

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

February 28, 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Deep in the woods: Called to deep commitment

Focus: We are transformed by God as we follow God's voice along the path of life, a voice calling us to deep commitment. Even when our path leads deep into unfamiliar woods, as we lose ourselves we are found.

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to worship

One: God, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk before you and be blameless. You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us.

Many: With each step along the path, we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.

One: God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

Many: With each step along the path, we hope against hope in your promises.

One: God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful, that you will bless us.

Many: With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you.

All: We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever. We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.

Opening song – HWB 307: Will you let me be your servant. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have stayed on the edges.

Not listening to each other.

Not taking the path you show.

We confess when we have strayed from the way.

Silencing suffering.

Forfeiting life.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep commitment.)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep commitment.

We come to you, God.

Offertory prayer

Children's video

Sharing of joys and concerns

Scripture -- Romans 4:18-25

Message – Called to Commitment

Visual song of response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7absujiS1Ak>

Benediction

Doxology

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Q9yskIKILs

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

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Message: John Verburg
Accompanist: Byron Miller
Sound Room: Jerry Abel
Song Leader: Phoebe Wiley
Video: Reuben Tice

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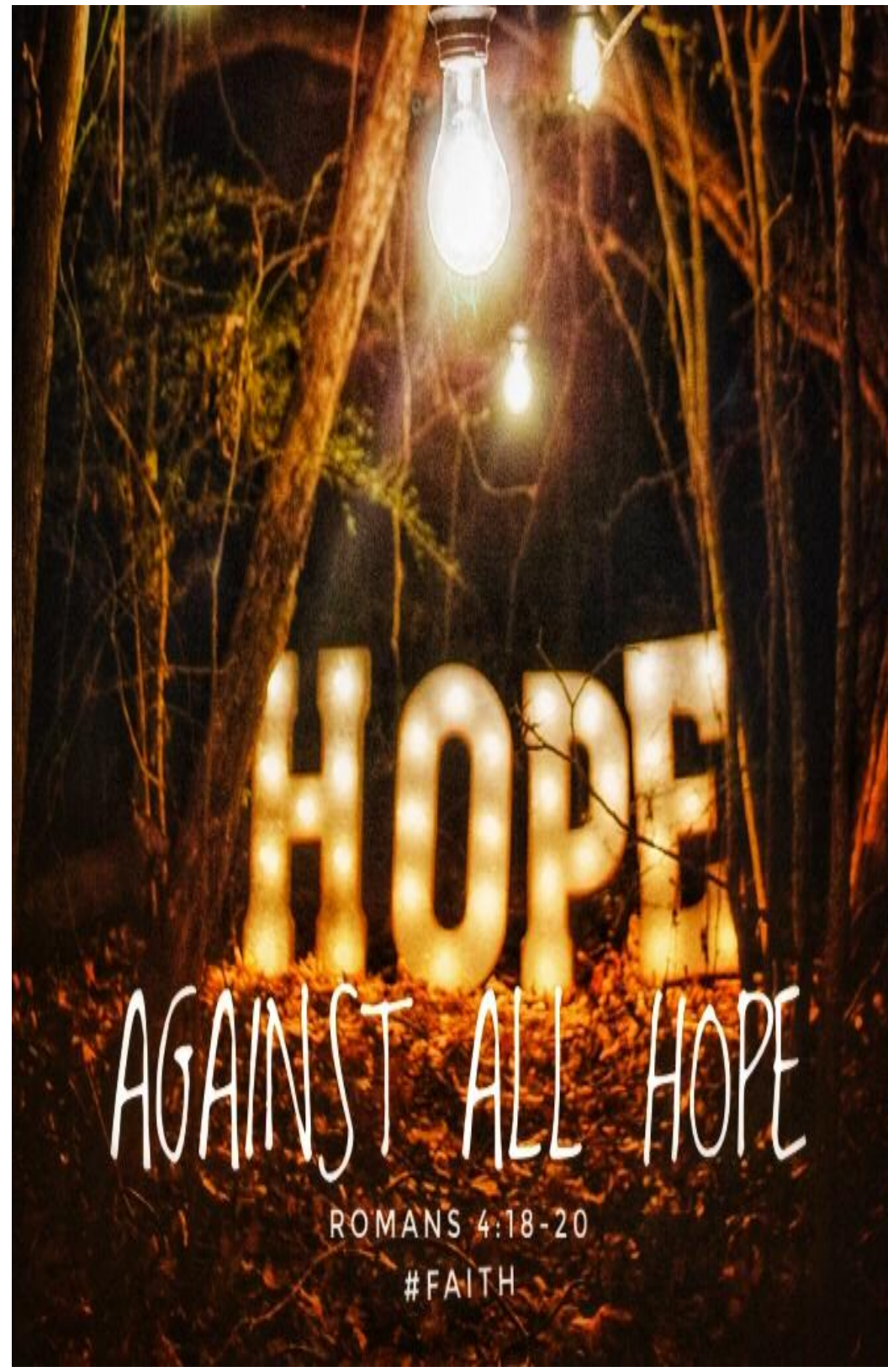
A restroom and elevator are available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

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

February 21, 2021 Totals

W.S. Attendance	55
General Offering	\$3,782.00

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 28- Kyla Critchfield

March 2- Maryanna Durst

Church Council will meet Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The spring gathering of the Allegheny Mennonite Conference will take place on March 6, 2021 starting at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to be a delegate to this meeting or a visitor, please contact Doug Berg to get the zoom link information and the agenda.

Completed Gifts Discernment surveys are to be submitted by today at 12:00 p.m.

A deposit of \$113.99 to My Coins Count on 2/23/2021 brought our total to date for 2021 to \$430.78.

Congratulations to Jeff & Lindsey Horst on the birth of their daughter on 2/23/2021 at 1:04 a.m. "Sissy" is now officially known as Nina Lane Horst. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. & is 21.5". Thank you for your prayers and all are doing well.

There are no words to express our love and appreciation for all the prayers, gifts, meals, calls, and love given to the Twiggs and ourselves. It has been overwhelming and humbling for each of us. Thank you, Springs Mennonite Church family- your light has been shining all over us and we appreciate that so much.

Bob & Nancy

Rejoice magazines are now available on the credence stand in the foyer.

There is a box in the foyer in which to place items for Amanda (acquaintance of Sherry Abel) and her new baby boy.



Making Waves: Fifty Stories about Sharing Love and Changing the World by Judy Clemens has been added to our church library in memory of Arlene Green. This captivating book showcases heroes who have stood for what is right in order to make the world a better place. Recommended for ages 9-12.

Romans 4:18-25

¹⁸ *Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”*¹⁹ *Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.*²⁰ *Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,*²¹ *being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.*²² *This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”*²³ *The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone,*²⁴ *but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.*²⁵ *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

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.

Church Prayer & Praise



Prayers for Family and Friends

Rachel Rohrer, Audrey Kinsinger, Bob Miller, Esther (Pat) Miller, Gary Bowser, Mary Durst, Rayetta Brant, Fred Bowser, Dave & Janice Ewing, Linda Gindlesperger, Betty Jo Wiley

Those in Missions

Phoebe Wiley - Prison Ministry
Naomi Tice- Bammental, Germany

Those in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Fannie Beachy, Mabel Beiler, Rayetta Brant, Freda Maust, Betty Miller, Shirley Teets

Prayers for School Staff & Students

Aaron Beiler, Beth Bolden, Jamie Clark, Holly Clark, Andrew Durst, Melissa Durst, Beth Green, Pat Haglund, Brenda Lichty, Kim Miller, Ryan Miller, Carrie Sines, Adrienne Vogt, Phoebe Wiley, John Wright