

Spring Mount Mennonite Church

www.springmountmennonite.org

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Our Mission: *To reach out to our community as a healthy congregation able to offer welcome and fellowship for the purpose of salvation and nurture in God's grace.*

Pastor:	Christian J. Nickels	484-962-0029
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Elders:	Eleanor Ruth	215-361-6855
	Ruth Reinford	610-287-2361
	Rich Miller	215-723-5422

Preservice Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. *(in a classroom in the basement)*

Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

December 20, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preservice Music

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Scriptures:

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:39-55

God delivers!

Eleanor Ruth

Dan McDonough

Walton Ruth

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Lighting of Advent Candles

Theme Song

"I Will Trust in You"

Children's Time

Congregational Singing

Sermon:

"Deliver"

Randi Moyer

Walton Ruth

Chris Nickels

Litany of Response

Offering

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Praises and Prayer Requests

Closing Song

Walton Ruth

Benediction

Dan McDonough

Greeters/Ushers:	Al Paul	David McDonough	Carol Menser
		Jonathan Pennington	Rich Miller

THIS WEEK AT SPRING MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH

Wednesday, **December 23**, 7:30 p.m. – **Bible Study** at Ruth Reinford's home

Thursday, **December 24**, 7:00 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Service**

NEXT SUNDAY: December 27, 2009

Sermon:

"The Space Between"

Scripture:

John 14:15-31

Worship Leader:

Deb Nickels

Song Leader:

Gay Brunt Miller

Christmas Sunday

Don McDonough

LAST SUNDAY: December 13, 2009	Attendance: 48
	Offering: \$2,225

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dock Woods Community will be holding a **Longest Night Service** this Sunday, **December 20**, 6:30 p.m., in the chapel. Join us as we share together in prayer, scripture, and music, acknowledging God's presence in the midst of our struggles and mourning. The service will be led by chaplain **Lorene Derstine**, hospice nurse **Patti Langton**, and other community members. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. For more information please call 215-368-4438.

Zion Mennonite Church's Table of Plenty will host a community **Christmas Day Meal** on Friday, **December 25**, in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone in the area who does not have someone with whom to share the day, or who wishes to spend the afternoon in fellowship may join the group for appetizers at 11:30 a.m. and the full-course meal at 12:00 noon. The meal is free to all attendees; however, reservations are requested. Call the church at 215-723-3592 or Hartzell at 215-723-7476.

Kairos: School of Spiritual Formation's January retreat will be held **January 8-10** at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville, PA. Retreat options are: 1) Letting Go: Cultivating a Pure Heart, 2) Contemporary Healing Prayer Retreat, 3) Visualizing Your Spiritual Journey, and 4) A Silent Retreat. All are welcome to attend. Register by December 24. For more information or to register call 717-669-2957 or visit www.on-the-journey.org.

Men of all ages are invited to a **Men's Retreat** on **January 14-15** at **Spruce Lake Retreat**. The featured speaker will be **John Fischer** with praise and worship artists, **Next 2 Nothing**. Fischer, a senior writer for PurposeDrivenLife.com, has a distinctive ministry career spanning over 35 years. The retreat begins late afternoon/Thursday, January 14, and ends Friday afternoon, January 15. A short but powerful event that could easily be life-changing! The all-inclusive retreat package is \$109/person. Call 800-822-7505 or visit www.sprucelake.org for retreat information.

This Christmas choose a **gift for family and friends** that helps **one more child** sleep in a safe shelter, **one more family** add to its herd or flock or **one more community** have safe drinking water from a nearby source. Even a small donation to **Mennonite Central Committee** can make a big difference. Visit www.mcc.org/christmas for gift giving options.

SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE MONTH: But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20

REMINDER OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 20 – Christmas Carol Sing at Perkasio Mennonite Church

December 21 – Longest Night Service at Souderton Mennonite Church

January 16 – Seminar for Sunday School teachers at Plains Mennonite Church

January 29 – Student Visitation Day at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Nueva Vida Norristown New Life Mennonite Church** has an opening for a part-time bilingual (Spanish/English) church secretary.

Check bulletin board in foyer for details and additional postings.