

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

October 29, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Children's Church

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- Acts 9:36-40

Blessing of the Quilts

Speakers- Mark Folk, Don & Beth Green, Jeff Maust,
Phoebe Wiley, Andi Hoover

Song of Response-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ULZ2GhE7BE>

Benediction

Message: Listed Above

Worship Leader: Phoebe Wiley

Worship Planner: Phoebe Wiley

Accompanist: Faith Verburg

Sound Room: Jerry Abel

Song Leader: Karin Miller

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

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Calendar of Events

TODAY- Blessing of Comforters

November 1- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

November 7- Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

November 12- Missions Offering

November 13- Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

November 14- Community Thanksgiving Meal

November 16- Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal & Lunch, 11:00 AM

November 19- Youth Ice Skating, Grantsville, 2:00 PM

December 9- Progressive Supper

Acts 9: 36-40

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

THANK YOU, Wendy, for creating the bulletin cover, Isaac for the video, Janet & Rosie for displaying our items. We will be shipping the items Tuesday, November 14, to MCC.

There will be an ice-skating trip for children and youth on November 19, at 2:00 in Grantsville. We will have lunch at the church and then head over for ice skating. If anyone has any questions, please contact Michelle Maust

The dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play will be on Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be provided.

The October *Allegheny Miscellany* is now available in your mailbox. Extra copies are also on the credence stand.

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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!

October 31- Joel Elder, Lois Hepler

November 1- Rich Beitzel

November 4- Amy Jo Wright

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November 2- Lyndon & Marcia Saylor

October 22, 2023 Offering Total

Attendance	85
General Fund Offering	\$2,607.00
Allegheny Conference Offering	\$500.00



Last year, MCC shipped 59,277 comforters to communities in Canada, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Malawi, Syria, Ukraine, Zambia and the U.S., including Puerto Rico.

DORCAS' BIO

Dorcas' actual trade was sewing. But her most important tasks centered around giving practical help to people in her community by making clothing for them. "...she was always doing good and helping the poor" ([Acts 9:36](#)).

Her story reveals several characteristics she displayed. And the passage shows that Dorcas' motivation was to please the Lord and build His Kingdom. Dorcas displayed these traits:

- Industriousness
- Compassion
- Charity
- Selflessness
- Grace

5 Lessons from Dorcas' Life (and Death)

1. Use the Gifts You've Been Given to Help Others

Dorcas had talent in designing, tailoring, and stitching. She put that to good use, making clothing for people who needed it. Any ability can be utilized to help others in a very personal and practical way:

- Cooking/baking for a neighbor who is laid up or sick
- Organizing a friend's garage or helping them weed through paperwork
- Writing a note of encouragement to a local teacher or first responder

2. Stay Faithful in Doing Good for Others

It doesn't say exactly what Dorcas did for the poor beyond clothing them, but she made caring a habit. Over time she became very well-known and respected for this. It's easy to start measuring what we do in terms of large or small. But if we are consistent to reach out with a heart for ministry, God will increase the influence of anything we do.

"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good". ([2 Thessalonians 3:13](#)).

3. Build Relationships That Will Have Lasting Impact on Others

When Dorcas died, she left a legacy. She touched many lives and made many friends. As the widows gathered, they cried for the loss of someone they valued. If we give thought to how we will be remembered, it might change our priorities now:

- Do we care about what God cares about?
- Do we seek to show [agape](#) love to those around us?
- Do we look for ways to connect with and support others?

4. Make Service and Ministry Toward Others a Priority

Dorcas was called a disciple, which means she was enthusiastic about following the teachings of Jesus. She knew that He called people to give, to care, and to provide where they could. We don't have to wait till we are rich or have it all together to start reaching out. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".

([Ephesians 2:10](#)).

5. Let God Use You to Witness to Others

Dorcas had shown many people God's love. But her death and return to life pointed even more directly to the Lord. There was certainly great rejoicing when she was restored, as well as celebrating God's wondrous work. We have a chance to lead others to know God better through how we go through each day, especially difficult ones:

- Be an example of agape love in your community
- Be alert for practical needs you can help meet
- Be aware of [prayer](#) needs and faithfully lift them up
- Be ready to share your personal testimony

God has always gifted women to bring positive change to their surroundings, and Dorcas was obedient to that call on her life. She is still a wonderful example of what it means to submit our talents to the Lord, and to leave a legacy behind. And God will always multiply the blessings that come from our selfless giving.