

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

August 15, 2021

10:00 AM

FM 87.9

Rain or shine worship will begin at 10:00 AM

\*Children's Church is available at the pavilion during worship.

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening songs

Sharing of Congregational Concerns

Offertory Prayer

Scripture- *Philippians 2:1-4* (from *The Message*)

*If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference to your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—then do me a favor. Agree with each other in love, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.*

**Message:** "Above all, clothe yourselves in love"

Closing song

Benediction

**Worship Leader:** Jeff Pattison

**Message:** Phoebe Wiley

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Sound Room:** Don Green

**Song Leader:** Julia Tice & Molly Piwonka

**Video:** Reuben Tice

My  
GOD  
IS AN  
AWESOME  
God

## August 8, 2021 Totals

W.S. Attendance

87

General Offering

\$4,032.00

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

**Pastor: John Verburg**

**Office hours:** Generally Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
or by appointment

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Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and otherwise by  
appointment



**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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**August 16-** Thomas White

**August 19-** Dixie Otto

**August 21-** Steve Fazenbaker, Greta Miller, Mari Haines

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**August 16-** Rod & Brenda Lichy

### **Calendar of Events**

**August 17-** Elders' Meeting, 6:30 PM

**August 19-** Worship/Music Comm., 6:30 PM

**September 3&4-** FREE Yard Sale, 9 AM-2 PM

**September 11-** Springs Community Picnic

**September 19-** Annual Reports due

DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH  
AMBITION OR VAIN CONCEIT.  
RATHER, IN HUMILITY

*value others*

ABOVE YOURSELVES, NOT  
LOOKING TO YOUR OWN  
INTERESTS BUT EACH OF YOU  
TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

*Philippians 2:3-4*

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WORKS  
*His*  
WAY

***Due to the increasing spread of the virus and concerns about gathering in a large group, unable to be socially distant, the Memorial Service for John Hepler planned for Sunday, August 15 at 2:00 PM has been changed to a family graveside service. This is a disappointing change but seems like the wise choice at this time.***

### **2020-2021 Annual Report Booklet**

August will soon be history and with it, another church year. Each group or organization within our congregation is asked to provide written documentation of the group's activities this past year. Recognizing that this past year was not a "normal" year, a report is still requested. This Annual Report Booklet not only serves as a line of accountability to the congregation; but also becomes a part of our historical record as well. It is significant that each report mentions any impact COVID restrictions had on processes, outcomes, activities, etc. (Remember that financial records need to be verified by two persons prior to submission.)

Should you have any questions as to what information you should include in your report, please either refer to last year's report booklet or contact Carolyn Tice.

Please have reports emailed to [cetice@comcast.net](mailto:cetice@comcast.net) by the third Sunday in September: Sept. 19th.

**Children's Church will be postponed in the fall for now.**

SS Class #4 is still collecting items for the annual free yard sale. Usable items may be labeled FREE YARD SALE and placed in the World's Attic Closet at the bottom of the stairs, close to the gym. The "sale" will be held September 3 and 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Folk Meeting House.

The Daughters of Dorcas has begun meeting again. The day has been changed to Wednesday and we meet from about 9:30 to 3:30. We are overjoyed to have a newly retired lady join us as well as another lady sewing at home! Our work consists of piecing, knotting and hemming comforters, cutting and sewing kit bags for MCC, and ironing fabrics and cutting patches for comforters, and we do have a quilt in the frame needing to be finished. We welcome anyone who is willing to donate some TIME to working for MCC! Donations of cotton bed sheets and cotton fabrics are needed and appreciated.

It's time to start the Annual Report Booklet's membership listing updates. I would appreciate knowing the **current contact information** of any members who have moved or changed their phone number, either since the January 2021 Informational Directory OR since last year's (August 2020) Annual Report Booklet. Additionally, if any information was incorrect in last year's booklet, please let me know. Many thanks. Carolyn Tice

The new issue of *Rejoice* is available on the credence stand.

***The July volume of the Allegheny Miscellany was placed in mailboxes.***

Go out with Joy & be led forth with Peace  
ISAIAH 55:12

### ***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.*



### **Our God is an awesome God**

Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, pow'r and love,  
Our God is an awesome God.

### **Come, walk with us/Hamba nathi mkululu wethu**

1. Come, walk with us, the journey is long
2. Share our burden, and join in the song
3. Come, uplift us and bring us new life
4. Give us peace when the journey is done

### **Will you let me be your servant**

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to be your servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are travelers through on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

### **You shall go out with joy**

You shall go out with joy and be lead forth with peace.  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will  
clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
While you go out with joy.

### **Report for Allegheny Mennonite Conference Summer Gathering at Laurelville on August 6-8.**

The weekend was started on Friday evening with a hymn sing on the pool deck, led by the Pittsburgh Mennonite Fellowship from the new Mennonite hymnal.

The Saturday morning business meeting was held both in person and via zoom and was lead by our moderator Le Anne Zook. There were approximately 45 in attendance with the Springs delegation of 6 being the largest delegation. Dave Mishler opened his Conference Minister report with a prayer for John Verburg's speedy and complete recovery. He also thanked the Conference for allowing him a two month sabbatical to help his wife with her continuing battle with cancer. Joy Cotchen reported that with the Covid protocols in place, the summer camps for our youth were very successful and safe. Karin Miller, Conference Treasurer, presented the year-end results for 2020-2021. Conference only had to borrow \$680 from reserves and ended the year with a balanced budget. The next item of business was to welcome a new member to the Conference. The new member is The Table, a Mennonite house church in Harrisonburg, VA. We now have 15 churches in the conference. The next item of business was to break into small groups to discuss the best method for allocation of the funds to individual congregations that were received from the sale of the International Guest House. The small groups reported back to the Conference and the Leadership Council will study these inputs to make further decisions for our November meeting.

Two worship services were conducted; the first Saturday night, was led by Lori Hershey the pastor of the West Philadelphia Mennonite Church, and the second session on Sunday morning was lead by Tony Brown who is a member of the Pittsburgh Mennonite Fellowship. Both services focused on the problem of racism and how best our conference can respond to this. The Sunday morning service had 75 in attendance with 115 locations attending via zoom.

The November meeting will probably be held under the same format of in person attendance and Zoom participation. The location of the November meeting will be announced in the future.