

# Springdale Communicator

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

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In these weeks before Christmas, we join with people around the world in preparing to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The theme for our Advent worship services is "Coming to Jesus." During this time, we will be exploring the identity of the One for whom we wait: the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. This is Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, the God-Who-Is-With-Us!



Second Sunday of Advent

To prepare for our service next Sunday,  
please reflect on Isaiah 9:2-7, 63:15-64:12.

## Remember in prayer:

- Richard Showalter, who is recovering from knee surgery;
- Dolores Beiler & John Myers (see note);
- Bill Huffman.



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## Tending Our Faith Community

### Christmas Activities:

- If you would like to **purchase a poinsettia** to decorate the church on Dec. 20 & 24, please sign up on the form in the foyer today (\$8.50/each). The poinsettias will then be given to people selected by the Pastoral Care Team. You can also sign up to help deliver them on Dec. 25 or 26.
- Springdale women are invited to a **Cookie Exchange / Fellowship Evening** here at the church today, at 7 p.m. Lyside women will also be part of this evening. Come and bring a friend!
- Plan to participate in **Christmas Caroling** next Wed., Dec. 16 (6:30 p.m.), and our **Christmas Eve Service** on Dec. 24 (7:30 p.m.).
- **Newborn kits** will be collected at our Christmas Eve Service. Content lists are available in the literature rack.
- On Sun., Dec. 27, our **worship service** will begin at 10 a.m. *There will be no Sunday School that morning.*

**Congratulations** to Dolores Beiler on her recent engagement to John Myers!

Today's copy of the News Virginian contains an article about our **9:11 Project!**

All **young adults** are invited to meet at Applebee's next Sun., Dec. 13, at 9 p.m.

*Pastor Muzet* will be **out of the church office** this week. *Pastor Mark and his family* will be out of the area December 24-31. Pastoral care concerns during this time should be directed to a member of the Pastoral Care Team (*Louise Alderfer, Marian Miner, Richard Showalter, Louise Swartz*).

If you would like a **prayer partner** in the year 2010, please let *Phyllis Stevens* know by placing a note in her church mailbox.

Springdale members will be preparing and serving food at **Disciples' Kitchen** next Monday, Dec. 14. Also, *Lynette Rambo* was recently voted onto the Disciples' Kitchen Board of Directors for a two-year term!

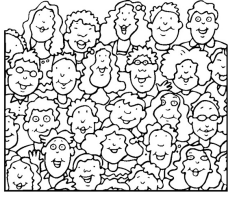
**Menno Bucks Café** will be held this morning, Dec. 13 & Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. After a holiday break, the café will start up again on Jan. 10. Hot specialty drinks and pastries will be served on a donation basis, with funds benefiting our MYF.

Please return **address directory** change forms to the box in the foyer today.

During the Advent season, please give **announcements or prayer requests** to *Nancy Stoll* for the *Communicator* or to the worship leader before each service.

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## Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



**Today:**  
Menno Bucks Café (a.m.);  
No youth meetings this evening.

**Wed., Dec. 9:** No JMYF service project

**Sun., Dec. 13:** JMYF Christmas Social at the Shenks' (3-5 p.m.)

**Sun., Dec. 13:** MYF Christmas Social at the Shenks' (6-8 p.m.)

**Wed., Dec. 16:** Christmas Caroling (6:30 p.m.)

## Embracing Our Broader Community

Information is available on the bulletin board regarding **Christmas performances** this evening and tomorrow evening by *Adelphos*, a young men's singing group. *Zach Showalter & Ben Stoll are members of this group.*

You are invited to a **fund-raiser dinner** today, 12:30-2 p.m., at Mt. View M.C. to benefit the medical clinic team traveling to Haiti in January.

Local author and artist *Joe Nutt* currently has books for sale composed of pen/ink **drawings and narratives of historic houses** in Staunton and Augusta County. Talk to *Nancy Stoll* for more information.

Our Community Place is hosting a **Benefit Christmas Concert** at Park View M.C. on Tues., Dec. 8. Come at 6:30 p.m. for fine desserts and hot drinks followed by great music at 7:30. Contact *Philip* at [ourcommunity-place@gmail.com](mailto:ourcommunity-place@gmail.com) for more information.

Check the bulletin board for information regarding two **interactive live nativity experiences** in the area: Night of Miracles; A Journey to Bethlehem (Buena Vista) and Bethlehem Alive (Afton).

A special new **collector's CD** from Third Way Media includes recordings of three archival Mennonite Hour radio programs by *B. Charles Hostetter* and *David Augsburger*. Check the bulletin board for more information.

### Let Our Light Shine: A Healthcare Vigil for All

Please join people from across our faith communities on Tues., Dec. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., on the east steps of Court Square, downtown Harrisonburg, for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of all those who have suffered without healthcare in our nation, and to call for Healthcare for All. For more information, visit the MCC Washington Office website.



Male a cappella group **Sons of the Day** presents "This Means Christmas," a concert of Christmas songs from a range of traditions and styles: Mon., Dec. 14, 7 p.m., at Park View M.C. Admission is \$8/adults, \$5/senior citizens/students/children, and children 6 and under are free. Tickets sold at the door only. For more information, visit the website [www.sonsoftheday.com](http://www.sonsoftheday.com) or call 540-437-6434 or 540-438-9856.

The final two **performances of DoveTale**, the Christmas story performed by Ted & Company TheaterWorks, will take place at the Eastern Mennonite School Auditorium on Dec. 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m. Actors are *Ted Swartz, Ingrid De Sanctis and Trent Wagler*. DoveTale is appropriate for all ages. Advance tickets (a reserved section seat) are available by calling 540-833-6710. General admission tickets will also be available at the door. All tickets are \$10.

