

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 17, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Congregational Singing- SS #15- *Hope is a Candle*

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer

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

Children's Church

Congregational Singing-

HWB #201- *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

HWB #197- *Angels We Have Heard on High*

HWB #199- *The First Noel*

*The Little Drummer Boy*

HWB #318- *Joy to the World*

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *Matthew 1:18-25*

Message- *"Advent Continues-The Start of a Crazy Journey"*

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

Benediction

Sending Song- SS #32- *Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

**Message:** John Verburg

**Worship Leader:** Julia Tice

**Worship Planners:** Glenn & Tammy Miller

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Sound Room:** Don Green

**Song Leaders:** Praise Team

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

## Calendar of Events

**TODAY-** Children's Christmas Play, 7:00 PM

**December 20-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

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

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

**January 2-** Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

**January 8-** Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

**January 9-** Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

**January 20-** Bowling at White Oak Lanes, 1-3:00 PM

## Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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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!**

**December 17-** Deborah Strickland

**December 19-** Nash Hoover, Diori Pattison, Marisa Perez

**December 22-** John George

**December 23-** Fannie Beachy

**December 10, 2023 Offering Total**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$5,888.50</b>

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Please use blank sheet to write down “a way you have shown or been shown love in an extraordinary way”. 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. (Fannie Beachy, Mabel Beiler & Betty Miller)

**Join us tonight starting at 7:00 PM for the Children’s musical, “Good News Ahead... the Signs of Christmas”. Refreshments will be served afterwards.**

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.

**There is a bowling trip to White Oak Lanes in Cumberland, MD on January 20th from 1-3:00 for anyone interested. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer so that we can make sure our reservations are correct. If you have any questions, please see Michelle Maust or Don Green.**

*The Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Christmas cantata, “Good News from Home,” on Sunday evening, January 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM at their church at 800 Walker Street in Garrett, PA. There will be candle lighting, and a time of fellowship will conclude the evening. This is the former Garrett United Methodist Church.*

**Enos & Carolyn’s SOOP 2023 Adventures are documented at:**  
<https://cetice.wordpress.com/2023/>

A deposit of \$251.85 on December 13 to My Coins Count brings our current total for 2024 to \$1,553.45.

***The Daughters of Dorcas will not meet on December 27.***

## **Significant Items Elders Meeting December 6, 2023**

In Attendance: Don Green, Ken Detrick, Sherry Abel, Rosie Cupler, Ed Hoover

Ken started the meeting with devotions and prayer.

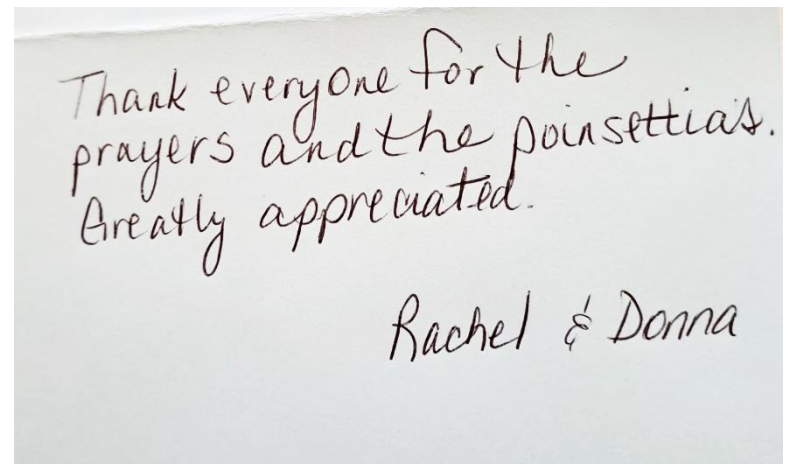
John was absent because of his aunt’s funeral. John sent his report to Don which the Elders reviewed.

Discussion on upcoming church events:

1. Progressive dinner on Saturday, December 9th,
2. Children’s Program on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We are so appreciative of Michelle Maust who oversees children’s programs.
3. Christmas Eve Service
4. Youth bowling on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Don has reserved 4 lanes at this time, more can be reserved if needed.
5. The Elders will make plans for communion in February.

There was discussion of and praises for answered prayers.

Elders prayed for several people who have health concerns and other needs.



Thank everyone for the prayers and the poinsettias. Greatly appreciated.

Rachel & Donna