



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

September 21, 2025



2 Chronicles 32:4 – A large number of people gathered together and stopped up all the **springs** and the stream that flowed through the district.

They reasoned, “Why should the kings of Assyria come and find plenty of water?”

Call to Worship

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Singing

Announcements & Sharing

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Scripture Reading

Message

Song of response

Benediction

Sending Song

Worship Planners: Glenn & Tammy Miller

Worship Leader: Angie Piwonka

Accompanist: Praise Team

Message: Bill Mosholder

Song Leaders: Praise Team

Sound Room: Don Green

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

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Calendar of Events

September 23 – Elders Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

September 24 - Daughters of Dorcas 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

September 24 – Worship Committee – 6:00 p.m.

September 24 – Class on the New Testament – 7:00 p.m.

September 27 – Meet & Greet Kenneth & Stephanie Hawes
@ 5:30 p.m.

September 28 – During Sunday School Time –
Kenneth Hawes will be in the Sanctuary for any questions.

September 28 – Pastoral Candidate – Kenneth Hawes
Cover Dish Dinner after church

October 3 & 4 – Folk Festival

October 5 – Keith Pirolozzi will be our speaker

October 7 – Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

October 11 – S’mores & Hotdogs Night – 5:00 p.m.

October 12 – Communion Sunday

October 19 – Children’s Church

October 28 – Congregational Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November 15 – Pumpkin Pie Baking at the Church – 1:00 p.m.

December 13 – Christmas Progressive Dinner

Church Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201

Pastor: Wes Bergen (681) 209-2029

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Elders:

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Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

Doug Berg (814) 442-4313

Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

September 14, 2025, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$4,253.00

Attendance: 97



Birthdays:

September 22 – Cecilia Yoder

23 – Kendrick Lapp, Bill Mosholder

25 – Lori Otto

Anniversaries:

September 21 – Nicholas & Mackenzie DeCunzo

Andrew & Melissa Durst

22 – Edgar & Alice Rembold



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.

Welcome
Springs Mennonite Church



Speaker – Bill Mosholder

Hello, my name is **Kenneth Hawes**. I am blessed to be married to my beautiful and supportive wife, **Stephanie**. We have six children—eight if you include their spouses—ranging in age from 19 to 33 years old, and three grandchildren aged from nine months to 13 years old and a dog.



This year, Stephanie and I transitioned into a new season of life as empty nesters. We take great satisfaction in watching our children grow into adults as they pursue their goals and passions. Although our kids have left home, we still have our dog, Olive, who loves all the attention she can get. Stephanie and I are looking forward to the next church family and community that Christ is calling us to—a place where we can serve, connect, put down roots, and thrive.

So, why did I become a pastor? While serving as the Men's Ministry Coordinator at North Fresno Mennonite Brethren Church, I had the privilege of introducing men to Christ and walking alongside them on their spiritual journeys. There are few experiences as fulfilling as witnessing someone connect with Christ, respond to His invitation, and commit to becoming one of His disciples. These transformative moments, from a person's first step on their journey to the various seasons that follow, are what first inspired me to become a pastor. Christ and all He has done in my life, and in the lives of others, have brought me to where I am today.

I believe that as pastors, we are called to be servant leaders. Ministerial leadership is entrusted to the church as a whole, not to individuals. The congregation and the pastor work together as a team to discern the gifts and character traits that will enable the congregation to engage in God's mission. Both the church and its leaders are accountable to God and to one another. Continued spiritual, emotional, and relational growth is expected from both the pastor and the congregation.

The pastor's role is to build up the body of Christ, leading to a church that seeks God's will, grows together in unity, and actively participates in God's mission within their community and the world. One way I exercise my pastoral authority is through a team approach. Whether I am introducing a new ministry idea, making changes to an existing ministry, or working on the Advent or Lenten series, I seek the counsel of others so we can move forward as a united body.

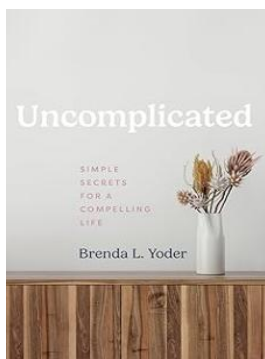
Anchored in Christ
Pastor Kenneth Hawes

To give you a little background, we have compiled the following information about Kenneth.

Kenneth comes to us from Freeport, IL, where he is a member of the Freeport Mennonite Church. He was the Lead Pastor at that congregation from 2020-2025. He and his wife share a blended family and have lived in both the city and in rural areas, experiencing the Lead Pastor position in Anchorage, AK from 2017-2019. From 2012-201, Kenneth held the position of Men's Ministry Coordinator in Fresno, CA. He is currently both a member and vice president of the State Line Ministerial Association. He felt the call to be baptized in November 1999 and is an MC USA-ordained minister. His formal education has come from Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, Fresno, CA, and the College of the Redwoods, Eureka, CA, with an AA in Communications. Training has been completed in Pre-Marital/Marital Coaching, Suicide Intervention Skills, and Motivational Interviewing. During the Pastor Search process, the committee had to determine a list of Congregational and Pastoral Priorities of our congregation. Kenneth had to do the same, and we are pleased that we both have similar visions.

Kenneth Hawes will be with us next weekend for a “Meet & Greet” on Saturday, 9/27, and will also provide the message on Sunday, 9/28. Saturday’s “Meet & Greet” will begin at 5:30, or whenever you get there, with light food, ice cream and drinks being provided. We are asking that those attending bring some type of dish to share with others. After the meal, we will spend the rest of the evening getting to know Kenneth and Stephanie. On Sunday, 9/28, during the Sunday school time, Kenneth will be available in the sanctuary for any questions you may have that were not addressed on Saturday evening. During the day on Saturday, ballots will be inserted into each mailbox of regular attendees, asking for your input concerning permission to proceed further in securing the full-time pastor position with Kenneth. If you did not receive a ballot, have any questions, or wish to cast your ballot from afar, please contact either Terry Livengood/301-707-7173 or Ryan Miller/814-521-3192. The Pastor Search Committee has been hard at work and will appreciate your input on this important issue. A covered-dish dinner with Kenneth and Stephanie is planned to follow the Sunday service.

Thank you,
SMC Pastor Search Committee
Don Green
Paul Durst
Terry Livengood
Ryan Miller
Julia Tice
Deb Hoover
Lori Otto



Uncomplicated: Simple Secrets for a Compelling Life by Brenda Yoder has been added to our church library. "Learn to overcome practical obstacles and solve daily challenges with a calm presence and authentic faith."



*Edgar & Alice
Rembold
September 22,
2025*

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heart-felt thanks to all who helped plan and put together our 80th Wedding Anniversary gathering. We are overcome with gratitude for all those who worked on and attended the event.

Gratefully,
Alice and Edgar

The Jr. Dept. welcomes your children and grandchildren to Sunday School this year. Our classes and teachers are as follows:

- **Youth**--Deb Brenneman, Pat Haglund
- **Elementary**--Jan Bender, Holly Clark, Beth Green
- **Early Childhood**--Deb Bergen, Mackenzie DeCunzo, Melinda Gibson, Nancy Green, Carolyn Tice

Substitute--Kim Miller

We appreciate your prayers and your support!

Please Note, new mailing address for Kathy Durst is as follows:
10744 New Germany Road
Grantsville, MD 21536

Children's Church
October 19th and November 16th

