## **SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH**

February 18, 2024 10:30 AM

Welcome

**Lighting of Peace Candle** 

**Call to Worship** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDrpWu59M3w

**Congregational Singing** 

**Affirmation of Faith** 

Offertory Prayer & Children's Church

\*\*Children will collect coins for My Coins Count\*\*

**Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns** 

Scripture- Mark 1: 9-15

**Message-** *Jesus Among Us, Repent and Believe* <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uZcGaixMhg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uZcGaixMhg</a>

**Benediction** 

**Sending Song** 

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Phoebe Wiley Worship Planner: Phoebe Wiley Accompanist: Byron Miller Sound Room: Don Green Song Leader: Praise Team Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston

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**Lenten Visuals:** Today's theme is 'Christ among Us, Repent and Believe.' Our journey toward God leads us on a path. We may stray from time to time, but God is always with us, gently guiding us back. This week's symbol represents our journey. The bowl reminds us of how God wants to fill us. The roundness of the bowl reminds us of God's never-ending love for each person. *Leader*, Winter 2023-24, p. 39, MennoMedia.

### **Calendar of Events**

February 25- Last day to drop off Sunshine Box items March 5 – Church Council, 7:00 PM March 12 – Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM March 23- Easter Egg Hunt, 10-12:00 PM June 9 to 13 – Vacation Bible School

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE** of the flyers that have been placed in your mailboxes regarding a Sunshine Box that is being put together for Michael and Beth Miller. Items are due by Feb. 25. The Sunshine Box is in the foyer. There is also a card in the foyer area for Michael and Beth for the congregation to sign.

The Family of Owen Guengerich would like to thank the church for the amazing love and support we felt through Owen's illness, death, and service here at SMC. Planning a service from 2700 miles away could have been quite a challenge, but all of you made it easy. You are amazing. We love you!

**Daughters of Dorcas** received a letter from MCC Material Resources Center thanking us for the 98 comforters, 239 kit bags and 1 box T-shirt yarn that was sent to them in November. Our "supplies will enable MCC to respond to a variety of needs around the world and show God's love to our neighbors both far and near." Last year MCC distributed 57,277 comforters and 89,369 school kits.

Summer camp information has been placed in mailboxes. Sign up by April 15th to get the discounted rates. Please see Michelle Maust if you didn't get a packet and would like one, or if you have any questions.

**Church Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201** 

Pastor: John Verburg

Office hours: Generally Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

or by appointment

Cell phone: (256) 624-7252 Email: jlverb@hotmail.com

Secretary: N/A

Email: office@springsmc.org

#### **Elders:**

Don Green (Chair)- (814) 521-5709

Sherry Abel- (814) 233-0510 Rosie Cupler- (301) 697-1772 Ken Detrick- (814) 662-2692 Ed Hoover- (814) 521-7128

# Springs Mennonite Church is Handicap Accessible

A restroom and elevator are available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print songbooks and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

**AED** (Automated External Defibrillator) is located at the back of the church near the elevator.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

February 18- Nathan Bodes, Angie Piwonka Mosholder

20 Casey Beitzel, Sally Miller, Rick Yoder

21 Pat Haglund

### February 11, 2024 Offering Total

Attendance 94 General Fund Offering \$4850.00



#### **Elder's Meeting Notes**

Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024

In attendance: Pastor John Verburg, Don Green, Ken Detrick, Rosie Cupler, Ed Hoover and Sherry Abel

- Ed started the meeting by prayer and gave devotional from 2<sup>nd</sup>
  Timothy 1:7
- Melinda Gibson and Bev Critchfield have agreed to create the bulletin until a secretary is hired.
- Sharon Livengood and Maryanna Durst have agreed to complete the yearly directory.
- Pastor John schedule He will be away on March 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Maust will preach on that day. Other times he will be away during the week for a couple days in April, May and June.
- Cherry Glade Mennonite Church will have their Easter program "Behold the King" on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The First Sunday of Lent is February 18<sup>th</sup>; Easter is early this year.
- For Maundy Thursday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 p.m. the Pastor wants to show a 35-minute film of the last supper and then have communion.
- Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>) will have the church open for people that would like to come by for prayer.
- So far, the Pastor Search Committee members are the following:
  Don Green, Paul Durst, Terry Livengood, Deb Hoover and Lori Otto,
  their first meeting will be next week.
- The meeting ended with prayer for the Church and others.

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 10-12:00 PM. There will be a hunt, games, crafts, and more! If anyone is interested in helping to plan the hunt or help the day of, please contact Michelle Maust.

**RENEW 2024** Annual Women's Retreat will be held Friday evening March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 pm, and Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 3 pm at Oak Dale Church in Salisbury, PA. The featured guest speaker is Phyllis Swartz. Register online at www.oakdalechurch.net/renew or call 814-662-2547.

The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning has been added to our church library. "This is a zestful and accurate portrayal that tells us unmistakably that the gospel is good, dazzlingly good."

PLEASE BEAR with us as volunteers assemble and prepare each week's bulletins! Announcements and items for the bulletins should still be emailed to <a href="mailto:office@springsmc.org">office@springsmc.org</a> or placed in the Secretary mailbox or mail slot outside the office door.

**COUNCIL** is immediately seeking temporary volunteers to assist in producing the weekly bulletins and minimal office duties. We would also welcome any congregants or other qualified applicants that would be interested in the part-time job. Please contact Paul Durst (<a href="mailto:paulddurst@gmail.com">paulddurst@gmail.com</a> or (240) 321-2902) to coordinate volunteering or for complete job description.

## **PRAYER & PRAISES**

Gary Bowser, Ann Critchfield, John Doyle, Kathy Durst,

Andrea Hoover, Carson Hutzell, James Hutzell,

Renee Jones, Mary Lou Jordan, Dwight Kipp, Deb Kolb,

Baby Girl Miller, Bobby Smith, Faith Verburg, Tom White

#### THOSE IN MISSIONS:

Naomi Tice – Berlin, Germany

Phoebe Wiley – Prison Ministry

#### NURSING HOMES, REHAB CENTERS, & ASSISTED LIVING

Fannie Beachy, Mabel Beiler, Shirley Brandes, Lisa Durst Frye,

Betty Miller, Olen Rembold