

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 20, 2020

10:30 AM

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

(Adapted from Psalm 89:1-2, 26)

Leader: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

**People: we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

*All: You are our Father, our God, and the Rock of our salvation!*

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

## Opening Song- *Away in a manger*

## Special Music – Christmas Time’s A-Comin’

## Confession

(Adapted from Luke 1:26-38)

Leader: God, you come to us with the words,  
“Do not be afraid.”

**People: Yet we cower and live in anxiety and fear.**

Leader: We lack faith and trust in your ways.

**People: We want to respond like Mary, “I am your servant.”**

*All: Give us humble, willing hearts to follow your call.*

## Offertory Prayer

## Children’s Video – The Story of Christmas (Mary and Joseph)

## Monologue – The Birth of Jesus Revealed; based on Luke 1:26-38

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Scripture – Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> *This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about<sup>[a]</sup>: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup> *Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet<sup>[b]</sup> did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

<sup>20</sup> *But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>[c]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins.”*

<sup>22</sup> *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”<sup>[d]</sup> (which means “God with us”).*

<sup>24</sup> *When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

## Message – On the Road to Revelation

## Visual Song of Response

## Benediction

## Doxology

*\*We invite you to fellowship together in the parking lot.*

**Worship Leader:** Nancy Green

**Monologue:** Tammy Miller

**Message:** John Verburg

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Sound Room:** Don Green

**Song Leader:** Ron Beitzel

**Video:** Reuben Tice

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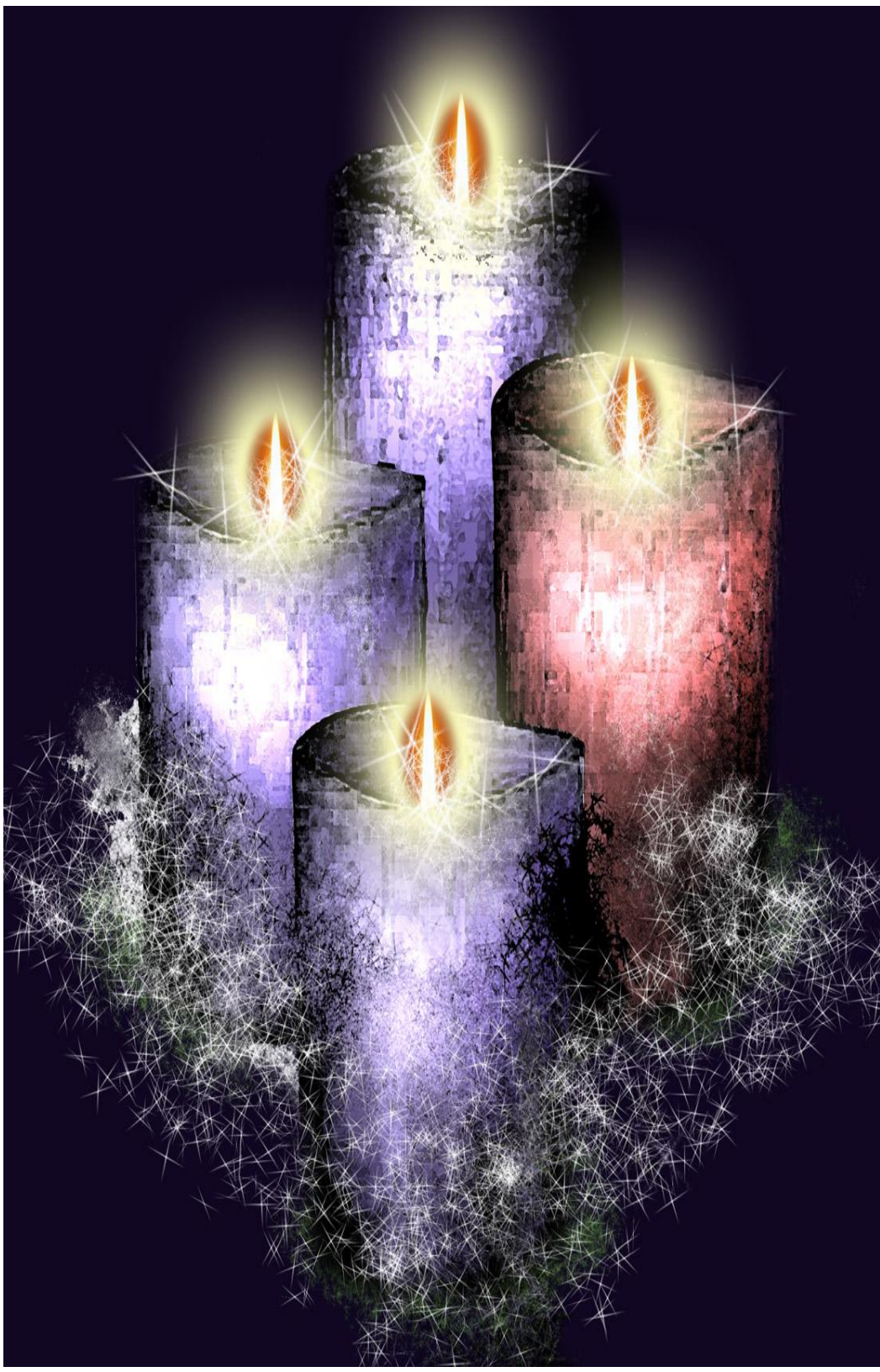
A restroom and elevator are available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

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

**December 13, 2020 Totals**

**W.S. Attendance**  
**General Offering**

**74**  
**\$8,645.00**



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

December 23- Fannie Beachy

December 25- Hunter Sines

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 24- Outdoor Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.**

**This week the church office will be open Monday-Wednesday and will be closed Thursday & Friday.**

*Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament* by Melissa Florer-Bixler has been added to our church library. "A fantastic debut . . . This impressive exploration of Old Testament themes will be a blessing for Christians." *Publishers Weekly* starred review

**Poinsettias:** Thank you to everyone who ordered and shared poinsettias. We are happy to have them continue to brighten the sanctuary, and you may leave them at the church as long as you wish. However, if anyone wants to enjoy your poinsettia at home for Christmas, you are welcome to take it any time after today's service. There are sleeves to protect it on a front pew.

*Visual Arts—Rosie & Janet*



### ***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.*