## **SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH** December 29, 2024

10:30 AM

## *Together on the Journey* **Keeping Promises Who Sees It?**

"God is faithful in keeping promises on the journey, but unless we are keenly attuned, we may not recognize promises fulfilled. Even as we wait, we can be assured that God is active in working out the plan of restoring and healing. May we have the eyes to see God's active presence, and may we have a voice to share what we have seen." *Leader* magazine, Fall 2024, Menno Media, p.45.

Welcome

**Lighting of Peace Lamp** 

#### Call to Worship Based on Psalm 131:1–3 Leader: As we worship today, God, we ask this of you: People: Wipe pride from our hearts, That we might truly love one another. Rinse conceit from our eyes That we might see one another as you see. Leader: We rest in your promises and wait for you. People: Calm and quiet, we trust in you. Leader: Open our hearts, All: That we might let go of all that separates us from you and one another.

#### Candlelighting

- Reader 1: Have you heard the news? Jesus, the promised Messiah has come!
- Reader 2: I have heard the Good News! God is with us; Jesus is here!
- All: Let us shout it aloud for everyone to hear! Come join us on this journey, as we live out the Good News of Christ!

**Congregational Singing** 

Affirmation of Faith

**Offertory Prayer** \*\*Children will collect coins for My Coins Count\*\* **Children's Story** 

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture: John 14: 2-6 Message: "Keeping Promises"

Song of response: Video "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me

Benediction

Sending Song – "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Message: Bill Mosholder Worship Leader: Angie Piwonka Worship Planners: Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka Candle Lighting: Gary & Lisa Brant Children's Story: Beth Green Accompanist: Byron Miller Song Leader: Phoebe Wiley Sound Room: Noel Livengood Video: Reuben Tice Live Stream: Isaac Tice Volume 70-No. 18

*Visuals:* The purple path and our journey ends at the Christ candle. The mirror behind it, and the images it reflects, call us to focus on 'having eyes to see' what God is doing in our midst, according to God's faithful promises. *Leader*, p. 45.

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December 22, 2024, Offering Total	
\$2,947.00	
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#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

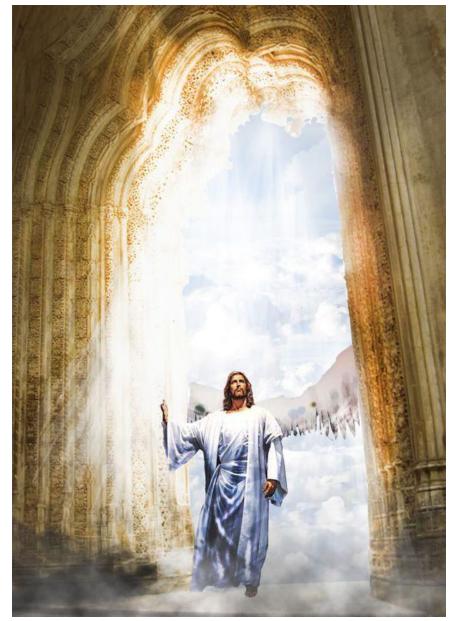
December 29 – Katelyn Maust 30 – Naomi Tice 31 – Tricia Kipp January 4 – Byron Miller

# 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.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him: I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, except through me.



Welcome to Springs Mennonite Church

The Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Christmas cantata, "Mary Did You Know?" on Sunday evening, January 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at their church at 800 Walker Street in Garrett. There will be Candlelighting, and a time of fellowship will conclude the evening. This is the former Garrett United Methodist Church.

Thank you letters were received from the Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service, they are on the bulletin in the Church foyer.



### **Calendar of Events**

**January** 1 - Daughters of Dorcas 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- **6** Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **8** Elders' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who ordered poinsettias. If you want to enjoy your poinsettia at home, you are welcome to take it. We are also pleased to have them for continued use in the church if you want to leave them. <u>There are sleeves on the</u> <u>front pew to protect them from the cold.</u> *Visual Arts* 



Thank you so very much to those of you who worked behind the scenes to make the Christmas Eve service a memorable celebration: Jan Bender and Rosie Cupler for the beautiful decorations, Ken and Diana Detrick for greeting everyone, Glenn and Tammy Miller, Steve Fazenbaker and Jeff Pattison for lighting candles, Jerry Abel for figuring out the appropriate stage lights and showing me how to operate the lighter, Sherry for her calming presence all evening, and a huge thank you to all whose names were mentioned in the bulletin for your role in the service! Phoebe