

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

February 25, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome

Lighting of Peace Candle

Call to Worship -Please join us in reading # 712 in the Hymnal A Worship Book.

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 8:31-38

Message- *Jesus Among Us, Showing Us Faith*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5A3pPJuaH7s>

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg
Worship Leader: Deb & Ripley Brenneman
Worship Planners: Bill & Angie Mosholder
Accompanist: Dixie Otto
Sound Room: Jerry Abel
Song Leader: Rich Beitzel
Video: Reuben Tice
Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

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LENTEN VISUALS:

Today's theme is 'Christ among Us, Showing Us Faith.'

Take up your cross. We each need to look within ourselves to see where we have allowed hatred and violence to enter in. Gazing at the image of the crucified Jesus will hopefully soften our hearts toward all suffering. When we can grasp God's unending love for us, we can grow in faith and let go of the things that hinder us. By doing so, we gain compassion for ourselves and all others who suffer. To follow Jesus, we must take up our crosses daily. *Leader, Winter 2023-24, p. 40, MennoMedia.*

Calendar of Events

February 25- TODAY is last day to drop off Sunshine Box items

March 5 – Church Council, 7:00 PM

12 – Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

23- Easter Egg Hunt, 10-12:00 PM

Easter Week:

March 28 - Maundy Thursday – Communion

29 – Good Friday -- Sanctuary

Open for prayer -- 9 am – 6 pm

31 - - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 8:30 am

Breakfast 9:15 am -- No Sunday School

Worship Service 10:30 am

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.

INFORMATIONAL DIRECTORY Last call for updates for the new Informational Directory. Please review your information in the current Directory (green cover). *If you previously completed the goldenrod letter request from Wendy, you do not need to notify Sharon of any changes.* If changes do need to be made, please email livengood1883@comcast.net or place information in Sharon's church mailbox no later than Wednesday, February 28. Thank you

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 25 Doug Berg

27 Angie Fazenbaker

28 Kyla Critchfield

February 18, 2024 Offering Total

Attendance 76

General Fund Offering \$2981.00

“If anyone would
come after me, let
him deny himself and
take up his cross
and follow me.



Mark 8:31-38

A deposit on 2/22/2024 of \$510.07 to My Coins Count brings the current total for 2024 to \$2,063.52.

RENEW 2024 Annual Women's Retreat will be held Friday evening March 8th from 6 – 9 pm, and Saturday, March 9th, 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.

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.

PLEASE BEAR with us as volunteers assemble and prepare each week's bulletins! Announcements and items for the bulletins should still be emailed to office@springsmc.org or placed in the Secretary mailbox or mail slot outside the office door by Thursday.

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 (paulddurst@gmail.com or (240) 321-2902) to coordinate volunteering or for complete job description.

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns" ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^a will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.

