

Springdale Communicator

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

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Remember in prayer:

- John & Anna Miller (see note);
- Genevieve King;
- Wayne & Jane Smallwood;
- Chris, MaryBeth, Mynor & Mario Moore;
- Men's Retreat participants.



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On this third Sunday of Lent, we long for God like the dry ground longs for rain. May we drink of the water of God and find the strength to leave behind those things which do not satisfy us.

"Oh God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."
Psalm 63:1



Tending Our Faith Community

Through the contributions from you and others, we will surpass our fundraising goal of \$15,000 for the **Haiti Relief Kit Project**. Donations were received from each of our Southern District partner congregations and from people in our community. Thank you for your generosity. May God be the glory!

We extend our **sympathy** to John and Anna Miller whose son, Mark, passed away recently. Please keep this family in your prayers.

There will be a **congregational meal** this Wed., Mar. 10, at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include Hungarian goulash, a green vegetable and dessert.

The results of last Sunday's vote on the **church water recommendation** were as follows: 70 approved, 16 did not approve, and 1 was satisfied with either decision. Steps have begun toward hooking up to the County water supply.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sun., Mar. 14. Don't forget to move your clocks forward!



The **Education Commission** has decided that children should not take food to the Primary Department gathering hall during Menno Bucks, congregational meals and fellowship meals unless parents or teachers are present. This is to help keep that area clean and to prevent disruptions during Sunday School. Parents are asked to support and help enforce this policy. Contact Bruce Swartz or Krista Powell with questions or concerns.

The Springdale **Birthday Social** has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a variety of activities for people of all ages!

"We want to thank all of you for your support in many ways as we worked in Haiti. We felt your support through prayers, financial donations and medical supplies, and caring for our families here while we were gone. This support helped constantly remind us that we were not there just on our own behalf, but that we were there on behalf of God and his people at Springdale. Having seen the needs there, we were also humbled upon our return by your outpouring of energy into the MCC Haiti Relief Project. God is working through you in ways you can't imagine. Thank you."
- Dave Powell and Dick Alderfer

Please check the "Lost & Found" table under the coat rack to see if any of these items belong to you!



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Youth: Giving, Sharing,

Today:

No evening youth meetings.

Sun., Mar. 21: JMYF at the church (6-7:15 p.m.); MYF at the church (7:15-9 p.m.)



Items on the Bulletin Board:

- *Open House at Grace Christian School, March 8;*
- *The Hoppers in concert, Apr. 10, W'boro High School;*
- *ComfortCare Women's Health "Walk for Life" on May 8;*
- *Job opportunities at Virginia Mennonite Conference and Eastern Mennonite School;*
- *Information about volunteering with Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah;*
- *Upcoming money workshop for young adults.*



Embracing Our Broader Community

There will be a time of **sharing about recent Haiti trips** next Sunday, Mar. 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Lynside Mennonite Church. *Dick Alderfer and Dave Powell* will be among those sharing.

Springdale young adults will be sponsoring a **new congregational mission project** called "Traveling Mercies." The focus of this project will be to collect and distribute items to help homeless people and travelers in our community. More information will follow.

You are invited to **Ervin Stutzman's installation** as Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA today, at 4:30 p.m., at Park View M.C. Details are on the bulletin board.

"Shining Through," a **music group from Bluffton University**, will share at Charlottesville M.C. on Mon., Mar. 8, at 7 p.m. Details are on the bulletin board.

There is a **new letter** on the Mission Workers' bulletin board from *Rodney & Lindsey Nice*.

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Mennonite Mutual Aid and our local faith community, will be at Springdale on March 20! As part of that partnership, local leaders had a hand in selecting the specific courses being offered at this event. *Beryl Jantzi*, MMA stewardship education director, will lead "Living Well Within/Below Your Means," inviting participants to consider living *below* their means in order to help themselves and others learn to reprioritize lifestyle and spending decisions.

Flyers are available on the table in the foyer. Also, *please sign up on the sheet on the table if you can help with childcare that morning.*

SpringFest at VMRC: Sat., March 13, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Events include breakfast, silent auction, crafts, baked items, lunch, petting zoo, play area, Ted & Company, magic show and more. Details are available at www.vmmc.org or on the church bulletin board.

A **benefit concert for Haiti** will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church (Staunton) on Sun., Mar. 14, 4:30 p.m. Details are on the bulletin board.

New Beginnings Church is sponsoring a **Women's Mini Retreat**, with speaker *Matilda Kipfer*, Mar. 19 & 20. The cost is \$25. Brochures are available under church mailboxes.

There is information on the bulletin board regarding the local **Habitat for Humanity Radiothon** which will be held Mar. 15, 16 & 17.

Hesston College presents **Common Threads: Anabaptist and African American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope** at Community Mennonite Church, H'burg, 4 p.m., Sat., March 13, with a reception to follow and at New Song Anabaptist Fellowship, H'burg, 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sun., March 14. *Common Threads* is an exploration of the common threads of suffering and hope in Anabaptist and African-American histories. Hesston faculty members *Tony Brown* and *John Sharp* will give voice to Anabaptist martyrs and African-American slaves by singing their hymns and telling their stories. A free-will offering will be taken. The public is invited to attend.