

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

August 6, 2023

10:30 AM

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

Scripture- *John 15:9-14*

Sermon- *“Living Out Our Faith in Our Daily Lives”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7XHeCZB5KU>

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: N/A

Worship Planner: Isaac Tice

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Song Leader: Sheera Beitzel

Video: Reuben Tice

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Calendar of Events

August 6- Elder Affirmation Vote

August 7- Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

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

August 18 & 19- Youth Camping Trip

August 20- Affirmation Vote for Church Positions

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

John 15:9-14

⁹ *“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.*

¹⁰ *If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain
in his love.*

¹¹ *I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete.*

¹² *My command is this: Love each other as I have
loved you.*

¹³ *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down
one's life for one's friends.*

¹⁴ *You are my friends if you do what I command.*

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Rosie Cupler- (301) 697-1772

Ken Detrick- (814) 662-2692

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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 9- Antonia Beitzel

August 10- Ken Detrick

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August 9- Rich & Fay Yoder

August 10- Eric & Pat Haglund, Terry & Sharon Livengood

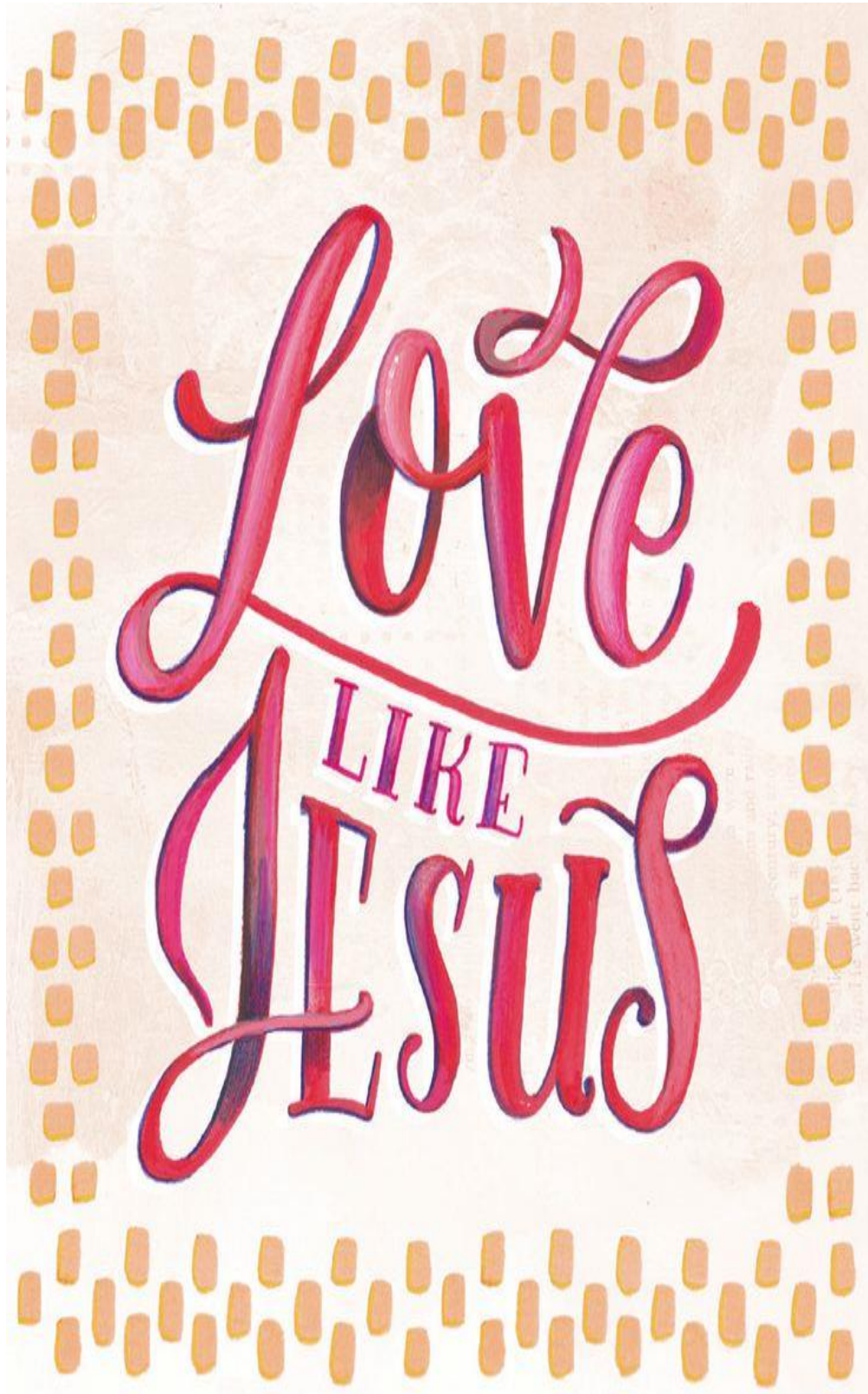
August 11- Enos & Carolyn Tice

August 12- Bill & Angie Mosholder

July 30, 2023 Offering Total

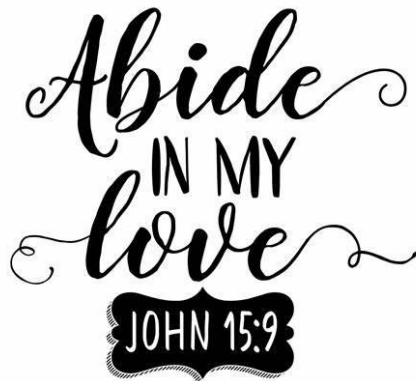
Attendance 80

General Fund Offering \$2,136.00



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. We encourage everyone to be involved with this process, particularly with your prayer support.

There will be a camping trip for all children and their families on August 18-19 at the Maust Cabin. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the signup sheet in the foyer no later than August 13th.



SIGNIFICANT ITEMS
Church Council Meeting
August 1, 2023

1. Paul has contacted current Council appointees, and they have all agreed to continue serving in their current positions for another term. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, with the intent of congregational approval in two weeks.
2. A cost of living increase in wages was approved for all church employees.
3. Masonry has begun work on the steps on the North side of the building. There is more damage to the structure than originally estimated. Therefore, the cost may increase, and they will also need more bricks.
4. Jeff Maust's seminary training requires a pastoral care class that requires 165 hours of church work per semester for two semesters. He can count time spent in Elders or Council meetings, preaching, teaching Sunday school, visitation, etc. John will serve as his mentor. The Council approved the plan and a stipend for his work to be included in next year's budget.
5. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 12 at 6:30 PM. Much of our time will be spent working on the 2023-24 church budget. Both incoming and outgoing Council members are expected to attend.

Rosie Cupler and Sherry Abel have graciously agreed to serve as Elders for a three-year term. A vote of affirmation will be taken TODAY!

Our Christian Sympathy goes out to Bill Haning and family with the passing of his brother, John Haning.

For those interested, the Tice's latest blog can be found at:
<https://cetice.wordpress.com/2023/07/28/soop-month-7-mennocon-23-ambs-continued/>

2023-2024 Elder Appointments

1) *Gifts Discernment*

Nancy Green **2023-2026** (*2nd 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 Gift 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

*An affirmation vote for these positions will take place on August 20th.
If you have any questions, please direct them to the Elder, Council or
Gift Discernment member in charge.*

ANABAPTIST / MENONNITE / BASIC BELIEFS

The Anabaptist Movement began in 1525, 8 years after Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” (95 Questions) on the Wittenberg Church Door in Wittenberg, Germany for all to see. This action began what we now understand as the “Protestant Reformation” - a separation from the existing Catholic Church. Martin Luther did not want to destroy the church (which for everybody in the West was the Catholic Church). He just wanted to “reform” it and get it back to its true New Testament roots. Since then, many have sought to achieve the same result.

In 1525, Conrad Grebel (a follower of Huldreich Zwingli, who himself was a colleague of John Calvin) in Switzerland felt that “reform” needed to be more than what both the Lutherans and the Calvinists had achieved. What he started became known as the “Anabaptist Movement”. The name “Anabaptist” comes from the Latin which means “Ana” = again, and “baptism” = baptism. Since the followers of Grebel believed that infant baptism (which everyone experienced in the Catholic Church as well as with the Lutherans and Calvinists) was not the biblical way to baptize, their baptism after believing constituted a second baptism in the minds of the Protestants. Hence the name, “Anabaptist”.

Over the years since, several Anabaptist groups have sprung up. Among the largest ones are the Mennonites in many different groups, the Brethren-related churches in several different denominations, the Amish, the Hutterite communities, and German Baptists.

While all the Mennonite Churches would be considered “conservative” relative to the rest of the Christian groups, there are divisions within the Mennonite label who see themselves as more conservative or more liberal than the others. However, seldom do these differences affect the core beliefs of the Mennonite groups. The core beliefs that all Mennonites share are the core beliefs of the Anabaptist founders nearly 500 years ago.

The core beliefs of the Grebel and his followers were RADICAL at the time, and unacceptable to the Catholic Church as well as the Lutherans and the Calvinists. By 1537 when Menno Simons (who was a Catholic Priest in the Netherlands) became an Anabaptist and leader of those followers in the Netherlands, the average life span for an individual after becoming an Anabaptist leader was less than 18 months. Anabaptists were killed by the Catholics, by the Lutherans, and by the Calvinists because they were considered “heretics” and thus a grave danger to the “church”.

The 5 Core Beliefs of the Anabaptists that will be covered in the next weeks are:

- 1) A commitment to living out your faith in your daily lives.
- 2) Baptism of Repentance after you believe.
- 3) Living a life of love and peace.
- 4) Separation of church and state.
- 5) Living as a community of believers, sharing what we have.

Few today would argue that these core beliefs are so radical that they require putting an individual to death because of them. Yet, at the time, these core beliefs were very radical . . . and very dangerous to the existing church. Probably few Christians today think of these core beliefs as all that radical and dangerous, but they do call us who claim to heirs of the Anabaptist tradition, to a life of faith that embraces everything that we do.

Additional information can be found at:

<https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/article/anabaptist-beginnings>

