

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. 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 to reduce fatigue.

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. Shopping is highly encouraged—this is a great opportunity.

CLASSES! Our registration is about 175 right now with about 75 ringers in Group I and 100 ringers in Group II. Please make sure your 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) "Performing Techniques on Middle and High Bells"—CCR member Nancy Kindraka will teach a hands-on class on getting the best sound from malleting, weaving, marting, four-in-handing, and more, 3) "Marking Your Music"—Lynette Hoelter (whom you will recognize from Sue Berry's store) will teach this class very useful class on how to mark your music, deciding what to mark, how to mark it, and how to solve problems in ringing before marking, and 4) a handbell-related video for those who want to "chill out" a while. More detailed descriptions of the classes will be on the schedule sheet in your packet.

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. Cookbooks are \$5.

P.P.S. If you or your ringers are interested in attending, CCR's Spring Concerts are scheduled for Friday, April 30, at Okemos Presbyterian Church, and Saturday, May 1, at Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing, both at 7:00 p.m. (check the CCR website at www.capitalcityringers.com under "Events" for directions and link to an online map). Ask to be added to the mailing list and you will receive a postcard reminder.