

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 11, 2022

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Focus: This is a week of encouragement. We can be strong because the one who can truly restore us is coming. WE have hope because of what we have already seen

Welcome

Call to Worship

Candle Lighting

Song of Advent- HWB #172- O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Children's Story

Offering Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Congregational Singing-

HWB #184- Hark the Glad Sound

HWB #182- Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee?

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Sending Forth for Enos & Carolyn Tice

Scripture- Isaiah 35: 1-10

Message- "Gladness and Joy Will Overtake You"

Benediction

Song of Sending- HWB #398- I Love to Tell the Story

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,
²it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.
³Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;
⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."
⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
⁸And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.
⁹No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,
¹⁰and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leaders: Ryan & Brittany Miller

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Worship Planner: Beth Green

Sound Room: Noel Livengood

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!

December 11- Tammy Miller, Bob Brenneman

December 14- Sharon Livengood, Holly Clark

December 15- Brayden Thomas, Phoebe Wiley

December 16- Shirley Brandes, Deb Brenneman

December 17- Debra Strickland

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

December 11- Scott & Betty Kinsinger

**Who can we serve?
How can we serve?**



Calendar of Events

TODAY- Children's Christmas Program Practice, After Church

December 12- Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

December 13- Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

December 14- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

December 17- Bluegrass Music Program, 6:30 PM
at the Folk Meeting House

December 18- Dress Rehearsal Children's Program, After Church
Children's Christmas Program, 6:30 PM

December 19- Cookie Swap, 5:30 PM

December 24- Outdoor Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 PM

A Sending Breakfast for Enos and Carolyn Tice who will be entering into a time of service will be held Sunday, December 18th at 8:30 AM (NOTE TIME CHANGE). Please join us for this time of fellowship.

To all children participating in the Children's Christmas Program: Please plan to attend a short practice directly after church TODAY! Dress rehearsal will then take place on Sunday, December 18th for all children and adults involved. A meal will be provided as well.

The Salisbury-Elk Lick Music Department will be hosting their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 13, at 7 PM in the high school gym. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted at the door. Come out and support our student musicians while enjoying the sounds of the season!

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt planning meeting on January 8th at 6:00 PM for this year's hunt. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping.

Please do not bring open containers of liquid into the sanctuary. Closed lid containers only. Thank you!

There will be a Bluegrass Music Program on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 6:30 PM at the Folk Meeting House. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. If you would like to donate cookies there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Advent 'Figures' Visual

Our Advent –Epiphany theme this year is 'Restoration is near.' "Restoration happens in our bodies when we heal. Restoration happens when our communities handle conflict well and promote justice. Restoration can happen in relationships between people; it can happen between us and God. Jesus himself was restored in the resurrection. Our world longs for restoration, and God acts to bring it about."* Our changing visual in the front of the sanctuary represents the restoration of relationships. *Leader, Fall 2022, Vol.20, No. 1, Menno Media, p. 37.

A basket has been placed in the foyer for Christmas cards for residents of Goodwill Home and Meyersdale Manor. Please help to brighten their holiday by sending them a card. Thank you!

Fannie Beachy, Mabel Beiler, Rayetta Brant, Betty Miller, Esther "Pat" Miller & Marvette Hollada

The Daughters of Dorcas (quilting, making comforters, sewing, ironing, and cutting material group) has a wide variety of RADA CUTLERY for sale (steak knives, super parers, granny forks, peelers, serrated bread slicers, heavy duty paring, pizza cutter, grapefruit knife, handi-stir, tomato slicer, server spoon & food chopper) These items make excellent gifts and will be available every Wednesday from 10:00am-3:00pm in the sewing room. Come and see what we have! Christmas is just around the corner!



Missions Offering total- \$7,039.00 was distributed as follows:

Garrett County Food Bank	\$1,000.00
Somerset County Food Bank	\$1,000.00
Somerset Mobile Food Bank	\$1,000.00
MCC	\$2,423.40
MDS	\$1,615.60
Total	\$7,039.00

December 4, 2022 Offering Total

General Offering	\$7,998.00
Attendance	107

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.