



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 12, 2020

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

Affirmation of Faith

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- *Matthew 13:44-46*

Message- *Buying Tips*

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- Ben Yoder
Song Leader- Jane Benson
Video- Reuben Tice*

*Sound Room- Noel Livengood
Accompanist- Dixie Otto
Message- John Verburg*

Matthew 13:44-46

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Give thanks
to the lord

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.

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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

January 5, 2020 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE	74
W.S. ATTENDANCE	110
GENERAL OFFERING	\$ 5,752.50

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IS LIKE A
Pearl
OF GREAT PRICE.

MATTHEW 13:44-46

Significant items for Elders meeting 11/4/2019

All members were in attendance

1. The outdoor church signs have been updated.
2. The Elders appreciate the time and effort that Enos has put into helping to set up DVD players for those who want to watch the church services and teaching them how to use them.
3. The Elders have set a goal to schedule a communion service at Goodwill in January and July for residents there who are part of the Springs Church family.
4. John shared an article by Gerald L. Sittser entitled "The Early Church Thrived Amid Secularism and Shows How We Can Too." John encouraged the group that we need to preach and teach by living what it means to be a Christian. Early Christians engaged the culture they were in without excessive compromise and remained separate from the culture without excessive isolation.
5. The meeting adjourned following a time of prayer for the congregation, the community and individual praises and concerns.

Significant items for Elders meeting 12/9/2019

All members were in attendance

1. John shared an article entitled "How Can I Invite Someone to Church?" and John 14:26. The article was about a book entitled, "In the Neighborhood: Getting to Know My Neighbors, One Sleep-Over at a Time" by Peter Lovenheim. One neighbor tells Lovenheim that "You can't say you love me unless you know what makes me sad." Most people come to church because someone they knew and trusted invited them to come.
2. Numerous visitations with hurting individuals from our congregation and community were reported by Pastor John and Elders members.
3. Don Green reported that he recently heard from Robert and Luann Yutzy who are spending some time in VA with family and from Paul Versluis whose health is improving.
4. John will be out of town on December 29th. Phoebe Wiley will bring the message that Sunday.
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This Week's Activities

Mon- Ladies Bible Study, Dawdy Haus, 5:30 p.m.

Elders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study,
9:00-11:30 a.m., Dixie's Home

Upcoming Activities

Jan. 25- Game/Puzzle/Pizza Night, 6:00 p.m.

The December issue of the *Allegheny Miscellany* is available in your church mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox there are extra copies on the stand in the back.

Anchored in God's Love" Psalms and Poetry has been added to our church library. It features the work of students in Phoebe Wiley's class at the Hazelton, WV, Secure Female Facility.

We will be hosting a game, puzzle and pizza night for ALL AGES, Saturday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m. You are asked to bring snacks to share, puzzles and games. Invite your friends and come enjoy a night of fellowship, fun and games.

Naomi Tice will be leaving for Australia on January 21 for an approximate six-month term of service with Mennonite Mission Network, after which she plans to return to service and ministry in London, England. Cards or notes of thanks for Naomi's service to our church, and words of encouragement, support, safety and blessing can be placed in a basket in the foyer through January 19.

Thank you: Naomi's Mission Support Team

Daughters of Dorcas thanks all of you for your generous donations to supply kits to MCC. We shipped 355 school kits and 480 hygiene kits. Through giving you can be a part of our work for MCC.

We are so very thankful for our wonderful church family. God bless you for all the prayers that continue for our precious grandson, Nash, and his family. He came home from the hospital on Thursday afternoon. He is still recuperating, but is so much better. Thanks to Tammy and all of you who contributed to the sunshine box. It was truly sunshine for him and his parents. It made his day so much brighter at the hospital. He had smiles that we hadn't seen in a while. Until Nash, Andi and Jeremy can thank you themselves, we wanted to let you know what an amazing blessing you have been to them... and to us. God is so good!

Much Love, Ed and Deb

From The Treasurer:

Notices are being prepared and will be sent to those who have contributed individual contributions of \$250.00 or more for the 2019 tax year. Unless otherwise stated, this total figure is not a yearly total, just a total of the single contributions of \$250.00 or more.

According to IRS recordkeeping requirements, contributions of money made to any charitable organization, such as the church, must be documented by a cancelled check or a written record of receipt from the charity in order to be deducted as an itemized deduction on your tax return.

For the 2020 tax year, any individual contribution of \$250.00 or more will be noted and notices will be sent to those individuals at the end of the 2020 tax year.

If you would like a more detailed notice of contributions for 2020, or if you have any questions regarding the IRS regulations, please feel free to contact me at 301-746-7006.

Thank you for your generosity of money, time and talent that you have given to the church, our church projects, and to each other.

Maryanna Durst, Church Treasurer

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Judy Yoder who passed away on January 9, 2020.

Addendums to the Church Informational Directory have been placed in each mailbox. Additional copies are also available on the stand in the foyer.

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee