

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

TODAY / THIS WEEK

Today Noon: Peace Soup Meal
Thurs. 7:15 a.m.: Morning Prayers
Fri. 6:30 p.m.: Game Night

Peace Sunday

- Prelude - *Martha Laub*
- Welcome and Announcements - *Martha Laub*
- Call to Worship and Prayer
- Peace Story - *Ranita Shenk*
- Congregational Singing - *Martha Laub*
- Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)
- Peace Story
- Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:16-31; John 16:33
- Message: "Unsafe . . ." - *Kevin Goertzen*
- Song of Response
- Peace Story
- Congregational Sharing and Prayer
- Sending Song
- Prayer for Lunch and Benediction

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Nursery Volunteers: Meg Emery, Orpha Beyeler

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"Thank you all for the many ways you have blessed Denise & me since we returned from sabbatical. The recognition of 10 years of ministry at Springdale, the personalized gifts, and the numerous cards of encouragement have blessed us deeply. In addition, we want to thank you for your prayers, meals, & other expressions of care we received as Denise was having & recovering from surgery." Pastor Kevin & Denise

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 29:** Fifth Sunday Offering for Missions
- Oct. 29:** Biking / Hiking Event for All Ages (Lexington, afternoon)
- Nov. 2:** Sewing Circle (9:30 a.m.)
- Nov. 5:** Vote on Membership Requirement Suspension
- Nov. 6:** Providing Lunch for Disciples' Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)
- Nov. 10-12:** Mennonite Women of VA Retreat (Glen Allen, VA)

Please pray for Dave Mininger, who will spend the next two weeks in Jennings, LA, serving as a crew leader with Mennonite Disaster Service.

Don't forget the **Springdale Game Night** this Fri., Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

A **biking / hiking event** is being planned for all ages next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, near Lexington. There are a variety of options for different fitness levels. Please talk to Gene Ramsey or Wendy Hochstedler with questions or if you would like to participate.

Next Sunday's worship service will include our **fifth Sunday offering for missions**. Envelopes are available in the foyer for your use.

Portions of our bylaws were suspended for 2023 & 2024 to help us live into the current size & reality of our congregation. In that same vein, Congregational Council is recommending a **temporary suspension of the membership requirement** for serving on Discerning Committee & Spiritual Health Council (as a way of increasing the number of people available to serve). A vote will be held on this recommendation on Sun., Nov. 5. Please talk to Ann Frank if you have any questions. (*Membership would still be required to serve on Congregational Council or as a Delegate to wider church gatherings.*)

In the absence of an active Worship Commission, we are **looking for help** with Advent worship services (visuals, children's times, skits, etc.). Related resources are available. We are also looking for people to plan our Christmas Eve service. If you are willing to help, contact Pastor Kevin or Nancy Stoll.

We will be collecting **Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes** again this year! Those with email should have received information about building a shoebox online. If you prefer to shop for yourself, cardboard shoe boxes, brochures, & adhesive labels are available in the foyer. A \$10 donation per box is requested to help with shipping. (If the shipping donation is made online & you enter the code from your label and your e-mail address, you will be advised where your shoebox is being sent.) Physical shoeboxes will be collected Nov. 12-19 at Springdale. Keep your eyes open for a **possible upcoming "Shoebox Building Party"**!

If you have updates / changes for Springdale's **2024 address directory**, or if you are not currently included and would like to be, please contact Nancy Stoll.

Don't forget our **challenge to spend additional time in prayer & scripture reading**! For each day you read/pray for at least 15 minutes (or 15 minutes longer than your usual time) and/or spend time reading Bible stories to your child(ren), you are invited to place a bead in the vase in the church entrance foyer (there are different sizes and shapes available). Let's fill up that vase!

Thanks to everyone who recently supported the following:

- A **yard sale to benefit Magnolia Rose**. Over \$7,500 was raised to support this local organization that provides healing & hope to trafficking victims!
- The Fall Fundraising **Banquet to benefit ComfortCare Women's Health**. New gifts & pledges received that night totaled \$74,389!

Check the bulletin board for information on the following:

- A Love INC-sponsored equipping course called "Renewing Your Mind," this Sat., Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- A Highland Retreat banquet, Thurs., Nov. 16 (RSVP by Nov. 8).
- Ways to help with WARM's upcoming Silent Auction of Holiday Sweets & Treats on Sun., Nov. 19 (donation forms are available under the church mailboxes).

