

Spring Mount Mennonite Church

www.springmountmennonite.org

610-287-5280

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
Associate Pastor:	Don McDonough	610-222-0357
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 27, 2009

Christmas Sunday *Let all creation praise God!*
Preservice Music Eileen Viau

Gathering

Call to Worship	Deb Nickels
Congregational Singing	Walton Ruth
Lighting of Advent Candles	
Theme Song	<i>"I Will Trust in You"</i>

Hearing the Word

Scripture:	John 14:15-31	pp. 877-878
Children's Time		
Sermon:	<i>"The Space Between"</i>	Don McDonough

Our response

Congregational Singing	Walton Ruth
Offering	
Prayers of the People	
Sharing of Praises and Prayer Requests	

Sending

Closing Song	Walton Ruth
Announcements	
Benediction	Deb Nickels

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

THIS WEEK AT SPRING MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH

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

NEXT SUNDAY: January 3, 2009

Epiphany Sunday

Sermon:	<i>"Reveal"</i>	Chris Nickels
Scriptures:	Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12, Ephesians 3:1-12	
Worship Leader:		Ben Morrow
Song Leaders:		Deb & Dan McDonough

TWO WEEKS AGO: December 13, 2009	Attendance: 48
	Offering: \$2,225
LAST SUNDAY: December 20, 2009	Snow cancellation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Mennonite Conference Center** (569 Yoder Road, Harleysville) will be **closed** for the holidays from Thursday, **December 24**, through Friday, **January 1**. The office will reopen on Monday, January 4.

Line Lexington Mennonite Church is sponsoring a **New Years Eve Gospel Dinner Concert** at **Franconia Heritage** on Thursday, **December 31**, 6:30 p.m., featuring Donna Godshall, Harmenaires, and Renaissance Gospel. Tickets for dinner and concert are \$35 and are available at the Franconia Heritage Gift Shop through December 29.

Karen's Place, the coffee shop ministry of **Doylestown Mennonite Church**, will be open Saturday, **January 2**, featuring the alternative-rock band **Only Human**. Donations for hurricane victims in the Gulf Area are welcome. Bring canned fruit or vegetables for the New Britain Baptist Food Larder and receive a free cup of coffee or hot tea. For information call 215-345-6377 or visit www.karensplace.org.

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.

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

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.
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Centers** is looking for part-time teachers.
- **Choice Books** has an opening for a full-time service representative.
- **Serving and Learning Together (SALT)** has opportunities for young adults.
Check bulletin board in foyer for details and additional postings.

JOIN IN PRAYER FOR:

- **Doris Brunt** (Gay's mother) as she deals with pain and discouragement. Cards of encouragement can be sent to Doris Brunt, 3250 State Road, Apt 287W, Sellersville, PA 18960.