

Springdale Communicator

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

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Remember in prayer:

- Andrew & Annie Dutcher (voluntary service in Wisconsin);
- Krista Miller (Middle East cross-cultural trip: www.emu.edu/cross-cultural/, click on "Middle East;")
- Regina Wenger (mission work and study in Prague: www.reginasprague.blog.blogspot.com);
- Bill Huffman.



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On this sixth Sunday of Lent, we hear the invitation to accept Jesus as our pattern even in the way of the cross. We're called to follow the one who emptied himself and became obedient. May we be willing to stand with Jesus, empty vessels waiting to be filled.



Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. Psalm 118:19-21

Tending Our Faith Community

The Springdale **Birthday Social** will be held today, at 6:30 p.m., here at the church. Plan to come for the fun and fellowship!

Holy Week Activities

- Our **Maundy Thursday** meal & service will be held this week, on April 1, at 6 p.m.
- The Primary Sunday School **Easter Party** will be held this Sat., Apr. 3, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30. Bring your friends & neighbors for crafts, games, an egg hunt, bunnies, lunch & more!!
- Next Sunday morning (Easter), April 4, there will be a **continental breakfast** at 8:30, followed by a **worship celebration** at 10:00. There will be no Sunday School that morning. *Please bring fresh flowers and greenery for the flowering of the cross.*



Bill Huffman is packing & **preparing to move** by the end of March. If you can help, contact Bill or Marian Mininger for more information.

The **Women's Bible Study** group will be watching the *Jesus* video this Tues., at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Also, the group will begin a new *Kay Arthur* study on discipleship on April 6, at 10 a.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Our **Community Yard Sale & Festival** will be held on Sat., April 17, beginning at 7 a.m. If you would like to reserve a table for the sale or are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Krista Powell.

Worship and music leaders are invited to a **Coffee and Dessert Gathering** on Sun., Apr. 18, at 6:30 p.m., here at the church. Information about upcoming schedules will be shared and there will be opportunity for worship feedback and a time of informal fellowship. Anyone who may be interested in leading worship or music is welcome to attend.

Summer Bible School will be held June 13-17. Please check out the display in the foyer, including supplies which will be needed. Talk to Rhonda Wang or Lisa Showalter with questions.

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

Please place completed **Discerning Committee suggestions forms** in the white box in the foyer today. Extra copies are available under the mailboxes.

Our group subscription plan to **The Mennonite** is renewing. To join this plan or to renew your subscription, please talk to Nancy Stoll.

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Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning

Today:

No evening youth meetings.

Sun., Apr. 11: JMYF at the church (6 p.m.); MYF at the church (7:15 p.m.)

May 8: MYF-Sponsored Pig Roast & Auction
July 18-25: MYF Summer Service Project

Items on the Bulletin Board:

- A Good Friday service, Park View M.C., Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m.;
- An Easter Vigil at Park View M.C., Apr. 3, 10 p.m.;
- The Hoppers in concert, Apr. 10, W'boro High School;
- CrossRoads Heritage Center Auction, Apr. 16, Weavers Mennonite Church;
- Haiti Mission Supper Fundraiser, April 17, Mt. Vernon Church of the Brethren;
- "Sensing God in the Garden" Retreat, May 1, at JMU;
- American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life," May 14-15, Beverly Manor M.S.;
- Host families are needed for international students participating in EMU's Intensive English Program;
- Open House at Eastern Menn. School, Mar. 30.



Notes & Correspondence

"Thanks to the Springdale family for your visits, cards & mostly for your prayers during my recent hospital stay and recuperation time." - Carolyn See

We have received thank-you notes for the following donations: Valley Mission (\$600), Virginia Mennonite Conference (\$1,250) and Highland Retreat (\$250). Kent Kauffman, Executive Director of Highland Re-

treat, writes, "Every contribution we receive is a reminder that we are stewards of God's trust - a trust that is invested in the lives of the many who come to Highland for growth and renewal."

Embracing Our Broader Community

New opportunity for community outreach: Please come and help sing at the Vesper Service at Summit Square in Waynesboro on Sun., April 11, at 4 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Alice Hostetter.

Copies of Mennonite Mission Network's *Prayer Vine* for April are available in the literature rack.

Information was in church mailboxes last Sunday regarding our new **congregational mission project**, "Traveling Mercies," sponsored by our young adults. There is a display in the foyer about this project.

The next VA Conference **Delegate Session** will be held on Sat., Apr. 10, at Weavers M.C.

Grace Christian School will hold a **fundraising auction** at their Activity Center on Sat., Apr. 24: Silent auction at 3 p.m., BBQ dinner at 5 p.m., and live auction at 6 p.m. For free tickets (age 18 or older, includes dinner), talk to Gary or Pat Martin.

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. Information is on the bulletin board.

Details regarding many of the **community announcements** are available on the Springdale website: www.springdalemennonite.org. Click on "Mission Commission" under the "Ministries" tab to access this information.

Mark your calendars for the **Southern District Music Festival** on Sun., Apr. 25, at 6 p.m., at Waynesboro M.C.

Sponsor forms for Comfort-Care's "Walk for Life" (May 8) are available under the church mailboxes.



Annual Missions Day for Mennonite Women of VA will be held Sat., May 8, 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m., at Zion M.C. The speaker will be Twila K. Yoder, East Coast Representative on the MC USA Board for Mennonite Women. Child care is provided. Additional information is on the church bulletin board.