

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Gathering

Prelude - *Martha Laub*Welcome and Announcements - *Martha Laub*

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Congregational Song - *c/o Martha Laub*

Candle Lighting

Praising

Congregational Singing

Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)

Listening

Time for the Young and Young at Heart - *Debbie Frank*

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-49

Message: "Embodying God's Spirit" - *Gerald Shenk*

Responding

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song

Sending Blessing

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Nursery Volunteers: Carleen Layman, Marian Mininger

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Please pray for continued healing for Nanette Post; and for former Springdale attender Betsy Sadler, whose husband, Carl, passed away on Dec. 15.

This is your last chance 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** for needs within our congregation.

THIS WEEK

Tues. 7:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Service**Wednesday: Merry Christmas! Christ is born!**

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

Dec. 29: Fifth Sunday Offering for Missions**Jan. 6:** Providing Lunch for Disciples' Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)**Feb. 9:** Congregational Meeting**Mar. 3-10:** Hosting the WARM Thermal Shelter

Nancy Stoll's **office schedule** will be Mon. & Tues. (Dec. 23 & 24) this week; and Thurs. & Fri. the following week (Jan. 2 & 3).

You and your family / friends are invited to our **Christmas Eve service** this Tues., Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.! The service will include music, scripture, candle light, readings, and special times for the children. Infant care kits will be collected & brought to the front of the sanctuary as our offering for the evening.

"A big **thank you** to everyone for all the cards, texts, phone calls, and Facebook communications that helped make Ralph's 90th birthday very special. God bless each one!" - Love, Ralph & Joyce Showalter

Today & next Sun., Dec. 29, you have the option to **designate your giving for missions**. Envelopes are available on the table in the foyer to indicate your choice(s). Goal: That our giving to missions will be at least 10% of what we give toward our normal budgeted offerings.

"I take this opportunity to wish our brotherhood in Springdale a Merry Christmas & New Year's Eve, trusting in God that the New Year will be full of many pleasant surprises, peace & prosperity. Greetings, peace & many blessings." - Pastor Samuel Martinez, El Salvador

In January, we will begin **sharing together in communion** during worship on a monthly basis. If you are willing to make/provide bread for one of these services, please contact Nancy Stoll.

Former Springdale pastor, Mark Wenger, **has written a touching article** about faith and his and Kathy's journey with Parkinson's disease. Copies are available under the mailboxes.