



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

Fellowship and food in the basement 9:00 A.M.

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

"For the Lamb...will lead them to springs of living water." Revelation 7:17

Oh, that you would reveal your joy

In a world of grief and despair God's Spirit
clothes us in celebration.

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Confession

Assurance

Congregational Singing

Children's Time

Luke 1:39-45

Leaping for Joy

Congregational Song

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Sharing and Stories of Joy

Benediction

Congregational Song

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Bulletin deadline:

All announcements are due Friday morning by 8:00 a.m.



Springs Mennonite Church is Handicap Accessible

There are a restroom & an elevator 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.

Board of Elders: Enos Tice Chair, Melinda Gibson, Lois Hepler,
Glenn Miller, Phoebe Wiley

Congregational Chair: Terry Livengood

December 7, 2014 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE 123

W.S. ATTENDANCE 178

OFFERING \$8,401.00

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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December 14, 2014

Like baking Christmas cookies and treats? Come join us **Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm** for a **Christmas Cookie Swap** in the church basement. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookie or sweet and the recipe. You'll go home with 2 dozen of an assortment of cookies from your friends plus we will have dozens to share with others. If you have questions, feel free to contact Melinda Gibson or Kim Miller. Also if you have suggestions of who would enjoy receiving a tray of cookies this holiday season, let us or someone attending know. Feel free to invite others from the community that enjoy baking!



Activities This Week

- Today - **Christmas Cantata**, 7:00 p.m. here at the church
- Tues - **Daughters of Dorcas**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Christmas Cookie Swap, 7:00 p.m. (See bulletin announcement for more details).
- Wed - **Elders**, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs - **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Alvina Livengood's home (see bulletin announcement for more details).
Intercessory Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ken & Diana Detrick

Upcoming Activities

- December 21 **Jr. Dept. Christmas Program**
- January 5 **Church Council**, 7:00 p.m.
- January 14 **Elders**, 6:30 p.m.
- January 15 **Intercessory Prayer Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at the church (note location has changed)
- January 28 **Elders**, 6:30 p.m.

Elders Significant Items

12/03/2014

Attendance: All members in attendance

- 1) Eric completed the online class at AMBS he was taking this fall.
- 2) The Worship and Music committee are planning the service for December 28th.
- 3) The final draft of a letter to Allegheny Mennonite Conference recommending Eric's ordination was completed.
- 4) An agenda for an Elders retreat on February 7th was discussed.
- 5) The Elders will meet on December 17th to deliver some cookie trays to the community.

The meeting ended with a time for prayer for the church and community.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th to celebrate Christmas and on Thursday, January 1st to celebrate the New Year!

A mission trip to Honduras with the Grace the Americas group, will be March 6 - March 14. There are openings for dentists, nurses and helpers for medical, dental and eye. No experience needed. If you are interested in checking out more information or have questions, please call Carl Yoder at 814-479-4996.

Combine faith with your career! Serve for a year with Mennonite Voluntary Service and join a team of talented people making a positive impact in communities across the U.S. MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

MY PEACE STORY I should have shared this last week. I would not wish cancer on any of you, but I do wish you could ALL experience the peace I felt over the past 6 months. I accredit that peace to this congregation lifting me up in prayer over my illness. I truly felt carried by God with nothing to worry about or fear. I cannot thank you enough for all the cards, little gifts, hugs, and especially prayer support during this time. I'm so glad to be a part of this church family.

Thank you! Melinda Gibson

Fellowship time prior to Sunday school is a wonderful gathering time for our congregation. Currently one class has decided to only have breakfast two months during 2015. Sunday school classes or individuals interested in volunteering to cover fellowship time during 2015 – please contact Nancy Green.

Congratulations to Zac Cupler who received his Doctor of Chiropractor degree from New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, NY on December 6, 2014.

The water conditioner system for the church needs to be upgraded to provide the quality of water needed for church functions. The approximate cost is \$4270.00. This expense was included in the budget as approved this year under repairs and maintenance. A vote will be taken for approval on December 21, 2014.

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study will be meeting at Alvina Livengood's on Thursday, December 18th. They will not be meeting again until Thursday, January 8th and will resume meeting at the regular time at Dixie's home.

Call to Worship (*adapted from Isaiah 61*)

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship [*pause*].

Redeeming God, work in our hearts that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering your splendor.

All: Oh, that you would reveal your joy to us, O Lord.

Leader: We celebrate the year of the Lord's favor.

People: a time of comfort for those who mourn.

Leader: There will be crowns instead of ashes,

People: joyful anointing instead of mourning,

Leader: cloaks of praise instead of spirits of despair,

People: cities of renewal instead of devastation.

***All: The Lord will wrap us in robes of righteousness.
Come, O God, and clothe us in garments of salvation.***

[observe a moment of silence]

Confession

Leader: Today in this safe and holy place
we become aware of your presence, God.

We focus now on our congregation and the
wider Anabaptist Mennonite Church family.

**People: We are a faithful church, but sometimes we've kept
our riches to ourselves.**

Leader: Sometimes we have excluded the inquirer who has come
to our door seeking faith. Sometimes we've refused to admit our
weakness. Sometimes we've been too quiet in the land.

Sometimes we've helped those far away but ignored our
neighbors. Sometimes we've tried so hard to serve that we've
forgotten the joy of worshiping you. Hear out honest confessions,
O God, and remember us in mercy.

People: Restore to us the joy of being faithful people.

***All: Restore our joy, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
[observe a moment of silence]***

All: Come, have mercy on us.

Assurance

Leader: The Lord has done great things in and through his
church, and has bestowed rich blessings on us, his Anabaptist
people.

**People: When we place our lives into your hands, O God,
you willingly transform our timid hearts with your
infectious joy.**

All: Come, walk in the joy of Christ.