



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

Fellowship and food in the basement 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

“For the Lamb...will lead them to springs of living water.” Revelation 7:17

Musical Prelude

Advent Reflection

Sharing of Life in the Congregation

Children’s Christmas Program

Junior Department songs

A Christmas Alphabet:

Away In A Manger #194 HWB*
We Three Kings (see insert)
Love Came Down #208 HWB
Joy To the World #318 HWB
To Us A Child Of Hope Is Born #189 HWB

Junior Department Songs

Offering

Responsive Reading (see insert)

Special Music: Junior Youth Girls

Children’s Story

Benediction

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing First Verse #201 HWB

*Hymnal: A Worship Book

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Office Hours: Mondays - Fridays 8:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.

Bulletin deadline:

All announcements are due Friday morning by 8:00 a.m.



Springs Mennonite Church is Handicap Accessible

There are a restroom & an elevator available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

Board of Elders: Barb Root (Chair), Lois Hepler, Mert Maust, Glenn Miller, Enos Tice

Congregational Chair: Terry Livengood

December 8, 2013 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE 108
W.S. ATTENDANCE & OFFERING 154 \$3,303.35

Springs Mennonite Church

Springs Mennonite Church Vision Statement

We, the Springs congregation, have been changed by Jesus Christ. Saved by His love and forgiveness, we are empowered to carry forth His ministry, through obedience, teaching, service, and healing. Reaching out to all people, by faith we journey together praying, worshiping, and making disciples. By our living in the Spirit, we reflect His love, joy, hope, and peace.



December 15, 2013

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP

Like baking Christmas cookies and treats? Come join us **Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm** for a **Christmas Cookie Swap** in the church basement. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookie or sweet and the recipe. You'll go home with 2 dozen of an assortment of cookies from your friends plus we will have dozens to share with others. If you have questions, feel free to contact Melinda Gibson or Kim Miller. Also if you have suggestions of who would enjoy receiving a tray of cookies this holiday season, let us or someone attending know. Feel free to invite others from the community that enjoy baking!

Elders

Significant Items 12/11/13

Attendance: Pastor Eric, Barb, Enos, Lois, Mert

1. Christmas caroling by anyone who wishes to participate is planned for Friday evening, Dec. 20 at 6:00 pm, followed with refreshments at the church.
2. The Dec. 29 Worship service will be a song service.
3. A pastor review committee is being appointed. This review is to be by the committee and the congregation.
4. Discussed a letter sent to Enos from Gloria Horst Rosenberger regarding donations toward scholarships for persons from other countries who wish to attend Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Harrisburg July 21-26, 2015. \$2,000 was the suggested donation and it was agreed to take request to Sunday School classes and then consider a fund raiser if more funds are needed.
5. At our October 23 meeting the Board of Elders met with an individual who came to us to express a concern.

Prayer concerns were voiced and the meeting concluded in a time of prayer for the church and community.

Activities This Week

- Today - **Jr. Department Christmas Program**
Christmas Chorus Program, 7:00 p.m.
- Tues - **Daughters of Dorcas**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Thurs - **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the home of Ruth Miller Yoder
Intercessory Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Owen & Twila
Christmas Cookie Swap, 7:00 p.m. Church Basement
- Fri - Christmas Caroling, 6:00 p.m. here at the church

Upcoming Activities

- December 24th **Christmas Eve Service**, 7:00 p.m.

Reminder: Tonight is the Christmas Cantata – *The Bethlehem Story* featuring music and text from *Mary, Did You Know?* and *Bringing Christmas Home*. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. Join us afterwards for refreshments and fellowship!

Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for supporting our efforts for the backpack program in Salisbury. Your efforts will help those in need this holiday season. Blessing to all!

Christmas caroling – this Friday evening (December 20). Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of caroling and spreading Christmas joy. Refreshments served afterwards in the church basement. Everyone is invited to participate!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Significant Items ~ December 2, 2013

1. Old chairs are getting to be a problem as far as storing them. There are some Amish that are interested in them. Council decided if they come get them they can have them. 50 chairs are being kept.
2. Trustees have been working on the smell in the basement and it has been resolved.
3. The side glass door has been repaired temporarily and a new lock set has been ordered. The door is not to be used until the lock set has been replaced.
4. Jr. Department Superintendents will be working on the 2 year old class after Christmas program has been done.
5. Sunday School books will be placed in the office instead of MYF classroom.
6. Don Green will check to see what will be needed to repair the Arc light at the back of the church.
7. A \$50 contribution was received from the Lawrence Deal fundraiser.
8. Mission offering amount \$7,900
9. Line 364 of the Bylaws – Terry Livengood agreed to meet with the Elders and make a recommendation for Congregational approval.
10. Elders and Church Council are working on the “Guidelines for Eric’s Counseling” services.

The Missions Offering from November 24 totaled \$7,900.00. It has been forwarded as follows:

Bittinger Food Bank	\$1,000.00
MCC	\$2,300.00
MDS	\$2,300.00
Bhutanese Nepali Church	<u>\$2,300.00</u>
	\$7,900.00

The Prayer Ministry Team meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 to pray for the worship service, Pastor Eric, SS classes and other prayer concerns...if anyone has a prayer need, please feel free to contact me or a team member, and we will include your concern in our prayer time...!

I don't know how many of you know that we also have "Prayer Angels" that pray during our worship service every Sunday morningsomeone lifts our service to our awesome and faithful God as we sing, worship and pray! If anyone feels led to be a part of this prayer ministry circle of Angels, please contact me....it is a blessing to the person praying as well as the congregation and Pastor Eric. There are currently around 21 faithful servants who take turns, so each one only prays about every 3 months ...! I am the coordinator and do the schedule and I also put a reminder in the "pray-ers" Church mailbox with the date...!

There are no set rules how to pray or where...I have one very special Prayer Angel who prays for us at her home.....so, who would like to bless and be blessed? Call me, email me or talk to me anytime....I would be pleased to add your name to my list! God's sweetest and very best blessings,
Diana Detrick

Prayer Ministry Team: Pastor Eric Haglund, Twila Guengerich, Ada Schrock, Melissa Easton, Shirley Brandes, Lois Hepler, Fay Yoder, Rich Yoder, Ken Detrick, Diana Detrick

Tim Long will be at the Grantsville Archive Building (29 Dorsey Hotel Road) on December 19th & 20th. To make an appointment or for more information call Carol A. Krug-McIntyre at 717-796-1700 or 800-423-2838

Please see Nancy Green to learn more about a special Everence offer that benefits our congregation for people who purchase an Everence Medicare supplement plan by March 31, 2014. Your participation not only helps you meet a personal need but creates funding that helps people experiencing financial hardships in our congregation as well as other congregations throughout the U.S.