

Springdale Communicator

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

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Remember in prayer:

- John & Charlotte, Mark & Wendy Hodge & family (see note);
- Ann Showalter (recovering from knee injury; thankfully, no surgery is needed!);
- Lisa Showalter's mother, Patsy Brown, who is in the hospital;
- Andrew & Annie Dutcher, Krista Miller, Regina Wenger.



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On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we realize that when we resist God, determined to go our own way, we find ourselves wasting away in silence. When we see ourselves as God sees us, love is ours. May we hear God calling us back to bless us.



"Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be - you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean. Count yourself lucky - Yahweh holds nothing against you and you're holding nothing back from him." Psalm 32:1-2 (The Message)

Tending Our Faith Community

We extend our **sympathy** to John & Charlotte Hodge and their family. Their grandson, Seth, died in an automobile accident on March 6. Please keep them in your prayers.

Nancy Stoll will be **out of the church office** this week. Please contact Muzet Felgar by Thursday morning with bulletin or newsletter items.

Natalie Showalter has been nominated by the Discerning Committee to replace Ben Stoll as the **Youth/Young Adult Representative** on the Worship Commission. Please direct affirmations or concerns to a member of the Discerning Committee (Mim W., Dwayne A., Nelson D. or Daryl F.).

The Springdale **Birthday Social** will be held on Sunday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a variety of activities for people of all ages!



Pastor Mark will be on **sabbatical** this May - July. Plans are being made to cover Mark's preaching, pastoral care and administrative responsibilities during this time, and more information will follow. Direct questions to a TCRC member (Dale M., Darlene K., Steve M. or Kathy P.).

Sign-ups to play **church softball** are beginning. Interested men should contact Dave Mininger and women should contact Mim Wenger.

Our **Maundy Thursday** meal & service will be held on April 1 at 6 p.m. Talk to Amy Mumbauer if you can help provide soup for the meal.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 4, there will be a **contidential breakfast** at 8:30, followed by a worship celebration at 10:00. *There will be no Sunday School that morning.*

Ministry Team has approved the guidelines developed by Mission Commission for grants from the **Short-Term Missions Fund**. Anyone wanting to see the guidelines or apply for a short-term missions grant may contact a Mission Commission member or the church office.

The **Primary Sunday School Easter Party** will be held Sat., Apr. 3, from 9:30 a.m.- 12:30. Come for a fun-filled time of crafts, games, egg hunt, bunnies, lunch and more!! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors for a joyous celebration of Easter. Talk to Kim Powell or Sharon Shenk for further details.

The results of the recent vote on the **church water recommendation** were as follows: 70 approved, 16 did not approve, and 1 was satisfied with either decision. Steps have begun toward hooking up to the County water supply.

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Youth: Giving, Sharing,

Today:

No evening youth meetings.

Sun., Mar. 21: JMYF at the

church (6-7:15 p.m.);

MYF at the church

(7:15-9 p.m.)



Items on the Bulletin Board:

- Habitat for Humanity's Radiothon, Mar. 15-17;
- Ted & Co.'s "I'd Like to Buy an Enemy," Mar. 22, at EMU;
- Afton String Quartet concert, at EMHS, Mar. 23;
- Legacy Five concert, Mar. 27, at EMHS;
- The Hoppers in concert, Apr. 10, W'boro High School;
- ComfortCare Women's Health "Walk for Life" on May 8;
- Job opportunities at Virginia Mennonite Conference, Eastern Mennonite School, and Virginia Mennonite Missions.



Notes & Correspondence

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God! And what a loving, caring family Springdale Church is! For all the prayers, phone calls, visits, food, flowers and cards - a big thank you! When you are on the receiving end of all these things, it really makes you feel

humble and loved. May God bless our church as we continue to serve Him."

- Joyce & Ralph Showalter



"Dear Springdale - Thank you so much for all of your cards, and thoughts and prayers on my behalf during and after my recent surgery. I have enjoyed reading through the cards many times as they help brighten my days as I recover. Thanks again."

- Pat Martin

Embracing Our Broader Community

You are invited to a time of **sharing about recent Haiti trips** today, at 6:30 p.m., at Lynside Mennonite Church. *Dick Alderfer and Dave Powell* will be among those sharing.

Springdale young adults will be sponsoring a **new congregational mission project** called "Traveling Mercies." More information will be in mailboxes next Sunday.

New Beginnings Church is sponsoring a **Women's Mini Retreat**, with speaker *Matilda Kipfer*, Mar. 19 & 20. The cost is \$25. Brochures are available under church mailboxes.

In this time of uncertainty, "Financial Planning for a New Decade" can help you learn the fundamentals of financial planning with a focus on some of the unique opportunities that will be available in 2010. This workshop is offered by *J.R. Showalter, Chad Hatter & Stuart Hatter* from Weaver Insurance & Financial Advisors, part of MMA's March 20 **Stewardship University event** here at Springdale.

Flyers are available on the table in the foyer. *Also, please sign up on the sheet on the table if you can help with childcare that morning.*

Visit the "**Everything \$1 Bake Sale**" at the Staunton Kroger on Sat., Mar. 27, beginning at 8 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Check the bulletin board for details.

A **benefit concert for Haiti** will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church (Staunton) today, at 4:30 p.m. Details are on the bulletin board.

Attention Young Adults - If you are interested in discovering more about God, yourself and others, enjoy a challenge, and would like to be part of serving in a cross-cultural setting, **Radical Journey** may be for you. Check the bulletin board for more information.