



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

November 4, 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/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Congregational Singing

Giving of Tithes and Offerings*

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

Scripture- *Hebrews 4:12-16*

Message- *When God Speaks*

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: Michael Miller

Song Leader: Jane Benson

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Sermon: Alan Kauffman

Video: Reuben Tice

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

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, worshipping, and making disciples. By our living in the Spirit, we reflect His love, joy, hope, and peace.

Church Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201

During our time between pastors

If a pastoral need arises please contact one of the elders listed below. During regular office hours you may call the church office and Wendy can facilitate locating an Elder who can respond in a timely manner.

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

October 28, 2018 Totals

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| S.S. ATTENDANCE | 60 |
| W.S. ATTENDANCE | 75 |
| OFFERING | \$6,232.00 |

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LET US THEREFORE
COME **BOLDLY**
TO THE THRONE OF
grace, THAT WE
MAY FIND
MERCY & GRACE
IN TIME OF **NEED.**
HEBREWS 4:16

Our theme song for the month of November is "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry." In our faith journey, we are

thankful that God is there to guide us through the night, to cheer us on, and to be there as He has always been.

Pastoral Search Committee has been called. Those agreeing to serve are: Deb Hoover, Nancy Green, Rosie Cupler, Laban Tice, Ryan Miller, Doug Berg, Terry Livengood (or a Council representative) and Don Green (or an Elder representative). We will be meeting soon to begin the process of finding a settled pastor.

A Community Thanksgiving Meal will be held this Wednesday, November 7th from 5-6:30 p.m. here at the church. The Hospitality Committee is looking for individuals to help the day and evening of the event and also for pies for the meal. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board for pies as well as volunteers. Please have pies at the church by 3 p.m. All volunteers should arrive at 3 p.m. unless otherwise instructed. We can only make this event a success with everyone's help.

Thank you! The Hospitality Committee

Memorial service for David A. Wenger, husband of Ruth (Yoder), Bronx, NY, at Oak Dale Church (Salisbury) on Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m. David passed away unexpectedly in September after a brief but intense struggle with mantle cell lymphoma.

Hymnsing at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, November 11 at Ruth Miller Yoder's in Grantsville in memory of David Wenger, Bronx, NY. Bring Songs of the Church and Star of Bethlehem books. For more information call Ruth at (301) 895-3909.

November Speakers:

Nov 11-Paul Versluis

Nov 18- Dave Mishler

Nov 25- Paul Versluis

Activities This Week

- Today- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Tues- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m
- Wed- Community Thanksgiving Meal, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study,
9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., Dixie's Home

Upcoming Activities

- Nov 14- Elders Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 15- Prayer Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m.

Paul Versluis III

Joy and I have been in love for over 50 years (and married for 48 years). It has been "an easy love." We have five children and ten grandchildren who live in five states. We recently moved to Broadway, VA, purchased eight acres in the country and are finishing a passive solar house we had built in order to be near one of our children.

I attended Woodstock High School in Mussoorie, India. We met at Greenville College, a Free Methodist school, and at first glance, immediately liked each other. I, Paul, went to Trinity Seminary (Deerfield, IL) in the Evangelical Free Church tradition. While in seminary we had the privilege of associating with friends from which came *Sojourners Magazine*.

After Seminary, the single fold moved to DC while the married folk went to Upper Peninsula of Michigan to establish an intentional Christian community. We lived among these folk for nine good years.

We left the community; it became necessary for me, if I were to be a minister, to choose a faith tradition. Providentially, we were welcomed into the Mennonite Church, and for nine years I was the pastor of the Maple Grove congregation in New Wilmington, PA. During this time Joy was mother to five children and I was privileged to complete a DMin at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, focusing on Family Systems and Spiritual Direction.

We spent three years with Foundation Mennonite Church, a church plant in Erie, PA, seven years with Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Corvallis, OR, and sixteen years with Shalom Community Church, a Mennonite and Church of the Brethren congregation in Ann Arbor, MI.

Three of our children went to Eastern Mennonite University and two went to Goshen College. Anna Versluis and Ben Penner live in St. Peter, MN with three children. Ben is an organic wheat farmer and Anna is a geography professor at Gustavus Adolphus College. Bethany and Peter Fairfield live

in Harrisonburg, VA with four children. Peter works for the language software company Rosetta Stone and Bethany works for her four children. Sara Versluis and Jovon Grossi live in Portland, OR, where Sara does contract work in editing such as for MennoMedia, and Jovon is a hospital chaplain. Rachel Versluis and Neil Detweiler live in Goshen, IN with their three boys. Rachel is studying to be a nurse, while Neil is beginning his first year as a professor of biology at Goshen College. Paul Versluis IV lives in Ann Arbor, MI, where Paul works for a thrift store and his girlfriend Rachel works on a PhD in literature.

Joy is a full time grandmother, an avid reader, and enjoys walking outdoors and writing. She continues to teach online classes in writing for Eastern Michigan University.

In the last year, I was the interim pastor at Prince of Peace Church in Anchorage, AK for five months and then interim minister for the Living Peace congregation (Church of the Brethren) in Plymouth, MI for six months. In all our locations, I have enjoyed working with hands as a carpenter-remodeler for our family and others. [Ecc. 12:12, "To much study is a weariness of the flesh"] I often end my correspondence with the word "courage."

Courage Springs,
Paul