

# Springdale Communicator

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

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## Remember in prayer:

- Arbo & Terry Miller and family (see note);
- Eva Campbell (in the hospital with pneumonia & heart problems);
- Regina Wenger (preparations for trip to Prague);
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones.



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## Tending Our Faith Community

We extend our sympathy to Arbo & Terry Miller and their family. Arbo's mother, Erdine Stutzman, passed away on December 18. Please keep the family in your prayers.

If you purchased a poinsettia, please give cash or checks (payable to Springdale) to Nancy Stoll (\$8.50/each).

Mark & Sarah Schloneger & family are **out of the area** until December 31. Pastoral care concerns during this time should be directed to a member of the Pastoral Care Team (Louise Alderfer, Marian Minger, Richard Showalter, Louise Swartz).

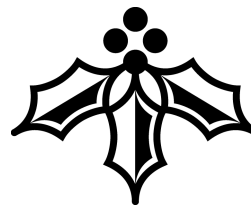
Items for next Sunday's **newsletter** should be given to Nancy Stoll by Wednesday morning of this week.

On Sun., Jan. 10, our congregation will celebrate our **covenants with God and each other** through communion, footwashing & reaffirming our membership vows. Everyone is invited to participate as we celebrate our unity in Christ!

Menno Bucks Café will resume on January 10 at 9 a.m.

The Finance & Facilities Commission is calling a **congregational meeting** on Wed., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., regarding the **church's water system**. Committee findings will be presented and there will be time for questions and feedback. (There will be a meal that evening beginning at 5:30.) Check your church mailboxes for further information.

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. It has a white plastic guitar pick holder on the front.



In case of **inclement weather**, check the church Prayer &



Information Line (932-1862) or WHSV TV3 for information about cancellation of church services and activities.

Minutes from the Oct. 18 **Congregational Meeting** are under the church mailboxes.

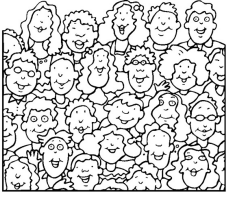
Our winter **School for Christian Living** classes will begin on Wed., Jan. 20. More information will be forthcoming.

Copies of Brenda Holliday's **email reports** from her recent trip to Israel are under the mailboxes.

Mark your calendars for a church-wide **birthday party social** on Sunday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m.

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## Youth: Giving, Sharing, Learning



**Today:**  
No evening youth meetings

**Jan. 10:** JMYF/MYF  
Progressive Dinner

**Jan. 24:**  
JMYF/MYF Ice Skating



## Notes and Correspondence

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the toy project in El Salvador! Over \$700 was collected and sent to our sister church. We re-

ceived the following thank-you note from Pastor Samuel: "Thanks for your support . . . We are always praying for you . . . We are planning to

have next week a series of lessons with the child[ren], and eventually we [will] be delivering the gifts."

### Items on the Bulletin Board:

- Evening/weekend courses available at Eastern Mennonite Seminary;
- Job opening at Eastern Menn. School for a Director of Advancement;
- Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival concert & dessert reception, Jan. 17, in Bridgewater;
- Stewardship University at Springdale, March 20, 2010.

## Embracing Our Broader Community

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

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

### VA Mennonite Missions

**Note:** Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions workers *Steve & Betsy Dintaman* are preparing for a new semester at Lithuania Christian College where they relate closely with students from various countries. Ask God to give them wisdom and patience for each interaction.

Check the bulletin board for information regarding "**Financial Peace University**," a 13-week small group study focusing on beating debt, building wealth, and learning to give. The first class begins January 11 at VMRC.

There will be an **eight-week marital enrichment workshop** starting Jan. 12 at EMU. *Kristy Koser* from Horizons Counseling will lead the workshop: "*Hold Me Tight: Seven Conversations for a Lifetime of Love*." The workshop will include time for couples to practice conversation skills. More information is available in the literature rack.

*Ervin Stutzman* will become **Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA** in January 2010. There will be a special installation service at Park View M.C. on March 7, 4:30 p.m. Additional information will be forthcoming.



There is information on the bulletin board regarding a number of **upcoming events** in Harrisonburg:

- A support group for separated & divorced persons;
- A six-session "Defeating Anxiety" class;
- A class on "Becoming Financially Wise";
- A four-session "Marriage Maintenance" seminar.

Serving & Learning Together (**SALT**) is a year-long program of Mennonite Central Committee for Canadian & U.S. Christians ages 18-27 interested in a cross-cultural service experience. Through participation in the daily lives and realities of communities in need, SALT participants will learn, reflect, absorb and above all, change. For more information, visit <http://salt.mcc.org/>.

