



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

August 17, 2025



Isaiah 41:18 I will make streams flow down
the slopes and produce **springs** in the middle
of the valleys.

Signs of Success

Call to Worship

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Opening songs

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Engaging Community

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Call of the Gospel

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-56

Song

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Gospel Time

Digging Deeper

Third Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Message

Song of response

Going Out into the World

Benediction

Sending Song

Worship Planners: Glenn & Tammy Miller

Worship Leader: Sherry Abel

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Message: Wes Bergen

Song Leader: Isaac Tice

Sound Room: Don Green

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

Volume 70-No. 50

Calendar of Events

August 17 – Elders' Picnic 5:30 p.m. @ Don and Beth's home

August 20 - Daughters of Dorcas 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

August 22 – WV Black Bears vs Frederick Keys
Game is at 7:00 p.m. in Morgantown, WV.
Carpool from church at 5:00 p.m.

August 24 – Back to School Sunday

August 27 – Worship Committee 6:00 p.m.

August 29 & 30 – Free Yard Sale starting at 9:00 a.m.

September 3 – Class on the New Testament – 7:00 p.m.
(every Wednesday)

September 16 – Church Council – 6:30 p.m. ****Both current and incoming members should be in attendance.**
Budget preparation will be done at this meeting.

September 19-20-21 - Church Retreat

October 11 – S'mores Night

Church Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201

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Secretary: Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

Office hours: Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Elders:

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Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Ken Detrick (814) 662-2692

Ed Hoover (814) 521-7128

August 10, 2025, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$5,968.00

Attendance: 82

Birthdays:

August 19 – Dixie Otto

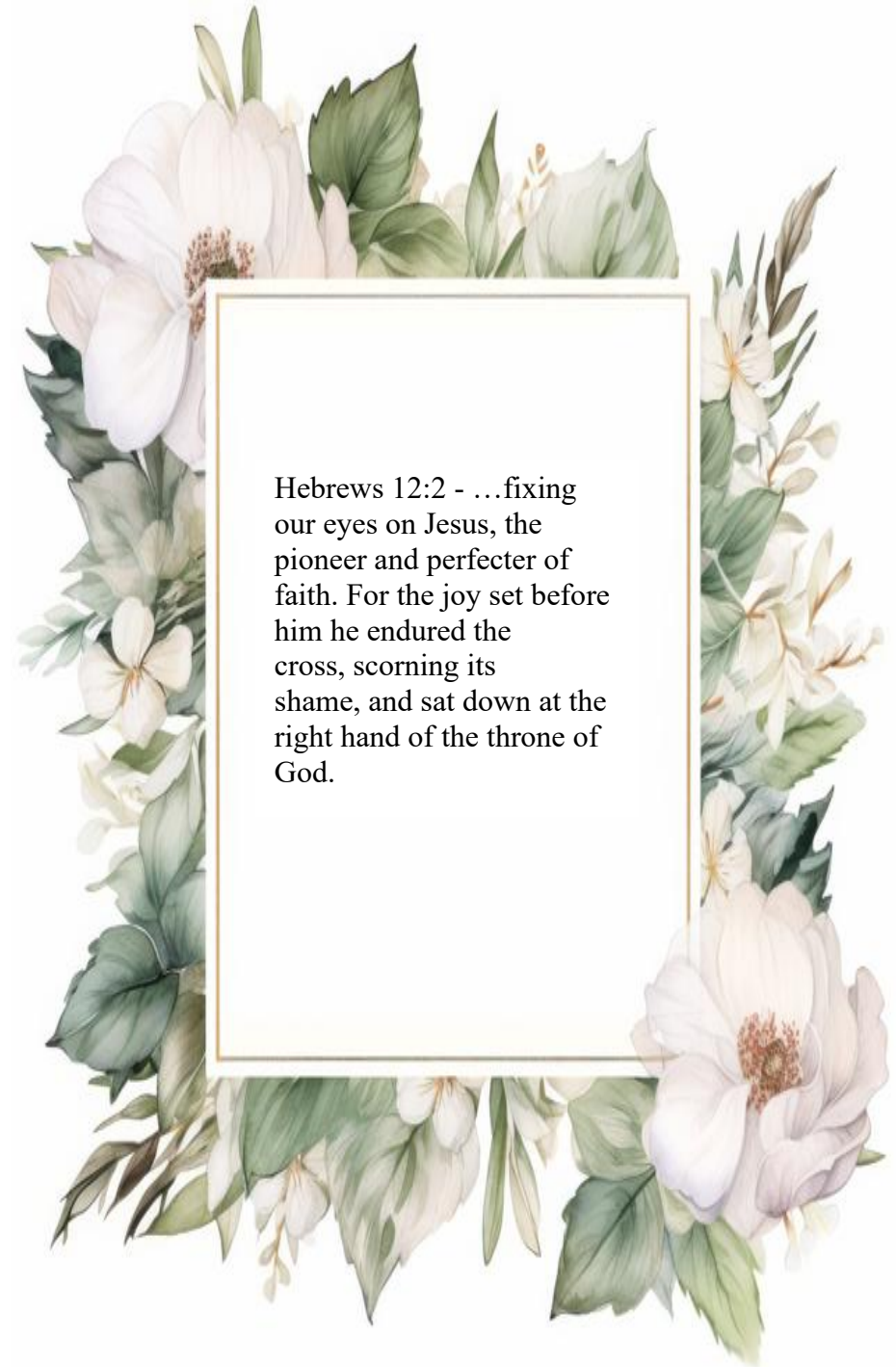
21 – Steve Faenbaker, Mari Haines



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.



Hebrews 12:2 - ...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS
Church Council Meeting
August 5, 2025

1. Noel Livengood will continue as elevator trustee.
2. In an effort to de-clutter, funnel cake equipment will be donated to the free yard sale coming up. And, the puppet show equipment will be given to Jesse and Karen Maust, because they have expressed interest in it.
3. The control room personnel say that the hearing-assist devices are not working. Cost to replace would be \$1500 to \$2000. Other options were discussed including talk-to-text. There is a requirement to provide such devices because of the capacity of our building.
4. Wes has talked to Rich Beitzel and Karin Miller about updating the church website and Facebook page. Wes is also hoping to start some inter-generational Sunday school in the fall.
5. Our secretary, Sherry Abel, is asking to have Mondays off every week. Council agreed to try to accommodate this schedule.
6. Council agreed to buy a new folding machine for the church office.
7. Council is still looking for someone to maintain the messages on the road sign in front of the church. Please contact Paul Durst if you are willing to provide this service.
8. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM. Both current and incoming members should be in attendance. Budget preparation will be done at that meeting.

Starting September 3, Wes will be offering a Wednesday evening class on the New Testament, based on his years of university teaching. There will be no homework or exams. You are welcome to use Mark Allen Powell's *Introducing the New Testament* for preparation. Classes will start at 7 p.m. Come when you can.

Part-Time Custodian Needed

Join Our Team and Serve Our Congregation

We are seeking a part-time custodian to work alongside Shelly Yoder, as Deb Brennenman will be retiring effective January 1, 2026. This position requires approximately 8 to 10 hours per week. We would love to have someone from our congregation fill this role if possible.

If you are interested, or if you know someone who might be a good fit, please contact Bob Green, Reuben Tice, or Sherry Abel for more information or to express your interest.

Request for Baby Picture Submission

The Church Retreat Committee kindly requests that you submit a baby picture of yourself for an upcoming activity. Please write your name clearly and place both your picture and name inside a sealed envelope. There is a box for the pictures in the foyer of the church. Please have your baby picture submitted by September 7th.

These pictures will be used as part of a fun and engaging activity during the retreat, helping everyone connect and share smiles. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to the committee. Thank you for your participation!

Cookbook Update:

Please make this addition to the list of ingredients for the first Reuben Casserole on page 86 of *Springs Best Kept Secrets*: 1/2 c. milk.

Our family has definitely benefitted from generational blessings bestowed on us from our righteous forefathers, Cleman and Mark Folk. These men could not have led the godly lives they did without the love, support, and counsel of this church - its people. We want to thank all of you for your support, food, cards, and sympathy at this time and through the years. We also ask for your continued prayers for Beulah Mae as she has decided, for now, to stay at Goodwill Home. As the fifth generation has now started being taught in Sunday school and attending SMC, we cannot express how grateful we are for all you've done to contribute to the spiritual upbringing of our family. May many blessings also be bestowed on you.

The Mark Folk Family

Remembering Dr. Elvin L. Martin

Dr. Martin went home to be with the Lord on Monday morning, August 11, 2025. Dr. Martin and his wife, Esther, were members of our church for many years, contributing to the fellowship and spirit of our congregation. His obituary is available on the credence stand in the church foyer, along with a heartfelt Facebook post by his granddaughter.

Elders' and Gift Discernment Appointments

Committee	Person	Year(s) Serving
Bible School	Nancy Green (1-year)	2025-2026
Cemetery Committee	Jay Resh	2025-2028
Conference Delegates	Isaac Tice	2025-2028
Congregational Chair	Phoebe Wiley	2025-2026
Gifts Discernment	Seeking 2 people	
HOPE Committee	Deb Brenneman	2025-2026
Hospitality Committee	Paula Resh	2025-2028
Junior Department (Superintendent)	No Leader at this time	
Librarians	Beth Green	2025-2028
Music Committee	Dixie Otto	2025-2028
	Byron Miller	2025-2028
Retreat Committee	Glenn & Tammy Miller (2nd Term) (1-year)	2025-2026
	Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka	2025-2026
Trustees	Reuben Tice	2025-2028
Ushers	Diana Detrick	2025-2026
	Carlene Dowell	2025-2026
	Steve Fazenbaker	2025-2026
	Ryan Miller	2025-2026
	Jeff Pattison	2025-2026
	Jay Resh	2025-2026
Vacation Bible School	Nancy Green (1-year)	2025-2026
Visual Arts	Rosie Cupler	2025-2027
Worship Committee	Wes Bergen	2025-2026
	Beth Green	2025-2026
	Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka	2025-2026
Youth Sponsor	Deb Brenneman	2025-2026