

Spring Mount Mennonite Church

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Our Mission: *To reach out to our community as a healthy congregation able to offer welcome and fellowship for the purpose of salvation and nurture in God's grace.*

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Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Coffee Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

January 4, 2009

Epiphany Sunday *The Welcoming Face of God*
Preservice Music Gay Brunt Miller

Gathering

Lighting of God Candle *"Come, Light of the World"*
Call to worship Blake Pennington
Gathering songs Deb & Dan McDonough

Confessing

Praising
Children's time Deb McDonough
Songs of praise Deb & Dan McDonough

Hearing God's Word

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6 p. 602
Matthew 2:1-12 pp. 783-784
Sermon: *"Welcoming"* Chris Nickels

Responding

Song of response Deb & Dan McDonough
Congregational Prayer *"Hear our prayer, O God. (repeat)"* Chris Nickels
Offering *Listen to your people.*
Announcements *Hear our prayer, O God."*

Sending

Sending song Deb & Dan McDonough
Benediction Blake Pennington

Greeters/Ushers:	Carl Nyce	David McDonough	Carol Menser
	Eva Nyce	Jonathan Pennington	Rich Miller

THIS WEEK AT SPRING MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH

Wednesday, **January 7**, 7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY: January 11, 2009

Sermon: *"The Beginning of the Good News"* Chris Nickels
Scripture: Mark 1:9-13
Worship Leader: Bill Hallahan
Song Leader: Dave Brunk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you need offering envelopes for 2009, please contact Eileen Viau or Eleanor Ruth today.

Eastern Mennonite Seminary of Southeastern PA is offering the following Spring Courses: *Women and Men in the Bible and Church* with Mark and Kathy Wenger; *Systematic Theology 1* with Brinton Rutherford; *The Good News, Culture and Anabaptism* with Steve Kriss; *Church Planting: Laying Foundations* with Stuart Murray; and the following *Gateway Course: Bible Survey & Anabaptist Hermeneutics* with Marion Bontrager and Mark Wenger. For additional information and registration visit www.emu.edu/lancaster/seminary, call (717) 397-5190 or email lancaster@emu.edu

All are welcome to **Evening Song and Prayer** in the Taizé tradition at **Perkasie Mennonite Church** on **January 11**, 7:00 p.m. Using music from the Taizé community in France, as well as hymns of the church, we gather in a candlelit atmosphere for scripture, song, silence and prayers for our world, communities and loved ones.

You are invited to join in the public witness: **"Heeding God's Call – A Faith-based Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence"** for a day of worship, education and action, Saturday, **January 17**. This is the culminating event of the **Jan 13-17 Peace Gathering** held in Philadelphia sponsored by the Church of the Brethren, Mennonite Church USA and the Society of Friends (Quakers). During the Saturday event, participants will gather in nine different houses of worship around Philadelphia to pray and learn together; come together for joint worship and a sermon by **Dr. Vincent Harding**; and march to a notorious Philadelphia gun store to press for an end to the flow of illegal handguns. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with faith communities to take direct ACTION to reduce suffering and death in the Delaware Valley communities! For more information see flyer on bulletin board and contact Fred Kauffman at jfk@mcc.org or 215 316-8419.

Speaker and mime artist **Cary Trivanovich** will be the key presenter at **Spruce Lake's Winter Retreat** on **January 30 - February 1**. Cary's written two books, "Speaking the Truth in Love" and "Sharing Christ with Your Mormon Friends." The weekend will include outdoor fun, Christ-centered worship, heartwarming fellowship, good food, and a Saturday night drama by the ministry team **Maranatha**. For reservations call 800-822-7505. For more information visit www.sprucelake.org.

CHURCH DIRECTORY ADDITION:

Jamie Kent/Alicia Long's email – titusdaddy@hotmail.com

REMINDER OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 8-9 – Men's Retreat with Tony Campolo at Spruce Lake Retreat

January 9-11 – Laurelville Music and Worship Leaders' Retreat

Beginning January 6 – ASSETS Montco Business Design and Management Course

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Care & Share Shoppes** has openings for part-time Variety Workroom Associate and Furniture Associate.
- **Doylestown Mennonite Church** is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant.
Check bulletin board in foyer for details and additional postings