

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

June 18, 2023

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

Affirmation & Thoughts for Dads

Congregational Singing

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Bible School Skit

My Coins Count Announcement

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *Luke 15:11-21 & 31*

Sermon- *"The Father of Two Boys"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHL7QFEEeU>

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leaders: Youth

Worship Planner: Deb Hoover

Accompanists: Byron Miller/Faith Verburg

Sound Room: Don Green

Song Leaders: Worship Team

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

Calendar of Events

June 21- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

June 23- Grantsville Days Parade

June 24- Campfire Cookout

June 25-29- Bible School

July 5- Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

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

July 14-15- TriState Relief Sale

August 26- Community Band/Ice Cream Social, 6:00 PM

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
you govern and protect your people
and shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family
as a sign of your love, care,
and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful
to the example shown in the Scriptures:
steadfast in love, forgiving
transgressions, sustaining the family,
caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers
that they may encourage and
guide their children.
Keep them healthy
so they may support a family.

Guide every father
with the Spirit of your love
that they may grow in holiness
and draw their family ever closer to you.

Amen

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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!

June 18- Wendy Brenneman, Jennifer Robison

June 19- Elizabeth Miller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June 18- Howard & Deborah Strickland

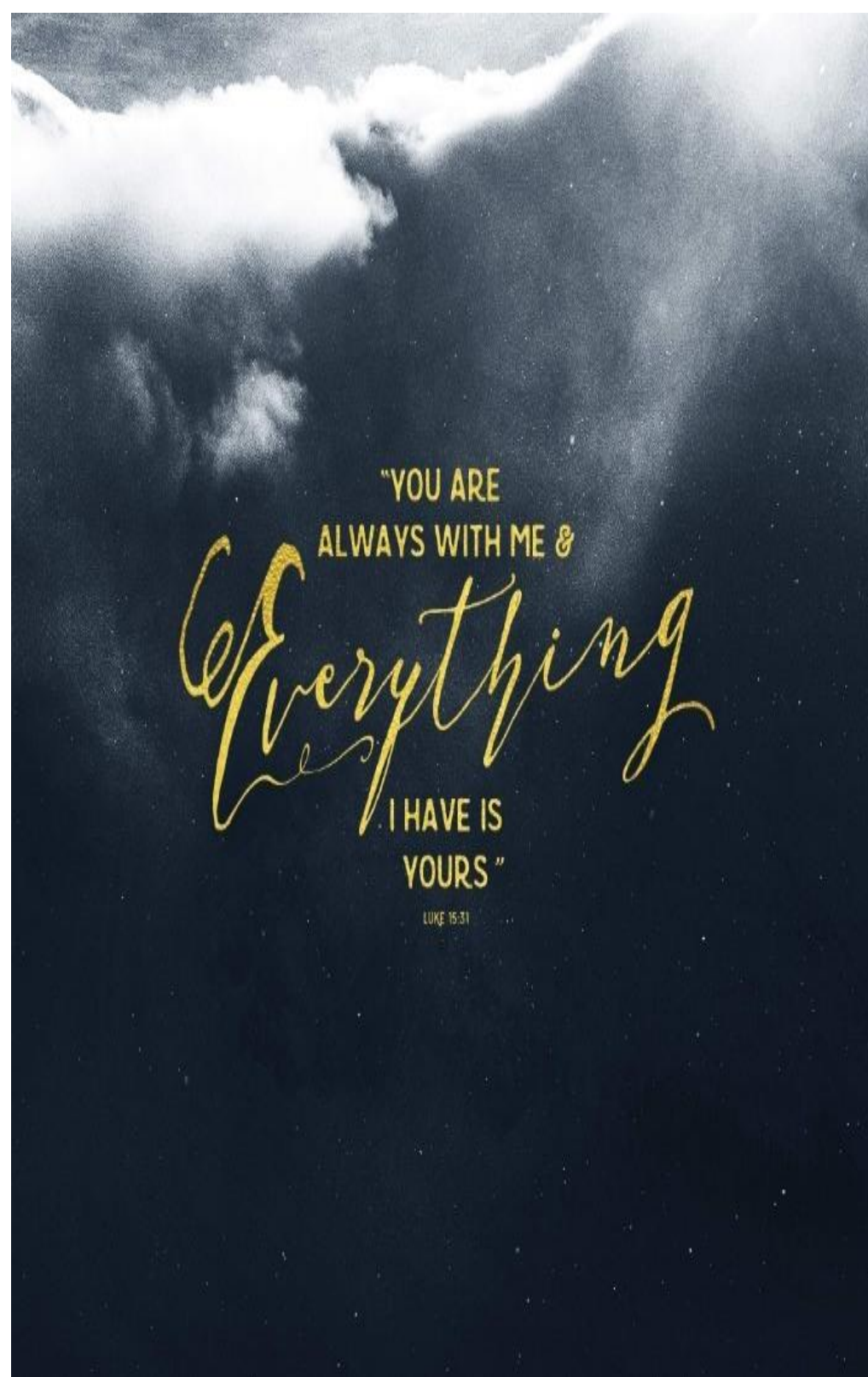
June 20- Bob & Deb Brenneman

Offering Totals

Attendance 80

Offering 6/4/2023 \$3,854.00

Offering 6/11/2023 \$3,999.00



Luke 15:11-21

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15:31

³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.'

MCC has initiated a School Kit Challenge requesting 10,000 school kits. Notebook and pencils are a tangible message of God's love for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Daughters of Dorcas has agreed to coordinate this project for our church. If you personally, or a Sunday school class would like to donate to this worthy cause, please make your check out to Daughters of Dorcas and send to Maryanna Durst no later than Sunday, July 9. The cost of the kit is \$5.85. Thank you!

Items included in the kits:

- 4- spiral notebooks (8.5" x 10.5"- 70 sheets)
- 8- new unsharpened pencils
- 1- ruler
- 12- colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1- large eraser
- 4- new black or blue ball point pens
- 1- small all-metal pencil sharpener with one or two holes

A deposit on 6/9/2023 of \$164.78 to My Coins Count brings our current total for 2023 to \$2,552.55.

Bible School Announcements:

- Do you know someone who intends to come to Bible School? Please notify either Beth Green, Melissa Durst or Nancy Green to assist us in our planning.
- At our VBS, children will learn that everyone can make a difference in the world. What happens when Nicodemus enters our time machine? Come to Bible School and find out! Please pick up an invitation card on the credence stand to share with a friend or neighbor or grandchild.
- Thank you for the egg cartons! We now have what we need.

Our Christian Sympathy goes out to Craig and Gwen Baer and family during the loss of Craig's mother, Doris Baer.

The **TriState Relief Sale Auction** will again this year be held here at the church on Saturday, July 15, 2023. The auction will begin at 10 AM and there will be a time to preview the items to be sold on Friday evening from 6-8 PM. We are reaching out to anyone who might have items they would wish to donate. Items donated should be antiques, collectibles, or new/gently used items. We would also welcome anyone who would enjoy participating in preparation for the auction and to help on auction day. If you have items to donate or would like to help with preparation or help on auction day, please contact Carol Tice, at (301) 689-2641 or Jane Benson at (301) 895-5893, or Lois Hepler at (814) 662-2147. Your help is needed and appreciated whether you donate, work, or attend and purchase items to support MCC in their outreach efforts.

A note from Howard & Deborah Strickland:

We are writing to express our desire to join the Springs Mennonite Church. Howard and I have been married for 40 years. We moved to Somerset County in 2012. Howard is a self-employed cabinet maker, and I am a nurse. We have 4 wonderful children and a dear son-in-law. Our youngest just graduated college. We were baptized as adults about 20 years ago and would like the opportunity to continue to grow in our faith with Springs Mennonite Church.

July Worship Information

Starting July 2nd we will have our worship service outdoors at 10:30. We will meet at the pavilion this year unless it's too wet or raining. In these cases, we will move into the sanctuary. We will not have breakfast or any refreshments during this time. Live streaming and FM Broadcasting will not be available unless worship is moved inside. Children's Church will be available on July 9th and 23rd. We will end our outdoor church on July 30th with a carry-in picnic.

As you are probably aware, the Casselman Valley Helpers Food Pantry has seen a steady reduction in government funding over the past several years. They are relying more and more on local help to meet the needs of the community. They are asking for help in funding or donations of the following items: soap, toilet paper, paper towels, wipes, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, household cleaners, dish soap, etc. We will be having a drive for these items or monetary donations on July 23rd. If you are willing or able to help supply monetary gifts or items from the list, please bring them to our worship service on July 23rd.

Happy
Father's
Day

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.*