



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 20, 2019

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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## Musical Prelude

## Welcome/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

## Call to Worship-

### "Remembering Martin's Words"

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King Jr. that "freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

**May the oppressed be given words and prophets to claim their freedom.**

We remember Martin's words that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

**May the oppressed be given leaders who do not mollify but challenge injustice.**

We remember Martin's belief that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, that we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly, sooner or later, all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together."

**We are all bound together. What is bad for you is bad for me, and that what is good for you is good for me.**

We remember Martin's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak voice with an uncertain sound. It so often supports the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are."

**May we not be silent in the face of wrong. When God calls us, may we be willing to disturb unholy equilibrium.**

We member Martin's preaching that "Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that. "

**May we be open to the discovery of ways to love those with whom we disagree.**

We remember Martin's hope that "dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and in some not-too-distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

**May we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to envision a global warming of mutual understanding and care.**

## Prayer of Joy for Diversity

## Congregational Singing

Scripture- James 2:1-9, 12-13

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## Offering (*Allegheny Conference Offering*)

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

## Poetry Reading

Teaching- *The Story of Harriet Tubman*

## Hymn of Response

## Sharing of Life in the Congregation

## Benediction

## Hymn of Sending

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MERCY  
*Triumphs*  
OVER  
*Judgement*  
JAMES 2:13

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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.*

Sermon: Paul Versluis

Worship/Song Leader: Worship Team

Song Leader: Paul Versluis

Sound Room: Noel Livengood

Children's Time: 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

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

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**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

**January 13, 2019 Totals**

<b>S.S. ATTENDANCE</b>	70
<b>W.S. ATTENDANCE</b>	88
<b>OFFERING</b>	\$2,856.00

**This Week's Activities**

Today- Allegheny Conference Offering

Tues- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 p.m.

Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Upcoming Activities**

Feb 4- Elders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Feb 5- Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Feb 24- Quartet Event, 4:00 p.m.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

January 21- Rebecca Shoemaker

January 24- Emily Fisher

*We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Bernice Schrock who passed away on January 11, 2019.*

**Our theme song for the month of January** is "God Who Touches Earth," #511 in *Hymnal, a Worship Book*. As we begin a new year, may these words ring in our hearts:

*"God who touches earth with beauty,  
Make my heart anew;  
With thy spirit recreate me,  
Pure and strong and true.*

**CANDID PHOTOS** are being collected in a basket in the foyer of you or your spouse or family to be posted as a collage on the bulletin board in the basement with the heading "We are Springs Mennonite Church". Feel free to be creative by submitting a picture including your favorite pet or doing your favorite hobby. We are thinking 4" x 6" photos but if you submit other sizes, we'll make it work. We'd like to have them by January 31st so we can begin building the collage. Questions contact Melinda Gibson.

**TRISTATE RELIEF SALE** is organizing a **QUARTET EVENT** for Sunday, February 24th at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at Kaufman Mennonite Church. There will be a free will offering taken to benefit TriState Relief Sale. There will be a time of fellowship with a light meal to follow. We are looking for participants if anyone is interested! Please let Lois Hepler know if you would like to lead hymns, or sing in a group! Thank you!

### **Council Significant Items**

**1/8/2019**

1. New water softener has been purchased.
2. Carpets and benches will be cleaned and a new rug will be purchased for the foyer.
3. Expenses will be paid for any delegate or substitute wishing to attend MCUSA National Conference.
4. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

### ***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.*