



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

May 18, 2025

Psalm 107:35 As for his people, he turned a
desert into a pool of water and a dry land into
springs of water.

Church Growth 2 – Being Us, Becoming More

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Opening songs:

“Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing” – HWB 12

“Praise the Lord, sing Hallelujah” – HWB 50

First Reading **Psalm 148**

Engaging Community

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The call of the Gospel

Gospel Reading **John 13:31-35**

Song:

“Bless’d be the Tie that Binds” – HWB 421

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Children’s Church

Digging Deeper

Third Reading **Acts 11:1-18**

Message

Song of response

“Let us Break Bread Together” – HWB 453

Going Out into the World

Benediction

Sending Song

“Heart with Loving Heart United” – HWB 420



Worship Leader: Wes Bergen

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Song Leader: Isaac Tice

Sound Room: Don Green

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

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Calendar of Events

Today – Children’s Church

May 21 – Daughters of Dorcas 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

25 – Talk on Somanya Mennonite Church in Ghana –
(see announcement below)

31 – Last Day to Register for Summer Camp

June 2 – Elders’ Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

3 – Church Council @ 7:00 p.m.

4 – Worship Committee @ 6:00 p.m.

June 7 – Craft and Service activities for MCC @ 9:00 a.m.

We will meet at the church and have a shared lunch.

Parents and kids alike are welcome to attend and help us
accomplish our goal of adding to the MCC sale as well as
teaching the importance of service to the community and
beyond.

June 8 – Carry-in lunch, cookbooks available

June 15th to the 19th - Vacation Bible School

Next Sunday, May 25th – Wes will present a talk and show
pictures from Somanya Mennonite Church in Ghana.
This will be during Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.

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May 11, 2025, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$2,554.00

Attendance: 100

Birthdays:

May 19 – Don Beitzel, Ron Beitzel, Preston Maust

20 – Andrew Durst

21 – Troy Mast, Laban Tice

Anniversaries:

May 20 – Wes & Deb Bergen

22 – Dave & Sandy Brenneman,

Matt & Brandy Green, Daniel & Lexi Lichty

23 – Aaron & Cortney Mitchell

24 – John & Faith Verburg



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 songbooks 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.



**Significant Items
Church Council Meeting
May 6, 2025**

- 1) Council reviewed the April financial report including payments for recent repairs and upgrades.
- 2) Council agreed to a 2.5% cost of living increase for church employees.
- 3) Council approved the purchase of a new computer for the pastor's office at a cost of approximately \$800.
- 4) The Trustees reported on their work over the past month.
- 5) The gym wing of the church suffered some tree, roof, and chimney damage during the storm on Easter eve. Wengerd Roofing helped with repairs. There may be some insurance coverage available to help with the expenses.
- 6) Council agreed to ask Wengerd Roofing to give a quote to replace the roof on the gym wing of the church using a metal roof to match the rest of the building.
- 7) Council gave approval for Tri State Relief Sale to use the church property for their sale in July.
- 8) Council is asking for a volunteer to keep the message board sign updated along the road in front of the church.

VOLUNTEER



Church Council is asking for a volunteer to manage and update the message board sign located along the road in front of the church. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact Paul Durst.

A deposit for My Coins Count in the amount of \$203.68, brings YTD contributions to \$2,807.41.

**FOLLOW
JESUS** 25

is the biennial convention being held this summer in Greensboro, North Carolina. As a part of the children's activities during convention, numerous craft projects will be offered. Some require the use of cardboard tubes from rolls of paper towels or toilet paper. IF you have empty toilet paper or paper towel tubes you are willing to share, please put them in the box labeled MCUSA Crafts in the church foyer no later than July 6th. Thanks!

Tentative Carry-In Lunch for June 8th

Please bring one of the dishes you submitted to the cookbook. If you did not submit a recipe, please bring your favorite dish. The cookbook title and the name of the person who submitted the title will be announced during the worship service.

The Anabaptism at 500 Committee is looking for folks who are willing to share a story about what it means to them to be part of the Mennonite tradition. If you don't want to speak, you could write out your story and someone else could read it. Please let Sherry know if you are willing to do this, by contacting her by church e-mail or call the church office.

The Rejoice Devotional for June – July – August
is on the credence stand in the church foyer

There are extra bulletins from Lois Hepler's Celebration of Life service on the credence stand in the church foyer if you would like to have one.