



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 8, 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

Call to Worship

Prayer

Congregational Singing/Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Responsive Reading

Congregational Singing

Confession

Children's Time

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- Matthew 2:1-12

Message- Christmas is coming, will you be there? - King Herod

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- Bev Critchfield

Song Leader- Lois Hepler

Message- John Verburg

Candle Lighting- Michael Miller & Beth Bolden

Sound Room- Noel Livengood

Accompanist- Byron Miller

Children's Story- Glenn & Tammy Miller

Video- Reuben Tice

Getting ready while we wait

(Second Sunday of Advent)

Call to Worship

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

Many: Asking, when will you bring righteousness, defend the poor, deliver the needy? Asking, when will you make harmonious creation?

One: When will your love, mercy, and justice rule us?

All: God, What are you waiting for?

Prayer

Creator and Sustainer, you invite us to partake of all your goodness, to join you in the good work of kingdom building--of showing your love, attending to the needs of the oppressed and vulnerable. God, we pray for our eyes to be opened to your vision for your people, and for our hearts to be filled with hope for your kingdom to come.

Responsive Reading

(From Romans 5:4-11)

Leader: God calls us to live with endurance.

People: We glorify the God of hope.

Leader: The God of encouragement calls us to unify.

People: We thank the Lord for the bounty of God's mercy.

Leader: God calls us to a new vision for all of creation.

All: Let us all praise the Lord.

Confession

John the Baptist did not fit the religious structures of any time. He wore funny clothes, he ate distasteful food, and he preached costly peace. His solo voice carried your beautiful song.

Forgive us when our voices create disharmony with your people and your creation.

(silence)

Restore our voices to join in your holy song. Thanks and glory be to God!

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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

December 1, 2019 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE	60
W.S. ATTENDANCE	90
GENERAL OFFERING	\$5,216.50
SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING	\$8,017.00

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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- Elders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wed- Ladies Monday Night Bible Study Christmas Carry-In, 6:00 p.m., Rosie Cupler's Home.
- Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Dixie's House

Christmas Chorus Practice, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Activities

- Dec 15- Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 19- Christmas Cookie Swap, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 21- Christmas Chorus Program, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 24- Christmas Eve Service, Hymn Sing, 6:30 p.m. & Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 6- Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Monday Night Bible Study Christmas Carry-In- Wednesday, December 11th, 6:00 p.m. at Rosie Cupler's home. Bring a side, salad, appetizer, or dessert.

Junior Department Announcement:

We will have a quick practice for the children's Christmas program today after church and we will also be practicing during Sunday school on December 15.

The Salisbury-Elk Lick Music Department will hold their annual Christmas Concert this 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!

Help us spread some Christmas cheer to our residents at Goodwill Home by sending them each a Christmas card. A basket has been placed in the church foyer for the cards. All cards will be delivered in time for Christmas.

The Christmas Eve service will begin with a Christmas hymn sing at 6:30 followed by the Christmas Eve service at 7.

Matthew 2:1-12 New

The Magi Visit the Messiah

² After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’^[b]”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.