

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

September 12, 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Opening song- HWB #102 -To God be the glory

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer

Children's Video

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture – 1 John 1:7-9; Psalm 3:1-5

Message – *What does God think about... our sins?*

Video of Response-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUV5T9JIJZO>

Benediction

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwyyN86Z3fc>

Worship Leader: Doug Berg
Message: John Verburg
Accompanist: Byron Miller
Sound Room: Noel Livengood
Song Leader: Phoebe Wiley
Video: Ron Beitzel

1 John 1:7-9

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all^[a] sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 3:1-5

¹ LORD, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!

² Many are saying of me,
“God will not deliver him.”^[b]

³ But you, LORD, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

⁴ I call out to the LORD,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.

⁵ I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

September 5, 2021 Totals

General Offering	\$4,218.00
Attendance	65

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 13- Enos Tice

September 17- Jeff Pattison

Calendar of Events

September 15- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

September 16- Music/Worship Committee Meeting

September 19- Annual Reports due

September 21- Elders' Meeting, 6:30 PM

October 26- Annual Congregational Meeting, 7:00 PM



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1 JOHN 1:9

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Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your name,
your **KINGDOM** come
your will be done,
on earth as in *Heaven*
Give us today our daily bread.
FORGIVE us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
SAVE us from
the time of trial
and *Deliver us* from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.

Junior Department Sunday school classes will NOT be meeting during the month of September. The official starting date will be announced once it is determined.

The annual meeting of the Casselman Historians that was to take place next weekend, September 17 & 18 has been cancelled.

The August Volume of the Allegheny Miscellany is available in your church mailbox.

Church Council is reviewing our bylaws and plan of organization. It is being suggested that some updates be made to these documents. A summary of suggestions has been placed in mailboxes. Let a member of Council know if you did not receive a copy and would like to have one forwarded to you.

A local 3rd grade teacher needs large empty Clorox wipe containers. A box will be available in the foyer to place your donation.

Elder Appointments

Congregational affirmation will be sought during our Worship Service, today.

Gifts Discernment Committee- Lois Hepler 2021-2024
Angie Piwonka 2021-2024

Worship Committee- Ben Yoder 2021-2023

CHURCH COUNCIL SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

September 7, 2021

There has been a recent inspection of the church heating system. We have been informed that code requirements are not being met and are instructed to bring the systems into code requirements.

The repairs and upgrades will exceed the amount that Council is authorized to spend without prior congregational approval. Repairs and updates to the existing furnaces (one oil burner and one propane unit) is \$6,000.00.

Council is recommending that we also at this time replace the oil furnace that was installed about 47 years ago, with a new propane unit. Additional cost for a new propane furnace to replace the oil burning furnace is expected to be approximately \$11,000.00.

The hope is that the current existing propane unit will not need to be replaced. In the event it seems prudent, Council is also requesting approval to replace that unit if closer inspection and recommendations suggest. The possible replacement of the second furnace could bring the total spent to approximately \$28,000.

Please direct your questions, thoughts, or concerns to any member of Council. The voice of the congregation will be sought next Sunday, September 19th.

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.

1. Maryanna presented the Treasurer's Report. Monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports were included, as well as reports for the Cemetery Fund and Designated Funds. There was also a comparison of the 2020-2021 budget to actual expenditures for the 2020-21 church year.
2. It was decided that Council members to be listed with signatory authority for the church's bank accounts for the 2021-22 church year will be Melinda Gibson, Paul Durst, and Terry Livengood.
3. Jerry Abel as Trustee along with some church members' help dealt with a flooding problem in the church basement during this past week.
4. Jerry has gotten estimates to repair and/or replace the church furnaces.
Council decided to pursue the proposal from Brant's Plumbing & Heating. Because of the dollar amount of the proposal, and the time constraints with winter approaching, it was decided to present the proposal to the congregation via church mailboxes, and to vote on the proposal as soon as possible.
5. Ken reported that the Elders will be meeting on Sept. 21 for re-organization. They will be meeting with some of the church's committees soon after that.
6. Jr. Dept. Sunday school is on hold until further notice.
7. It was decided to handle Allegheny Conference support as was done in the past few years with quarterly designated offerings. A statement will be included in the church budget to say that a minimum of \$2000 per quarter will be sent to Allegheny Conference, with a maximum of \$5000 per quarter, depending upon the designated offerings.
8. Council discussed each line item of the proposed church budget for the 2021-22 church year. Funds to cover the cost of the furnace repairs & replacement were included. The proposed budget will total \$210,900.00.
9. The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for Tuesday, October 26, at 7 PM.