

## **QUICK NOTES - Please Read Carefully!**

Please take a moment to go over the tentative 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](http://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](mailto: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.

**ALSO VERY IMPORTANT!** Because another event is being held the same day at the high school, we've been asked to have all those who are able-bodied unload and then move their vehicles to the big lot on the south side of the school. Please do this!

Sue Berry is again sending her Handbell Services, Inc., store to the *Spring Ring*. Tell your ringers to bring their cash, checks, and credit cards! There will be all sorts of handbell music, books (including Sue's *Healthy Ringing* book), and music-related gift, jewelry, and apparel items.

**CLASSES!** Our registration is about 135 right now, which is less than usual, and most are Group II. Please make sure your Group I ringers attend a class! We are planning: 1) a repertoire reading session for directors and ringers led by Nicole Leppala (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), 2) "Tools for Your Toolbox"--CCR members will teach a hands-on class on table damping, weaving, four-in-hand, and some of the other techniques you can use to successfully conquer those problem measures where you seem to need another hand, 3) Dr. Bell (aka Kim Finison) will teach a class on handbell maintenance of Malmark and Schulmerich bells--if you have someone interested in this area, send them!, and 4) a handbell-related video for those who want to "chill out" for a while.

We are planning a vocal choir to join on *Psalm 66 – Great Is Our God*. We have a few people signed up already, but need others to join in. There will be a rehearsal at approximately 3:00 during the final rehearsal. Let your singer/ringers know and watch the schedule for the exact time and location. If you have copies of the choral score, bring them. Be sure they have your church name! We have some available.

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 Concerts are scheduled for Sunday, April 19 and May 3 (check the CCR website at [www.capitalcityringers.com](http://www.capitalcityringers.com) under "Events" for times, directions and link to an online map). Ask to be added to the mailing list and you will receive a postcard reminder.