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Issue 9

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 a.m. Worship (in-person and via Zoom)

Gathering

Prelude - *Ranita Shenk*Welcome and Announcements - *Kevin Goertzen*Call to Worship and Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing - Wendy Hochstedler, Ranita Shenk Offering (includes coin offerings for missions)

Listening

Children's Time - *Denise Goertzen* Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 6:1-9 - *Kathy Huber* Message: "Challenges to Faithful Service" - *Kevin Goertzen*

Responding

Song of Response Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song Benediction

Please pray for <u>Russ & Martha Laub</u> (as they care for Martha's father, Bob Treacy, who will be living with them).

This Wed., Mar. 2, is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. The sanctuary will be open all day for personal reflection & prayer (resources will be available).

"Striving for Faithful Responses," gatherings planned by Spiritual Health Council, will begin this Wed., Mar. 2, at 6:45 p.m. Please see the bulletin insert for additional information.

TODAY / THIS WEEK

Today 2:00 p.m.: Exploring Membership Gathering (check with Pastor Kevin if interested)

Tues. 7:00 p.m.: Evening Prayers

Wed. All Day: Ash Wednesday, Sanctuary Open for Prayer 6:45 p.m.: "Striving for Faithful Responses" Gathering

Thurs. 7:15 a.m.: Morning Prayers **9:30 a.m.:** Sewing Circle

7:00 p.m.: Ladies' Zoom Bible Study

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

Mar. 6: First Sunday of Lent (including communion)

Mar. 9: "Striving for Faithful Responses" Gathering

Mar. 10: Congregational Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

March 14-20: Providing Food for WARM Participants

Mar. 19: Brunswick Stew Fundraiser for Sanchez Ministry (Cheese Shop)

Mar. 22: Serving Lunch at Disciples' Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)

April 14: Maundy Thursday Meal / Service

April 17: Easter Sunday (donuts/coffee/juice at 10 a.m.; outdoor Worship Celebration at 10:30)

May 15: EMHS Touring Choir at Springdale (a.m.)

July 8-10: Church Day Out Weekend at Highland Retreat

Beginning in March, **wearing masks** is still **encouraged** as we gather together for worship, but is now **optional** (in light of decreasing COVID numbers in our area and the availability of vaccines for those age 5 and older). Continued mask use is requested for children's / youth Sunday School classes. Also, if you choose to be unmasked while in the building: 1) please respect the space of those who are masked; and 2) do not interact with children without parental approval, as children under age 5 have not had the opportunity to be vaccinated.

The Ministry Support Team for the Armando & Veronica Sanchez ministry in Waynesboro is planning a **Brunswick Stew fundraiser** on Saturday, March 19, at the Cheese Shop in Stuarts Draft. The stew, made by Ronnie and Gene Grove, normally comes off the kettles around 10:30 a.m. Don't miss it! ©

Please **return baby bottles** for ComfortCare Women's Health to Springdale this week. Thanks!

If you can help **provide food for WARM participants** March 14-20 (or serve as a morning volunteer), please sign up using the link you've received via email or contact the church office.

Invitation cards for **Easter Sunday** are available on the table in the foyer. Please feel free to invite friends, family members, and/or neighbors to join us for donuts and drinks at 10 a.m., and outdoor worship at 10:30 on Easter Sunday, April 17.

Congregational Council has nominated Mark Hochstedler **to serve as Springdale's delegate** to Mennonite Church USA's delegate assembly in Kansas City in May. Please direct any concerns or affirmations about this nomination to Kevin Goertzen by March 6.

Please sign up in the foyer if you would like to **help with Summer Bible School** (a joint venture with Lynside & Greenmonte).

Mark your calendars for **Church Day Out weekend** at Highland Retreat this summer, <u>July 8-10</u>! Plan to participate in this weekend of worship, fellowship & enjoying God's beautiful creation.

Mennonite Women of VA's **Annual Missions Day** will be held this Sat., March 5, at W'boro M.C., beginning at 9 a.m., & will include sharing by a missionary from Central Asia, worship, sharing financial love gifts, lunch & fellowship. Check the bulletin board for add'l info.

We have received a 2021 report from the Stuarts Draft Clothes Closet (posted on the bulletin board). If you have **clothing or financial donations** you would like to make, please contact Brenda Nice at 337-0486. Thanks!

Mennonite Men has several upcoming events planned and digital resources available. If you would like to learn more, please visit mennonitemen.org.

VMMissions Note: Pray for tranSend intern Nathan Carr, who works with those recently released from jail in Harrisonburg. He is working with a local church to start a jail outreach that will utilize Celebrate Recovery material to help people find Christ and sobriety.

Striving for Faithful Responses

Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:15

March 2, 2022: Overview of MC USA Special Delegate Assembly

- Resolution on the Membership Guidelines
- A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation
- Accessibility Resolution (Anabaptist Disabilities Network & Mennonite Health Services)
- For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System Resolution
- Corporate Prayer for our process
- Covenant of Respect

March 9: What do we agree on?

• Reviewing and Reflecting on our many areas of agreement with regard to how we interpret the Bible, human sexuality...

March 16: Position A - The church should maintain the position that marriage is only for one man & one woman (the order for Positions A & B may change based on presenter availability)

- Presentation by a Mennonite Pastor from another congregation
- Congregational response (using a talking piece to respond to specific questions)

March 23: Position B - The church should accept covenanted homosexual couples as members in good standing

- Presentation by a Mennonite Pastor from another congregation
- Congregational response (using a talking piece to respond to specific questions)

March 30: Sharing our Stories & Perspectives:

- Three Springdale volunteers (clarified ahead of time) sharing their perspectives, questions, and/or experiences
- Congregational response/interaction after each

April 6: More Stories & Perspectives / Wrap-Up

- Inviting others to take turns sharing briefly, followed by congregational response
- Wrap-Up: What we've heard and how we've been impacted

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