

Springdale Communicator

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

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Remember in prayer:

- Pat Martin (surgery at AMC this Thurs., Feb. 25);
- Joyce Showalter (recovering from hip replacement surgery);
- Wayne Smallwood (awaiting pathology reports from surgery on Feb. 17);
- Regina Wenger (mission work & studying in Prague);
- Haiti Relief Kit Project (see note);
- Love INC.



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On this first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that with God as our dwelling place and the Holy Spirit empowering us and revealing the way, we learn to trust the Word within our own hearts. May we look to God as our shelter and our strength.

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. Psalm 61: 1, 4



Tending Our Faith Community

Continue to pray for the **Haiti relief work** and for those who will receive the **relief kits**.

Informational flyers are available in church bulletins and in the foyer for you to distribute to friends and family. To contribute financially to this project, please make checks payable to Springdale, earmarked "MCC Haiti Relief Kits."

Don't forget to sign up and pick up invitations for the youth-sponsored **Community Banquet** which will be held Sat., March 6, at 5:30 p.m., here at the church. The Banquet is open to congregational members & guests and is an opportunity to invite and fellowship with those in our community. Also, financial benefactors are needed for this event. Please contact *Pastor Muzet* with questions.

Mark your calendars for **choir practice** (to sing Easter Sunday morning) which will begin this Thurs., Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

There will be a **congregational meal** this Wed., Feb. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Next Sun., Feb. 28, *Shirley Roth & Nakhle Bishara* (from **Nazareth Village**) will be with us. There will be a joint adult Sunday School class that morning and they will share during our worship service.

The vote regarding the **church water recommendation** will be held next Sunday, Feb. 28. If you will not be here and would like to complete an absentee ballot, please talk to *Nancy Stoll*.

Application/covenant forms for the 2010-2011 **Congregational Aid Plan** are due to *Nancy Stoll* by next Sunday, February 28.

The final Menno Bucks Café for the season will be held next Sunday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m.

The Discerning Committee is sponsoring "Gifts Are Us," a **ministry fair** which will be held here next Sunday morning, Feb. 28. This will be a time to promote and encourage ministry opportunities at Springdale.

There will be a **fellowship meal** next Sunday, Feb. 28. Please bring food and drink to share.

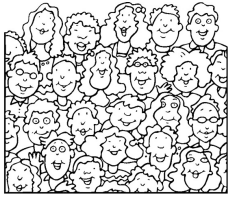
On Feb. 28 and Mar. 7, there will be a "**Lost & Found**" table at the church which will include items cleaned out of the worship closets.

If you can help **sing with the residents** at Stuarts Draft Christian Home next Sun., Feb. 28, please be at the Home at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes from the January Congregational Meeting about the church water system are available under the mailboxes.

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Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



Today: Menno Bucks Café (9 a.m.);



Today: MYF Game Night at the Myers' Home (7 p.m.). Bring board games and a snack to share.

Sun., Feb. 28: JMYF Game Night at Dave & Krista Powell's Home (6:30 p.m.)

Items on the Bulletin Board:

- Goshen College Men's Chorus program, Feb. 24, Park View M.C.;
- Details regarding Highland Retreat's annual benefit auction, Feb. 27, at Weavers M.C.;
- VOCES8 (a cappella group from England) concert, Mar. 2, EMHS - see Ranita Sherk for tickets;
- Information about participating in the 2010 season of the Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus;
- Information about volunteering with Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah;
- Upcoming money workshop for young adults.



Embracing Our Broader Community

Springdale young adults will be sponsoring a **new congregational mission project** called "Traveling Mercies." The focus of this project will be to collect and distribute items to help homeless people and travelers in our community. Keep your eyes open for more information over the next few weeks.



Highland Retreat's **summer camp** brochures are available in the literature rack.

Everyone is invited to the VA Mennonite Missions **Celebration of Missions event** at Greenmonte Church this Thurs., Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner and hear stories, including an update about *Rodney & Lindsey Nice*. Reserve your meal by contacting *Marilyn Burkholder* by Feb. 22 at motherburk24.7@gmail.com or 337-0953.

A **Quest for Authentic Manhood** series will be held at Lynside M.C. beginning March 4. Please see the bulletin board for details.

A **Nazareth Village Dinner** will be held this Sat., Feb. 27, 6 p.m., at EMHS. This annual fund-raising event supports *Shirley Roth*, Director of Nazareth Village, Israel. *Dr. Nakhle Bishara*, founding board member of the Village, will speak. Seating is limited. Call or email *Diane Bowman* (1-800-707-5535, diane.bowman@vmmissions.org) by Feb. 22 for reservations.

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Mennonite Mutual Aid and our local faith community, will host *Myron & Esther Augsburgers* as plenary speakers on March 20 at Springdale. The Augsburgers will share on developing a theology of making money and on working on stewardship issues as a family or couple. For information or to register, contact *Sue Guengerich* at 1-800-442-7930 or sue.guengerich@mmapartners.org, or visit www.stewardshipuniversity.org.

A **partnership of local churches** is considering ways to share resources to local people in need through **Love INC** (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*.

SpringFest at VMRC: Sat., March 13, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Events include: breakfast, silent auction, crafts, baked items, lunch, petting zoo, play area, Ted & Company, magic show and more. Silent auction and craft items are welcomed; to donate, please call *Jeanne Hartman Rinker* at 1-540-746-8000. More details are available at www.vmmc.org.

The **Mennonite Men of Virginia's Annual Retreat** will be held Mar. 5-7 at the W'burg Christian Retreat Center with *Ervin Stutzman* as the guest speaker. Brochures/registration forms are under the church mailboxes.