

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

October 20, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Allegheny Conference Offertory Prayer

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

Children's Church

Congregational Singing

Blessing of the Comforters, Kit Bags, and Caps

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- Matthew 14: 22-23

Message- "Get out of the boat" -- Jeff Maust

Song of Response

Benediction

Sending Song

**Message:** Jeff Maust  
**Worship Leader:** Nancy Green  
**Worship Planners:** Glenn & Tammy Miller  
**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto  
**Song Leader:** Jane Benson  
**Sound Room:** Noel Livengood  
**Video:** Reuben Tice  
**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice & Preston Maust  
**Volume 70-No. 08**

## Calendar of Events

**Today** we will be taking the Allegheny Conference Offering. Unless otherwise specified your offering placed in the general offering box will go to toward our commitment of giving to Allegheny Conference.

**Today** - Blessing of the Comforters, Kit Bags, and Caps

**Today** – Children's Church followed by carry-in lunch for children/youth & families.

**October 23** - Daughters of Dorcas 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**24** - Annual Members Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**26** - Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m.

**31** - Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**November 5** - Church Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**9** - Children's Event – meet at Mr. Toads Pottery  
2:00 p.m. (131 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502)

**17** - Children Church

**19** - Thanksgiving Drive-thru Dinner

**24** - Children's Christmas Program Practice during church

**December 8** - After Church a meal and Dress Rehearsal for the  
Children's Christmas Program

**14** - Progressive Dinner


**15** – Children's Program during Church Service



**Church Information: Phone:** (814) 662-4201  
**Secretary:** Sherry Abel  
**Office hours:** Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**Email:** office@springsmc.org

Sherry will be out of the office on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and can be reach by her cell phone if needed.

**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!**  
October 24 – Riley Sines  
25 – Ben Yoder  
26 – Rod Lichty, Jayden Maust, John Wright

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
October 21 – Shawn & Mary Kate Haines

**October 13, 2024, Offering Total**

General Fund Offering	\$3,338.00
MDS Offering	\$3,530.00
Allegheny Conference Offering	\$550.00
Attendance	93



## DORCAS' BIO

Dorcas' actual trade was sewing. But her most important tasks centered around giving practical help to people in her community by making clothing for them. "...she was always doing good and helping the poor" ([Acts 9:36](#)).

Her story reveals several characteristics she displayed. And the passage shows that Dorcas' motivation was to please the Lord and build His Kingdom. Dorcas displayed these traits:

- Industriousness
- Compassion
- Charity
- Selflessness
- Grace

### 5 Lessons from Dorcas' Life (and Death)

#### 1. Use the Gifts You've Been Given to Help Others

Dorcas had talent in designing, tailoring, and stitching. She put that to good use, making clothing for people who needed it. Any ability can be utilized to help others in a very personal and practical way:

- Cooking/baking for a neighbor who is laid up or sick
- Organizing a friend's garage or helping them weed through paperwork
- Writing a note of encouragement to a local teacher or first responder

#### 2. Stay Faithful in Doing Good for Others

It doesn't say exactly what Dorcas did for the poor beyond clothing them, but she made caring a habit. Over time she became very well-known and respected for this. It's easy to start measuring what we do in terms of large or small. But if we are consistent to reach out with a heart for ministry, God will increase the influence of anything we do.

"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good". ([2 Thessalonians 3:13](#)).

#### 3. Build Relationships That Will Have Lasting Impact on Others

When Dorcas died, she left a legacy. She touched many lives and made many friends. As the widows gathered, they cried for the loss of someone they valued. If we give thought to how we will be remembered, it might change our priorities now:

- Do we care about what God cares about?
- Do we seek to show agape love to those around us?
- Do we look for ways to connect with and support others?

#### 4. Make Service and Ministry Toward Others a Priority

Dorcas was called a disciple, which means she was enthusiastic about following the teachings of Jesus. She knew that He called people to give, to care, and to provide where they could. We don't have to wait till we are rich or have it all together to start reaching out. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".

([Ephesians 2:10](#)).

#### 5. Let God Use You to Witness to Others

Dorcas had shown many people God's love. But her death and return to life pointed even more directly to the Lord. There was certainly great rejoicing when she was restored, as well as celebrating God's wondrous work. We have a chance to lead others to know God better through how we go through each day, especially difficult ones:

- Be an example of agape love in your community
- Be alert for practical needs you can help meet
- Be aware of prayer needs and faithfully lift them up
- Be ready to share your personal testimony

God has always gifted women to bring positive change to their surroundings, and Dorcas was obedient to that call on her life. She is still a wonderful example of what it means to submit our talents to the Lord, and to leave a legacy behind. And God will always multiply the blessings that come from our selfless giving.

### Scripture of Dorcas

#### **Acts 9: 36-40**

*<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" <sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.*

A deposit to My Coins Count on 10/15 of \$327.61 brings our current total for 2025 to \$1,105.81

November 19<sup>th</sup> is our drive thru Thanksgiving Meal.

We need **70 pumpkin pies**, there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer's bulletin board. Thank You!

**Trunk or Treat** – this coming Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.  
*We still need Trunks*

Please let Jeff Pattison and/or Sherry Abel know if you can help.



This is a wonderful weekend experience of fun, fellowship and learning about love. (It replaces our former annual Camporee experiences sponsored by Allegheny Conference.)

The cost for students from our Junior Department Sunday School attending will be covered. Registration materials are on the credence stand. **We need to know by December 15<sup>th</sup> who is attending the Winterville Camp.** Questions? See Carolyn Tice or contact Laurelville directly ([www.laurelville.org](http://www.laurelville.org))