

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

September 10, 2023  
10:30 AM

Welcome

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- *James 2:14-18, 1 John 3:17,18 &  
Matthew 25:34-40*

Sermon- *“We Share... It’s That Simple”*  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_RjndG0IX8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8)

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg  
Worship Leader: Bev Critchfield  
Worship Planners: Bill & Angie Mosholder  
Accompanist: Faith Verburg  
Sound Room: Noel Livengood  
Song Leader: Melinda Gibson  
Video: Reuben Tice  
Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

## Calendar of Events

September 11- Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM  
September 12- Council Meeting with new & old members, 6:30 PM  
September 13- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM  
September 15-17- Church Retreat  
September 21- Women’s Bible Study, 6:30 PM  
September 24- Elders Commissioning  
October 1- World Communion Sunday  
October 11- Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

### *James 2:14-18*

*<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.*

### *1 John 3:17-18*

*<sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

### *Matthew 25:34-40*

*<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ <sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

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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!**

**September 10-** Julia Tice

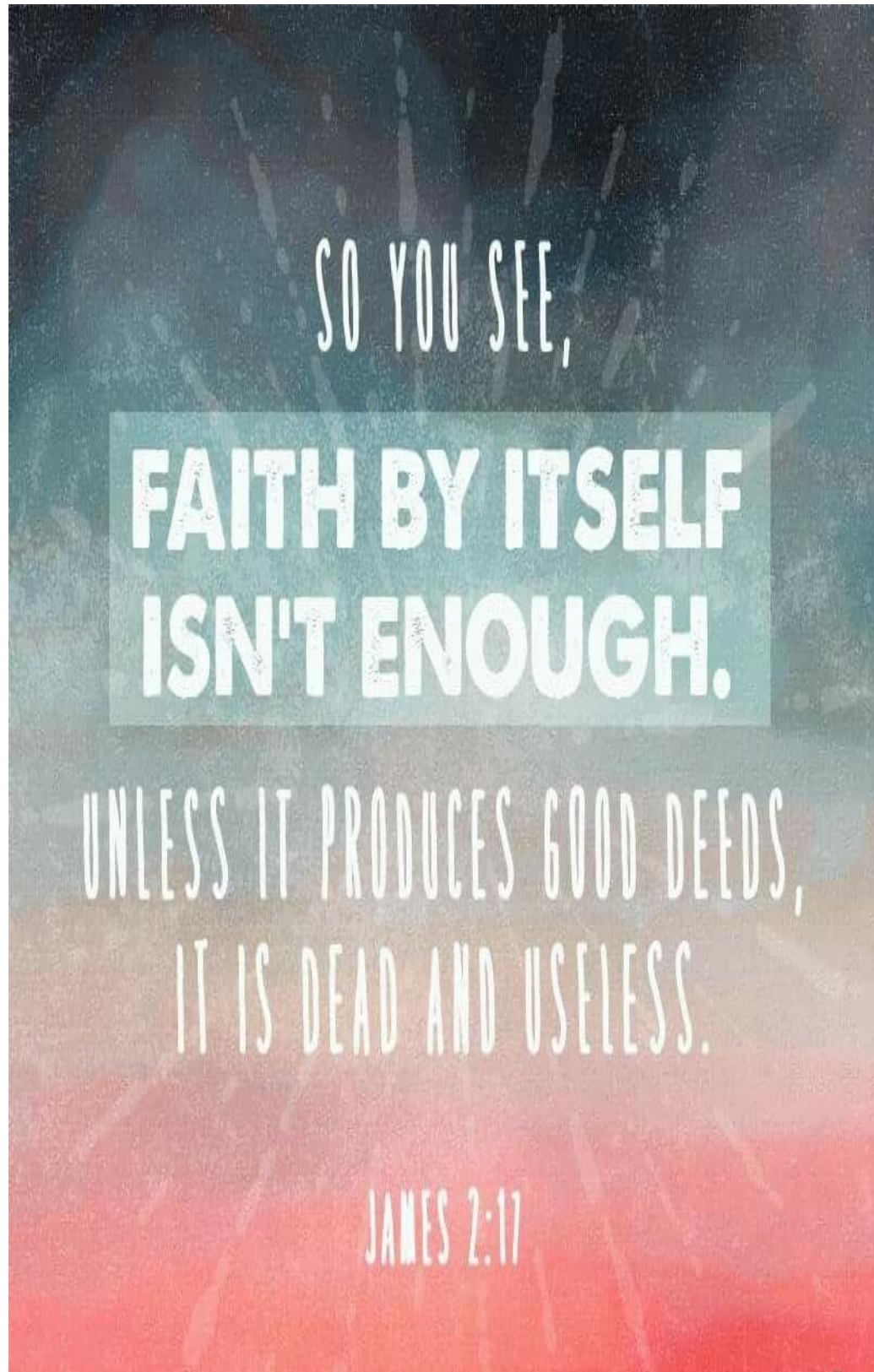
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**September 11-** Tom & Nancy White

**September 3, 2023 Offering Total**

**Attendance** 85

**General Fund Offering** \$3,117.00



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MATTHEW 25:40

## **Elders Significant Items September 5, 2023**

1. Don Green will be Chairperson for this coming year, and Sherry Abel will be Secretary.
2. Pastor John will be gone on Sunday, October 22, and Jeff Maust agreed to preach that Sunday.
3. Jeff discussed his internship; Jeff and the Pastor have put together a list of items for Jeff to work on.
4. Don reviewed his Yearly Report with everyone.
5. October 1 is World Communion Day; we will participate by having communion.
6. On Sunday, September 24 Rosie Cupler and Sherry Abel will be commissioned as Elders.

*Let the Children Come to Me: Nurturing Anabaptist Faith Within Families* by Lisa Weaver and Elizabeth Miller has been added to our church library. This book beautifully illustrates the central convictions of the Anabaptist tradition. With gentle and firm encouragement, it offers stories to share about following Jesus.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**An organization called, “40 Days of Life” is looking for people to help spend some time in prayer. A new women’s clinic opened in Cumberland recently. Beginning September 27 – November 5, they hope to fill one hour time slots from 8am to 8pm with people praying about this. If you are interested, you can call Morgan Witmer at 240-362-3148 or send an email to: [Westernmaryland40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Westernmaryland40daysforlife@gmail.com)**

The Women’s Bible Study group will meet at John and Faith’s home on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 PM. More information will be sent out later. If you have any questions, contact Sheera Beitzel or Melinda Gibson.

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the free yard sale--the hauling, loading, unloading, putting out the items. This could not happen without your help. -Class #4*

# CHURCH RETREAT

# FRIDAY

September 15

6:30 PM- Worship with Mike Swick  
7:00 PM- Open Gym, Round table games,  
puzzles & more  
Ice Cream Sundaes

# SATURDAY

September 16

8:00 AM- Donuts/Fruit and Coffee/Juice  
Departure for golf, hiking & biking, and motorcycle rides  
3:00 PM- Pickleball & Children's Activities  
5:00 PM- Supper  
Food is provided (Chili, hotdogs & nachos)  
6:30 PM- Worship with Mike Swick  
7:00 PM- Dessert Competition  
(Eating & voting on desserts)  
Game Show

# Sunday

September 17

9:00 AM-Light Breakfast  
9:30 AM- Sunday school  
10:30 AM- Worship with Mike Swick  
Lunch immediately following Worship Service  
(Spaghetti, salad, garlic sticks & cupcakes)

This year's Retreat Speaker is Mike Swick. Mike is currently an Associate Pastor at the Meyersdale Church of the Brethren. He has been there since 1991, where he started as the Youth Pastor. Mike is also currently a teacher at Meyersdale where he has coached wrestling and is currently a track coach and the cross-country coach. He is a 1992 graduate of IUP.

Mike's wife is Wendy, they have been married 29 years. They have two children, Kendall is 25, and will be getting married in September. Byria is 22, just was married on August 12. Mike and Wendy enjoy the outdoors and are also sports fans with rooting interests in the Steelers, Alabama, and even the Pirates. They enjoy spending time with their family and friends.

Mike and Wendy will be joining us for the weekend and participating in different activities.

Be sure to introduce yourself.

**Please note: If you are bringing a dessert for the competition, please have it to the church by 3:00 Friday!**