

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 21 , 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Deep in the Earth: Called to deep relationship

FOCUS: Like a seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth, we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit.

Welcome

Call to worship

One: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts. Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no more.

Many: There is a time for everything, and sometimes, the hour is upon us.

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

Many: “The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

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

Lighting of the peace lamp

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

One: We confess our resistance to being planted into your aching earth, into the way of your covenant. We confess our need for you to plant within us the joy of your salvation, a willing spirit.

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

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

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

Opening song

Offertory prayer

Children’s video

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture – *John 12:23-28a*

Message – *Called to Growth*

Visual Song of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X87hOWIXaEU>

Benediction

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2Az9QEzZoQ>

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

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Message: John Verburg
Accompanist: Dixie Otto
Sound Room: Don Green
Song Leader: Pat Haglund
Video: Reuben Tice

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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.

March 14 , 2021 Totals

W.S. Attendance	72
General Offering	\$3,067.00

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Deep in the Earth

Called to Deep Growth

Elders Meeting 3/16/2021

Attendees: John Verburg, Ken Detrick, Glenn Miller, Julia Tice, Deb Brenneman, Sherry Abel

1. Julia Tice gave the devotional from Exodus 17:8-13.
2. John discussed the outside stage and stated that several people met regarding the area behind the church for a stage area:
 - a. If there is bad weather on a Sunday, services can be held in the church.
 - b. Trustees believe they will not have to take the whole retaining wall down, that it can be fixed.
 - c. The landscaping rock in that area will need to be removed. (The rock will be reused at the church.)
 - d. Pavers will be placed down as the floor to the stage.
 - e. This area can be used for other functions as well, once it is completed.
3. Easter Service will be outside at 10:00, with a light breakfast.
4. Good Friday Service will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. John wanted some Elders to be at the church to pray with anyone requesting prayer, or if any other needs/questions arise. There will be four areas in addition to pews where people can sit and then take communion.
Elders will be available: Ken 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
Julia 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sherry 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
5. Ken stated that the Elders need to recommend leaders for MYF, JYF and JFK.
 - a. The Elders decided to put this on hold for a bit, until we see how many children come for Children's Church this summer.
6. Ken stated that his Sunday school class and the Sunday morning Prayer Group will start meeting the Sunday after Easter.
7. John stated how God has really blessed the Church during the time of COVID; there are so many other churches in the area that are having difficulties.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 21- Gwen Baer
March 22- Tom Bodes
March 23- Paul Durst
March 26- Mark Folk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

March 24- Todd & Melinda Gibson

John 12:23-28a

²³ *Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*
²⁴ *Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*
²⁵ *Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

²⁷ *"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"*

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

Would you please consider sending a birthday card to Ed Hoover's mom, Doretha Hoover, who turns 90 on April 5? Her address is:

Doretha Hoover
1440 Shaw Mines Road
Meyersdale, PA 15552

There will be a Good Friday Service on April 2nd from 4-7 PM.

We will be having an Easter Sunday Morning outdoor service (weather permitting) starting at 10 AM. Light refreshments will be available to all.

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.

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

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.

*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!*

CORRECTION! Darlene Miller's address is:
101 Town View Drive, Apt #2, Accident, MD 21520

The spring Faith and Life Gathering of Allegheny Mennonite Conference was held via Zoom on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Leanne Zook, Moderator, Hyattsville Mennonite, led a time of Gathering and Welcome. The following nominations were approved by the delegates:

Constituency Leadership Council & Delegate to MC USA

- Joyce Hall, University Mennonite
- Tim Martin Johnson, West Philadelphia Mennonite

Representatives on Leadership Council

- Lester Lind, Philippi Mennonite
- Karrie Peterson, Hyattsville Mennonite

Joyce Hall reported that the Constituency Council would be meeting next week to continue planning of Menno Con 2021. It is anticipated that the convention which will be held July 6-10 in Cincinnati, OH, will consist of both in-person and virtual programming.

Joy Cotchen reported that they are planning for Summer Camp at Laurelville to be open at 50% capacity with safety guidelines this year. Joy reported that she is assisting with the planning for youth at Menno Con 2021 this summer.

Dave Mishler reported that Allegheny Mennonite Conference is well on the way of receiving an additional congregation, but he was not ready to share the name of the congregation at this time. Dave also reported that his wife, Becky, recently found out that she has an aggressive form of cancer. Please remember Becky, Dave and their family as they journey through this difficult time.

Much of the meeting time was spent discussing the disbursement of funds from the sale of the International Guest House. Pastor Cluster and Allegheny's Leadership Council have brought leadership to some general ideas of the work of dispersing the funds from the IGH sale, with an emphasis of continuing the essence of the ministry of the International Guest House. (See alleghenymennoniteconference.org for details.) While the leadership recognizes the desire to "put the funds to work," they want to ensure that a process is put in place where funds are dispersed in a way that is equitable. Doug Berg shared a request of funds to assist Springs Mennonite in building an outside stage area for Drive-In church which was very successful through the pandemic this past summer. While the realization that the Conference was not ready yet to receive requests, they certainly affirmed and were encouraged by the vision and ministry that Springs is experiencing. Dave Swanson, Pittsburgh, moved that the Leadership Council develop a method or approach to assist individual congregations with missional mutual aid. The Leadership Council will continue to work through the process of deciding how the IGH funds will be dispersed.

Budget: The budget for the upcoming year was reviewed and approved.
Submitted by
Julia Tice, Delegate