### **SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH**

June 25, 2023 10:30 AM FM 87.9

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

**Call to Worship** 

**Congregational Singing** 

**Affirmation of Faith** 

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

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Bible School Dedication** 

Scripture- Proverbs 27:17

Sermon- "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Song of Response

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: Jeff Maust Worship Leader: Bev Critchfield Worship Planner: Beth Green Accompanist: Dixie Otto Sound Room: Byron Miller Song Leader: Melinda Gibson Video: Reuben Tice Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust Calendar of Events June 25-29- Bible School, 6-8:00 PM July 5- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM July 5- Council Meeting, 6:30 PM July 10- Music/Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM July 11- Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM July 14-15- TriState Relief Sale August 26- Community Band/Ice Cream Social, 6:00 PM

> Proverbs 27:17 <sup>17</sup> As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

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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 25- Patrick Doyle June 26- Brenda Lichty June 27- Kathy Durst July 1- Kinsley Clark, Nancy Green HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June 26- Jamie & Holly Clark June 29- Kedrick & Debra Lapp

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Attendance Offering 6/18/2023 \$2

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ANOTHER.

**PROVERBS 27:17** 

thank you, God.

Significant Items Elders Meeting June 13, 2023

*Those in attendance:* John Verburg, Don Green, Ken Detrick, Ed Hoover and Deb Brenneman

Devotions were led by Don. Don read from the book *By the Way*. The question was asked, "What can we do to be instruments of peace in our homes, church, and communities?" We are called to live lives of peace, love, and mercy for all.

**Discussion Items:** 

-Nancy G. has agreed to remain on the Gifts Discernment Committee. -Contacts continue to be made to fill vacancies on various committees.

-Isaac Tice has agreed to be co-superintendent for the Adult Sunday school Department.

-Volunteers to help teach the youth class for the month of August are needed. Contact Michelle Maust if you are willing to help with this need.

-A vote of acceptance into membership for Howard and Deborah Strickland will be put before the congregation.

-Church Retreat will be held September 15-17.

-July worship services will be held in the church pavilion, weather permitting. There will be no breakfast for the month of July, however a carry-in lunch will be held on the last Sunday of July.

Assignments were given. The meeting closed with prayer for the church and community.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

A special prayer request was received for Janet Wahl, neighbor of Enos & Carolyn Tice. Janet fell and broke her neck and will require at least 3 months in rehab. 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 payable 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

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 selfemployed 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will end our outdoor church on July 30<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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.