

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

November 28, 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Focus: *Can we, dare we, embrace hope once more? We can when we remember God's steadfast goodness and the goodness of learning and walking in God's ways.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: We light a candle of hope. And we imagine:

People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.

Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Opening Songs- *Holy, Holy, Holy!*
There is a Redeemer

Words of Confession and Assurance

Leader: A friend once said children grow taller at night— while at rest—bones quietly stretch, and bit by bit their bodies grow. Trees grow silently, too— from deep inside—energy is released. Branches reach for the light. People can grow silently, too.

People: We confess that all too often we stifle the growth God inspires deep inside of us, preferring the immediate, the good enough, the comfortable.

Leader: In Advent—O God—cause us to get up on our tiptoes, lean forward, and extend our gaze.

People: Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring up, will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope. (silence)

Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture— *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Message— *“Hot Digits Dog - Here Comes the Promise”*

Visual Song of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbtEYUmirBE>

Benediction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgO80UAH50Q>

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ *“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.*

¹⁵ *“‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land.*

¹⁶ *In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it^a will be called:*

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

Worship Leader: N/A

Message: John Verburg

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

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Song Leader: Faith Verburg

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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.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located at the back of the church near the elevator.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 3- Doug Otto

December 4- Matt Green

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November 28- Ken & Diana Detrick

Calendar of Events

December 1- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

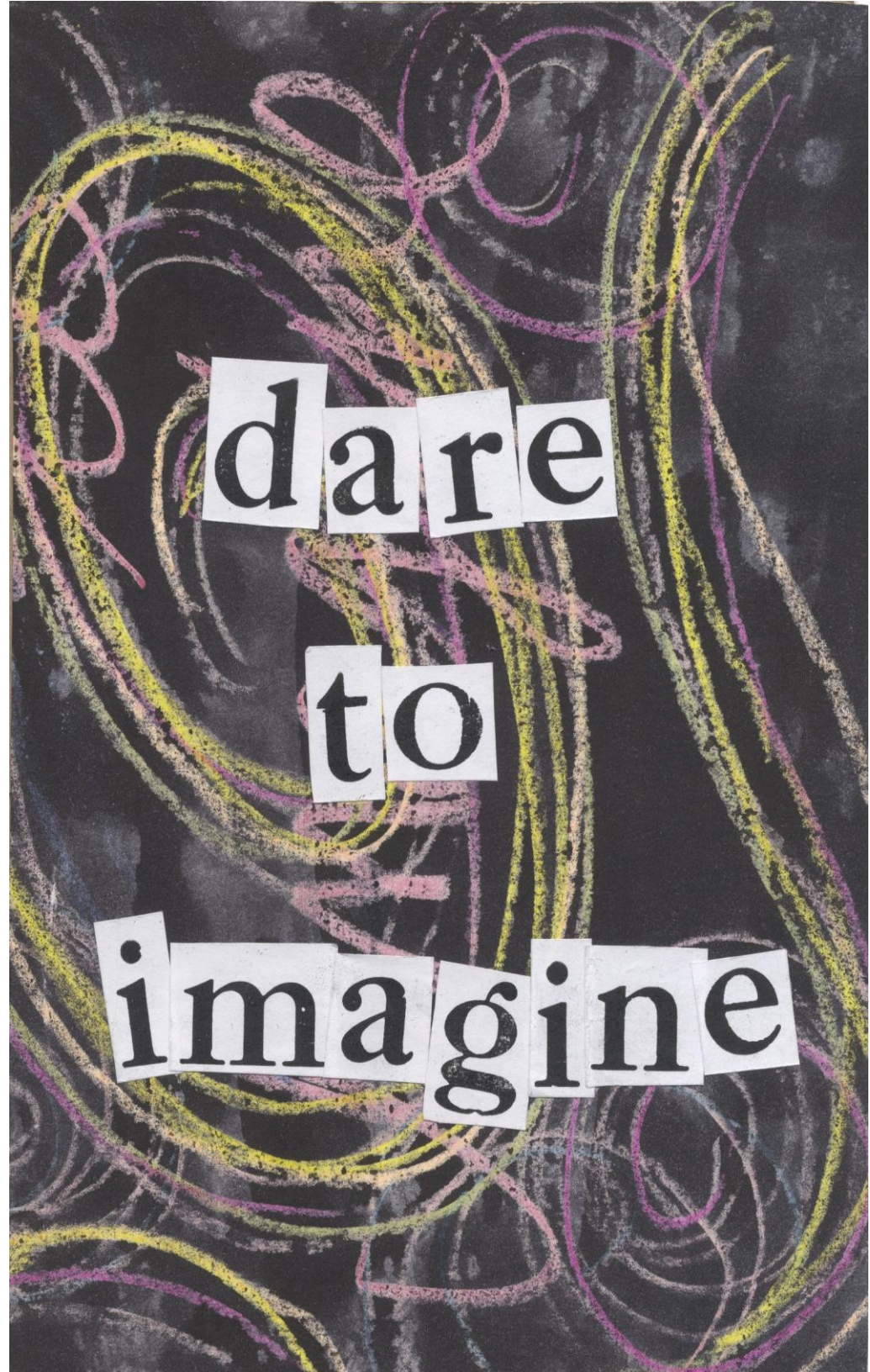
December 4- Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

December 11- Progressive Dinner, 3:00 PM

December 13- Music/Worship Committee Meeting

December 14- Elders' Meeting, 6:30 PM

January 21- Kids Night, 5:00-7:00 PM



Church Prayer & Praise
Prayers for Family and Friends

David Otto, Barbara Bruehl, Deb Kolb, Edgar Rembold,
Phyllis Maust, John & Faith Verburg, Brett Twigg & Family,
Rachel Rohrer, Audrey Kinsinger, Esther (Pat) Miller,
Gary Bowser, Rayetta Brant,
Dave & Janice Ewing, Linda Gindlesperger

Those in Missions

Phoebe Wiley- Prison Ministry
Naomi Tice- Bammental, Germany

Those in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Olen Rembold, Shirley Brandes, Audrey Kinsinger, Fannie Beachy,
Mabel Beiler, Rayetta Brant, Betty Miller, Shirley Teets

Prayers for School Staff & Students

Aaron Beiler, Beth Miller, Jamie Clark,
Holly Clark, Andrew Durst, Melissa Durst,
Beth Green, Pat Haglund, Kim Miller, Ryan Miller,
Carrie Sines, Adrienne Vogt, Phoebe Wiley, John Wright

God
ALWAYS
KEEPS HIS *Promises*

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.

We are inviting children to participate in worship through pre-recorded videos on December 19th. If you haven't received a part and your child wants to join us, contact Carolyn Tice immediately.

The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery by Sarah Augustine has been added to our church library. This is a tremendous, liberating work full of love for God and neighbor.

Rejoice magazines are now available on the credence stand in the foyer.

The Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, December 11th. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We will start at 3:00 and will be served a 5 course meal throughout the night. Please sign up even if you don't want to host. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Pattison.

We are still collecting empty Clorox containers in the foyer.

The Visual Arts Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to be used in the church during the Christmas season. Available colors are red and white. The poinsettias come in 6-inch pots, and each one costs \$8.00. The poinsettia will be yours to take home by Christmas. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the order form placed in your mailbox (extras on the credence stand) and place it in Rosie Cupler's mailbox no later than today. If you can't pick up your order form, you may call Janet Bender (814) 662-2870 to place your order. Checks should be made payable to Springs Mennonite Church with Flowers in the memo line.

Blessings abound with the Clarks & Yoders this winter! We'd like to welcome these new little ones to the congregation by showering the parents with diapers and gifts! We will be collecting packages of diapers (any size) in the foyer by the elevator through today, November 28th. There will also be a basket for gift cards, money and/or well wishes! Any undesignated gifts will be divided between the two families.

Jeff and Michelle Maust wish to join our church family here at Springs Mennonite Church. Please read their spiritual journey which lead them here.

Maust Family Spiritual Journey

Our journey as a family that has led us to Springs Mennonite Church has been full of twists and turns, ups, downs, highs and lows that have formed our relationship with God and refined our spiritual gifts.

Michelle grew up in eastern Maryland before coming to Frostburg State University to study teaching. While in school, she became involved in a local church called New Beginnings and served there as the children's pastor and decided to remain in the area after graduation to teach and serve in the church. Jeff grew up in the Springs area before attending college in Philadelphia to study Culinary Arts. Upon graduation he returned to the area and has worked in several local restaurants as well as other foodservice positions. We met at the church in Frostburg where Michelle was serving and were married a few years later. Together we have 3 wonderful children, Preston (12), Jayden (11) and Katelyn (7).

We attended and served the New Beginning Church until it dissolved approximately 12 years ago. Since that time, we have attended a variety of local churches looking for a place to call home but did not find one until our journey led us to Springs Mennonite Church. We feel at home here and are excited to join you in serving the community using the gifts that God has blessed us with.

	<u>November 21, 2021 Totals</u>
General Offering	\$2,612.00
Missions Offering	\$150.00
Attendance	65

Elders Meeting November 16, 2021

In attendance: Pastor John Verburg, Don Green, Ken Detrick, Deb Brenneman, Sherry Abel

1. Ken gave the devotional from the book of Colossians.
2. Discussion on the Allegheny Conference Faith and Life meeting:
 - a. Pastor stated it went very well. The money distribution from the sale of the International Guest House in Washington D.C., should be decided at the next meeting in June 2022, and distribution of monies should happen by August 2022.
3. Jeff and Michelle Maust want to join our church.
 - a. They will be asked to write about their spiritual journey, to be placed in the bulletin.
4. Deb Strickland would like to join the church; the Pastor will meet with her and her husband.
5. Mentors for Church's young people — discussion and questions:
 - a. Who would be interested in having a mentor?
 - b. What would the interests of the mentored be?
 - c. Mentor and Youth activities do not have to be church-related.
6. Ken will be attending the Worship Committee meeting in December.
7. Pastor will be away, Sunday, January 2; the Worship Committee is planning a carol sing for that service.
8. Deb stated that there are 35 to 40 individuals to whom the church wants to deliver poinsettias.
 - a. The current cost is approximately \$8.25 per poinsettia.
9. Don stated that anyone working with children at the church needs to have a (PA Act 153) Background Check through the church office.