

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 10, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Christmas Program Preview- Children Singing

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Children Collect “A time I waited on God” slips

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- Isaiah 40:3-5 & Isaiah 64:4-5

Message- “Advent Continues- So Does the Waiting”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6X71sXagUY>

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Jeff Maust

Worship Planner: Jeff Maust

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Sound Room: Noel Livengood

Song Leader: Deb Hoover

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

Calendar of Events

December 11- Worship/Music Committee Meeting- 6:00 PM

December 13- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

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

December 17- Children’s Christmas Play, 7:00 PM

December 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM

December 31- Youth/Family New Year’s Eve Party, 4-6:00 PM

January 9- Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness prepare

the way for the LORD⁴;

make straight in the desert

a highway for our God.⁵”

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,

every mountain and hill made low;

the rough ground shall become level,

the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,

and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 64:4-5

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,

who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,

you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

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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!

December 10- Mary Lou Jordan, Justin Livengood, Noel Livengood

December 11- Tammy Miller, Bob Brenneman

December 14- Sharon Livengood, Holly Clark

December 15- Brayden Thomas, Phoebe Wiley

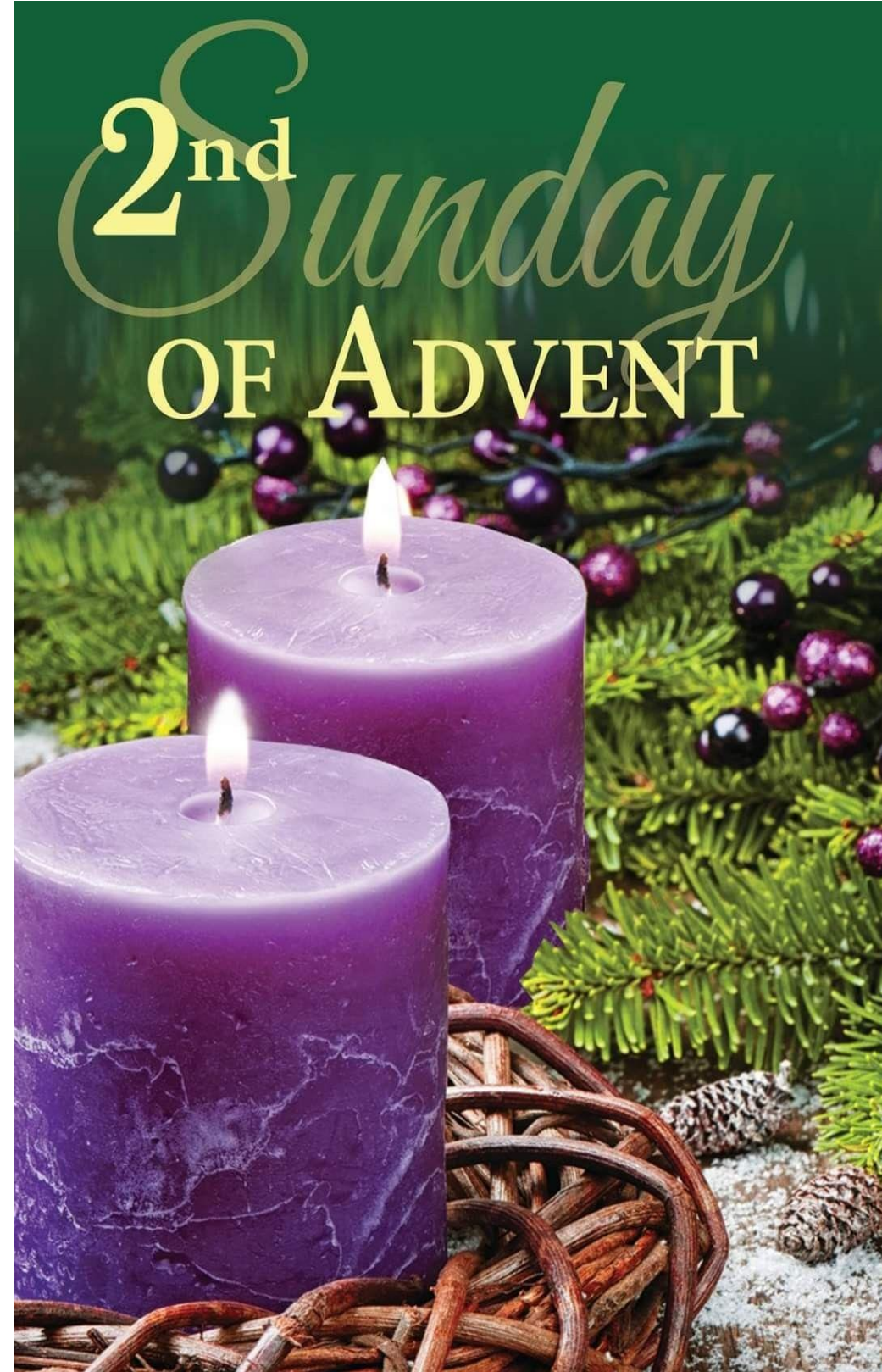
December 16- Shirley Brandes, Deb Brenneman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

December 11- Scott & Betty Kinsinger

December 3, 2023 Offering Total

Attendance	109
General Fund Offering	\$6,030.00



Thank you to all those who participated in this year's Progressive Supper. It was a success, and a good time was had by all!

Please use blank sheet to write down "A time when God was with you while you waited". The children will then collect them following the My Coins Count offering.

A basket has been placed in the foyer for Christmas cards for Goodwill Home residents. Cards will be delivered before Christmas.

The Salisbury- Elk Lick Music Department is hosting their annual Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM. Donations will be accepted at the door. Come out and enjoy an evening with the sounds of the season.

Cricket County "A Christmas Carol" will be performed at the Faith Factory on December 16-17 at 7:00 PM. There will be a matinee at 4:00 on the 17.

Join us next Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 PM for the Children's musical, "Good News Ahead the Signs of Christmas". Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Rosanna in the Middle by Lucinda Kinsinger (who resides in Oakland, MD) is a children's book which has been added to our church library. Rosanna lived on a country road in Wisconsin between the homes of her two grandmas where she learned to see herself as part of a much larger family of God.

There will be a New Year's Eve party for the children and their families on December 31 from 4-6:00 PM. There will be games and open gym time.

Significant Items
Church Council Meeting
December 5, 2023

1. There was a report from the Trustees on their progress on various maintenance projects.
2. Melinda reviewed the treasurer's reports including the November financial statement as well as the first quarter report, Cemetery Fund, Designated Funds, Missions Offering, and Allegheny Mennonite Conference offering.
3. Council approved for Daughters of Dorcas to buy some chairs for the sewing room to replace old ones. They may also purchase an iron & an ironing board.
4. Michelle gave a report on recent youth activities as well as upcoming events.
5. There was more discussion about a generator and the logistics of creating a warming station here at the church. Kitchen renovations were mentioned again and may be necessary as part of the plan.
6. Next meeting will be held on January 9, 2024.

