

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

February 2, 2025

10:30 AM

Welcome

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

*(Congregation responds with words in **bold print**)*

Before we were born, God knew us.

**God knit us together in the womb.**

God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.

**So we praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

**How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.**

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture: John 1: 40-51; John 2: 1-11

Message: "*Beginnings*" —Wes Bergen

Song of response

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: Wes Bergen

Worship Leaders: Don & Beth Green

Announcements & Prayer: Don Green

Worship Planners: Don & Beth Green

Accompanist: Byron Miller

Song Leader: Isaac Tice

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

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## Calendar of Events

February 3 - Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

25 - Elders' Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

26 - Secret Sister Reveal – 5:00 p.m. @  
Casselman Restaurant



A deposit of **\$234.91** to My Coins Count on January 29, brings our current total for 2025 to **\$1981.10**.

Hazleton Federal prison is looking for volunteers to participate in the Kairos program they want to begin in the women's facility at Hazleton. Women volunteers are needed. There will be a Q & A night sometime in February. The date has not been set yet. You can read about the ministry at [kairosprisonministry.org](http://kairosprisonministry.org). The relevant program is Kairos Inside. You can call Phoebe with questions about volunteer training in general (814-662-4104).

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

**Secretary:** Sherry Abel

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<b>Elders</b>	
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

**January 26, 2025, Offering Total**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$2,354.70</b>
<b>Allegheny Conference</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>72</b>

**Birthdays:**

**February 2 – Lisa Brant, Cortney Mitchell**  
**3 – Paula Resh**  
**6 – Roxie Livengood**



**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.



**“Beginnings”**

**Welcome, Wes & Deb Bergen**

Daughters of Dorcas received a letter from MCC Material Resources Center thanking us for the 110 comforters and 200 kit bags that were 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 53,601 comforters to Canada, El Salvador, Malawi, Ukraine, US (including Puerto Rico) and Zambia and 81,048 school kits.”

**Peace Theology in Movement: A Lunchtime Colloquium: Wednesdays, Jan. 15 – April 30, 12–1 p.m. ET, via Zoom.** This free weekly online colloquium series focuses on the Mennonite Action movement as an expression of Mennonite peace theology. Instructors: Janna Hunter-Bowman of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Jonathan Smucker of Mennonite Action. Participants can attend any or all sessions, starting anytime. There is no charge, but registration is required to receive the link. View the schedule and register: [ambs.edu/peace-colloquium](http://ambs.edu/peace-colloquium)

**Anabaptist Witness 11.1, “Mission and Peace in Ethiopia.”** The articles in this issue of *Anabaptist Witness* — guest edited by Henok T. Mekonin, MA, and James R. Krabill, PhD — are organized in two sections. The first focuses on mission and peace efforts in the broader context of the Ethiopian nation, and the second focuses more specifically on Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) history and perspectives. Proceeds from the print edition — available for purchase on Amazon — will support MKC programs. The free online version is now available: [anabaptistwitness.org](http://anabaptistwitness.org)

**Gain peacebuilding skills at AMBS!** Prepare for work and scholarship at the cross-section of theology and transformative peacebuilding through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s **Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies** program. Explore a topic of your choice from multiple angles and design a peacebuilding internship in your area of interest. [ambs.edu/matps](http://ambs.edu/matps)

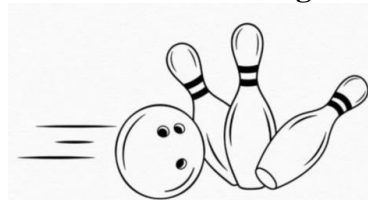
### Upcoming Youth/Children Activities:

Dates and Time to be determined on both the following activities.

February – **Ice Skating** at JTF1 Grantsville



March – **Bowling**



We received a thank you letter from Shanna Humphrey, Director, Aging & Nutrition Services for the \$1,000.00 donation for their Meals on Wheels Program. The letter is posted on the bulletin board in the Church foyer.

### Church Library

*An Untidy Faith: Journeying Back to the Joy of Following Jesus* by Kate Boyd has been added to our church library. This book "equips readers with beliefs and practices to rebuild their faith and shape their communities to look more like Jesus."