



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 16, 2018

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Candle Lighting- Rebekah, Madison and Aaron Mast

Junior Department Christmas Program

Children's Time-Beth Green

Offering-*Children are invited to come forward with the ushers to collect a special offering for MCC's *My Coins Count*.

Special Music- Deb Hoover and Pat Haglund

Scripture- *Philippians 4:4-7*

Congregational Singing

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song

***Please sign the registries that you will find on the back of the bench in front of you as you welcome those sitting near you. Blue prayer request forms can be placed in the offering plate to be shared during the worship service.*

*Worship Leader: Casey Beitzel
Song Leader: Deb Hoover
Sound Room: Don Green*

*Children's Time: Beth Green
Video: Reuben Tice
Accompanist: Dixie Otto*

Church Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201

During our time without a settled pastor, we are blessed to have Paul Versluis as our part-time interim pastor.

Office hours: Monday-Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by appointment

Cell phone: (734) 255-7006

Email: pastor@springsmc.org

If a pastoral need arises when neither the pastor nor Wendy has office hours, please call one of the elders listed below.

Don Green- (814) 662-4309

Melinda Gibson- day: (814) 662-2711; evening: (301) 895-3303

Karin Miller- (301) 707-3432

Enos Tice- (814) 662-4331

Phoebe Wiley- (814) 662-4104

Web address: www.springsmc.org

Secretary: Wendy Brenneman

Email: office@springsmc.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bulletin: All announcements are due Friday 8:00 a.m.



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 song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

Board of Elders: Don Green(Chair), Melinda Gibson, Karin Miller
Enos Tice, Phoebe Wiley

Congregational Chair: Terry Livengood

December 9, 2018 Totals

S.S. ATTENDANCE	80
W.S. ATTENDANCE	105
OFFERING	\$2,650.00

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Activities This Week

- Today- Children's Christmas Program
- Mon- Christmas Cookie Swap, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Thurs- Women's AM Bible Study,
9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., Dixie's Home
- Prayer Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Activities

- Dec 24- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm.
- Jan 6- Elders' Meeting
- Jan 7- Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 20- Allegheny Conference Offerin

Our theme song for the month of December is "Hope Is a Candle" (STS 15). In this season of Advent, we are grateful that "Love is a candle whose light makes a circle, where ev'ry face is the face of a friend." We find encouragement to "widen the circle by sharing and giving."

The Hospitality Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped with Annie Beitzel's funeral meal. Be sure to pick up your cake pans, please.

Deb Brenneman and the Ace of Hearts Relay For Life Team would like to thank the congregation for allowing us to use the church for Caravan Registration and also for printing our booklets. After making a donation to the church, we had over \$900.00 in donations the day of Caravan. Blessings.

Would you like to send Christmas greetings to the residents at Goodwill Home? A basket will be in the foyer this Sunday and next, where you can put Christmas cards for the Goodwill residents. Cards will be delivered in time for Christmas.

On December 30, our worship theme will be "God's Love Revealed" (Col. 3:12-17). In lieu of a message, the Elders and Worship Committee are inviting **children and adults of ALL ages** to participate in "cardboard testimonies." (See YouTube "Cardboard testimonies" for ideas.) Sunday school teachers are encouraged to bring up the topic in their classes. The "testimony" should answer one of these questions: When have you felt clothed with love or felt God's love for you, either at SMC or elsewhere? There will be a short meeting after the worship service on December 16 to discuss size of cardboard and letters and testimony length. Contact Melinda or Phoebe for more information.

TOMORROW NIGHT is the Christmas Cookie Swap in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. Bring 3 dozen cookies or so and swap among the participants. Recipient suggestions are also welcomed. Contact Melinda Gibson or Kim Miller for more information.

Council Significant Items

11/6/2018

1. Missions Offering was distributed with:
\$2,000 going to the Somerset Food Bank
\$2,000 going to the Garrett County Department of Aging and Nutrition
\$643.50 going to MCC
\$643.50 going to MDS
Total \$5,287.00.
2. A Culligan water softener will be purchased at a price of \$2,400.
3. Elders are working on a pictorial collage of members.

Elders Significant Items

11/27/2018

All members in attendance and Paul Versluis as interim pastor

- 1) Paul has attended his first Worship committee meeting. He also was taken around to meet some members that are shut ins or reside at retirement homes.
- 2) A plan was established for the possibility of cancelling the worship service in the case of severe weather.
- 3) The Pastor Search committee was affirmed on Sunday, November 25th. The members are: Doug Berg, Rosie Cupler, Nancy Green, Deb Hoover, Ryan Miller, and Laban Tice.
- 4) Upcoming Sundays and service arrangements through December and January were discussed. December 30th we will be asking for people to share “cardboard testimonies” of a time when they felt covered by God’s love for them. The theme is based on the scripture selected for that Sunday. Contact Phoebe Wiley for more information or to volunteer.

The meeting adjourned with a time of prayer for the congregation and other concerns.

12/09/2018

All members in attendance

- 1) The Pastor Search committee has met and has decided to meet on Wednesdays. They have reached out to Dave Mishler, Allegheny Conference Minister, to see when he would be available to meet with them.
- 2) Cardboard testimonies for Sunday, December 30th are still being sought.
- 3) The congregation affirmed the transfer of membership of Doug and Barb Root to Shalom Mennonite in Harrisonburg, VA on Sunday, December 9th. The Elders will prepare a letter to go along with the transfer thanking them for their service to this congregation.
- 4) Upcoming Sundays and service arrangements were discussed.