

QUICK NOTES - Please Read Carefully!

Please take a moment to go over the schedule for the *Spring Ring* with your ringers (see the enclosed confirmation). You may want to decide where to go for lunch. A restaurant guide, a map to the school, and a link to an online map service are available on the LAMB website: www.capitalcityringers.com/lamb.htm. For questions, call Lorraine Finison at 517/321-3221 (h), 517/373-9067 (w), or 517/719-2277 (c), or e-mail BellGoddess@hotmail.com.

VERY IMPORTANT! Be sure to tell your ringers to dress in layers as the temperature will probably not be perfect, especially if it is cold outside and the cold air rushes in while the doors are open for hauling in equipment. Remember, this IS a gym! Wearing comfortable shoes and bringing carpet squares can help a lot, too.

In addition to directing, Sue Berry is again bringing her Handbell Services, Inc., store to the *Spring Ring* this year. Tell your ringers to bring their cash, checks, and credit cards! There will be all sorts of handbell and music-related gift, jewelry, and apparel items. Sue's *Healthy Ringing* book and related materials will also be available, and we encourage each director to purchase a copy of this invaluable resource.

Our registration is about 135 right now, which is less than usual, so we aren't sure how many classes we can offer. We definitely will have: 1) a handbell-related video for those who want to "chill out" for a while and 2) a repertoire reading session for directors and ringers led by Barbara Fuller (sightreading mostly new music provided by B & Y Music, which will be available for purchase after the sessions if you wish--a list will be in your registration packet). There will be at least one more class--check your schedule the day of the *Ring*.

We have several "orphans" who would like to find a place to ring. All are in Group I. If you have a spot available, please let me know as soon as possible.

We are planning a vocal choir to join on *Breathe* and *Carol of the Bells*. Singers from St. Gerard are coming, and we welcome others to join in. Jane Wright will direct and Cecelia Costigan will play the keyboard part. There will be a rehearsal at approximately 3:00 during the final massed rehearsal. Let your singer/ringers know about this and watch the schedule for the exact time and the location. If you have copies of these choral scores, bring them. Be sure they have your church name!

For *Animato*, unless you've been practicing a different part, Group I choirs will be Choir II and Group II choirs will be Choir I. That will be our starting point, at least.

Finally--we need helpers to assist with post-concert clean-up. If you are from the Lansing area, please designate 1-3 people to stay after to help. I will have a sign-up at registration so I can get their names from you. Generally, it does not take the entire choir to return to the church to unload, and it is so helpful to have assistance at the school. Please arrange for this at your rehearsal next week. Thanks so much!

P.S. The Capital City Ringers' CDs and tapes will be available for purchase at the *Spring Ring*. CDs are \$15; cassettes are \$5. If you or your ringers are interested in attending, CCR's Spring Concert is currently scheduled for Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. (location TBA--check the CCR website at www.capitalcityringers.com under "Events" for time, directions and a link to an online map). Ask to be added to the CCR mailing list and you will receive a postcard reminder.