



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

November 23, 2025



Song of Songs 4:15 You are a garden **spring**,  
a well of fresh water flowing down from Lebanon.

## Thanksgiving

### Call to Worship

### Lighting of Peace Lamp

**Opening songs** "I sing the mighty power of God" HWB 46  
"Come, ye thankful people come" HWB 94

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*Engaging Community*

**Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*The Call of the Gospel*

**Gospel Reading** John 6:25-35

**Song** "God of the earth, the sky, the sea" HWB 53

### Offertory Prayer

*\*\*Children will collect coins for My Coins Count\*\**

### Gospel Time

*Digging Deeper*

**Third Reading** Philippians 4:4-9

### Message

**Song of response** "Now thank we all our God" HWB 86

*Going Out into the World*

### Benediction

**Sending Song** "You shall go out with joy" HWB 427

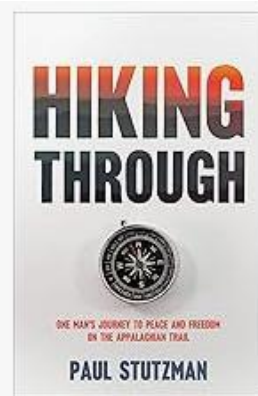
**Worship Leader:** Wes Bergen  
**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto  
**Song Leader:** Phoebe Wiley  
**Sound Room:** Jerry Abel  
**Video:** Reuben Tice  
**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice  
**Volume 71-No. 12**

## Poinsettias

"Today is the last day to order a poinsettia. There are forms on the credence stand. Please put your order in Janet Bender's mailbox by 5:00 today. Thank you to everyone who ordered."



A deposit was made of **\$249.10** being the yearly total up to  
**\$1,007.96.**



*Hiking Through: One Man's Journey to Peace and Freedom on the Appalachian Trail* by Paul Stutzman has been added to our church library. Join the author on his trip through fourteen states in search of peace and a renewed sense of purpose.

### **Church Information**

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### **November 16, 2025, Attendance and Offering**

**Mission Offering: \$6,449.00**

**Thanksgiving Drive-thru Freewill offering: \$1,576.00**

**Attendance: 72**

*Happy Birthdays  
Happy Anniversary*

#### **Birthdays:**

**November 24 – Mary Kate Haines**

**25 – Mabel Yoder**

**26 – Ryan Critchfield**

**29 – Eli Clark**

#### **Anniversary:**

**November 28 – Ken & Diana Detrick**



### **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.



We are pleased to announce that **Kim Miller** has been selected to serve as **Member-at-Large** on the Church Council. Her willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

A confirmation vote to officially appoint Kim Miller to the Church Council is scheduled for today, November 23<sup>rd</sup> during the Worship Service.

### **Local MDS Project Needs Your Help**

Casselman Valley Mennonite Disaster Service is in the process of building a two-bedroom home in Stoystown, PA. (North of Somerset.) The house will be built according to MDS House Plans. The owner is disabled and lost his home in a fire; he did not have insurance.

Aaron Tice & Joseph Byler are supervising and coordinating this local project. The foundation has been excavated, the basement walls erected, and the concrete floor has been poured. The goal is to have the house framed and under roof as soon as possible. There will be a need for framers, electricians, plumbers, HVAC, drywallers, and various other general labor as the project proceeds. Please contact Reuben Tice or Aaron Tice if you are willing to help.

The funds for our Casselman Valley Unit are running low. Instead of doing a local fundraiser, we are asking the local churches for contributions to help fund this project. Our November Missions offering allocates a percentage for MDS, but this would be additional contributions for this home. Donations may be placed in the offering box made payable to Springs Mennonite Church or Mennonite Disaster Service. Please be sure to note or earmark that the donation is for MDS-Casselman Valley Unit. The regional office at Lititz, PA, handles all the contributions for MDS and allocates those funds to the satellite units.

We appreciate your consideration and donations. We also ask your prayers for the safety of the many volunteers who are graciously giving their time, working together to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

## **Calendar of Events**

**November 26** - Daughters of Dorcas 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**November 27** - Thanksgiving

**November 30** - Intergenerational Sunday school  
First Sunday of Advent

**December 1** - Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m.

**December 2** - Church Council - 7:00 p.m.

**December 6** - Christmas Caravan - Tour 7 Homes in Somerset & Garrett Counties, Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at Oak Dale Church. Entry fee: Donation basis - to benefit their annual ReNew Women's Retreat.

**December 9** - Cram-A-Van - Salisbury-Elk Lick High School  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**December 13** - Christmas Progressive Dinner - Children are Welcome

**December 14** - Children's Christmas Program during Worship Service

**December 21** - The Longest Night Service - 7:00 p.m.

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 p.m.

Please note that there will be no Bible study session on Wednesday, November 26, due to the observance of Thanksgiving.

We encourage everyone to enjoy the holiday with family and friends, and we look forward to resuming our regular Bible study meetings after Thanksgiving.

### **CRAM-A-VAN**

Sponsored by: Salisbury-Elk Lick Education Association  
Bring your gifts to the Salisbury-Elk Lick High School on  
**December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
Toys will be distributed to families in need by the  
Salisbury Family Center

**Online Short Course: Biblical Interpretation Across the Two Testaments:** Jan. 28 – March 10. Explore the harmful claim that the New Testament supersedes the Old Testament. How can we as Anabaptists read our Scriptures faithfully, creatively and respectfully? Instructors for this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary are Mary Schertz, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 7 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/short-courses](https://ambs.edu/short-courses)



**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** for Springs Mennonite Church, using the Tithely app and website to manage online giving. Postcards with details on how to sign up are by the offering box in the foyer. Those of you who are already giving through a bill pay service with the bank do not need to change over. This is just another option to make one time or regular digital giving easy. If interested, pick up a postcard. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melinda Gibson, Treasurer.

Link: [Welcome | Tithely](https://app.tithely.com/login)  
Full website address: <https://app.tithely.com/login>

**Progressive Dinner – Saturday December 13th**  
**Children are welcome**

Need for 8 people to host  
Need for 2 people to make soup and 2 people to make bread for the stop at the church.  
Sign-up Sheet for the Progressive Dinner is on the credence stand in the church foyer.



**Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Dinner**  
**Acknowledgments**

**Gratitude for Pie Donations**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated pies for the Thanksgiving drive-thru dinner. Your generosity played a significant role in making the event a success.

**Appreciation for Volunteers**

We sincerely appreciate all who dedicated their time and effort to help organize and execute this year's drive-thru dinner. Your commitment and support ensured that the event ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

From: The Hospitality Committee

**FOOD DRIVE**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has generously donated food so far. Your contributions are making a real difference.

Our food drive is still ongoing, and we are continuing to collect non-perishable food items. Every donation helps us support those in need.