

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

August 23, 2020

## Call to Worship

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Song-

### God of the earth, the sky, the sea

1 God of the earth, the sky, the sea!  
Maker of all above, below!  
Creation lives and moves in thee,  
Thy present life in all doth flow.  
We give thee thanks,  
Thy name we sing,  
Almighty Father, our praise we bring.

2 Thy love is in the sunshine's glow,  
Thy life is in the quickening air;  
When lightning flashes and storm winds blow,  
There is thy power, thy law is there.  
We give thee thanks,  
Thy name we sing,  
Almighty Father, our praise we bring.

But higher far, and far more clear,  
thee in our spirit we behold;  
Thine image and thyself are there,  
Th'indwelling God, proclaimed of old  
We give thee thanks,  
Thy name we sing,  
Almighty Father, our praise we bring.

## Sharing of Congregational Concerns

*Recognition of Teachers and Educational Leaders*

## Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' <sup>[a]</sup> For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

***How forgiving is your God? How forgiving are you?***

## Closing Song-

### May the grace of Christ our Savior

1 May the grace of Christ our Savior  
and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favor,  
rest upon us from above.

2 Thus may we abide in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess, in sweet communion,  
joys which earth cannot afford.

Amen Amen

## Benediction

## Doxology

**Church Information: Phone:** (814) 662-4201

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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.

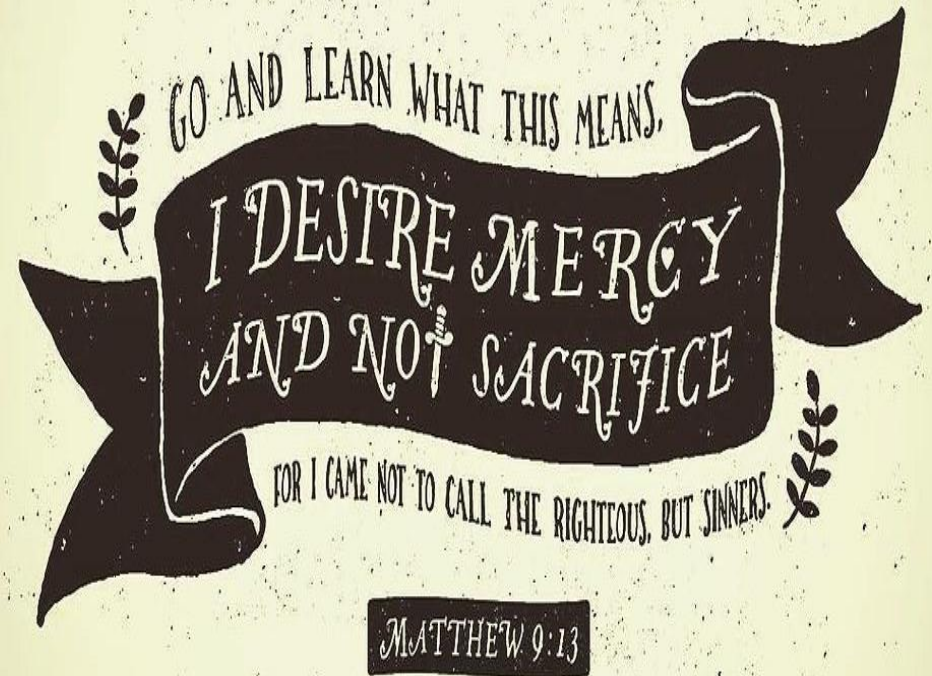
**AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is located at the back of the church near the elevator.

**Board of Elders:** Don Green (Chair), Phoebe Wiley, Julia Tice, Glenn Miller, Ken Detrick

**Congregational Chair:** Paul Durst

**August 16, 2020 Totals**

<b>W.S. Attendance</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>August 9, 2020 Offering</b>	<b>\$4,515.00</b>



The follow is a list of all the people (we are aware of) who are teachers or are an educational leader. We thank you for all you do!

Aaron Beiler

Jamie Clark

Holly Clark

Beth Green

Pat Haglund

Brenda Lichty

Kim Miller

Ryan Miller

Carrie Sines

Adrienne Vogt

Phoebe Wiley

John Wright

Brody Thomas

*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

*Proverbs 31:26*

Worship Leader- Ryan Miller

Message- John Verburg

Song Leader- Jane Benson

Accompanist- Dixie Otto

Sound Room- Jerry Abel



**Please be sure to tune into radio station 87.9 FM during morning worship if you would like to listen to the service inside your vehicle.**

The August Volume of the Allegheny Miscellany is available in your church mailbox. Extras are also available on the stand in the foyer.

**Wendy's new cell phone number- (814) 279-8637**

**Audrey Kinsinger was moved to a new room. You can reach her at (301) 724-1516 Extension 102.**

One person from each committee or group in our congregation should have received a letter in their mailbox requesting a written report of their group's activities this past year. PLEASE do your best to complete this task by September 15. Thank you in advance. Questions? Contact Carolyn Tice, Annual Report Booklet Editor.

**Upcoming way to help MCC**

**September 19th the Springs Mennonite Church will be hosting a Pulled Pork Dinner.**

We will continue to meet outside for our Sunday church services through the month of August starting at 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday school class # 4 will be hosting the annual FREE yard sale over Labor Day weekend. Anyone who would like to contribute items to be "sold" at the sale may do so in any of 3 different ways: Call Norma Doyle 814-662-2655 or Carolyn Tice 814-662-4331, or place your items in the Attic closet. If you choose to bring your items to the Attic closet, please be sure you mark them with "SS" so we will know that they are for the yard sale.**

**You will find the container for donations to My Coins Count in the church lobby every Sunday morning while we continue to meet outside the church.**

**The parking ushers will have a box available for you to place your offering in prior to parking your vehicle for morning worship. If you wish to submit your offering after parking, the box will be available in the front foyer after church.**

If you have a prayer request that you would like mentioned during morning worship, please contact John no later than Saturday to have it included in our sharing time. We will not be passing a microphone around during morning worship.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**August 27- Jean Maust, Kyle Pattison,  
Roberto Pattison  
August 28- Mary Durst  
August 29- Harriet Berg**

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**August 28- Sigvard & Jane Benson**

### *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, worshipping, and making disciples. By our living in the Spirit, we reflect His love, joy, hope, and peace.*

Update from Naomi Tice from Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

“I got my new Australian visa today! Huge sigh of relief—I can stay here until January 21, 2021 if I absolutely need to. But hopefully I won’t! Tentative plans right now are to leave here on Sept. 14 and arrive at the Frankfurt Airport in Germany on Sept. 15. There’s a COVID testing site at the Frankfurt Airport, and I should get my test results within 6 hours. Assuming I test negative, I won’t need to quarantine. If I do end up needing to quarantine, I should finish my two weeks a few days before language classes start at the beginning of October.

I’ll be living with MMN workers David and Sophie Lapp Jost and several other people in the Hausgemeinschaft, a communal house in Bammental located just across the street from the Mennonite Church (and also close to the Christliche Dientse office), and my first five months of work will be to learn German. David has kindly offered to do some Zoom tutoring with me before I arrive, and we had our first lesson last week. Apparently my online classes plus past language training for voice lessons and singing in choirs has paid off, because he said my pronunciation is “zehr gut!”

I’ll let you know once I know more firm details, but up until now, everything has been rather up in the air!”