

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

April 2, 2023

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

## We Gather

Welcome

## Lighting of the Peace Lamp

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

*All: for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna!*

*We bless the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord!*

## Congregational Singing

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we are isolated and alone;  
our failures are visible for all to see,

Our days pour out like sand,  
our years fade and are gone.

We are afraid to hope.

We confess to the lord... (silent prayer)

*All: To you, Lord, we commit all our hope and all  
our worship. Amen.*

## We Hear God's Word

## Children's Time

## Palm Sunday Processional

## Offertory Prayer

*\*\*Children will collect coins for My Coins Count\*\**

## Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *John 12:12-14*

Message- *"Has the Whole World Gone After Him?"*

## We Respond

## Song of Response

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2u\\_w5rcFqY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2u_w5rcFqY)

## Benediction

Leader: Love God, you who are God's holy people,

*All: for God's love endures forever.*

Leader: Praise God and give thanks.

*All: for God's love endures forever.*

Leader: Expect God, and welcome God's grace,

*All: for God's love endures forever.*

## Song of Sending

## John 12:12-18

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: <sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.

<sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.



Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Julia Tice

Worship Planner, Children's Story: Beth Green

Accompanist: Faith Verburg

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Song Leader: Phoebe Wiley

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

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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!**

**April 4-** Eugene Shoemaker

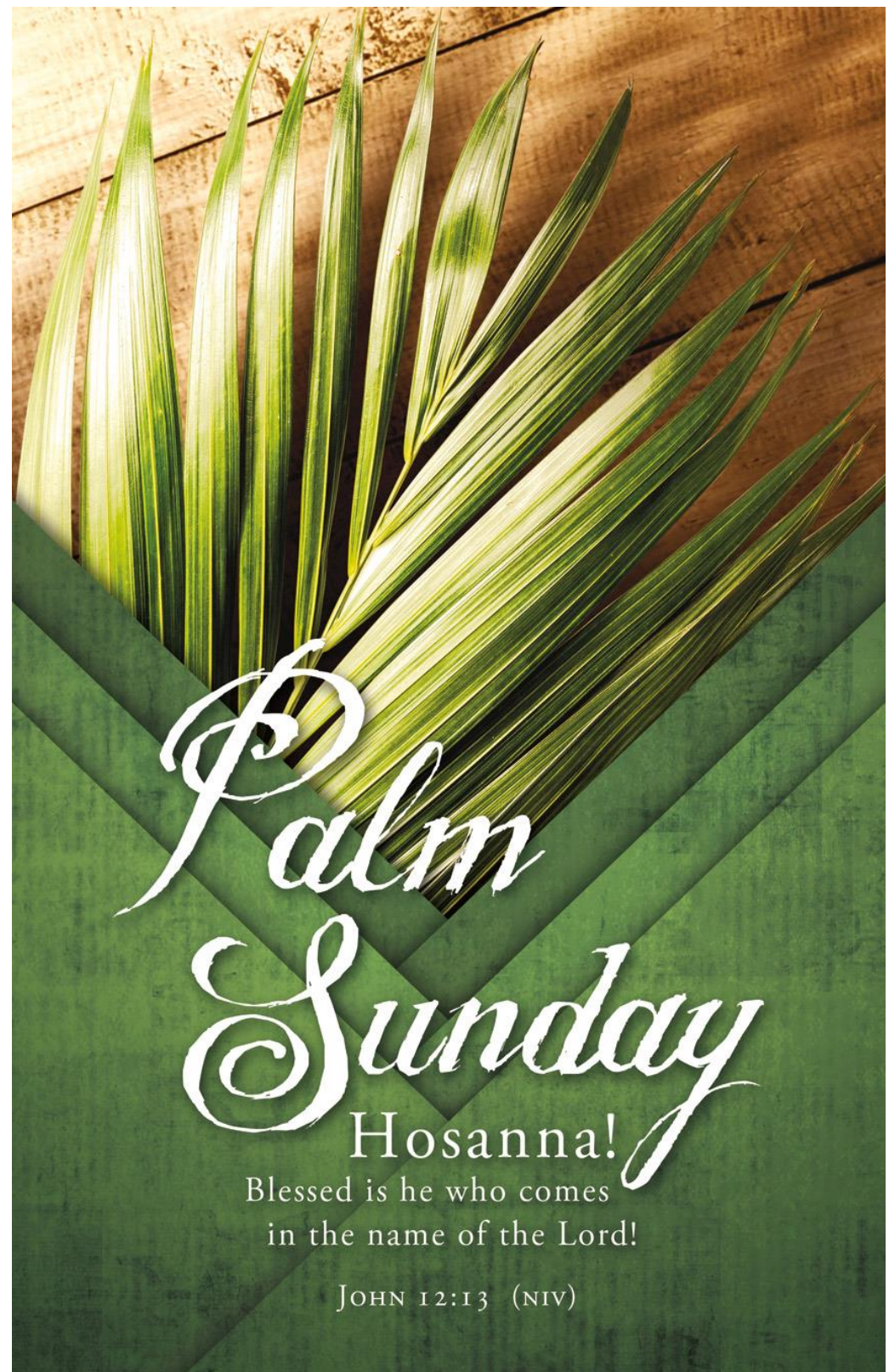
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**April 6-** Greg & Kim Miller

**March 26, 2023 Offering Total**

**General Offering** \$2,653.00

**Attendance** 97





### **Update on Molly's Missions work:**

Molly, along with the group from EMU, have lived in Johannesburg, Soweto, Pretoria and Cape Town. They are currently staying in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

### **Molly writes about the group's visit to Soweto:**

As we drove through the streets and made a few stops such as the Hector Pieterse memorial, we learned about the unfortunate circumstances the people living in the area deal with. Small houses, made in cheap ways, and with very little resources, cover the neighborhoods. These houses may be small, but as Andrew Suderman says: the homes within are large because of the warmth and hospitable spirit of the people. There might not be much space, but those that live in Soweto are very welcoming and hospitable; happily willing to add another to their compacted living spaces. This community also radiates hope. These streets are painted in streams of colors. Blue, red, green, yellow, purple, and orange. Those living in Soweto experience a good deal of creativity. From advertisements painted on walls, to street vendors, to full-out murals, every corner contains something interesting. This street art helps to keep the atmosphere alive and shows how it can uplift those around it with its bright and colorful nature. Art is culture, and even though those in Soweto have dealt with many harsh realities and pain, they seem to show up day in and day out with welcoming spaces and creative spirits that no one can ever take away.

**The Easter Basket delivery to Goodwill will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at Goodwill at 4:00 PM.**

The Grantsville Rotary will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM at Penn Alps. Christian Mash, the Garrett County State's Attorney, will be there to discuss crime in Garrett County. Please let Sherry Abel know if you are planning to attend. [sherryabel@comcast.net](mailto:sherryabel@comcast.net) or (814) 233-0510.

***The Garrett United Methodist Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Easter cantata, "O What a Savior", on Sunday evening, April 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM at their church on 800 Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening.***

### **Calendar of Events**

- April 3-** Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM
- April 4-** Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
- April 5-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM
- April 6-** Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing, 6:00 PM  
Easter Egg Dyeing, 6:00 PM
- April 7-** Church Open for Prayer, 12-6:00 PM
- April 8-** Deliver Easter Baskets to Goodwill, 4:00 PM  
Easter Chorus Practice, 10:00 AM
- April 9-** Sunrise Service at John & Faith's, 6:30 AM  
Early Easter Morning Service, 8:30 AM  
Carry-In Breakfast, 9:15 AM  
Regular Church Service, 10:30 AM
- April 16-** Allegheny Conference Offering
- April 18-** Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM
- June 10-** Kids Carnival
- June 23-** Grantsville Days Parade
- June 24-** Campfire Cookout
- June 25-29-** Bible School
- July 14-15-** TriState Relief Sale



*I would like to thank everyone who took the time to send me a birthday card. Between church, work, and friends I received over 100 cards! I also enjoyed the notes that were enclosed.*  
**-Mark Folk**

**For our Maundy Thursday service, people with last names beginning with A-M are requested to bring a shareable plate of cheese and crackers, etc. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a shareable plate of fruit, etc. Soup will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.**

*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.*

## Prayer & Praises

Mary Durst, James Hutzell, Ann Critchfield, Faith Verburg, Andi Hoover, Dwight Kipp, Angie Maust, John Doyle, Jared Green, Lori Brannen, Lou Detrick, Donna Fike, Carson Hutzell, Renee Jones, Mary Lou Jordan, Gary Bowser

## Those in Missions

Naomi Tice- Berlin, Germany  
Phoebe Wiley- Prison Ministry  
Molly Piwonka- South Africa  
Enos & Carolyn Tice- Americus, Georgia

## Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Lisa (Durst) Frye, Olen Rembold,  
Shirley Brandes, Fannie Beachy, Mabel Beiler,  
Rayetta Brant, Betty Miller

**Daughters of Dorcas needs help! A number of things that can be done without using a needle are: taking old clothes and other items apart and ironing fabric for making comforter blocks, cutting comforter blocks, and packing finished comforters.**

**We need comforter tops sewn, comforter backs prepared, comforters knotted and hemmed, and quilt tops quilted and bound. At this point we have comforters ready to send to MCC in May and two quilts finished and several others in the process for the TriState Relief Sale in July.**

A testimony from a lifelong member at Springs:

Dear Pastor John,

I have been a member of Springs Church all my life. I have gone to other churches but have never joined. I must tell you, miracles do happen every day. I lost my husband 3 years ago and I wear my wedding band on one hand and his on the other.

My son and I were outside raking leaves and branches in our yard, and after about an hour we were ready to quit for the day when I realized my wedding band was missing. My son put a message on Facebook to see if anyone had a metal detector. I prayed so hard to God to help us find my ring. You must realize we had years of leaves and branches on the edge of the woods, and somewhere was my ring.

The next thing my son did was go to a friend's house, who said we could use his detector, but when he came back the detector didn't work. Our neighbor then walked over with his. Then another friend of my son, and another friend of my husband and me came. Finally, a man messaged and said he would come help; he didn't even know us.

After several hours of searching, it seemed really impossible when a friend yelled out, "I found it in a pile of brush that was at least 3 feet deep!"

So yes, John, miracles do happen!

Lenten Visuals: This final Sunday of Lent with our theme, '**Created in the Image of God, shaped by Jesus,**' we are '**called to worship.**' For the past five weeks we have thought about what it means to be images of the God who created us; what it means to be called by Jesus; and what is the Spirit's role within and among us—our becoming truly human. We can only be reshaped when we open space in our lives for God to work. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection calls us and transforms us into a new way of being human only as we welcome and claim his redeeming work of love in and for us. The Christ candle is a reminder of the focus of the Lenten season—the life, teachings, and passion of Christ.

**Today the purple ribbon on the candle represents worship, Palm Sunday, and the passion of Christ.**

\*Leader, Fall & Winter 2022-23, Menno Media, p.36.

