



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

November 25, 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*

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Welcome/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

## Call to Worship-

Leader: God, awaken our hearts! The new day reveals itself in every moment, and by your grace all things are possible, to endure. Come, let us give thanks.

All: *We give thanks to you, blessed, mysterious Life-giver, for another day to experience the miracle of creation.*

**One: With every breath we remember that life is a gift, and we give thanks.**

**Two: With every step we know the wonder of walking the earth, and we give thanks.**

**Three: With every word we affirm your true love for each of us, and we give thanks.**

All: *Beloved, you make all things new. Creation is full of your glory. Thank you for all of creation and our existence in this time and place.*

## Congregational Singing

### Scripture Reading- Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to Yahweh, all the earth: peoples, trees, mountains, creatures. Come into Yahweh's presence with glad songs, bring a gift of mirth.

All: *We give thanks to God, for God is good and God's love endures forever.*

Leader: As you come into the presence of God, know this. Yahweh is our Shepherd. God made us and we are loved, we belong and are accepted.

All: *We give thanks to God, for GOD is beautiful, generous in love and kindness.*

Leader: Come into God's presence with gratitude. Make yourself at home and know that you are welcome. So, give thanks to God with a grateful heart.

All: *We give thanks for God is good. God's love endures forever, for all generations.*

Leader: Come into God's presence without guilt or shame. come with applause, hope, respect, excitement, admiration, honor, delight. "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God." [1Thess 5:18]

Congregational Singing

Poetry Reading

Congregational Singing

A corporate blessing for the Pastoral Search Committee

Offering

Scripture- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Homily- Encourage each other and give thanks in all circumstances

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

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*\*\*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: Angie Piwonka  
Song Leader: Melinda Gibson  
Sound Room: Don Green

Homily: Paul Versluis  
Video: Reuben Tice  
Accompanist: Byron Miller

**Church 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](mailto: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](http://www.springsmc.org)

**Secretary:** Wendy Brenneman

**Email:** [office@springsmc.org](mailto: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

**November 18, 2018 Totals**

<b>S.S. ATTENDANCE</b>	60
<b>W.S. ATTENDANCE</b>	93
<b>OFFERING</b>	\$1,550.00
<b>MISSIONS OFFERING</b>	\$5,287.00

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## Activities This Week

- Mon- Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
  
Ladies Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.,  
Church basement
- Tues- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
  
Elders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study,  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Dixie's Home
- Sat- Christmas Caravan

## Upcoming Activities

- Dec 4- Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 6- Prayer Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 15- Class #1 Progressive Dinner
- Dec 20- Prayer Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m.

**The Visual Arts Committee** is taking orders for poinsettias to be used in the church during the church during the Christmas season. Available colors are red and white. The poinsettia comes in a 6 inch pot and each one costs \$7.50. The poinsettia will be yours to take home by Christmas. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form placed in your mailbox and place it in Rosie Cupler's mailbox **no later than today, Sunday, November 25th**. Extra forms are available on the credence stand in the foyer. Thank you

**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).

**Due to a schedule conflict** with Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) the spring Faith and Life Gathering (originally scheduled for March 2) is being **rescheduled for March 16, 2019**. Please make note of this date change.

**Sunday School Class #1 is having a Progressive Dinner** on December 15th. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church. We do need people to host and also need a couple of people to make bread or soup at the church. We start around 3 p.m. and end around 9 p.m. This is a very fun evening with great fellowship, great food and a lot of laughter. Please come and join us.

Mitch Albom's latest book, *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven*, is available in our church library. Dealing with endings and beginnings, it is poignant, beautifully crafted, and filled with unexpected twists.

*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.*