

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 3, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: O God, tear open the heavens and come down
so that the mountains would quake at your presence!

No one has heard, no ear has perceived,

**People: no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for you.**

Leader: No one knows when the time will come.

People: How long must we wait? (pause)

All: Together we wait.

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Children's Church

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- 2 Peter 3:1-2, 8-9 & 15, Psalm 37:7, Isaiah 40:31 & Micah 7:7

Message- "Advent Beings—Waiting for the Lord, How Long"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvSD57FJKLc>

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: John Verburg

Worship Leader: Nancy Green

Worship Planners: Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka

Advent Candle Lighting: Shirley Brandes & Sheera Beitzel

Accompanist: Faith Verburg

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Song Leader: Isaac Tice

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

Calendar of Events

TODAY- Second Wind Bluegrass Concert, Folk Meeting House, 6:30

December 5- Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

December 6- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

December 9- Progressive Supper, 2:00 PM

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

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.

Second Wind will be giving a Christmas Bluegrass concert tonight at 6:30 PM at the Folk Meeting House in Springs, PA. All are welcome!

Rejoice magazines are available on the credence stand in the foyer.

The Progressive Dinner will be held this Saturday, December 9 beginning at 2:00.

Join us for the Children's musical, "Good News Ahead the Signs of Christmas" on December 17th at 7:00 PM. 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.

Michelle Maust is planning a trip to see Toby Mac in concert. There are two dates available for the trip: March 19 at 7:00 in Pittsburgh or March 23 at 7:00 in Charleston, WV. If you are interested in attending either of these concerts, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Whichever date has the most interest will be the one attended.

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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 3- Doug Otto

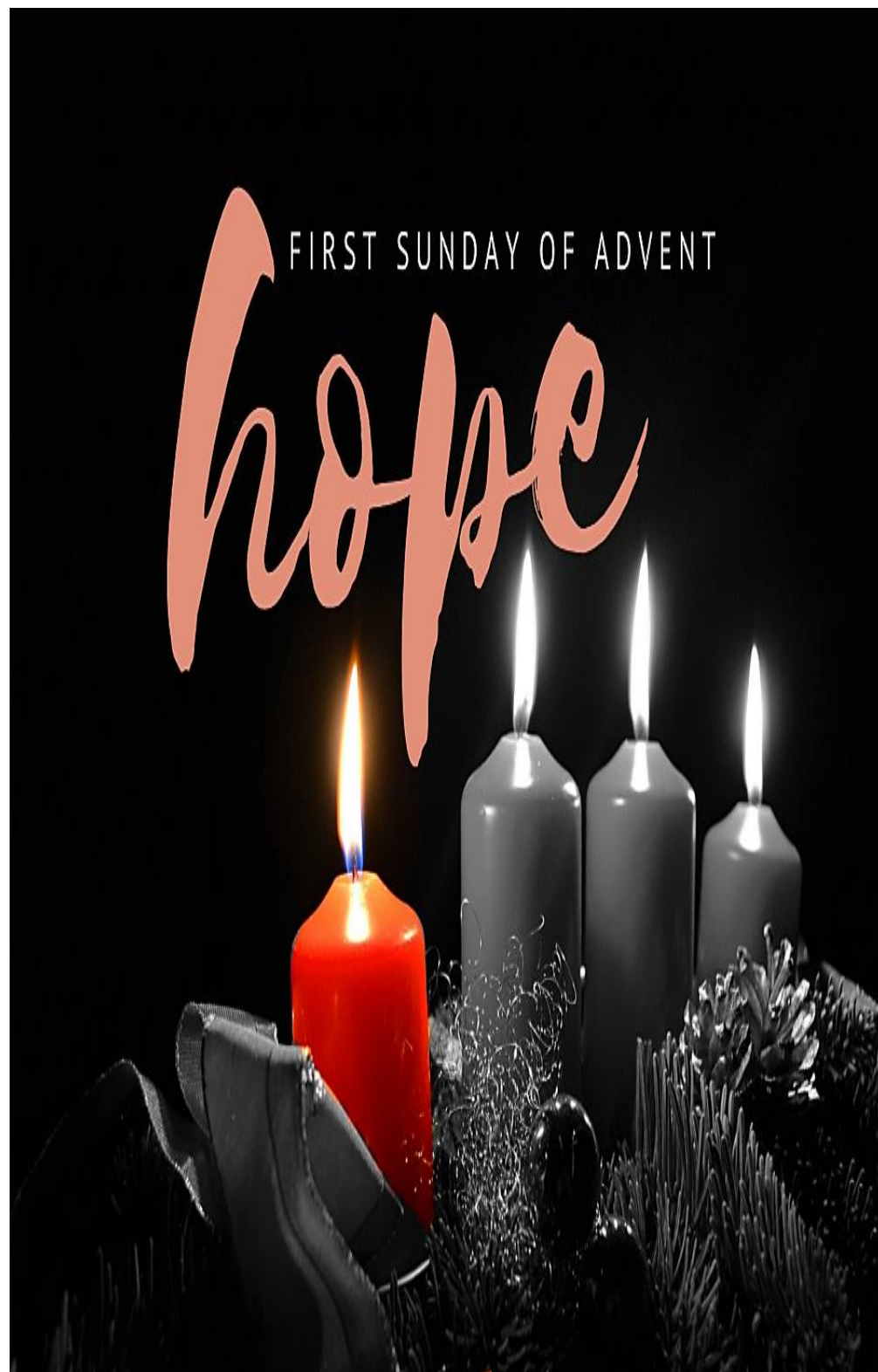
December 4- Matt Green

December 6- Shari Beitzel

December 7- Norma Jean Doyle

November 26, 2023 Offering Total

Attendance	91
General Fund Offering	\$2,521.00



The Missions Offering totaled \$7561.00

It was disbursed as listed:

Somerset Co Mobile Food Bank	\$1000.00
Garrett Co Area for Aging	\$1000.00
Casselman Valley Helpers	\$1000.00
Menno Central Committee	\$2736.60
Menno Disaster Service (Casselman Valley Area)	\$1824.40

A time when God was with you while you waited.

Looking for an Advent devotional as you experience the holy season? *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way* by Joanna Harader has been added to our church library. Dive into the biblical accounts of Jesus' female ancestors and reflect on God's presence in their complicated lives.

Last Sunday John listed 4 Anchors of Life. They are listed below:

1. **Faith-** Trust in God always
2. **Surrender-** To God's plan for your life
3. **Hope-** No Matter what the circumstances
4. **Thanksgiving-** Attitude/Response to all

2 Peter 3:1-2, 8-9 & 15

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. ² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.