

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 26, 2025

10:30 AM

Welcome

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Call to Worship – John 1: 1-5

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Numerous places throughout the Bible the Salvation History is told. In Deuteronomy is one of the first examples where the Israelites were to repeat their Salvation History when they get to Canaan. The bold print shows how it is personalized even though many of the people did not personally experience these events. As followers of Jesus, this now also becomes part of our story.

**Deut. 26:4-10**

**Leader:** <sup>4</sup>The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the Lord your God's altar. <sup>5</sup>Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God:

**All:** "My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. <sup>6</sup>The Egyptians treated **us** terribly, oppressing **us** and forcing hard labor on **us**. <sup>7</sup>So **we** cried out for help to the Lord, **our** ancestors' God. The Lord heard **our** call. God saw **our** misery, **our** trouble, and **our** oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought **us** out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>He brought **us** to this place and gave **us** this land—a land full of milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now **I** am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, Lord, have given me."

Offertory Prayer

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 18:1-11, Genesis 18:18-19,  
(Additional background scripture: II Timothy 3:14-17)

**Message:** Renewal Through Story: The Old People of God

Song of response

Benediction

Sending Song

**Message:** Enos Tice

**Worship Leaders:** Doug & Lori Otto

**Announcements & Prayer:** Ken Detrick

**Worship Planners:** Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka

**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto

**Song Leader:** Isaac Tice

**Sound Room:** Jerry Abel

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

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## Calendar of Events

**January 27** – Meeting to Plan Dwight Kipp's Celebration of Life  
6:00 p.m.

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

**29** - Elders' Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

**February 1** - Celebration of Life for Dwight Kipp 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

**Secretary:** Sherry Abel


**Office hours:** Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Sherry will be out of the office on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Elders</b>	
Don Green (Chair)	(814) 521-5709
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Ken Detrick	(814) 662-2692
Ed Hoover	(814) 521-7128

<b><u>January 19, 2025, Offering Total</u></b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,615.00</b>
<b>Allegheny Mennonite Conference</b>	<b>\$3,430.0</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>55</b>

 **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.

# **Renewal Through Story: The Old People of God**





With our Christian Sympathy,

Dwight Kipp departed from this life on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Celebration of Life –  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.



## Anabaptism at 500, Springs Mennonite Church Committee

The Anabaptist movement began 500 years ago (January 1525) when a small group of Christians gathered secretly, renounced their infant baptism, and were baptized as adults. Anabaptists were so named by their enemies because they practiced believer's baptism rather than infant baptism, and many of them paid for this decision with imprisonment, torture, and even their lives.

The Elders have appointed the following people to serve on a committee to consider ways to commemorate the Anabaptist movement: Sherry Abel, Carolyn Tice, Enos Tice, Phoebe Wiley, Ben Yoder, and Richard Yoder. The Committee invites your prayers, suggestions, and any questions you might have.

The Committee's overall goal is: *To retell our salvation history story, emphasizing the 500-year Anabaptist history in a way that encourages Springs Mennonite Church and other participants to learn from our past, both failures and successes, to find renewed joy in serving God, and to be wholehearted followers of Jesus.* Based on stories in the Bible and church history, typically when people remember and correctly understand their salvation history story, they more faithfully follow God. When they forget their story, or misunderstand their story, they become distracted by other gods. The committee is planning to share some of this story during Sunday morning worship services. Some videos and other resources are also being considered.

**Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary!** Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include “Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose” and “Preaching.” In-person courses (also open to auditors) include “Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding” and “The Spirit World and the Global Church” (also available via videoconference). Non-admitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Register by May 5. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

**Scholarships available!** Ready to pursue seminary studies? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid, church matching grants and scholarships for students learning on campus or at a distance, full time or part time. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1. [ambs.edu/affordability](https://ambs.edu/affordability)

**Ministry Reflection Circles.** Pastors, need help with ministry challenges? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's yearlong Ministry Reflection Circles program provides the support of consultants within a community of peers. An in-person cohort in Elkhart, Indiana, begins March 31; apply by Feb. 24. An online cohort begins Oct. 20; apply by Sept. 20. [ambs.edu/ministry-circles](https://ambs.edu/ministry-circles)

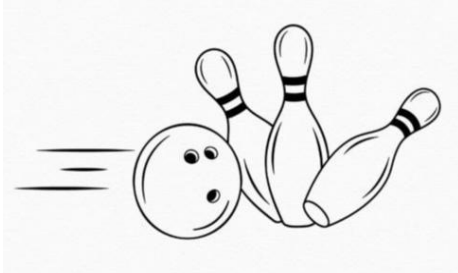
### Upcoming Youth/Children Activities:

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

February – **Ice Skating** at JTF1 Grantsville



March – **Bowling**



### Significant Items from Elders' Meeting 01-08-2025

1. Sherry started the meeting with prayer.
2. Sherry stated that the upcoming speakers list will be in the bulletin on 2/12. Don stated that he or Paul would announce that Wes Bergen is coming to speak, and he is a candidate for Pastor. Sherry will place in the bulletin Pastor Search Committee Update.
3. Don stated that we have some new people coming to church; Sherry will check to see if they would like a mailbox.
4. Sherry will get someone to make the announcements and lead prayer for 2/16 and 2/23.
5. Discussion included prayers that are needed for individuals, the congregation, and the Pastor Search Committee.
6. Rosie updated us on the cards she has sent, and the contacts and visitations she has made.
7. Ken discussed his visits.
8. Meeting ended with prayer.

### Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the ministry of the Korea Anabaptist Center, in Chuncheon, South Korea. Pray for the staff members as they share Anabaptist-Mennonite resources with those interested in learning about peace theology and restorative justice.

### Mennonite Disaster Service – Newsletter “On the Level”

*Our January edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires, a new job opportunity with MDS, plus all the details for the upcoming MDS 75th Anniversary Celebration.*

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/40gJGz2>

We received a thank you letter from Marisa Smucker, Executive Director from Mennonite Mission Network, for our gift of \$1,500.00. The letter is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer.