

# Springdale Communicator

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

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## Remember in prayer:

- *Eva Campbell (recovering at Avante);*
- *Dick & Louise Alderfer (see note);*
- *Regina Wenger (see note);*
- *Krista Miller (in the Middle East for EMU cross-cultural term).*



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## Tending Our Faith Community

There will be a **congregational meal** this Wed., Jan. 27, at 5:30 p.m., which will include corn chowder & quiche.

Also, our winter **School for Christian Living** class will continue that evening, at 6:30 p.m., using the book *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty*. It's not too late to come!

Plan to participate in a **congregational birthday celebration** next Sun., Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a variety of activities that involve people of all ages. Cakes are needed to represent each month of the year. Please sign up today if you plan to attend this event and/or can make a cake!

The **Discerning Committee** has nominated *Danny Showalter* to serve as Fellowship & Care Commission Coordinator (thru 8/31/10) and *Lisa Showalter* as Bible School Co-Coordinator (thru 8/31/10). Direct affirmations or concerns to a member of the Discerning Committee by Jan. 31.

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

There will be a short meeting on Sun., Feb. 7, immediately following the worship service, for students & parents interested in participating in the **Congregational Aid Plan** for 2010-2011. If you have questions or have not received plan information and a covenant form in the mail and may be eligible to participate, please talk to *Nancy Stoll*.

*Dick Alderfer* left with a group on Thursday **traveling to Haiti** to provide medical assistance and other relief. Pray for Dick's safety and strength in his travels and work. If you would like to contribute towards the expenses of this trip, please make checks payable to Springdale, marked "Haiti Medical Trip." You can learn more about what he is doing at [www.missionaryjames.com](http://www.missionaryjames.com).

*Regina Wenger* will leave this week to **study and serve in the Czech Republic**. Please keep her in your prayers. You can follow her activities at [reginaspragueblog.blogspot.com](http://reginaspragueblog.blogspot.com).



If you would like to **renew your membership covenant** at Springdale, please take a moment to read and sign the large poster in the foyer.



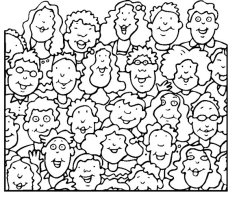
Don't forget **Menno Bucks Café**: today, Feb. 7, 14 & 28, at 9 a.m.

Springdale children will use **baby bottles** to collect coin offerings again today for ComfortCare Women's Health. If you are filling a bottle at home, please return it to the church by next Sunday, Jan. 31.

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.

**Donation letters** for 2009 contributions were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday. Please talk to *Ann Frank* with questions.

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## Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning

**Today:** Menno Bucks Café (9 a.m.);

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ately after church. Youth will return to the church by 5 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 7:** JMYF/MYF Super Bowl party at the Myers' home (time TBA)



### 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;*
- *Upcoming retreats sponsored by Blue Ridge Ministries.*

Virginia Mennonite Missions continues to receive funds, medical supplies, and names of volunteers for possible short-term teams for earthquake relief in Haiti.



Contact *Philip Rhodes* at [philip.rhodes@vmmissions.org](mailto:philip.rhodes@vmmissions.org) or 1-800-707-5535.

Mennonite Central Committee is requesting relief kits and blankets. See [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org) for details on these items.

We have received **thank-you letters** for the following donations: Highland Retreat (\$250) and Mennonite Central Committee (\$1300).

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*.



Copies of a new **Deaf Youth Fellowship** newsletter are available under the mailboxes.

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

**Highland Retreat Benefit Auction** will be held Feb. 27 to benefit the summer camp program. Please consider donating a new product or service, such as crafted wood items, pottery, quilts, comforters, gift certificates, ethnic meals, baked goods, home roasted coffee, oak firewood, antiques. Contact Highland Retreat at [info@highlandretreat.org](mailto:info@highlandretreat.org) or call 540-852-3226 and ask for *Ben* or *Kent*.

**Celebrate Valentine's Day all weekend!** MennoFolk and Ted & Company Theater-Works team up to present drama, music and laughter on Feb. 12 and 13 in the Eastern Mennonite School Auditorium. Check the bulletin board for details.

Join in **conversation with Earl Zimmerman**, former professor in the Bible & Religion Department and current MCC representative for India, Afghanistan and Nepal, on Thurs., Jan. 28, 12-1:30 p.m., in the East dining room at EMU. Go through the cafeteria line or bring your bag lunch. After brief remarks, he'll engage questions and comments. Contact [bible@emu.edu](mailto:bible@emu.edu) or call 540-432-4050.

**VA Mennonite Missions Note:** Today *David & Shirley Yoder* are being commissioned for service with Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago where David will serve as overseer for the pastors. The commissioning service is being held in their home congregation, Roedersville Mennonite Church, Pine Grove, PA.

Mark your calendars for the ComfortCare Women's Health **"Walk for Life"** event coming up on May 8.