



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 1, 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

Welcome/Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Responsive Reading

Congregational Singing/Candle lighting

Affirmation of Faith

Confession

Children's Time

Congregational Singing

Offering

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

Sharing and Prayer

Congregational Singing

Scripture Reading- Luke 2:1-7

Message- *Christmas is coming, will you be there?* - The Inkeeper

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- Nancy Green

Song Leader- Sheera Beitzel

Message- John Verburg

Children's Story- Glenn & Tammy Miller

Sound Room- Ryan Critchfield

Accompanist- Faith Verburg

Video- Reuben Tice

Candle Lighting- Ken & Diana Detrick

Our wait begins

(First Sunday of Advent)

Call to Worship

One: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

Many: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?

One: Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

All: God, What are you waiting for?

Prayer

Loving God, we lift our voices to you today, crying out for a sign that you hear us, a sign that you are here and at work. We wonder, O God, what are you waiting for? In a world of chaos and suffering, we seek your light, we seek you hope. We call on you in our longing and our waiting; awaken us, bind us up, gather us into your goodness, and bring us your peace.

Responsive Reading

(From Isaiah 2:1-5)

Leader: The word of the Lord has been established for us.

People: Come, let us walk in the word of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has come to teach us God's ways.

People: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.

All: Come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.

Confession

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

People: even when you have told me that you are coming.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

People: even when you have asked me to wait for you.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

People: when all you have asked of me is to care.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

People: when your face is so obvious.

(silence)

Leader: Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

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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), Phoebe Wiley, Julia Tice, Glenn Miller, Ken Detrick

Congregational Chair: Paul Durst

November 24, 2019 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE	70
W.S. ATTENDANCE	82
GENERAL OFFERING	\$440.50
SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING	\$7,717.00

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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.

This Week's Activities

- Mon- Worship/Music Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Chorus Practice, 7:00 p.m.
- Tue- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 p.m.
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study,
9:30-11:30 a.m., Dixie's House
Christmas Chorus Practice, 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Ministry Team, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat- Progressive Dinner, 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Activities

- Dec 9- Elders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 19- Prayer Ministry Team, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 21- Christmas Chorus Program, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service
- Jan 6- Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of Debbie Haning who passed away on November 11th.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of Gene Kinsinger who passed away on November 16th.

A special thanks to the Visual Arts Committee for all your hard work and time to decorate the church for Advent.

Congratulations to Harvey and Hannah (Bodes) Hershberger who were married on November 23.

Thank you to everyone who donated canned goods for the local food bank.

The twinkling light and greenery can be difficult sights for someone who suffered trauma or loss. No one is alone in suffering. Join in an evening of prayer to support and accompany one another. Everyone is welcome on Thursday, December 5th starting at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Michaels Church of Divine Mercy Parish in Frostburg, MD. Refreshments will be available after the service.

Junior Department Announcement:

We will have a quick practice for the children's Christmas program after church next Sunday, December 8. We will also practice during Sunday school on December 15.

The Salisbury-Elk Lick Music Department will hold their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Admission fee is a donation. Come out and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment as our students share the sounds of the season!

Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.