

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 15, 2024

10:30 AM

*Together on the Journey*

## Anointing for Justice

What Belongs?

“God’s vision of shalom and justice depicts a kingdom in which we radically realign ourselves with the marginalized and oppressed. Who needs to hear the invitation to belong in God’s kingdom? Who needs to extend the invitation?”

*Leader magazine, Fall 2024, Menno Media, p.41.*

**Welcome**

**Lighting of Peace Lamp**

**Call to Worship**

*(The congregation responds by reading the words in bold print)*

Merciful One: you anoint us for justice, you call us to you.

**Your Spirit is poured out upon us.**

Yours is the way of release and restoration.

**May your love flow through us to heal the brokenhearted.**

May we declare your good news to bring hope to the poor.

**You anoint us: we are yours.**

**We delight and rejoice in you.**

**Advent Candlelighting**

**Congregational Singing**

HWB #197 Angels We Have Heard on High

#206 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#208 Love Came Down at Christmas

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Offertory Prayer**

*“Collecting coins for My Coins Count”*

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Children’s Program: “The Christmas Story:**

**Jesus Christ Is the Same—Yesterday, Today, and Forever!”**

**During the program, please join in singing:**

HWB #318 Joy to the World, verses 1&2

#191 O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Blessing**

**Sending Song (see printout in the pews)**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

**Message:** Children

**Worship Leaders:** Children

**Worship Planners:** Glenn & Tammy Miller

**Advent Candle Lighting:** Ryan, Brittany & Addy Miller

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Song Leader:** Karin Miller

**Sound Room:** Don Green

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

**Volume 70-No. 16**

*Advent Visuals:* Our journey’s purple path continues to the third candle and a frayed piece of burlap that represents those on the fringe of our communities. The Spirit anoints people for God’s action in the world. The Jesus way is to come together with those who are on the fringes, the marginalized, who are present within and outside of our congregations. *Leader, p. 42.*

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**December 8, 2024, Offering Total**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$3,719.50</b>
<b>Mary's Meals</b>	<b>\$1,380.00</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>104</b>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**December 15 – Brayden Thomas, Phoebe Wiley**

**16 – Shirley Brandes, Deb Brenneman**

**17 – Deborah Strickland**

**19 – Nash Hoover, Diori Pattison, Marisa Perez**



**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.

**Cookie Swap** – Flyer is in your mailbox and copies are on the credence stand in the foyer of the church.

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 Church Basement**

Bring at least 3 dozen of one kind of cookie or sweet and go home with 2 dozen assorted cookies and sweets. The extra dozens will be shared with local shut-ins, the sick, or anyone you think may enjoy a Christmas treat!

**The Bus Trip for August 16<sup>th</sup> is on!  
For Sight and Sound, NOAH.**

We have sent the deposit.

We have the bus ½ full, if you would like to go, please complete the form that is on the credence stand in the church foyer and place it in Sherry Abel's mailbox or send an e-mail to the church office.

### **Congratulations**

Born November 30<sup>th</sup> a baby girl, Ivory James Barron, to  
Brent & Cambria Barron

Grandmother is Debra Barron

Great-Grandmother is Dixie Otto

*welcome baby*

## **Calendar of Events**

**Today** Children's Program during Church Service

Last day to sign up for **Winterville at Laurelville,**  
January 17-19, for Students grades 2 – 8

**December 17** - Cookie Swap – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

**24** - Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.

**January 6** - Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**7** - Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### **Missions Offering Totals:**

Somerset Mobile Food Bank	\$1,000.00
Casselman Valley Helpers	\$1,000.00
Garrett Co Dept of Aging	\$1,000.00
Menno Disaster Service	\$1,416.00 (where needed most)
Menno Central Committee	\$2,124.00

October's special offering for Menno Disaster Service designated for Hurricane Helene cleanup and victims ----- \$3,977.00 which was in addition to above offering.

Thanks to everyone for your warm welcome and for your generous support of **Mary's Meals** mission to serve God's children. –**Bill Gavin**

A Christmas card and thank you note from Shanna Humphrey, Director of Garrett County Community Action & Nutrition Services, is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer.