



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 9, 2018

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Candle Lighting- Ed and Deb Hoover

Children's Time

Offering-*Children are invited to come forward with the ushers to collect a special offering for MCC's *My Coins Count*.

Special Music- Ani Beitzel

Poetry

Congregational Singing

Scripture- *Romans 12:9-21*

Message-*True Love*

Hymn of Response

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song

***Please sign the registries that you will find on the back of the bench in front of you as you welcome those sitting near you. Blue prayer request forms can be placed in the offering plate to be shared during the worship service.*

*Worship Leader: Joy Versluis
Song Leader: Lois Hepler
Sound Room: Noel Livengood*

*Message: Paul Versluis
Video: Reuben Tice
Accompanist: Byron Miller*

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.

Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201

During our time without a settled pastor, we are blessed to have Paul Versluis as our part-time interim pastor.

Office hours: Monday-Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by appointment

Cell phone: (734) 255-7006

Email: pastor@springsmc.org

If a pastoral need arises when neither the pastor nor Wendy has office hours, please call one of the elders listed below.

Don Green- (814) 662-4309

Melinda Gibson- day: (814) 662-2711; evening: (301) 895-3303

Karin Miller- (301) 707-3432

Enos Tice- (814) 662-4331

Phoebe Wiley- (814) 662-4104

Web address: www.springsmc.org

Secretary: Wendy Brenneman

Email: office@springsmc.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bulletin: All announcements are due Friday 8:00 a.m.



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 song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

Board of Elders: Don Green(Chair), Melinda Gibson, Karin Miller

Enos Tice, Phoebe Wiley

Congregational Chair: Terry Livengood

December 2, 2018 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE	81
W.S. ATTENDANCE	111
OFFERING	\$7,411.00

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Activities This Week

- Today- Elders' Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Mon- Ladies Bible Study Christmas Carry-in, 6:00 p.m., Rosie Cupler's Home
- Tues- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Dixie's Home
- Sat- Class #1 Progressive Dinner

Upcoming Activities

- Dec 16- Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 17- Christmas Cookie Swap, 6:30 p.m.
(for more details see flyer posted throughout the church or last week's bulletin)
- Dec 20- Prayer Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 20- Allegheny Conference Offering
The Wilbur & Annie Beitzel Family wish to say a heartfelt

Thank You to the Springs Mennonite Church for walking this journey of life with us. Many years ago we became neighbors, and somewhere along the way we became family. In the past months we have especially appreciated the way you continued to encourage and love our mom through cards, visits, etc. A special thank you to all who cared for our family through her final days here on this earth and helped us as we remembered and celebrated her life! You have blessed us in so many ways!

Alvina has moved into Goodwill Assisted Living this past week. Her room number is 4211. We are sure she would appreciate your visit.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Annie Beitzel who passed away December 1.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Alice Beitzel who passed away on December 1.

Doug and Barb Root have requested a transfer of membership to the Shalom Mennonite Congregation of Harrisonburg, VA.

Our very own Harry Mimna has written a children's book, *The Adventures of Lucas and Eythro*, which is available in the church library. He introduces us to a wonderful group of blood cells who work together as a team to keep our body healthy. Harry's daughter, Ivy O'Connor, is the illustrator.

Our theme song for the month of December is "Hope Is a Candle" (STS 15). In this season of Advent, we are grateful that "Love is a candle whose light makes a circle, where ev'ry face is the face of a friend." We find encouragement to "widen the circle by sharing and giving."

Junior Department Announcements:

There will be a quick practice for the Christmas program after church today. We will also practice during Sunday school next Sunday. The Junior Department Christmas Party will be after church next Sunday, December 16. All children ages 3 through 8th grade are invited. If you have any questions, contact Holly Clark.

On December 30, our worship theme will be "God's Love Revealed" (Col. 3:12-17). In lieu of a message, the Elders and Worship Committee are inviting **children and adults of ALL ages** to participate in "cardboard testimonies." (See YouTube "Cardboard testimonies" for ideas.) Sunday school teachers are encouraged to bring up the topic in their classes. The "testimony" should answer one of these questions: When have you felt clothed with love or felt God's love for you, either at SMC or elsewhere? There will be a short meeting after the worship service on December 16 to discuss size of cardboard and letters and testimony length. Contact Melinda or Phoebe for more information.

The Somerset County Mobile Food Bank provides a monthly distribution of fresh produce and other food items for residents of Somerset County (free of charge). Perhaps you or a family member, friend or neighbor could benefit from this program. Income guidelines are posted in the foyer. We hope to schedule a monthly drop off site of food boxes in Salisbury. Please contact Beth Green for more information or a registration form (which is simple to complete).