

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 16, 2022

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Opening Songs

**Children are dismissed for Children's Church out the back doors*

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer/Allegheny Conference Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture – *Matthew 28:16-20*

Message – *How it began*

Video of Response

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_GgZsUyzHA

Benediction

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaZ351NVDUY>

Worship Leader: Ben Yoder

Message: John Verburg

Accompanist: Faith Verburg

Worship Planner: Ben Yoder

Sound Room: Don Green

Song Leader: Pat Haglund

Video: Reuben Tice

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Copies of the church By-Laws and Plan of Organization, as revised this fall, are available in the church foyer for anyone who wishes to have a copy.

GO TELL IT ON THE
MOUNTAIN THAT
Jesus Christ
IS BORN

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.

Church Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201

Pastor: John Verburg

Office hours: Generally Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
or by appointment

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and otherwise
by appointment



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!

January 16- Henry Yoder

January 18- Chad Fisher

January 21- Rebecca Shoemaker

Calendar of Events

TODAY- Allegheny Conference Offering

January 19- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

January 21- Kids Night, 5:30-7:30 PM

February 1- Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

GO THEREFORE AND
MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN
THE NAME OF THE
FATHER AND OF THE
SON AND OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT,

Matthew 28:19

The second quarter Allegheny Conference Offering will be taken TODAY.

Our Christian Sympathy goes out to the family of Brett Twigg who passed away on December 30.

If you would like to send Mary Beth and Ellie words of encouragement and love to them, you may do so at:

*26 Twin Lakes Circle
Martinsburg, WV 25405*

To my Springs family:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful cards and gifts both for Christmas and my birthday! I hope all of you are managing to stay healthy and safe in this holiday season.

Although this is my second Christmas and birthday in Germany, this year I finally managed to get a taste of what the holiday season here is really like. All the Christmas markets were closed almost two weeks after opening (and most opened early this year), so once again, I haven't been able to experience a true German "Weihnachtsmarkt," but this year, our church was able to gather for Christmas Eve (although the number of guests allowed from outside of our congregation was limited), and I was able to celebrate Christmas with housemates and friends, instead of spending Christmas alone in quarantine. And this year, because only one of us (compared to six of us last year) in our house is currently in quarantine, I was able to host my first official "Kaffee und Kuchen" (Coffee and Cake), a German birthday tradition. It was a relatively small celebration, limited to just my housemates due to current regulations regarding private gatherings, but I am grateful for being able to enjoy even just a small "taste" of German culture in these extraordinary times.

Sei gesegnet im kommenden Jahr! Be blessed in the coming year!

Love, Naomi

Thank you to everyone who helped us with Advent and Christmas displays by ordering poinsettias, gifting 2 large poinsettias, making Advent candles, moving trees to and from the garage, loaning a tree and lights, loaning chart stands, reprinting lettering for a poster, and creating complementary bulletin covers. Those people include: Jerry Abel, Jane Benson, Carol Tice, Carolyn & Enos Tice, Isaac Tice, John and Faith Verburg, and Phoebe Wiley. Thank you all for your affirmations and suggestions. *Rosie & Jan-- Visual Arts*

**Significant Items
Church Council Meeting
January 4, 2022**

1. Council considered and approved some more suggestions for the Lipscomb bequest money designated for the poor and needy of the community.
2. There was more discussion of the church heating system. Council agreed to purchase a new steam boiler furnace and to make repairs or upgrades to the current propane furnace. Also, a new dehumidifier will be purchased for the furnace room.
3. Council approved the purchase of a new computer and software for the church office.
4. The Bible School Committee will begin making plans for summer Bible School.
5. A request for support from the Student Aid fund was approved.
6. A committee was set in place for employee reviews.

January 2, 2021 Totals

General Offering	\$5,308.00
Attendance	45

*I am
with you
always*

Our existing Pastoral Covenant Agreement with John indicates that a review process be undertaken in preparation for a renewal agreement. A committee to accomplish the work in a timely fashion is in place. Holly Clark, Melinda Gibson, Ryan Miller, Paul Durst and Don Green will serve. A target date for completion of this task is April 1, 2022. In preparation, a period of congregational comments will be welcomed commencing Sunday, January 23 and lasting through Sunday, February 6. Thank you in advance for your interest and input. Details and updates to follow. *-Leadership*

There are no words to express our sincere appreciation to our church family and friends. The notes of inspiration, prayers, food, and gifts during that past year were very overwhelming. The journey during Brett's cancer fight was very consuming, but there were many things God continued to do and put in place to let us know that he was with us. We ask for your continued prayers for Mary Beth, Ellie, and all who loved him.

-Bob & Nancy

Valentine's Day Dinner, Jeff Maust along with the Hospitality Committee will be hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner here at the church. It will be held February 5th at 5:30 PM. Your choice of entrees will be baked steak or chicken marsala. Please use the card in the bulletin for your reservation. Place the cards in the basket in the back of the church. Deadline is January 30th for reservations.

The church secretary is in the process of updating the Informational Directory. Letters were placed in mailboxes this week for updates and changes. Deadline to turn in your updates and changes is January 30. If you don't have a mailbox but would still like to be included in the directory, there are extra copies available on the credence stand in the foyer.