



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

April 7, 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

"I am about to do a new thing"

Musical Prelude

Welcome/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Scripture Reading- *Psalm 126*
From Robert Alter, 'The Book of Psalms'

Call to Worship

Focus Statement-

May God pour out 'living water' upon us, to help us to thrive as individuals and as a congregation. When we are empty and weary, may God satisfy our hunger and thirst. May God nourish, cultivate and fertilize us so that we may flourish and bear fruit.

Placement of Visual Elements

Hymn of Welcome

HWB #99-*We praise thee, O God*

Scripture Reading- *John 12:1-8*

Congregational Hymn

HWB #301-*Joys are flowing like a river*

Children's Story

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.*

Sermon

Hymn of Response

HWB #575-*Precious Lord, take my hand*

Time of Confession

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Hymn of Sending



***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: Don Green
Song Leader: Deb Hoover
Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield
Accompanist: Dixie Otto*

*Sermon: Paul Versluis
Video: Reuben Tice
Children's Story- Beth Green*

Elders Significant Items

03/24/2019

All members in attendance except Karin Miller and Paul Versluis
We met briefly before Sunday School.

- 1) Plans for Easter were discussed.
- 2) Upcoming speakers for April and May were suggested.
- 3) The Pastor Search Committee is planning on advertising in the Mennonite World Review.

03/31/2019

All members in attendance except Karin Miller
We met briefly after church.

- 1) It was decided not to have a Maundy Thursday service. The church will be open on Good Friday and reflection materials will be made available.
- 2) Paul's daughter and family hit a deer with their car last night stranding them in Meyersdale, PA. We made arrangements for a vehicle to get them back to VA and helped them get the damaged vehicle to Gnagey's garage.

*Where do we begin... the outpouring of love, compassion, and kindness has touched our hearts and our lives in such a way we can't even begin to describe! Your love, thoughts, prayers, cards, food, visits, clothing, gifts, donations, and helping hands have meant so much to our family! Your kind soul and gracious heart has overwhelmed us with humbleness. We are truly blessed and thank God that He has placed such beautiful people in our lives. Someone special shared this inspirational scripture with us during this challenging time... "He makes beauty out of ashes" (Isaiah 61:3). You ALL are the beauty that's risen from these ashes! We are forever grateful and we thank God for each and every one of you!
Thank you so much~Lavan, Raupach, & Childers Families*

This Week's Activities

- Today- Elders' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
Mon- Outdoor Work Night, 6:00 p.m.
Tues- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 p.m.
Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Activities

- April 9- Secret Sister Dinner, 6:00 p.m.,
Casselman Restaurant
April 18- Prayer Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m.
Ken and Diana's Home
April 21- Easter Sunrise Service, 8:30 a.m.
Carry-in Fellowship Breakfast to follow

Tomorrow, Monday, April 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. there will be an outdoor work night. Please bring rakes, shovels and power brooms if available. In case of rain, there will be a makeup work night next week.

Cross Walk and Good Friday Service- On Good Friday, April 19th you are invited to participate in a Cross Walk and Good Friday Service in Meyersdale. To participate please meet at the Grace Brethren Church at 11 a.m. The plan is to begin the cross walk at 11:15 a.m. and the group will be walking to Zion Lutheran Church. The Good Friday Service will begin at 12 p.m. and feature the seven last words of Christ.

A deposit to My Coins Count on 4/2 of \$145.45 brings our total for this year to \$1,544.51.

Hymnsing 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at Ruth Miller Yoder's. Bring red Mennonite Hymnal. For more information call Ruth at (301) 895-3909.

You are invited to the Gospel Echoes Team Annual Potato Bar Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, May 1 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Bittinger Mennonite Church. The public is invited to join in this time of music & inspiration along with a delicious Potato Bar Dinner. Music will be provided by the Gospel Echoes Harvest & Mercy Road Teams.

A breakfast carry-in will be held immediately following the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21. We encourage you to bring your favorite breakfast dish. Remember to toss a little extra in the dish for our visitors. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Looking for individuals who would be interested in participating in an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) instructional class. If you are interested in taking a class provided here at the church please contact the church office.

Spring Faith & Life Gathering at Scottdale Mennonite Church

March 16, 2019 Allegheny delegates and friends met at Scottdale Mennonite Church for a significant meeting in the life of this emerging conference. Following a decision to go forward as a member conference of Mennonite Church USA, Allegheny is doing the hard work of establishing staffing and spending priorities within a sustainable financial framework for the long haul. The Leadership Council, in its annual January retreat, set new priorities and is looking to further develop vision and mission statements that reflect our understanding of how our conference will operate and affirm our values of being--Jesus-centered, Collaborative, and Committed to place-based ministry. 45 delegates approved a spending plan for 2019-20, affirmed Treasurer (Karin Miller), Conference Minister (David Mishler) and Conference Minister of Children and Youth (Joy Cotchen) for 3-year terms. Joyce Hall (University) will represent Allegheny (two years) at the national Constituency Leaders Council, our national elders' board, and incumbent Jane Rittenhouse was elected to a second three-year term on the Leadership Council. Julianna Tennefoss will join Karen Howard, Leah Lumeya, and Paul Lehman on the Nominating Committee. A new Ministry Resources Team is being formed to work at strategies to fund out conference ministries to levels we aspire towards. The offering for lunch was designated for Laurelville's welcome center/pool project; after expenses, we forwarded \$211.45 to Laurelville Mennonite Church Center -- Thank you Jane Rittenhouse and the hospitality team from Scottdale.

In attendance at the spring gathering representing Springs Mennonite Church were Don Green, Shirley Brandes, Julia Tice, Isaac Tice and Doug Berg. Also at the spring gathering in their roles as official governing persons were Enos Tice (conference moderator), Karin Miller (Conference Treasurer) and Molly Piwonka (Youth Council Representative). Please find in your mailboxes a print out Karin Miller provided to further explain the financial vision for Allegheny Mennonite Conference.

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

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.



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.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located at the back of the church near the elevator.

Board of Elders: Don Green (Chair), Melinda Gibson, Karin Miller, Enos Tice, Phoebe Wiley

Congregational Chair: Terry Livengood

March 31, 2019 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE	70
W.S. ATTENDANCE	99
OFFERING	\$2,249.00

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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.