

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 8, 2023

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship-

Leader: *O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your only son in all his glory to the people of the earth.*

People: **The manifestation of light and new life, you are Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: *Guide us into your presence, where we may see your glory face-to-face.*

People: **We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love as a blessing to your kingdom.**

All: *Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of lords and the King of kings.*

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Offering Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *Matthew 2:1-12*

Message- *“The Coming of the Magi”*

Song of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DSvPnN-9Pw>

Benediction

Song of Sending

Matthew 2:1-12

² *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^{1a} from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

³ *When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:*

⁶ *“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’^{7b}”*

⁷ *Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”*

⁹ *After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Ben Yoder

Accompanist: Faith Verburg

Worship Planner: Beth Green

Sound Room: Noel Livengood

Song Leader: Melinda Gibson

Video: Reuben 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!

January 8- Richard Yoder

January 9- Rick Critchfield, Tim Kinsinger

January 10- Jerry Abel, Ed Hoover, Marcia Saylor

January 13- Greta Beitzel

January 14- Don McKenzie, Scarlett Mitchell

January 1, 2022 Offering Total

General Offering \$2,089.00

Year-End Offering \$8,045.00

Attendance 95



Calendar of Events

Today- Easter Egg Hunt Planning Meeting, 6:00 PM
January 9- Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM
January 10- Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM
January 11- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM
January 14- Alvina Livengood Celebration of Life, 11:00 AM
January 15- Allegheny Conference Offering

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, texts, and phone calls but most importantly the prayers before, during and after my surgery. Things are going well, and I continue to heal. It is great to have a church family such as Springs.

-Byron & Sally Miller

The Sunday, January 15th offering will be designated for the Allegheny Mennonite Conference.

Flee. Be Silent. Pray. By Ed Cyzewski has been added to our church library. With guidance into solitude and contemplative prayer, the author leads us toward Christ.

Congratulations to the following children on completing the “Can you Spy the Bible Story?” bulletin board:

Ella Brenneman, Ripley Brenneman, Kinsley Clark, Cade Critchfield, Kyla Critchfield, Gibson Hoover, Nash Hoover, Kearstin Klein, Jayden Maust, Katelyn Maust, Preston Maust, Judah Miller, Scarlett Mitchell, and Paxton Walker.

Everyone is invited to attend Alvina Livengood’s Celebration of Life, that will be held here at the church on Saturday, January 14th at 11:00 AM. A fellowship meal will follow the service.

The Garrett United Methodist Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Christmas cantata, “Christmas Forever, Amen” today at 7:00 PM at the church on Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2023

1. Council will consider again some items that were brought up in the last year such as: possible guidelines for the Cemetery Committee, phone tree problems, a door camera for the office personnel.
2. Trustees are currently working on finding someone to repair the steps outside of the furnace room door, railing on the indoor steps, and a better plan to ensure that the furnace will reset in case of bad weather or an electrical outage.
3. Sunday School Class #4 that meets upstairs will continue with Julia Tice as teacher.
4. John has ordered several of the new hymnals *Voices Together* for the Music and Worship Committees to review.

Who can we serve?

How can we serve?

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt planning meeting today 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!

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.