

# Springdale Communicator

"Taste & See that the Lord is Good!"  
(Psalm 34:8)

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## Remember in prayer:

- Eva Campbell;
- Krista Miller  
(preparations for cross-cultural trip to the Middle East).



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## Tending Our Faith Community

During our **Christmas Eve Service**, \$1,193 was collected for Mennonite Central Committee, as well as 10 Newborn Kits! Thanks for your generosity.

Next Sun., Jan. 10, our congregation will celebrate our **covenants with God and each other** through communion, footwashing & reaffirming our membership vows. Everyone is invited to participate as we celebrate our unity in Christ!

**Menno Bucks Café** will resume next Sunday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m.

The Finance & Facilities Commission is calling a **congregational meeting** on Wed., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., regarding the **church's water system**. Committee findings will be presented and there will be time for questions and feedback. Additional information is available beside church mailboxes.

Also, there will be a **meal** that evening at 5:30 consisting of pancakes with toppings, biscuits with gravy, egg casserole, fruit, orange juice and coffee.

Springdale's Mission Commission is encouraging participation in the current **Baby Bottle Campaign** sponsored by ComfortCare Women's Health. Next Sunday, Jan. 10, bottles will be available in the foyer to take home and fill with change. Also, Springdale children will use baby bottles to collect our coin offerings for this project during the worship services on Jan. 17 & 24.

There is a sheet on the bulletin board to sign out **church tables, chairs and non-kitchen equipment** for personal use. However, in order to avoid scheduling overlaps, please check with *Nancy Stoll* before borrowing these items.



There will be a **Young Adult Activity** on Sunday, January 17. More details will follow.

Our winter **School for Christian Living** classes will begin on Wed., Jan. 20. More information will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendars for a church-wide **birthday party social** on Sunday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m.

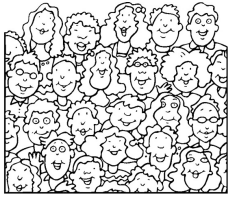


**Thank-You Note:** "To the Springdale Church Family - The family of Ralph Weaver would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who shared their love and concern during Ralph's long illness and recent death. Your prayers, visits, calls, food and cards meant a lot to our family. All your kindness will be lovingly remembered. God bless you."

- Beverly Weaver & Family

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## Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



**Today:**  
No evening youth meetings

**Jan. 10:** Menno Bucks Café (9 a.m.); JMYF/MYF Progressive Dinner (meet at the church at 5 p.m.)

**Jan. 24:**  
JMYF/MYF Ice Skating



## Embracing Our Broader Community

Copies of Mennonite Mission Network's January *Prayer Vine* are available in the literature rack.

Check the bulletin board for information regarding "**Financial Peace University**," a 13-week small group study focusing on beating debt, building wealth, and learning to give. The first class begins January 11 at VMRC.

There will be an **eight-week marital enrichment workshop** starting Jan. 12 at EMU. *Kristy Koser* from Horizons Counseling will lead the workshop: "*Hold Me Tight: Seven Conversations for a Lifetime of Love*." The workshop will include time for couples to practice conversation skills. More information is available in the literature rack.

*Ervin Stutzman* will become **Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA** in January 2010. There will be a special installation service at Park View M.C. on March 7, 4:30 p.m. Additional information will be forthcoming.

There is information on the bulletin board regarding a number of **upcoming events** in Harrisonburg:

- A support group for separated & divorced persons;
- A six-session "Defeating Anxiety" class;
- A class on "Becoming Financially Wise";
- A four-session "Marriage Maintenance" seminar.

Serving & Learning Together (**SALT**) is a year-long program of Mennonite Central Committee for Canadian & U.S. Christians ages 18-27 interested in a cross-cultural service experience. Through participation in the daily lives and realities of communities in need, SALT participants will learn, reflect, absorb and above all, change. For more information, visit <http://salt.mcc.org/>.

**Mentor Couple Training** will be held at Family Life Resource Center Jan. 29-30, 7-9 p.m. Friday & 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost is only \$25 per couple and includes the cost of *Dr. Les and Leslie Parrott's* "Kit for Marriage Mentoring." Call 540-434-8450 for more information.

Respond to God's call to care for the earth at **Creation Care: Stewards of the Earth** (Feb. 12-14 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center), a program designed by Mennonite Mutual Aid, the Church of the Brethren and Laurelville. Become equipped with the resources and knowledge for leading your church or community toward environmentally responsible practice. Visit [laurelville.org/creation\\_care.html](http://laurelville.org/creation_care.html) or call 1-800-839-1021 to register or for more information.



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**Mennonite Health Assembly** will be held Mar. 4-7 in Norfolk for health professionals, spiritual care leaders, administrators, etc. A broad range of topics will be covered. Brochures are available under the mailboxes. Register by Jan. 22 to receive a discount.



### Items on the Bulletin Board:

- Evening/weekend courses available at Eastern Mennonite Seminary;
- Job opening at Eastern Menn. School for a Director of Advancement;
- Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival concert & dessert reception, Jan. 17, in Bridgewater;
- Upcoming retreats sponsored by Blue Ridge Ministries.