

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 19, 2023

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

People: We shall not want.

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

People: We shall not want.

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

People: We shall not want.

*All: Restore us through your Holy Spirit,
the love of Christ, and the comfort
of your presence.*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness, and
we walk in deep shadows.

We have driven back justice.

Truth has stumbled in the streets,

and thick darkness is over the people.

We confess our sinful deeds.

We confess to the Lord...

(silent prayer)

Leader: As everything exposed to the light becomes visible
we walk from darkness into light.

*All: open our eyes, Jesus,
that our lives may radiate your glory, Amen.*

Opening Song

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Children's Time

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *John 9:1-12; 26-33*

Message- *"Shaped by Light"*

Song of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHOZa2R-C0U>

Benediction

Song of Sending



Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader/Planner: Isaac Tice

Accompanists: Faith Verburg & Byron Miller

Sound Room: Don Green

Song Leaders: Worship Team

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!

March 19- Alice Rembold

March 21- Gwen Baer, Harvey Hershberger

March 23- Paul Durst

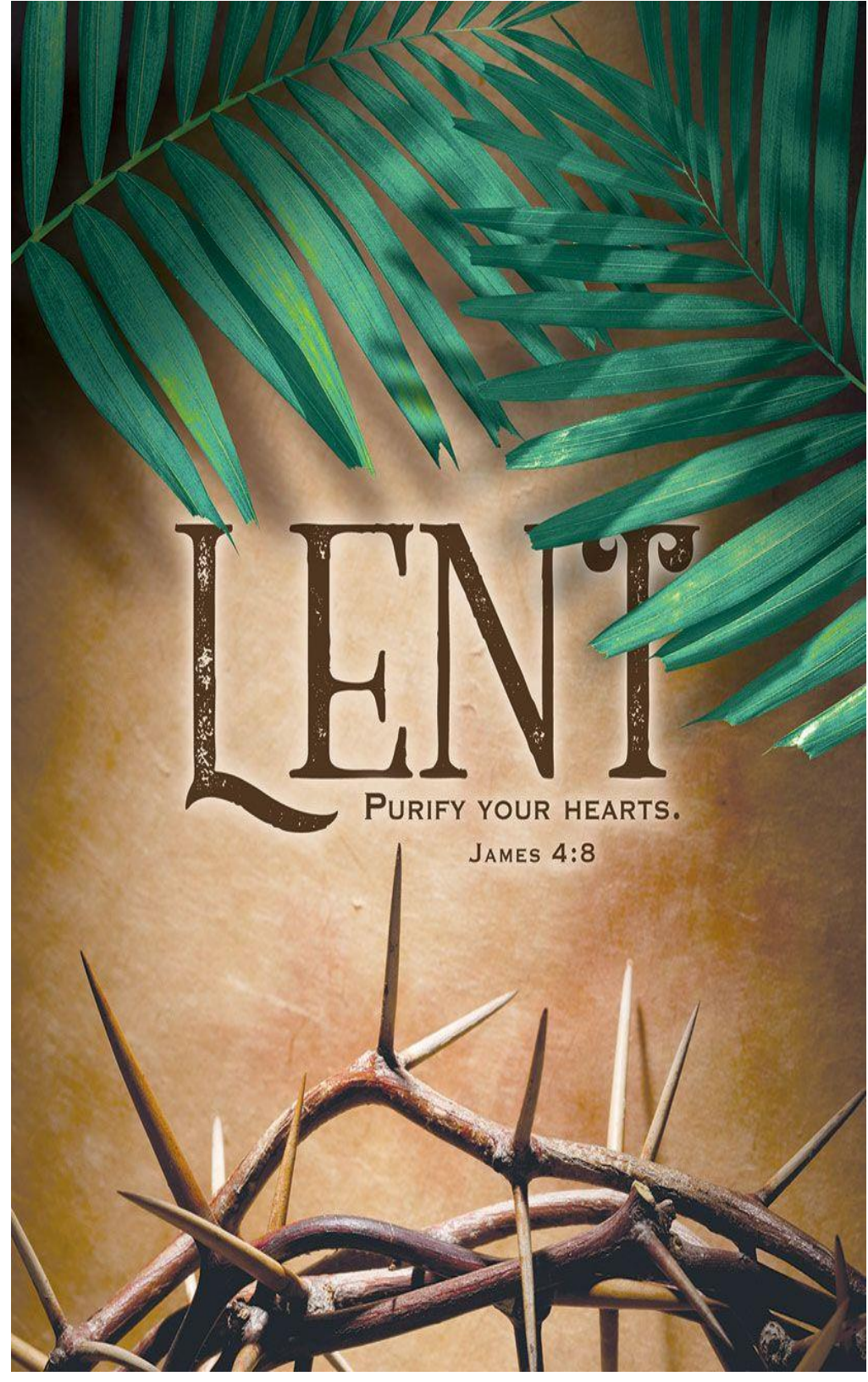
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

March 24- Todd & Melinda Gibson

March 12, 2023 Offering Total

General Offering \$4,310.00

Attendance 100



John 9:1-12;26-33

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "Wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." ¹⁰ "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. ¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹² "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

²⁶ Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" ²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

Calendar of Events

March 22- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

April 1- Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 4- Council Meeting, 7:00 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 9- Sunrise Service at John & Faith's, 6:30 AM
Easter Morning Service, 8:30 AM
Carry-In Breakfast, 9:15 AM
Regular Church Service, 10:30 AM

April 10- Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

April 11- 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

Thank you so much to our church family for all the love, prayer, cards, and calls during the passing of my mother. Your love and support means so much!

-Glenn & Tammy

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during the passing of Jeff's mom. It's comforting to know you have a church family.

-Jeff & Kathy

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.

Lenten Visuals: This fourth Sunday of Lent with our theme, ‘Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus,’ we are ‘called to believe in the Light —the Light of the World.’ Increasing light causes buds to swell, bulbs to sprout, birds to sing, and nature to be transformed. We also were created to be light-responsive and to turn away from darkness. The Light will open our eyes with the mud of new creation, no matter how dark the valley we pass through. *

The Christ candle is a reminder of the focus of the Lenten season—the life, teachings, and passion of Christ.

Today the yellow ribbon on the candle represents light.

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ATTENTION SINGERS! Here are the dates for the Easter choral group practices here at the church. If you have not already done so, please get a folder with CD & music on the front pew by the piano. Learn the two very simple songs and join us for practice. If you have an issue with one or more practice times, please contact Deb Hoover, (814) 279-4085 (text or call). Please join us!

Wednesday, March 22 – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 29 – 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 8 – 10:00 AM (quick practice)

Laurelville Summer Camp has opened registration for the children’s summer camp for the upcoming summer. There is a \$35 discount for attending an Allegheny Mennonite Conference congregation. Additionally, the church will pay half the cost for the camp. There is also a \$25 discount if you register by April 14th. Once you have registered, please let Michelle Maust know so the church can send in the remainder of the payment. You can register via mail or at

<http://cwngui.campwise.com/apps/onlinereg/pages/login.html>

The annual meeting for MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) is planned for this Thursday, March 23rd, 7 PM at Maple Glen Mennonite Church basement. Refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in MDS involvement is invited to attend.

The Oak Dale Church in Salisbury, PA offers a Senior Luncheon every 3rd Thursday of the month beginning at 12:00 PM. They would love to have you!

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 1st at 4:00 PM. If anyone can donate candy, we need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. We are also looking for people interested in helping with the day of the hunt. If you would like to help, please contact Michelle Maust.

Schedule for the week of Easter

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Easter Egg Dyeing for the children, 6:00 PM

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April 9- Sunrise Service at John & Faith’s, 6:30 AM
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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, worshipping, and making disciples. By our living in the Spirit, we reflect His love, joy, hope, and peace.