

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 5, 2023

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Shaped by New Birth

We Gather

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 121)

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—

Where does your help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

**All: *Let us worship our God, who watches
over us now and always.***

Congregational Singing

Confession

Leader: Lord, we need new birth.

**Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our
stubbornness and guilt, walking in
blindness, our hearts are hardened
to your love. We confess to the Lord...**
(silent prayer)

**Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the word
right, to give life to the dead, and to
call into existence a people born from above.**

All: *Break in by your creating Spirit.*

Send forth your fresh wind.

And open the way to real life, eternal life.

Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Children's Time

Offertory Prayer

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

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *John 3:1-17*

Message- *"Shaped by the New Birth"*

We Respond

Song of Response

Benediction (based on Psalm 121)

Leader: The Lord watch over you--

People: the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;

Leader: the sun will not harm you by day,

People: nor the moon by night.

**All: *The Lord will bring you to life and carry
you safely home.***

Song of Sending

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Harriet Berg

Accompanist: Byron Miller

Worship Planner, Children's Story: Beth Green

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Song Leader: Karin Miller

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

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Calendar of Events

March 7- Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

March 8- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

March 11- David Yoder Memorial Service, 10:30 AM

March 13- Music/Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

March 14- Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

April 1- Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 6- Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing, 6:00 PM

Easter Egg Dyeing, 6:00 PM

June 25-29- Bible School

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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 5- Jeremy Hoover

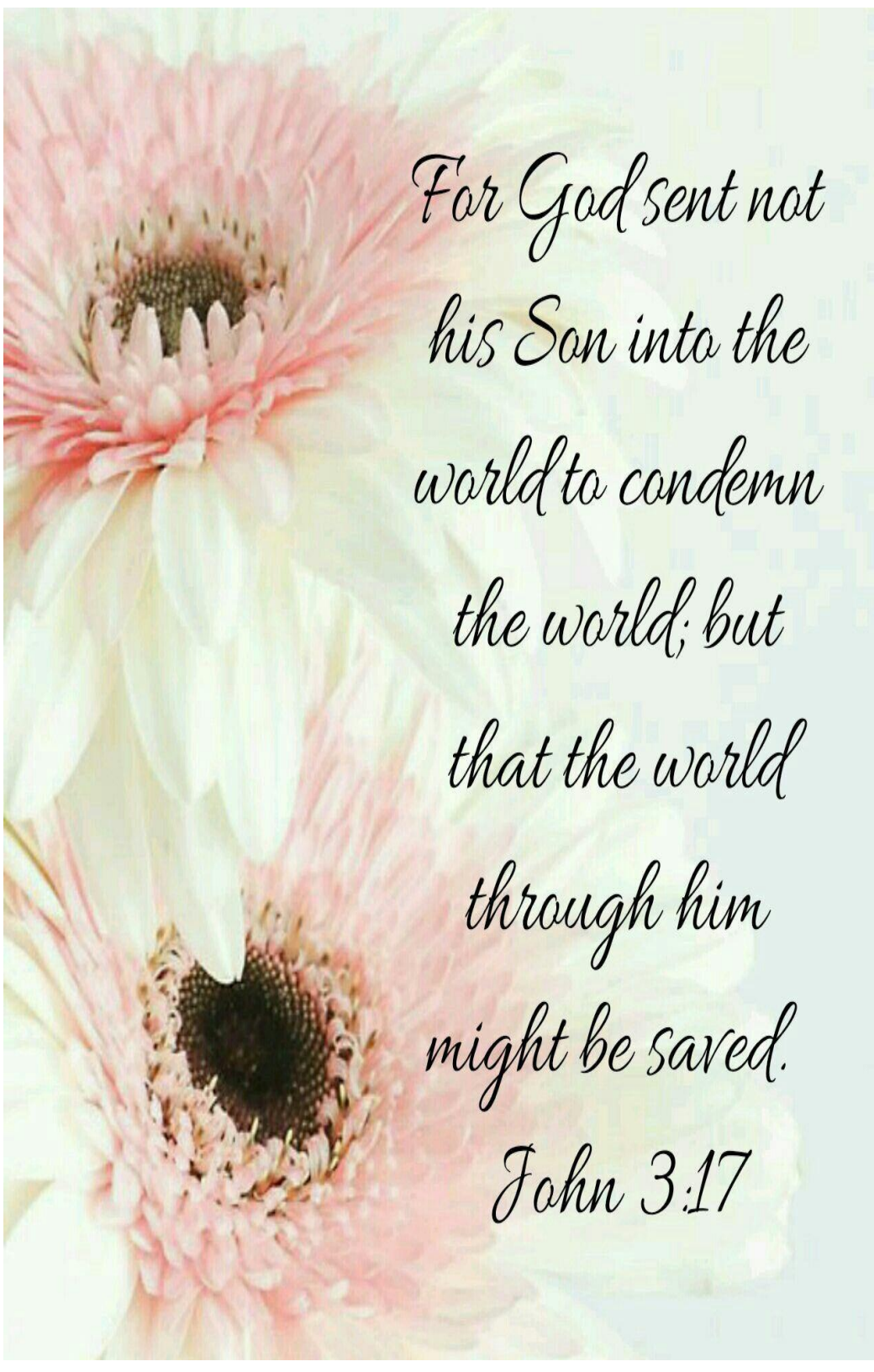
March 7- Karin Miller

March 10- Hunter Wright

February 26, 2023 Offering Total

General Offering \$6,185.00

Attendance 92

A background image of several large, multi-petaled flowers in shades of pink and white, with dark brown centers. The flowers are in focus and fill most of the right side of the page.

*For God sent not
his Son into the
world to condemn
the world; but
that the world
through him
might be saved.
John 3:17*

We extend our Christian sympathy to the Jeff Pattison family whose mother passed away on Monday, February 27th.

Rejoice Magazines are available on the credence stand.

ATTENTION SINGERS! There will be two choral songs to be sung on Easter Sunday morning, April 9. We need singers! There will be minimal practice. If you're interested in participating, music folders are available on the front pew. Please be sure to pick one up.

Naomi Tice has a new address for the next few months until she gets a "permanent" place in Berlin.

*Naomi Tice
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13055 Berlin Germany*

The current blog for Enos & Carolyn Tice is on the credence stand, available for taking. It will NOT be published electronically this month.

The Salisbury-Elk Lick Music Department will present the musical "Annie Jr." on Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 PM in the high school gym. Tickets are on sale at the high school office, or you can purchase them at the door.

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.

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.

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

*Lenten Visuals: Continuing with our Lenten theme: 'Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus,' we are called to *believe*. "Is your life at a dead end? God's promise to Abraham, Jesus' promise to Nicodemus, and the Spirit's promise to you is the same: whoever believes in the son will be born anew into eternal life—that is, the life for which you were created, the truly human life."*

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

Today the orange ribbon on the candle reflects this Sunday's theme: new birth (sunrise).

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