

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 12, 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say: Rejoice!

People: Shout for joy, rejoice with all your heart!

Leader: God sings over you. Fear not, for God is in your midst.

People: Shout for joy, rejoice with all your heart!

Leader: Sing praises to God---Shout aloud and sing for joy.

People: God is in our midst.

Leader: We listen

People: We strain to grasp the sound of God's song.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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

People: Jubilation! Rejoicing! Do not fear!

Leader: We light the candle and join in God's song, singing loudly, singing fiercely, singing together.

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

Opening Songs

Confession

Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Message- Don't Hold Back--Shout Really Loud!

Visual Song of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDmIddF7DfQ>

Benediction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZ2djzQ9J64>

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ *Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!*

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ *The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.*

¹⁶ *On that day they will say to Jerusalem,*

"Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

¹⁷ *The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.*

He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

¹⁸ *"I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you.*

¹⁹ *At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame.*

²⁰ *At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes^[a] before your very eyes," says the LORD.*

with his love
He will calm
all your fears
ZEPHANIAH 3:17

Worship Leader: Jeff Pattison

Message: John Verburg

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

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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 14- Sharon Livengood, Holly Clark

December 15- Brayden Thomas, Phoebe Wiley

December 16- Shirley Brandes, Deb Brenneman

Calendar of Events

December 13- Music/Worship Committee Meeting

December 14- Elders' Meeting, 6:30 PM

December 15- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

December 18- Second Wind, 7:00 PM

December 24- Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 PM

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



The Missions offering this year totaled \$7584.00 !! The offering will be sent on to these missions groups:

\$1000.00 Somerset Co Mobile Food Bank
\$1000.00 Garrett Co Food Bank
\$1000.00 Somerset Co Food Pantry
\$2750.40 Mennonite Central Committee (60% of remaining)
\$1833.60 Mennonite Disaster Service (40% of remaining)

Significant Items
Church Council Meeting
December 7, 2021

1. The treasurer presented the quarterly reports.
2. Council discussed requests from two Sunday school classes for needy people in the community who would benefit from the Lipscomb bequest money. Requests were approved for \$500 each for suggestions made by Class # 1 and Class # 7.
3. Discussion is ongoing about the heating system and what is the best way to repair or replace it.
4. The church attic will be cleaned out soon, and anyone who knows of anything up there that definitely needs to be kept should contact Jerry Abel or Paul Durst.

We will be having an outdoor Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24th starting at 5:00 PM. There will be a live nativity as well as congregational singing.

Our heartfelt Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Jennifer Bodes who passed away on December 7th.

On Saturday, December 18, at 7 PM, Second Wind will be giving a Christmas Bluegrass program. Please observe COVID protocols; masks will be provided for those who need one. You are also welcome to join from your vehicle in the parking lot on FM 87.9.

Check out the DVD *Christmas Oranges* from our church library. Share a slice of Christmas sweetened with friendship and love in this poignant Christmas story.

I want to thank my church family for the poinsettia that was delivered to me by Ron and Becki Peck. My Christmas greetings to all. May you all have a Blessed Christmas as you celebrate our Savior's birth.

Darlene Miller

The Daughters of Dorcas would like to let everyone know that there is an abundance of Rada cutlery available for sale...they would make great Christmas gifts and are a great product to use in your kitchen... the items will be available for purchasing on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm when the ladies meet to quilt, knot comforters, sew, iron and other jobs that need to be done...just stop by the Church, come to the sewing room, and check out what we have... we thank you in advance!

Christmas Cards for Goodwill residents: Once again, we will be collecting Christmas cards to be delivered to Goodwill residents. A basket has been placed in the church foyer for your cards. Thank you!

	<u>December 5, 2021 Totals</u>
General Offering	\$6,860.69
Missions Offering	\$100.00
Attendance	80

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.

Of the Father's Love Begotten (HWB #104)

1 Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.

2 Oh, that birth forever blessed
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face
evermore and evermore.

3 This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.

4 Let the heights of heav'n adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
pow'rs, dominions bow before him
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.

5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unending praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore.

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Shining afar through shadows dim
Giving the light to those who long have gone
Guiding the Wise Men on their way
Unto the place where Jesus lay
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Oh Beautiful Star (Beautiful, Beautiful Star)
Of Bethlehem (Star of Bethlehem)
Shine upon us until the glory dawns
Give us the light to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Beautiful Star the hope of light
Guiding the pilgrims through the night
Over the mountains 'til the break of dawn
Into the light of perfect day
It will give out a lovely ray
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Oh Beautiful Star (Beautiful, Beautiful Star)
Of Bethlehem (Star of Bethlehem)
Shine upon us until the glory dawns
Give us the light to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Beautiful Star the hope of rest
For the redeemed, the good and the blessed
Yonder in glory when the crown is won
Jesus is now that star divine
Brighter and brighter He will shine
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on

Oh Beautiful Star (Beautiful, Beautiful Star)
Of Bethlehem (Star of Bethlehem)
Shine upon us until the glory dawns
Give us the light to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on.