

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 4, 2022

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Focus: In a world where power holds sway, Jesus will judge differently. We are called to prepare the way for this new kind of ruler. This calls for repentance and truth-telling.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse; its root shall bear fruit.

People: May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit bearers of your harvest, bringing forth the fruit of dwelling, longing, unity, and peace.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us, bright as morning glory.

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and through you, life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

All: In you there is glorious rest.

Candle-Lighting

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

People: Prepare the way of the Lord, make God's paths straight.

Leader: As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Song of Advent- HWB #178- Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Children's Story

Offering Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Congregational Singing-

HWB #191- O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1 & 4)

HWB #195- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (v. 1,3 &5)

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- Isaiah 11: 1-10

Message- "The Branch Will Bear Fruit"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ6QPDPgzXI&list=RDez6QPDpgzXI&start_radio=1

Benediction

Song of Sending- HWB #174- Blessed Be the God of Israel (v. 1)
Isaiah 11: 1-10

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together; and a little child will lead them.

⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Jeff Pattison

Accompanist: Byron Miller

Worship Planner: Deb Hoover

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Song Leader: Karin Miller

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 4- Matthew Green

December 6- Shari Beitzel

December 7- Norma Jean Doyle

December 10- Mary Lou Jordan, Justin Livengood
Noel Livengood



Listen to the angels
Don't be afraid,
Believe the unbelievable.
Something new is being birthed.
God's promise of hope & peace
is coming into the world.
Let God's joy pierce the sadness,
let Spirits truth transform
the wrongness,
Allow Christ's love
To be birthed in you.

-Christine Sine

Calendar of Events

- December 6-** Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
- December 7-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM
- December 10-** Progressive Dinner, 2:00 PM
- December 12-** Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM
- December 13-** Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM
- December 17-** Bluegrass Music Program, 6:30 PM
at the Folk Meeting House
- December 18-** Children's Christmas Program, 6:30 PM
- December 19-** Cookie Swap, 5:30 PM
- December 24-** Outdoor Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 PM

A big thank you to the church for the beautiful poinsettias we at Goodwill received. Christmas Blessings to all!

To all children participating in the Children's Christmas Program: Please plan to attend a short practice directly after church on Sunday, December 11th. 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 will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Elders Meeting
Sunday November 13, 2022

Those in attendance were John Verburg, Don Green, Ken Detrick, Rosie Cupler, and Deb Brenneman.

Devotions were led by Ken Detrick, based on Acts 20: 22-24. Ken stressed the importance of not only running the race, but also running it faithfully to the end.

Approval of the minutes was given.

1. A monetary gift was given to the Everence Caring Fund for their recent presentation.

2. Discussion items:

- a. Helping families over the holidays if need arises.
- b. Church donations to area food banks.
- c. Christmas programming schedule:

-The Junior Department Program will be held Sunday evening December 18th.

-Christmas Day we will only have Worship Service at normal 10:30 time.

-New Year's Day all church programs will be held at normally scheduled times.

3. Poinsettias will be delivered to area shut-ins and Church residents in nursing homes.

The meeting ended in prayer for the church and community.

Next meeting, Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:30 PM.

Who can we serve?
How can we serve?

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!

November 27, 2022 Offering Total
General Fund Offering \$2,283.00
Attendance 93

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.