

# Springdale Communicator

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

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## Remember in prayer:

- Joan Burkholder (recovering from a fall);
- Evan Wenger (recent loss of his grandmother);
- Love INC (see note);
- Haitian earthquake victims.



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## Tending Our Faith Community

**Young adults** are invited to gather at the home of *Natalie Showalter* this evening at 7:30.

*Pastor Mark* is **out of the office** this week until Thursday afternoon. He will be participating in the "School for Leadership Training" at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Our winter **School for Christian Living** class will begin this Wed., Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m., using the book *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty* by Ruby K. Payne and Bill Ehlig. Please come!

The **Discerning Committee** has nominated *Danny Showalter* to serve as Fellowship & Care Commission Coordinator (through 8/31/10) and *Lisa Showalter* as Bible School Co-Coordinator (through 8/31/10). Direct affirmations or concerns to a member of the Discerning Committee (*Dwayne A., Nelson D., Daryl F., Mim W.*) by Jan. 31.

Also, **Ministry Team** has nominated *Joshua Fairfield* to serve as the Congregational Peace Advocate through 8/31/10. Direct affirmations or concerns to a Ministry Team member.

If you were not at this week's church water meeting and would like to complete an **informal poll** regarding your preference, please fill out one of the forms in the foyer and place it in the white box by Wednesday.

A **partnership of local churches** is considering ways to share resources to local people in need through **Love INC** ([www.loveinc.org](http://www.loveinc.org)). Please pray for clarity and discernment and for a person to provide leadership for this ministry. If you might have an interest in providing this leadership, please contact *Pastor Mark*.

Don't forget **Menno Bucks Café**: today, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, 14 & 28, at 9 a.m.

Ministry Team has approved the setting aside of **funds for short-term missions** use. Mission Commission is setting guidelines for the use of this money and invites your feedback. If you have ideas or input regarding these guidelines, please talk to a Mission Commission member (*Dolores B., Kathy H., Dave P., Bruce S. or Kristi W.*).

The Worship Commission would like to **thank all of those who participated** in so many ways during our Advent, Christmas Eve, and Epiphany services. You have generously shared with the congregation a wealth of gifts and helped make it a very meaningful season. Blessings!



**Donation letters** for 2009 contributions are in church mailboxes. Please talk to *Ann Frank* with questions.

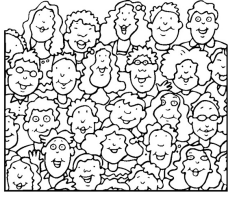
**Baby bottles** are available in the foyer to take home and fill with change for ComfortCare Women's Health (to be returned by Jan. 31). Also, Springdale children will use baby bottles to collect our coin offerings for this project today and next Sunday.

There will be a church-wide **birthday party social** on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend!



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## Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



**Today:**  
Menno Bucks Café (9 a.m.);

**Sun., Jan. 24:** Menno Bucks  
Café (helpers should  
be at the church at 8:30);

**Sun., Jan. 24:** JMYF/ MYF  
ice skating activity, im-  
mediately after church.  
Bring \$10 and dress  
warmly!

## Embracing Our Broader Community

### Items on the Bulletin Board:

- *Discipleship Series offered at Early Church in H'burg, beginning Jan. 28;*
- *Evening/weekend courses available at Eastern Mennonite Seminary;*
- *Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival concert & dessert reception, today, in Bridge-water;*
- *Upcoming retreats sponsored by Blue Ridge Ministries;*
- *Stewardship University at Springdale, March 20.*

A major **earthquake in Haiti** has created very difficult living for Haitians.

Please pray for them as they deal with another natural disaster, and pray for church leaders to have wisdom and energy to assist their people in recovery.

Also, Mennonite Central Committee is **responding to this need** with at least \$1 million & will provide immediate shelter, food, emergency supplies & trauma healing & other long-term recovery needs. You can give online at [donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake](http://donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake) or by calling toll free: 1-888-563-4676.

Copies of a new **Deaf Youth Fellowship newsletter** are available under the mail-boxes.

Come and **sing with the residents** at Stuarts Draft Christian Home next Sun., Jan. 24, at 9:30 a.m. No practice is necessary!



**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.

The CrossRoads (Valley Brethren-Mennonite) Heritage Center will hold its **annual dinner and meeting** on Friday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Lindale Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$20 per person. To register, call 540-438-1275 by Feb. 1, and mail your deposit to CrossRoads, P.O. Box 1563, Harrisonburg, VA 22803. A picture show will highlight activities for 2009 and CrossRoads President *Robert Alley* will share a vision for the remainder of 2010. Snow date is Feb. 12 ([info@vbmhc.org](mailto:info@vbmhc.org) or [www.vbmhc.org](http://www.vbmhc.org)).

The next **Southern District Music Festival** will be held on Sun., April 25, 6 p.m., at Waynesboro M.C. More information will follow.

**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 mail-boxes. Register by Jan. 22 to receive a discount.

On Sat., Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., Park View M. C. will host "**Music to Warm the Hearth**," a musical fundraiser for People Helping People. A variety of Park View musicians will share their gifts of music. A freewill offering will be taken to help with heating bills for community people.



Mark your calendars for the ComfortCare Women's Health "**Walk for Life**" event which will be held on May 8.

