

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 14, 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

## Deep in the Wilderness: Called to Deep Healing

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to worship

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

**Many: When the people become impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" God answered by bringing healing.**

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

**Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.**

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

**Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

All: *We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.*

Opening Song: HWB #345 *God sent His Son*

*Give thanks to the Lord*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

**Many: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.**

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain. We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth. We are created for good works. We can turn and live.

*(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from healing.)*

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

**Many: Calling us to deep healing, We come to you, God.**

Offertory prayer

Children's video- *The Thankfulness Song*

Sharing of joys and concerns

Scripture -- *Psalm 107:1-9, 13-16, 19-22*

Message – Called to Healing

Visual song of response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtXdPHmQ1zM>

Benediction

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLWL63meRYk>

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

**Worship Leader:** Harriet Berg  
**Message:** John Verburg  
**Accompanist:** Byron Miller  
**Sound Room:** Noel Livengood  
**Song Leader:** Melinda Gibson  
**Video:** Reuben Tice

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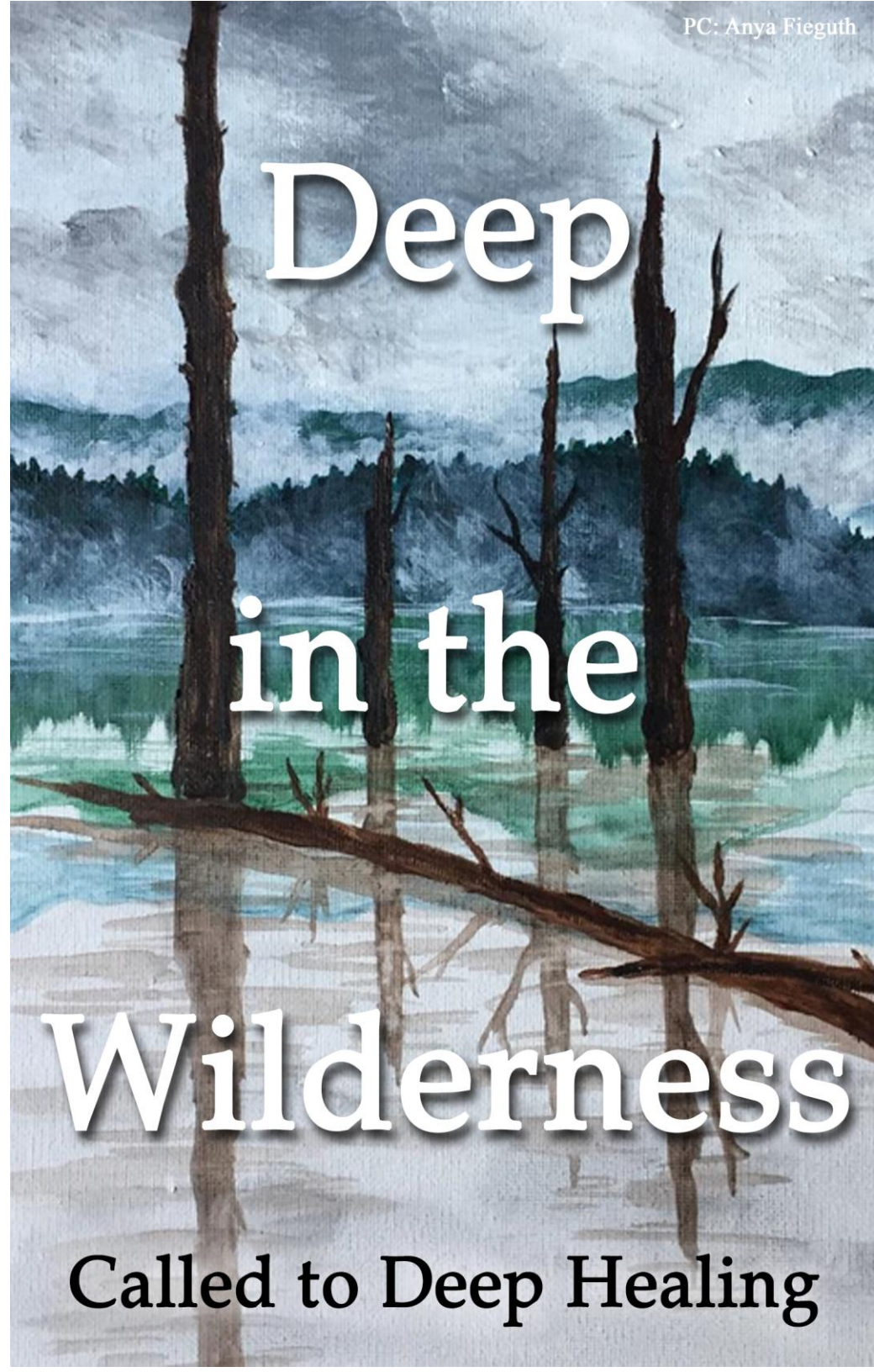
A restroom and elevator are available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

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

**March 7 , 2021 Totals**

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| <b>W.S. Attendance</b>  | <b>74</b>          |
| <b>General Offering</b> | <b>\$10,622.00</b> |

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*Thanks to all who have been saving clean grocery bags and egg cartons. It would be appreciated if you continue to recycle them by placing them in the World's Attic closet next to the gym. Note: Only egg cartons that hold one dozen eggs are useful. Thank you!*

**An Elders' Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30 PM.**

*I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for the gift of money. It was greatly appreciated and put to good use. Thank you very much! -Kimberly Haines*

Audrey Kinsinger is currently a resident at the Cumberland Rehab Center. If you would like to give Audrey some company while she is there you may reach her at (240) 609-3710.

*He brings you out of darkness*

*-Psalm 107:13-16*

***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.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

March 14- Hana Yoder

March 16- Deb Werner

March 19- Alice Rembold

March 20- Paul Versluis

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

March 16- Ron & Rebecca Peck

The Springs Drive-In is open again. Come and enjoy the showing of *Jesus*, from Sight and Sound. Witness the most miraculous events in history.

Saturday, March 27th (rain date will be April 10th)

Show time is around 7:30, and of course the snack shack will be open.

We need help setting up, tearing down, and with the snack shack. Please let Jeff Pattison know if you can help in any way.

Stay tuned for future drive-in dates and feature films.

*I would like to express my deepest appreciation to my church family for all the expressions of sympathy and love that I have received over the last weeks-- messages, calls, cards, food and other gifts!! Every gift touched my heart and I am so thankful to be part of this caring family! With much love, Lois Hepler*

**Significant Items  
Church Council  
March 2, 2021**

- 1) Six Month financial report will be distributed to the congregation via church mailboxes.
- 2) Work on Live Streaming church services continues.
- 3) Isaac Tice was able to fix the folding machine in the church office.
- 4) Repairs have been made to the rain gutter due to ice damage.
- 5) Council has been advised that the church roof will need major repair/replacement attention within the near future.
- 6) Council will poll the congregation for ideas and suggestions for our Summer Outdoor Services as well as modifications to our building to make a more permanent and rain-protected speaker area (in the rear of the church).

Freda Maust's upcoming 99th Birthday is March 30th. We would like as many persons as possible to send her a card so we can shower her overwhelmingly with love. Please, the only thing you need to include in your card is a Silent Prayer and a thought of Love in Freda's behalf. Whether you know Freda or not, consider sending a card. Address as follows:

Freda Maust  
891 Dorsey Hotel Rd.  
Grantsville Md. 21536

*If you have any additions or corrections to the Informational Directory please get them to Wendy by March 21.*

**Notes from Elders Meeting 2/24/2021**

In attendance – John Verburg, Ken Detrick, Glenn Miller, Paul Durst, Sherry Abel

Pastor John gave the devotional.

The results of the Pastor's mid-term review were shared (that is why Paul was in attendance as Congregational Chair).

Feedback was all very positive, and the Pastor is doing a wonderful job. Pastor John is very involved in the community, but things can be hard at times because of the current COVID situation.

Don Green has agreed to serve on the Gifts Discernment Committee, replacing Nancy Green. Enos Tice is the current Chairperson.

Pastor John stated that he has gotten wonderful feedback from children receiving the packages that the church sends in the mail. The church is currently sending 17 packages.

Discussion about the Church Website:

Sherry stated the website is in Word Press and is very difficult to update. Since the meeting, Jerry Abel has been able to update the website to add Pastor John's Devotionals. Additional help that might be needed with updating the website is yet to be determined.

Discussion was had on the need for a license for Live Streaming.

Pastor John would like people to re-start prayer groups at the church.

Pastor John discussed his upcoming surgery-date not known- and that he will be unavailable for several Sundays.

Discussion was had regarding outside services, and how to make a bigger stage area with an overhang for weather protection.

Sherry asked if we could get monies from the sale of The International Guest House in Washington D.C. for this expense. Pastor John asked Paul to talk to Doug about this.