

Springdale Communicator

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

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Remember in prayer:

- The family of Ralph Weaver (see note);
- Nelson Burkholder (recovering from heart attack);
- Andrew & Annie Dutcher;
- Brenda Holliday (returns Dec. 19 from Nazareth Village);
- Matt & Kristen Thomas & Family;
- Regina Wenger.



The *Communicator* is a weekly newsletter of the Springdale Mennonite Church, 170 Hall School Road, Waynesboro, VA, 22980, 540-949-8945 (Office) 540-932-1862 (Prayer & Info.)

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, 32:1-4, 16-20 (Luke 1:46-56).

Tending Our Faith Community

Please keep Bev, Darrell and the family of Ralph Weaver in your prayers. Ralph passed away on Thurs., Dec. 10.

Christmas Activities:

- If you signed up to purchase a poinsettia, please make checks payable to Springdale and give them to Nancy Stoll (\$8.50/each). Thank you.
- Don't forget **Christmas Caroling** this Wed., Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m.
- Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 24. This service will include the singing of Christmas hymns, selections by the Springdale choir, and dramatic readings.
- **Newborn kits** will be collected at our Christmas Eve Service. Content lists are available in the literature rack.
- On Sun., Dec. 27, there will be a **continental breakfast** at 9 a.m., with the **worship service** beginning at 10:00. There will be no Sunday School that morning.

All **young adults** are invited to meet at Applebee's at 9:00 this evening.



Mark & Sarah Schloneger & 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 Mininger, Richard Showalter, Louise Swartz).

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

If you have information about a **missing Peavey bass guitar amplifier head** (the top part w/the control knobs), please contact Bruce Swartz or Logan Martin. A white plastic guitar pick holder on the front serves as an identifying feature.

Menno Bucks Café will be held this morning and next Sun., Dec. 20, at 9 a.m., then will begin again on January 10.

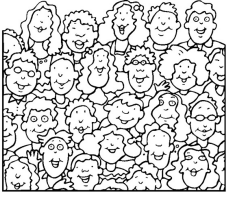
Note the following **new address** for Nelson & Joan Burkholder: 144 Patton Farm Road, Stuarts Draft, Virginia, 24477.

Treasurer's Report: 11/30/09

	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Income	\$59,109	\$64,194
Expenses	<u>\$53,978</u>	<u>\$64,423</u>
Balance	\$ 5,130	\$ (229)

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Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



Today:

- (1) Menno Bucks Café (a.m.);
- (2) JMYF Christmas Social at the Shenks' - includes white elephant gift exchange (3-5 p.m.);
- (3) MYF Christmas Social at the Shenks' - includes white elephant gift exchange (6-8 p.m.).

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

Thurs., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:30 p.m.)

Notes and Correspondence

"Thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and concern regarding my recent leg injury. I will be on crutches for another month, but the immobilizer has been removed and I can now drive again!" - Mary Case

We have received thank-you letters for the following donations: CrossRoads (\$100); Salvation Army (\$500); ComfortCare Women's Health (\$500); Virginia Mennonite Conference



(\$1250); Virginia Mennonite Missions (\$1200, Lehmanns); Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (\$250); and Mennonite Church USA (\$1150).

Items on the Bulletin Board:

- Christmas in River City, Dec. 18 & 19, in Waynesboro;
- Save the Date for Stewardship University at Springdale, March 20, 2010.

Embracing Our Broader Community

You are invited to a **Hang-ing of the Greens Service** at Stuarts Draft M.C. today, at 6 p.m. More information is on the bulletin board.

Check the bulletin board for information about a **drive-through nativity** at Mount



Vernon Church of the Brethren, Dec. 19-20, 6-8 p.m., and an **interactive live nativity experience** in Afton, Dec. 18, 19, 21, 22, 6-9 p.m., & Dec. 20, 4-9 p.m.

Male a cappella group **Sons of the Day** presents a concert of Christmas songs from a range of traditions and styles on Mon., Dec. 14, at 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 www.sonsoftheday.com or call 540-437-6434.

The final two **performances of DoveTale**, the Christmas story performed by Ted & Company TheaterWorks, will take place at EMHS on Dec. 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m., and is appropriate for all ages. Advance reserved tickets are available by calling 540-833-6710. General admission tickets will be available at the door. All tickets are \$10.

Music and Worship Leaders' Retreat at Laurelville is January 8-10. Gather together with those who are passionate about leading others in worship. You will enjoy quality workshops, resource sharing, fellowship with like-spirited individuals, and opportunities to create worshipful music. Visit laurelville.org or call 800-839-1021 to register.

VA Menn. Missions Note: Today the Maranatha School for the Deaf in rural Jamaica celebrates Christmas with a program attended by family & community members. Thank God for the staff and for VMM workers *Rodney & Lindsey Nice* who have worked hard to prepare for this event, and thank God for the sponsors who have sent gifts to bless the students.



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*. More information is on the bulletin board.