

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

July 16, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Allegheny Conference Offertory Prayer

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

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Sermon- *“Doing the Dirty Work”*

*– Les Horning, Donor Relations Director, MCC East Coast*

Benediction

Sending Song

**Message:** Les Horning

**Worship Leaders:** Ken & Diana Detrick

**Worship Planner:** Deb Hoover

**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto

**Sound Room:** Don Green

**Song Leader:** Deb Hoover

**Video:** Reuben Tice

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## Calendar of Events

**TODAY-** Allegheny Conference Offering

**July 19-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**July 23-** Casselman Valley Food Pantry Donation Drive

**July 25-** Christmas in July Party for the youth, 6-8:00 PM

**August 18 & 19-** Youth Camping Trip

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

**September 15-17-** Church Retreat

### ***Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23***

*That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.”*

*<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”*

**Church Information: Phone:** (814) 662-4201

**Pastor: John Verburg**

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Rosie Cupler- (301) 697-1772

Ken Detrick- (814) 662-2692

Ed Hoover- (814) 521-7128



**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!**

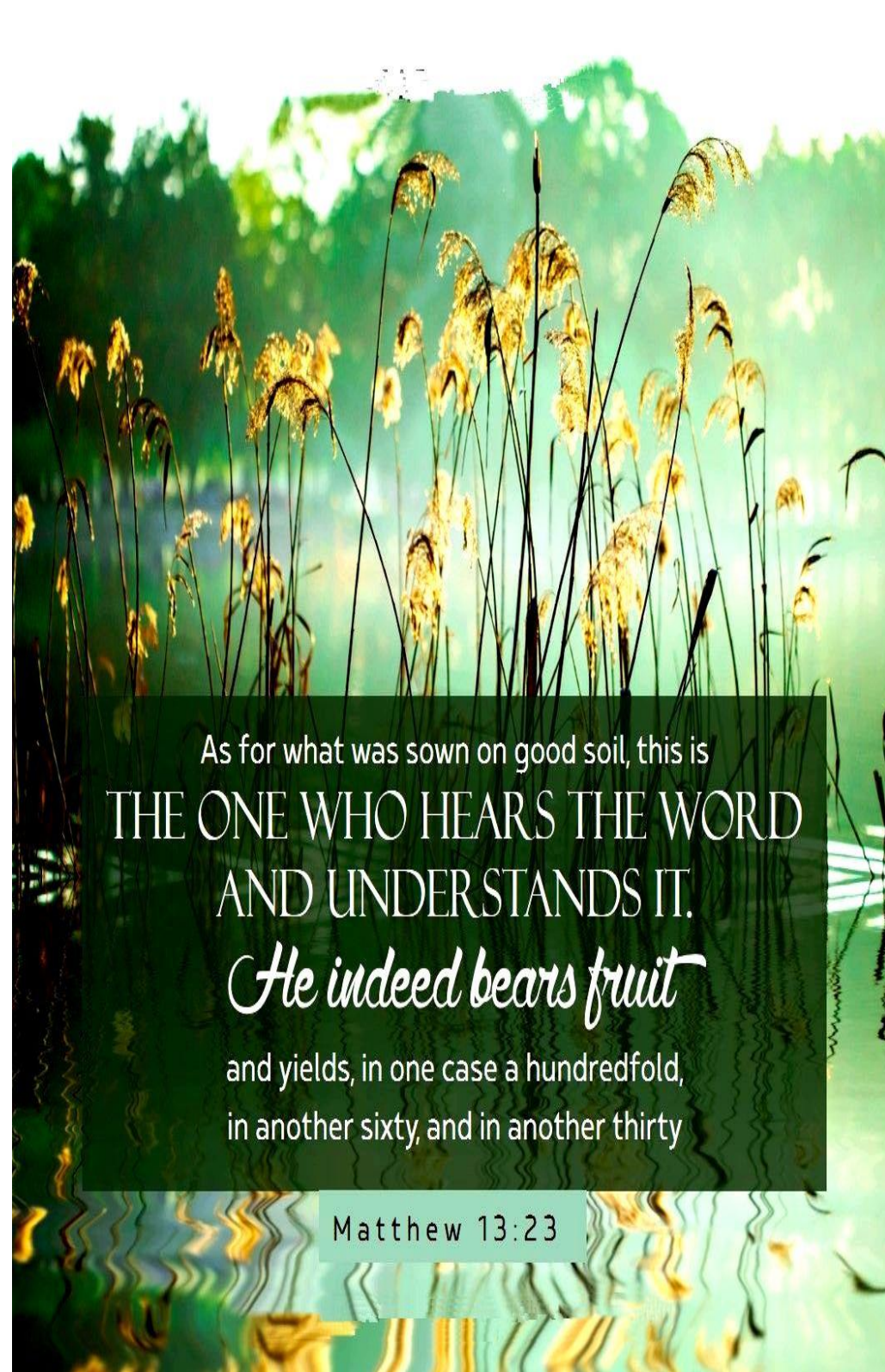
**July 17-** Adrienne Vogt, Melissa Durst

**July 19-** Craig Baer, Shawn Haines, Kim Miller

**Offering Total**

Attendance 75

Offering 7/9/2023 \$2,556.50



As for what was sown on good soil, this is  
**THE ONE WHO HEARS THE WORD  
AND UNDERSTANDS IT.**

*He indeed bears fruit*

and yields, in one case a hundredfold,  
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Matthew 13:23

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