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No Sunday School Today 10:30 a.m. Worship

## Gathering

Prelude - *Ranita Shenk*Welcome and Announcements - *Kim Powell*Call to Worship (back of bulletin)
Congregational Song - *Kristi Stoltzfus*Candle Lighting - *c/o Kim Powell* 

## Praising

Congregational Singing Offering (includes coin offerings for missions)

## Listening

Time for the Young and Young at Heart - Carleen Layman

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-11

Message: "Anointing for Justice" - Gerald Shenk

## Sharing

Song of Response Congregational Sharing and Prayer

# Sending

Sending Song Sending Blessing

Nursery Volunteers: Alma Lara, Diana Martinez

Thanks to your generosity, an insulin pump for Ryker Thomas **has been funded**. You are still invited to purchase items from Bethlehem, Jerusalem, & Nazareth Village on a donation basis from the table in the foyer. Proceeds will benefit Springdale's Agape Fund to help others from our congregation as needed.

The fellowship hall & kitchen floors will be **stripped & re-waxed** this Tuesday (all day) & Wednesday morning. Please do not plan to be in those areas during those times. Thanks!

## TODAY / THIS WEEK

Today 9:15 a.m.: Christmas Breakfast

2:00 p.m.: Making Gingerbread Houses (children & youth)

**Tues.** 7:00 p.m.: Prayer Gathering

Wed. 6:15 p.m.: Christmas Caroling (snacks afterwards)

Thurs. 9:30 a.m.: Freedom Group

Fri. 10:00 a.m.: Interim Pastoral Team Meeting

### NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m.)

Dec. 29: Fifth Sunday Offering for Missions

Note from Alan Shenk, Treasurer: As you plan your year-end giving, please note that our income through November has exceeded our expenses by \$23,260. Income has remained steady in comparison to recent years, but expenses are down significantly because of the pastoral vacancy. Please note also that the last two Sundays of December you will have the option to designate giving towards missions. Envelopes will be available to designate the mission(s) of your choice. Our mission goal in recent years has been to collect at least 10% of what we give toward our normal budgeted offerings. To reach that goal, we will need approximately \$5,500 specified for missions by the end of the year.

#### **Springdale Christmas Events:**

- \* Making gingerbread houses, today, 2-4 p.m., children & youth. Bring a bag or two of candy or other house décor per child/youth.
- \* Christmas caroling, this Wed., Dec. 18, starting at 6:15 p.m. (donuts & hot chocolate available afterwards).
- \* <u>Christmas Eve service</u>, Tues., Dec. 24, 7 p.m., infant care kits collected (content lists/some content items available in the foyer).

#### Check the **bulletin board** for information on the following:

- \* Benefit concert for Love INC, Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church.
- \* Eastern Mennonite School <u>Christmas concerts</u>: High School Dec. 17, 7 p.m.; Middle School Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
- \* Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center's <u>annual Christmas event</u>, including a dramatized tour (today, Dec. 21 & 22).
- \* Schola Cantorum's <u>Christmas concert</u>, today, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, W'boro. *Nelson Driver is a member of this group*.