

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 27, 2022

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

**Focus:** *As we seek God's way, we move from a sense that "we" and "ours" have special standing to the knowledge that all are equally part of God's kingdom.*

## Welcome

## Lighting of the Peace Lamp

## Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: rejoicing that we are new creations in Christ.**

Leader: From a human point of view, we demand what is ours,

**People: but through Jesus we learn that all share in God's inheritance.**

Leader: Let us join God's feast,

**People: where all celebrate together.**

*All: Let us live out God's way of inclusion.*

## Children's Time

*\*Children are dismissed for Children's Church*

## Opening Songs

**HWB #139-** *Far, far away from my loving father*

**HWB #528-** *I stand amazed in the presence*

## Responsive reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

*One: We seek God's ways.*

*All: Lord, move us from our tribal thinking to your radical inclusion.*

## Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for thinking we deserve special treatment. Lead us to radical inclusion.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly

*All: and follow your way more faithfully.*

## Offertory Prayer

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Scripture- Psalm 32:1-7

<sup>1</sup> *Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*

<sup>2</sup> *Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.*

<sup>3</sup> *When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

<sup>4</sup> *For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.<sup>[b]</sup>*

<sup>5</sup> *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."*

*And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

<sup>6</sup> *Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.*

<sup>7</sup> *You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.*

## Message- "Forgiveness Is the Only Way"

## Visual Song of Response

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVC6rfX3Z8&list=RDEIVC6rfX3Z8&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVC6rfX3Z8&list=RDEIVC6rfX3Z8&start_radio=1)

## Benediction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pz4HPZbP90>

**Worship Leader:** Jeff Maust

**Message:** John Verburg

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Worship Planner:** Phoebe Wiley

**Sound Room:** Don Green

**Song Leader:** Phoebe Wiley

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

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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!**

**March 31-** Mackenzie Phillips

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**April 1-** Jerry & Sherry Abel

**Calendar of Events**

**March 30-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**April 2-** Community Easter Egg Hunt

**April 5-** Council Meeting- 7:00 PM

**April 11-** Music/Worship Committee Meeting

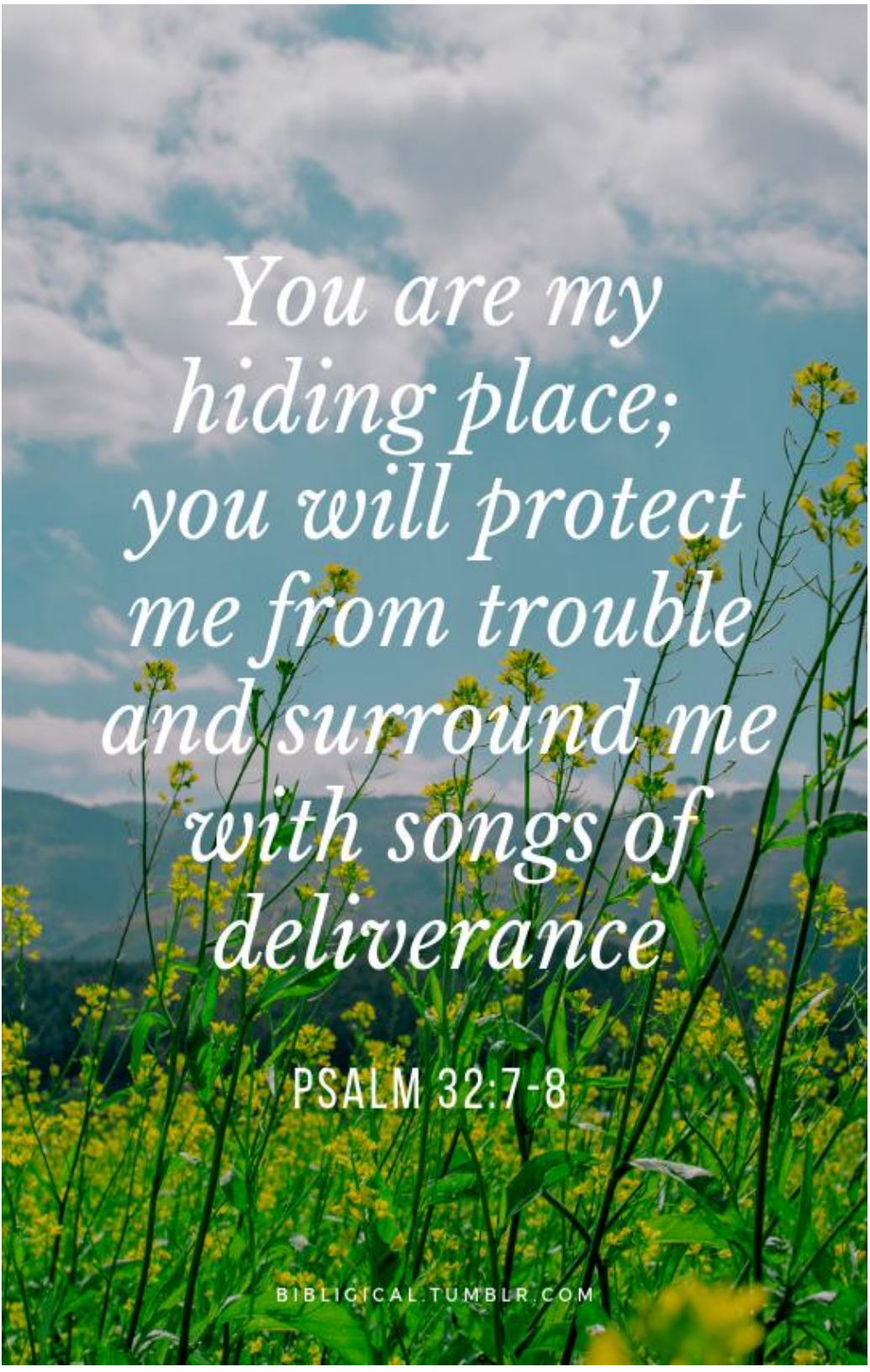
**April 23-** Kids Night/Movie Night 7:00 PM

**April 24-** Allegheny Conference Offering

**March 20, 2022 Totals**

**General Offering** \$3,000.00

**Attendance** 89



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PSALM 32:7-8

**We need to update our Volunteer Background Checks** for those who are now working with children, or plan to work with children's ministries including Sunday school, Bible School, Kids Nights, Children's Church or any child related activity. Please fill in the requested information and place in Wendy's mailbox no later than Monday, March 28, 2022. Thank you for your prompt response.

Full Name

Address

Email

Phone Number

Full Birthday MM/DD/YYYY

*For those who would like to send condolences to the family of Esther Martin who recently passed away you may do so at:*

*Elvin Martin  
The Gardens at West Shore  
770 Poppler Church  
Camp Hill, PA 17011*

*Brian & Heidi Walker Family  
847 Donerville Road  
Millersville, PA 17551*

*On Friday, April 1st anyone who would like to help fill the eggs for our Community Easter Egg Hunt please meet at the church at 6:00 PM.*

*Kate Bowler's memoir *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved* has been added to our church library. With lovely prose and sharp wit, she tells of her cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment. It is an inspiring story of finding faith--in God, in family, and in oneself.*

*We are planning a Memorial Service on Sunday morning, May 29th in honor of all those who have passed the last couple of years. If you have someone who has passed (does not need to be a member or an attendee at Springs) that you would like to honor, please contact Phoebe Wiley. We are asking that you submit pictures and a short paragraph about the person who you wish to be honored.*

**The Easter Chorus is back! Spread the word!**

The chorus will be singing during the 10:30 a.m Worship Service on April 17th. Our first practice will be this **Monday, March 28th at 7pm!** All those who have missed choral singing are invited to join in. We will be doing two selections from "Behold the Lamb" by Dennis and Nan Allen. The music includes "The Wonderful Cross" and "I Stand in the Presence *with* Behold the Lamb". We believe you will find these to be beautiful arrangements that are still fairly easy to sing. **Copies of the music have been placed in black folders which may be picked up in the sanctuary from the front bench near the piano.** Practice CDs and mp3 files are available by contacting Byron Miller at 301-895-5706. Contact Karin Miller at 301-707-3432 with any questions.

Parents of children ages 6-17 who are planning to send their child to Laurelville should let Carolyn Tice know as soon as they make the decision so the church's portion of the cost can be paid. Note that there is an additional discount of \$25 for those who register before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Questions? See Carolyn Tice or visit the Laurelville website (<https://laurelville.org/program-events/youth/church-camp-pa/>) for more details.

**Notes Jr. Dept. and Youth:**

1. Jr. Dept. and Youth classes are planned to start Sunday May 1st. We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you have any questions contact Deb B. or Carolyn T.

**Younger Adult Sunday school Class**

As we continue to regroup in the current "living with COVID" life, we are looking at the possibility of beginning a new Sunday School Class for younger adults. This would/could coordinate with the reopening of our Children's Sunday school classes which are planned to begin the first of May. Alternatively, we definitely want to begin this effort by September.

If you would be interested in attending or sharing in the leading of this class, please pass along your interest to Nancy Green (the Adult Sunday school Coordinator), or John.

*The Sundays with no Children's Church we invite all children to the front of the church during the children's video/skit, after which they will collect the coins for My Coins Count. On the Sundays we have Children's Church, children will be dismissed during our time of singing. Please be sure to pick your child(ren) up in the gym immediately following the conclusion of our church service.*

**Church Prayer & Praise**

Phoebe Wiley, Renee Jones, Mary Lou Jordan, Deb Kolb, Phyllis Maust, John & Faith Verburg, Rachel Rohrer, Audrey Kinsinger, Esther (Pat) Miller, Gary Bowser, Rayetta Brant, Dave & Janice Ewing,

**Those in Missions**

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



***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.*