the choristers for a **shared (fellowship) meal**. You are encouraged to bring extra food & drink that day to make sure we have enough for our guests, and sign up in the foyer if you can help with clean-up after the meal. Thanks!

Springdale's **bake sale for missions** will be held on Sat., May 13, at the Cheese Shop. Lots of baked items will be needed, some larger items & some packaged smaller. Please list any allergens on the baked goods, and bring items to the site by 9:30 that morning. Please sign up in the foyer if you can help staff the tables for a two-hour shift.

If you are interested in using a **garden plot in Springdale's community garden**, please contact Wendy Hochstedler. Plots measure approximately 10 feet by 20 feet.

Marian Mininger will be participating in the ComfortCare Women's Health "**Stride for Life**" fundraiser on May 6. Please contact Marian if you would like to donate in support of her and ComfortCare.

Springdale is once again **collecting paper products** for Love INC (In the Name of Christ). Donations of tissues, toilet paper, napkins, & paper towels may be placed in the marked tub in the entrance foyer.

Stuarts Draft Retirement Community is sponsoring a **day trip to see Moses at Sight & Sound Theater** in PA (June 15), and they are hoping to fill a bus! If you are interested (\$160/person includes bus, show, buffet dinner & snacks), contact Martha Shank at 932-3050.

**VMMissions Note:** Lift up the church where Shawn & Laura Green serve in Termoli, Italy, as it seeks to be a place of transformation & invitation to its neighbors. Pray for good spaces & avenues for ministry.

Please **check the bulletin board** for information on the following:

- Prayer & Praise at ComfortCare's new location in Staunton, April 27, 5-7 p.m.
- Everence webinar for couples preparing for marriage or married less than 5 years, May 4 or May 11.
- "VMC Assemble for Worship" gathering, May 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Waynesboro M.C. Visit [virginiacommunity.org](http://virginiacommunity.org) for additional information and/or to register.
- Highland Retreat pre-summer work day on May 6; and a Highland Celebration on May 20.

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