

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

April 9, 2023

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Prayer of Confession

Congregational Singing

Offertory Prayer

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

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Easter Chorus

Congregational Singing

Scripture- John 20:1-16

Sermon- "Who are you looking for?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOBRdz2VH28>

Benediction

Sending Song

**Message:** John Verburg  
**Worship Leader:** Sheera Beitzel  
**Worship Planners:** Glenn & Tammy Miller  
**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto  
**Sound Room:** Noel Livengood  
**Song Leader:** Deb Hoover  
**Video:** Reuben Tice  
**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice & Preston Maust  
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**John 20:1-16**

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. <sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").*

*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.*

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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 songbooks 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 9-** Sigvard Benson

**April 11-** Alex Beiler

**April 13-** Gary Brant

**April 15-** Margaret Foy

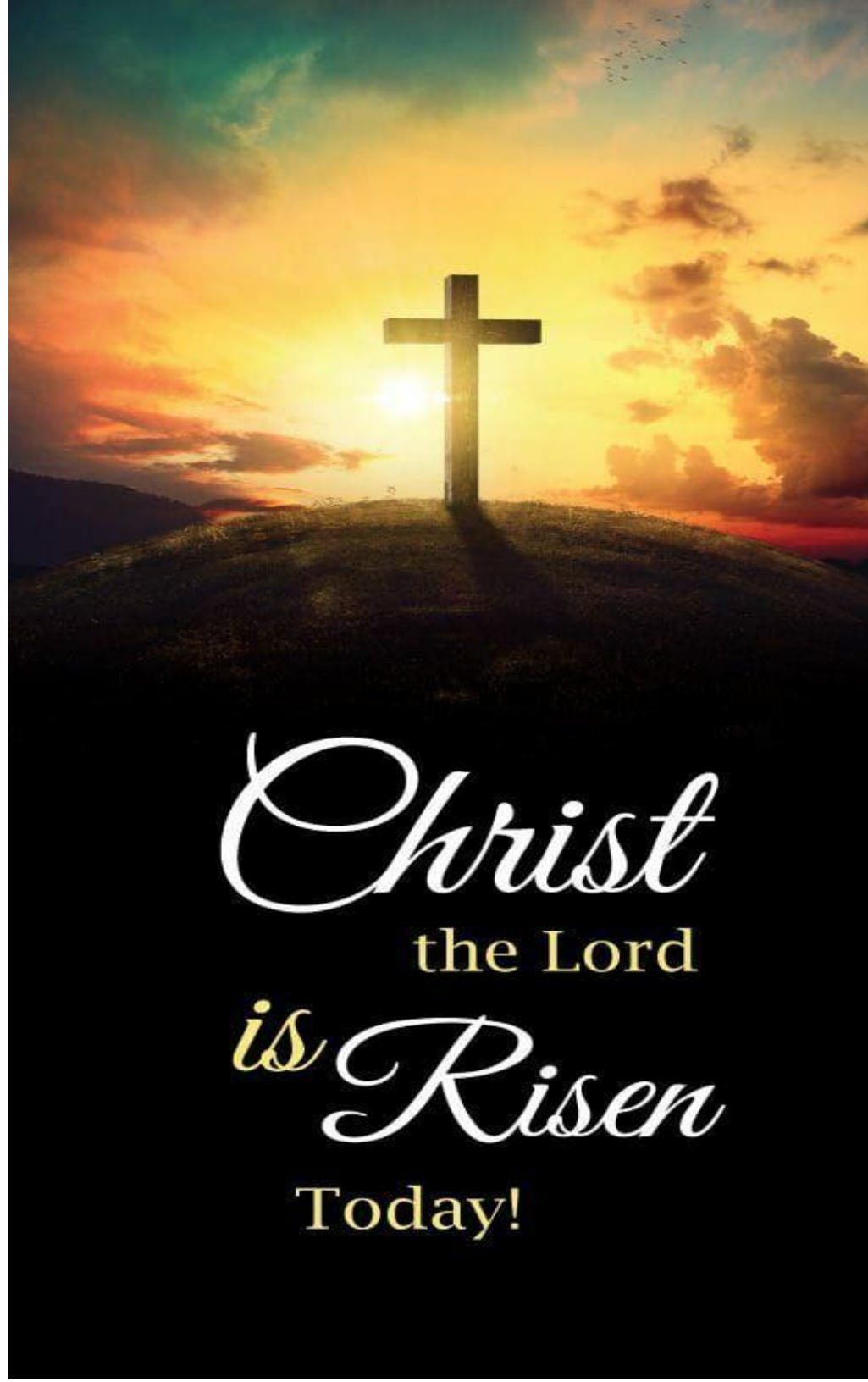
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**April 13-** Craig & Gwen Baer, Delmas & Mabel Yoder

**April 2, 2023 Offering Total**

**General Offering** \$4,048.00

**Attendance** 112



## Calendar of Events

**TODAY-** 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 10-** Worship Team Practice

**April 12-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**April 16-** Allegheny Conference Offering

**April 18-** Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

**May 2-** Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

**May 8-** Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

**May 18-** Worship Team Practice

**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 to all who helped with the egg hunt this year!  
Thank you to each of you who donated candy, helped with  
the planning, stuffed eggs, prepared food, allowed us to  
borrow equipment, and helped the day of the hunt. Thanks  
to everyone's effort we were able to reach many in the  
community.*

**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.**

## SIGNIFICANT ITEMS CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2023

1. After considering questions and answers from the Cemetery Committee, proposed guidelines will be drafted for further review by the Council and the Cemetery Committee.
2. The treasurer presented a group of financial reports including a summary for February, March, the second quarter of the church year, and a six-month report for 2022-23.
3. The Trustees will be working on several necessary, but minor, repairs.
4. The Sound Room & Video personnel have advised Council that the projector may soon need to be replaced. The replacement cost is estimated at \$5700.00. The technicians will be authorized to confirm the quote with the intent to proceed with the purchase of a new projector.
5. Elders reported on plans for outdoor services during the month of July.
6. There are plans for an end-of-school carnival in June as well as a parade float for Grantsville Days. We will be able to promote Vacation Bible School at both events.
7. The council gave further discussion to the idea of buying a generator so that the church could be used as a shelter or warming station during power outages or inclement weather. It was mentioned that perhaps the Allegheny Conference/International Guest House money could be used for the project as this would be an extension of our hospitality to our community.

Heavenly Father,

our hearts are so full of joy today. You feel so near to us on this most special celebration of Easter. May the love we feel this morning stay with us the rest of the day and

always.

Amen