

# Springdale Communicator

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

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## Remember in prayer:

- *Pat Martin*  
(recovering from recent surgery);
- *Joyce Showalter*  
(recovering from hip replacement surgery);
- *Wayne & Jane Smallwood*;
- *Love INC*;
- *Regina Wenger* (see note).



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On this second Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that even in deep darkness, our sheltering God holds us. We release our grip on earthly things and open ourselves to God's transformation. May we open our eyes to see God as the source of our true light.

"Light, space, zest – that's Yahweh! So, with Him on my side I'm fearless, afraid of no one and nothing."  
Psalm 27:1 (The Message)



## Tending Our Faith Community

We extend a warm welcome to *Nakhle Bishara and Shirley Roth* who are with us today from Nazareth Village, Israel!

Continue to pray for the **Haiti relief work** and for those who will receive the **relief kits & comforters**. Checks to support the kit project should be payable to Springdale, earmarked "MCC Haiti Relief Kits." Fundraising will be closed next Sun., Mar. 7. Thanks to all who have offered their work, money and prayers towards the success of this project!

Don't forget to sign up and pick up invitations for the youth-sponsored **Community Banquet** which will be held this Sat., March 6, 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.

**Choir practice** (to sing Easter Sunday morning) has started! If you would like to participate, come to practice this Thurs., Mar. 4, at 7 p.m.

The vote on the **church water recommendation** will be held after today's worship service. Don't forget to complete a ballot!

Application/covenant forms for the 2010-2011 **Congregational Aid Plan** are due to *Nancy Stoll* today.

Check out the **ministry fair** which is being sponsored by the Discerning Committee and is located downstairs.

Contributions to support *Regina Wenger's work in Prague* can be sent to Eastern Mennonite Missions, 53 W. Brandt Blvd., P.O. Box 458, Salunga, PA, 17538, earmarked for Regina. Follow her activities at [reginaspragueblog.blogspot.com](http://reginaspragueblog.blogspot.com).

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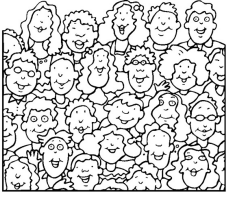
The **Education Commission** has decided that children should not take food to the Primary Department gathering hall during Menno Bucks, congregational meals and fellowship meals unless parents or teachers are present. This is to help keep that area clean and to prevent disruptions during Sunday School. Parents are asked to support and help enforce this policy. Contact *Bruce Swartz* or *Krista Powell* with questions or concerns.

A new **Sunday School quarter** begins next Sunday, Mar. 7. Adult class listings are in church mailboxes.

The Springdale **Birthdays Social** has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 28.

Please check the "**Lost & Found**" table under the coat rack to see if any of these items belong to you!

## Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



**Today:** Menno Bucks Café (9 a.m.); JMYF Game Night at Dave & Krista Powell's Home (6:30 p.m.)

**Fri., Mar. 5:** MYFers meet at the church to prepare for the banquet (7 p.m.)

**Sat., Mar. 6:** Community Banquet - youth should plan to meet at the church at 3 p.m.

## Embracing Our Broader Community

### Items on the Bulletin Board:

- *Job opportunities at Eastern Mennonite School: Director of Advancement, K-12 Director of Academics, 6-12 Mathematics Teacher;*
- *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.*

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.

Springdale folks will be **servicing lunch** at Disciples' Kitchen tomorrow, Mar. 1, at 11:30 a.m.

VOCES8, an **a cappella music group** from England, will appear in concert at EMHS on Tues., Mar. 2, at 7:30 p.m. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information. Tickets are available from *Ranita Shenk*.

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

There will be a **Ken Medema concert** on Fri., Mar. 5, at 7 p.m., at Park View M.C. Admission is a donation to benefit Bridge of Hope.

You are invited to **Ervin Stutzman's installation** as Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA on Sun., Mar. 7, at 4:30 p.m., at Park View M.C. Details are on the bulletin board.

"Shining Through," a **music group from Bluffton University**, will share at Charlottesville M.C. on Mon., Mar. 8, at 7 p.m. Details are on the bulletin board.

There will be a time of **sharing about recent Haiti trips** on Sunday evening, Mar. 14, at Lynside Mennonite Church. *Dick Alderfer* and *Dave Powell* will be among those sharing.

**Stewardship University**, a ministry partnership between Mennonite Mutual Aid and our local faith community, will be at Springdale on March 20! In "Effective Actions to Care for Creation," *Tom Benevento* will help you learn how to save energy in your home through weatherizing, insulation, efficient appliances, eco-energy landscaping, etc. Flyers in the church mailboxes contain registration and discount information.

**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.vmrc.org](http://www.vmrc.org) or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

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

Copies of the **March Prayer Vine** from Mennonite Mission Network are available in the literature rack.

VMRC will host *Glen E. Miller, MD*, on Mar. 2, at 2 p.m., for



**"Empowering the Patient,"** a presentation on how consumers can reduce the costs of their healthcare and improve its quality. Check the bulletin board for additional information.

