

No Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Prelude - *Ranita Shenk*

Welcome and Announcements - *Alan Shenk*

“Who Knows?” - *Earl & Barbara Maslin, Ranita Shenk*

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Gathering a Harvest of Gratitude and Praise - *Gerald Shenk*

Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)

Songs of Remembering

Children’s Time - *Carleen Layman*

Songs of our Hopes

Scripture Reading

Songs of our Prayers for our World

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

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Nursery Volunteers: Maggie Brenneman, Carleen Layman

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Please pray for Dave & Marian Mininger who will be serving with MDS in Jennings, Louisiana again during the month of January.

Church calendars for January will be distributed this week.

A sign-up sheet will be sent out this week for the **meal** on Sun., Jan. 14. You are invited to participate in the meal & stay for the **Congregational Meeting** afterwards. Agenda items will include the 2024 budget; ministry roles for 2024; and the upcoming pastoral transition.

TODAY / THIS WEEK

Today 9:15 a.m.: Christmas Breakfast (No Sunday School)

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

Thurs. 9:30 a.m.: Sewing Circle

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

Jan. 7: “Exploring Biblical Forgiveness” Adult S.S. Class Begins

Jan. 14: Congregational Meeting (following worship / lunch)

Jan. 22: Providing Lunch for Disciples’ Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)

Feb. 18: Southern & Central District “Year of Worship, Healing, Reflection & Renewal” Service (6 p.m., at Springdale)

Feb. 26-Mar. 4, 2024: Serve as Host for WARM Participants

If you have “**wintery**” **quilts** you are willing to share for hanging in the church sanctuary, please contact Nancy Stoll.

If you would like to be part of a planning group related to **Springdale’s 200th anniversary** (in 2025), please contact Nancy Stoll.

Financial Update: Thank you all for your incredible generosity towards the work of God through Springdale Mennonite Church, especially during this final month of the year. Last Sunday’s offering was \$8,035, leaving us needing only \$2,400 to balance our budget for the year. Praise God for His faithfulness to us through the generosity of His people!

Offerings collected today are **for missions & the budget**. Please use a designated envelope if you want your gift to go toward missions (other donations will go toward the budget).

Starting next Sun., Jan. 7, Jim Goalder will be leading an **8-week adult Sunday School class** (9:30 a.m.) to explore ideas about Biblical forgiveness from Old & New Testament perspectives; why genuine forgiveness is so hard; and how genuine forgiveness improves physical, emotional & spiritual health. All are welcome!

For each day you **spend extra time** in scripture reading/prayer, share Bible stories with your children, or experience a significant encounter with God, you are invited to place a bead in the vase in the foyer.