

Springdale Communicator

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

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Remember in prayer:

- Carolyn See (knee surgery this Friday, October 9);
- Bill Huffman and Minhong & Yanyi Zhang (see note);
- Southern District Council Meeting, Oct. 8 (Discernment of Overseer Candidate);
- (2 Corinthians) 9:11 Project.



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Tending Our Faith Community



We welcome Arli Klassen, Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee & Luke Schrock-Hurst, MCC East Coast Representative. Arli, who has served with MCC for many years and in various capacities, will share with us during today's worship service.

Don't forget to sign up on the sheets in the foyer for our **(2 Corinthians) 9:11 Project!**

There will be a meeting at the church this Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m., for all **parents of JMYFers and MYFers**. Please talk to Muzet if you have questions.

In preparation for the Advent and Christmas season, **choir practice** will begin this Thurs., Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., here at the church. All are invited to participate.

Congratulations to Danny & Kathy Marshall on the birth of their first grandchild! Allie was born to Brian and Avery on August 31 and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Let's show our love and care for Andrew & Annie Dutcher (in voluntary service in Wisconsin) by participating in a **surprise care package**. Dick & Louise Alderfer will deliver it to them in person. Suggestions include cards, notes or small gifts; anything to say that we are thinking of them and missing them. Please place your items in the basket in the foyer by Sun., Oct. 18, and sign your name with your gift.

To better meet the needs of our children, the Worship Commission has created **Springdale Church bags** to be used by families during worship services. These colorful bags are located in the crate at the back of the sanctuary where the clipboards have been previously. They include several different "quiet" activities and are best suited to children 3 years and older. As there are only five bags currently, please take one per family. Please also help care for the bags by returning them (including all contents) to the crate. Enjoy!

There will be a **congregational meal** next Wed., October 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Please pray for Bill Huffman & Minhong,



as they face yet another delay in Minhong's visa processing. After her recent interview at the consulate, more information is being requested, which will require more time with no guarantee of the outcome.

Mim Wenger is **in need of jars** for canning grape juice which she then shares with others. If you have jars she can use, please give her a call.

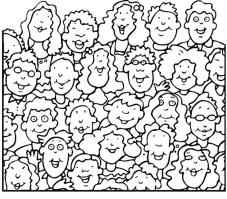
The fall **School for Christian Living** session will begin next Wed., Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. More information is in church mailboxes.

If you would like to **help with praise music** on Sunday mornings, either vocally or instrumentally, please talk to Martha Laub.

Mark your calendar for our fall **congregational meeting** which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18, following a noon **fellowship meal**.

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Youth/Young Adults: Giving/Sharing/Learning



Items on the Bulletin Board:

- Dining Room Supervisor/Host(ess) position available at VMRC;
- Southern Grace concert, today, 7 p.m., at Cornerstone Church of Augusta;
- New Life Ministries' annual Sharathon, now through Oct. 30, on 1150AM WNLB;
- Manhattan Piano Trio performance, today, 7 p.m., at Park View M.C.;
- Community taizé service, Oct. 7, at Park View M.C.;
- Jim Croegaert concert, Oct. 9, at EMU;
- Special visitation dates at EMU;
- Music Weekend at WCRC, Oct. 23-25.



Today: Youth meetings at the church; JMYF (6-7:15 p.m.) and MYF (7:15-9 p.m.);

Wed., Oct. 7: JMYF/MYF Parent meeting (6:30 p.m.);

Sun., Oct. 11: Joint MYF/Young Adult Meeting (7 p.m.);

Sun., Oct. 18: JMYF/MYF Bonfire at Logan's (5 p.m.);

Sat., Oct. 24: Young Adult Dinner/Maze in Harrisonburg (6 p.m.);

Wed., Oct. 28: JMYF/MYF Help with "Trunk or Treat"

Embracing Our Broader Community

Valley Mission in Staunton is in **need of coats, jackets, hats & gloves** for men, women and children. You can drop them off at the mission or see *Amie Trinca* for more information.

You are invited to a program by the **Rockingham Male Chorus** today, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m., at Mt. Vernon Church of the Brethren.

The MMA-sponsored **Good Sense budget Course** will be presented at Stuarts Draft M.C. on Sat., Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., by *Stephen Cavanaugh and Chad Hatter*. Brochures are available under the church mailboxes.

Copies of the most recent **Mennonite Women of VA newsletter** are available under church mailboxes. To be added to their email list, send your email address to peasebv@jmu.edu. You can also visit the following website for updates/events: vmconf.org/related/mwv.htm.

Please **check the bulletin board** for information on the following items:

- "Parenting in a Chaotic World" conference at EMS, Friday, Oct. 9, 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.; Dr. Roberta Gilbert, speaker;
- Mennofaith 2025, a church history course beginning Oct. 12 at The Gathering Place in Harrisonburg;
- A new documentary from Third Way Media which will be airing on NBC: *Long Road Back: Ex-Offenders' Struggle for Acceptance*.

The **Staunton Choral Society** is a local non-audition choir that meets on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church and presents two concerts a year. There is a need for tenors and basses, although sopranos and altos are certainly welcome. This group works hard and has fun! If you're interested in joining, please call *Sherry von Oeyen* at 886-2952.

Check the bulletin board for a **Middle East work group opportunity** for May, 2010!

View the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* and dialogue with renowned peacebuilder, *Leymah Gbowee* of Liberia on Thurs., Oct. 22, 7-9 p.m., at EMU. This film is the gripping account of a group of brave & visionary women who demanded peace for Liberia, a nation torn to shreds by a decades-old civil war. Also, this is a rare opportunity to hear Leymah in person and ask her questions. Admission is free.

The **Mennonite Women of VA Annual Retreat** will be held Nov. 13-15 in Richmond, with *Mary Thiessen Nation* as the guest speaker. Brochures are available under the church mailboxes.

VMM Missions Note: *Rodney & Lindsey Nice & children* are serving with Jamaica Mennonite Church at the Maranatha School for the Deaf. Thank God for their availability to serve both in the classes at school and with the Ridge Mennonite Fellowship.