

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

September 26, 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Opening song

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer

Children's Video

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture – *Romans 1:18-21 & Genesis 1:27-31*

Message – *What does God think of... Us?*

Video of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAr8IZeGtY0>

Benediction

Doxology

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_TmLNizkAg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_TmLNizkAg)

**Worship Leader:** Ben Yoder

**Message:** John Verburg

**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto

**Sound Room:** Jerry Abel

**Song Leader:** Sheera Beitzel

**Video:** Reuben Tice

## ***Romans 1:18-21***

<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

## ***Genesis 1:27-31***

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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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 28-** Ron Folk

**October 1-** Jodi Beiler

**October 2-** Dakota Phillips

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**September 28-** Ben & Hana Yoder

**September 30-** Mark & Beulah Mae Folk

### **Calendar of Events**

**September 29-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**October 3-** Communion

**October 5-** Council Meeting

**October 16-** Drive-In Movie

**October 26-** Annual Congregational Meeting, 7:00 PM

**October 30-** Trunk or Treat, 6:00 PM



**Church Prayer & Praise**  
**Prayers for Family and Friends**

Barbara Bruehl, Harry (Bud) Mimna, Deb Kolb, Edgar Rembold,  
Tony Yoder, Phyllis Maust, Raven Gross, John & Faith Verburg,  
Brett Twigg & Family, Rachel Rohrer, Audrey Kinsinger,  
Esther (Pat) Miller, Gary Bowser, Rayetta Brant,  
Dave & Janice Ewing, Linda Gindlesperger

**Those in Missions**

Phoebe Wiley- Prison Ministry  
Naomi Tice- Bammental, Germany

**Those in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers**

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

**Prayers for School Staff & Students**

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

**September 19 , 2021 Totals**

<b>General Offering</b>	<b>\$4,085.00</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>74</b>

***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.*

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**Praise to God, Immortal Praise**

Praise to God, immortal praise  
For the love that crowns our days;  
Bounteous source of every joy,  
Let Thy praise our tongues employ.

For the blessings of the field,  
For the stores the gardens yield,  
For the joy which harvests bring  
Grateful praises now we sing.

Clouds that drop refreshing dews,  
Suns that genial heat diffuse  
Flocks that whiten all the plain;  
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain.

All that spring with bounteous hand  
Scatters o'er the smiling land;  
All that liberal autumn pours  
From her overflowing stores.

These, great God, to Thee we owe,  
Source whence all our blessings flow,  
And for these my soul shall raise  
Grateful vows and joyful praise.

PRAISE God

**Elders Meeting  
September 21, 2021**

1. Sherry did the devotional and opened in prayer:
  - a. What God says about overcoming obstacles – Joshua 1:9 and Deuteronomy 31: 6, 8.
2. Communion will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - a. Discussion on how to do the communion – It was decided to continue as in the recent past because of the COVID cases increasing again.
  - b. After October, the next communion will be in February. Four communions a year are planned.
3. Due to the recent increase of COVID cases and the growing number of hospitalizations and deaths, the Elders recommend and strongly encourage congregants to wear a mask to church in the near term. We acknowledge the inconvenience to all, but believe this to be a responsible path to walk together.
  - a. There will be masks available in the back of the church.
  - b. Pastor John will make sure this is in the bulletin on Sunday, and will send out a phone message as well.
4. Ken spoke to Carolyn Tice about Sunday school; it will not start up in October or November. The COVID situation will be re-evaluated for December. When Sunday school for the children starts up, it will be in an open area, not in the small classrooms. This includes Children's Church as well.
5. Don Green will be the Elder Chair, and Sherry Abel will continue as the secretary for the coming year.
6. Pastor John wants the children to play a part in the worship service
  - a. My Coins Count - The Elders recommend not having the children go to every pew to collect the coins, but instead stand in the back of the church to collect them.  
**Note: Children will need to wear masks when collecting coins.**
7. Plans are being made to have an outside Christmas Eve Service this year.
8. The following happens at every Elders meeting: we receive prayer requests, and the Pastor and every Elder prays for the requests and for the Church.

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*Creation*