

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

November 12, 2023  
10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Mission Offertory Prayer

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

Children's Church

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *1 Samuel 1:6-11, 20, 24-28 & 2:1-2*

Message- *"A Surprising Story of Gratitude: Hannah"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JB7R2RokaY>

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg  
Worship Leader: N/A  
Worship Planner: Jeff Maust  
Accompanist: Faith Verburg  
Sound Room: Noel Livengood  
Song Leader: Jeff Maust  
Video: Reuben Tice  
Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

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## Calendar of Events

**TODAY-** Missions Offering

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

**November 14-** Community Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Meal, 5-6:30 PM

**November 15-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**December 9-** Progressive Supper

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

**December 17-** Children's Christmas Play

## **Missions offering will be taken TODAY.**

The offering will be split as follows:

\$1000 to Casselman Valley Helpers Food Bank

\$1000 to Somerset Co. Mobile Food Bank

\$1000 to Garrett Co. Dept. of Aging Food Bank

Balance split 60% to Mennonite Central Committee

40% to Mennonite Disaster Service

**If you or someone you know needs a meal delivered for the Community Thanksgiving Meal, please contact Paula Resh to arrange delivery.**

The Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 9.

If you are interested in attending or hosting, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

*The youth ice skating trip planned for November 19 is cancelled but will be rescheduled. JTF is delaying their opening due to the warmer weather. An updated date and time will be posted soon.*

**Secret Sister ministry will conclude at the end of December. Reveals will take place in January with date and location to be determined. New members are welcome to join in the fun during the reveal, and choosing a new secret sister will also be done at that time. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Shoemaker at (814) 662-4423.**

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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!**

**November 14-** Matthew Fisher

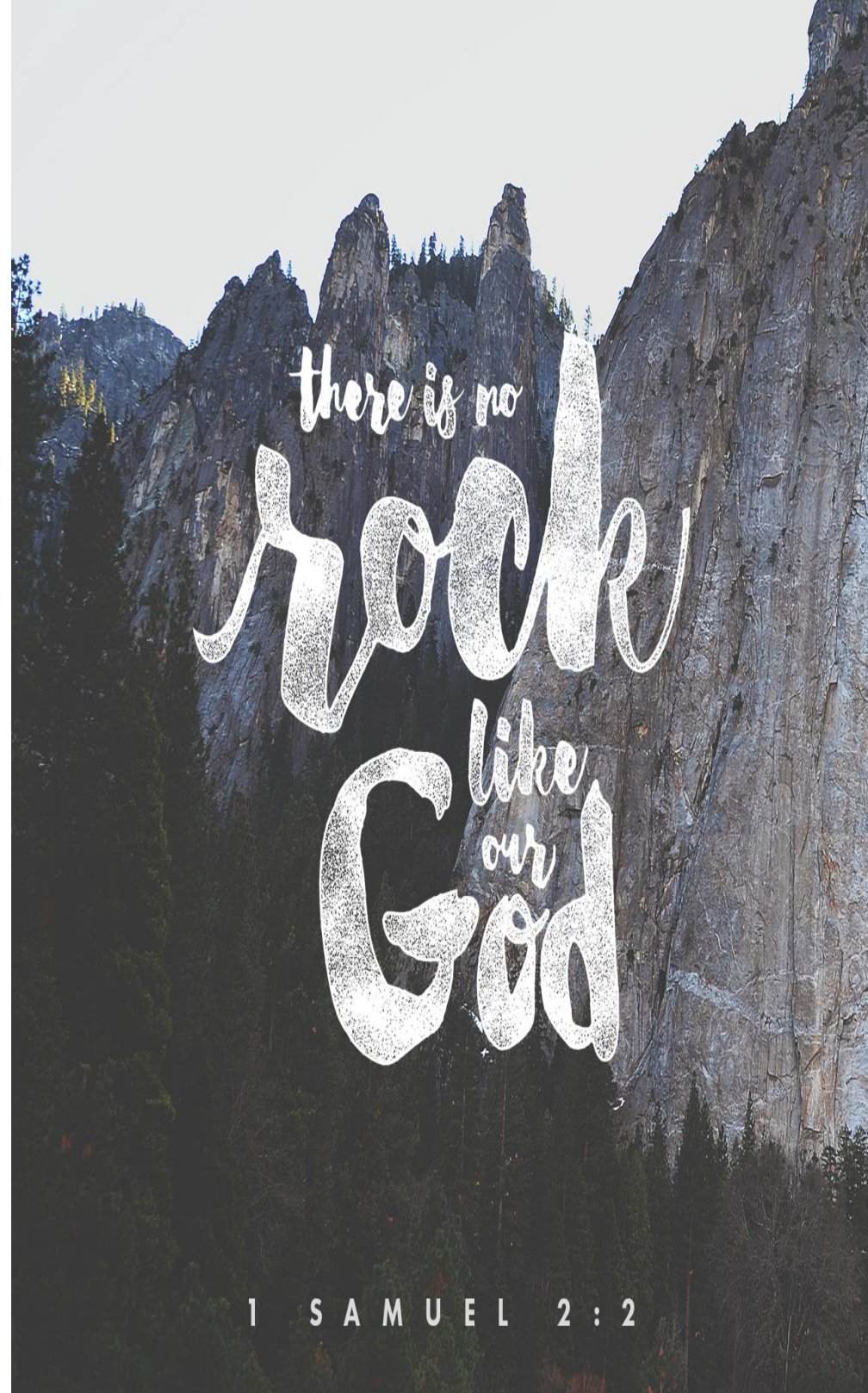
**November 15-** Don Green, Brandy Green

**November 17-** Beth Green

**November 5, 2023 Offering Total**

Attendance 98

General Fund Offering \$4,861.00



**SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 7, 2023**

1. The drop-down lights in the sanctuary have been fixed.
2. The trustees are getting prices to repair windows in the church.
3. A lot of painting has been done, inside and out. More may be needed in the Spring.
4. Don reported on the Allegheny Conference Faith and Life meeting in Winchester, VA.
5. Allegheny Conference discussed different ideas that congregations have for use of the money received from the sale of the International Guest House. They affirmed the ideas we have had so far. Council would appreciate more input and ideas from the congregation.
6. Council approved the purchase of poinsettias to be delivered to Goodwill residents and shut-ins over the Christmas holiday.
7. It has been suggested that the MDS portion of the Missions Offering should be designated for the Casselman Valley MDS chapter due to current needs in this area. Council approved, and the congregation will be asked to affirm this decision on Sunday morning.
8. Upcoming youth activities were discussed.

**JESUS**  
**IS MY ROCK**

**1 Samuel 1:6-11**

*<sup>6</sup> Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. <sup>7</sup> This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" <sup>9</sup> Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. <sup>10</sup> In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."*

**1 Samuel 1:20**

*<sup>20</sup> So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."*

**1 Samuel 1:24-28**

*<sup>24</sup> After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. <sup>25</sup> When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, <sup>26</sup> and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup> I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. <sup>28</sup> So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.*

**1 Samuel 2:1-2**

*Then Hannah prayed and said:*

*"My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. <sup>2</sup> There is no one holy like the LORD; THERE is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."*