

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

August 20, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Bible School Highlights

Children's Story

Offertory Prayer

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

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- Matthew 3:1-3 & 11-15

Sermon- Preaching a Baptism of Repentance

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3Q4n12JOWg>

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Nancy Green

Worship Planner/Children's Story: Beth Green

Accompanist: Faith Verburg

Sound Room: Don Green

Song Leaders: Praise Team

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

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## Calendar of Events

**TODAY-** Affirmation Vote for Church Positions

**August 23-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

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

**August 28-** Elders' Picnic, Don Green's Home, 6:00 PM

**September 12-** Council Meeting with new & old members, 6:30 PM

**September 15-17-** Church Retreat

### **Matthew 3:1-3**

*In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea<sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."<sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:*

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"*

### **Matthew 3:11-15**

*"I baptize you with<sup>[a]</sup> water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

*<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"*

*<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.*

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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!**

**August 21-** Greta Miller, Steve Fazenbaker, Mari Haines

**August 13, 2023 Offering Total**

**Attendance** 93

**General Fund Offering** \$4,298.00

**Donations received & forwarded-Casselman Valley Helpers** \$700.00



**Jesus Christ** will baptize  
you with the **Holy Ghost**  
and fire  
**Matthew 3:11**

*The Community Band/Ice Cream Social will be held this coming Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM at the Festival grounds.*

*In your mailbox you will find a letter to the congregation in relation to the Pastoral Internship Position that Jeff Maust will be partaking in here at Springs Mennonite Church. Extra copies are also available on the credence stand in the foyer.*

Seek ye  
first  
the Kingdom  
of  
God

**Church Retreat is less than a month away! Please check your mailboxes for information on our guest speaker, Mike Swick, as well as activity sign-ups. Please be sure to fill out the sign-up sheet if you plan to attend any of the activities.**

**A copy of the Anabaptist/ Mennonite/ Basic Beliefs flyer was placed in your mailbox.**

*The Bible School Committee wishes to thank Brittany Miller for creating the slide show for our Changemaker's Lab.*

An evaluation process has been started regarding purchasing a new hymnal called *Voices Together*. In conjunction with John's sermon series over the next 6 weeks, the songs we will be singing during worship will be from that new hymnal. Several copies of the hymnal are available as well as other information comparing the new hymnal with our current hymnal and supplements. Please see a member of the music or worship planning committees for more information. Some general information about the new hymnal can be found online at [voicestogetherhymnal.org](http://voicestogetherhymnal.org). We encourage everyone to be involved with this process, particularly with your prayer support.

## **2023-2024 Elder Appointments**

### **1) *Gifts Discernment***

Nancy Green **2023-2026** (*2<sup>nd</sup> term*)

### **2) *Youth Sponsors/Advisors***

Michelle Maust- **2023-2024**

Hana Yoder- **2023-2024**

Deb Brenneman- **2023-2024**

Cortney Mitchell- **2023-2024**

### **3) *Worship Committee***

Glenn & Tammy Miller- **2023-2024**

Bill Mosholder/Angie Piwonka- **2023-2024**

Phoebe Wiley- **2023-2024**

Jeff Maust- **2023-2024**

### **4) *Ministers of Visitation***

Deborah Strickland- **2023-2025**

Dixie Otto- **2023-2024**

(Note: 1-2 more positions open)

## **2023-2024 Council Appointments**

### **1) *Annual Report Booklet Editor***

Kim Miller- **2023-2026**

### **2) *Cradle Roll Superintendent***

Rebecca Shoemaker- **2023-2026**

### **3) *Everence Advocate***

Nancy Green- **2023-2026**

### **4) *MDS Representative***

Reuben Tice- **2023-2026**

### **5) *Sports Coordinator***

Jamie Clark- **2023-2024**

## **2023-2024 Gifts Discernment Appointments**

### **1) *Retreat Committee***

Carlene Dowell

### **2) *Sunday School Superintendent***

Isaac Tice

### **3) *Conference Delegate***

Doug Berg

### **4) *Congregational Secretary***

Beverly Critchfield

### **5) *Trustee***

Bob Green

### **6) *Hope Committee***

Deb Brenneman

### **7) *Librarian***

Beth Green

### **8) *Music Committee***

Byron Miller

### **9) *Visual Arts***

Rosie Cupler

### **10) *Bible School Committee***

Paula Resh

### **11) *Hospitality Committee***

Carol Tice

### **12) *Cemetery Committee***

Greg Miller

***An affirmation for the individuals called and willing to serve for these appointments will take place TODAY!***