



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

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Confession and Assurance

Congregational Singing

Children's Christmas Program:

"Extra"

"What Christmas Means"

"Gifts"

**Joy To The World #318*

Praise

Wealth: Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer: Talents

**O Come All Ye Faithful #212*

God's Word: Luke 2:1-20

Love and Forgiveness

**Silent Night #193*

Jesus

**Away In A Manger*

Ourselves

**What Child Is This #215*

Children's Time

Sharing and Stories of Love

Benediction

Congregational Song

**We invite the congregation to join in singing after verse 1 is sung by the children. Songs found in Hymnal: A Worship Book*

Worship Leader: Eric Haglund
Sound Room: Don Green

Song Leader: Lori Yoder
Video: Reuben Tice

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Office Hours: Mondays - Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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 14, 2014 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE

113

W.S. ATTENDANCE

168

OFFERING

\$3,032.00

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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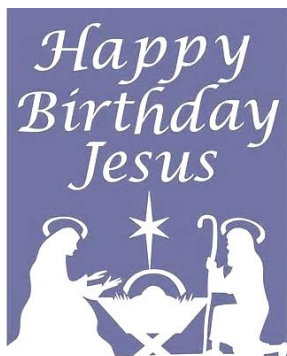
December 21, 2014

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 TODAY, December 21, 2014.

The Garrett United Methodist Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Christmas Cantata, "The First Noel" on Sunday evening, January 4th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the church on Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening. For more information see poster on bulletin board.

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers scholarship funding for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2015-16 academic year is May 15, 2015. For details and application form, see <http://mennohealth.org/SET>, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643. For more information see poster on bulletin board.

Christmas Hymn sing: Saturday, December 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Miller Yoder. Bring Zion's Praises and finger foods. Contact Ruth at 301-895-3909 if you have questions.



Activities This Week

Today - **Jr. Dept. Christmas Program**
Tues - **Daughters of Dorcas**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wed - **Christmas Eve Service**, 7:00 p.m. here at the church
Thurs - **CHRISTMAS!**

Upcoming Activities

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.

Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family of Tillie Beachy who passed away on Monday, December 15th. Please pray for the family during this difficult time.

Christmas Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.

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

Call to Worship

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 your redeeming love.

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

Leader: When Mary was sent away, she found an embrace in your arms.

People: When we feel isolated by the world, we find security in your kingdom.

Leader: The world does not see us as the Lord does.

People: They do not value us as the eternal One does.

Leader: The world cannot love us like the Lord does.

People: They cannot comfort us as our Creator does.

All: When others abandon us, God makes a home with us.

[observe a moment of silence]

Confession

Leader: Today in this safe and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. In your presence we focus on your worldwide church and its story across centuries of church history. We offer confession on her behalf because her story is also our

story. At times we have killed enemies with whose faith or politics we have differed, instead of loving them. We have been the agents of slavery instead of freeing people to live within your reign of righteousness. We have perpetuated racism and devalued those you call your own.

People: We have acted in your name, but have failed to reflect your nature.

Leader: Most of all, we have failed to demonstrate to all God's people the boundless love of God in Christ. We confess these heavy sins to you, Lord, knowing we cannot carry the burden of these sins committed in your name. We pray that you would remove the weight of the church's sin from our shoulders.

People: Restore your love in us, part of your worldwide church. Grant even to us the expansive love revealed in this holy season.

All: Restore our love, Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

[observe a moment of silence]

All: Come, embrace our world, come embrace our world, O God.

Assurance

Leader: The Lord declares: I will gladly restore my love to you, my never-ending love for the church and for all peoples.