

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 31, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Congregational Singing

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Scripture- *Mark 10:17-23*

Message- *"I Don't Want To Go Through the Motions"*

Benediction

Sending Song

Message: Jeff Maust

Worship Leader: Molly Piwonka

Worship Planners: Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Sound Room: Jerry Abel

Song Leader: Rich Beitzel

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice & Preston Maust

Calendar of Events

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

January 2- Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

January 3- Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 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

Mark 10:17-23

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

Church Information: Phone: (814) 662-4201

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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!

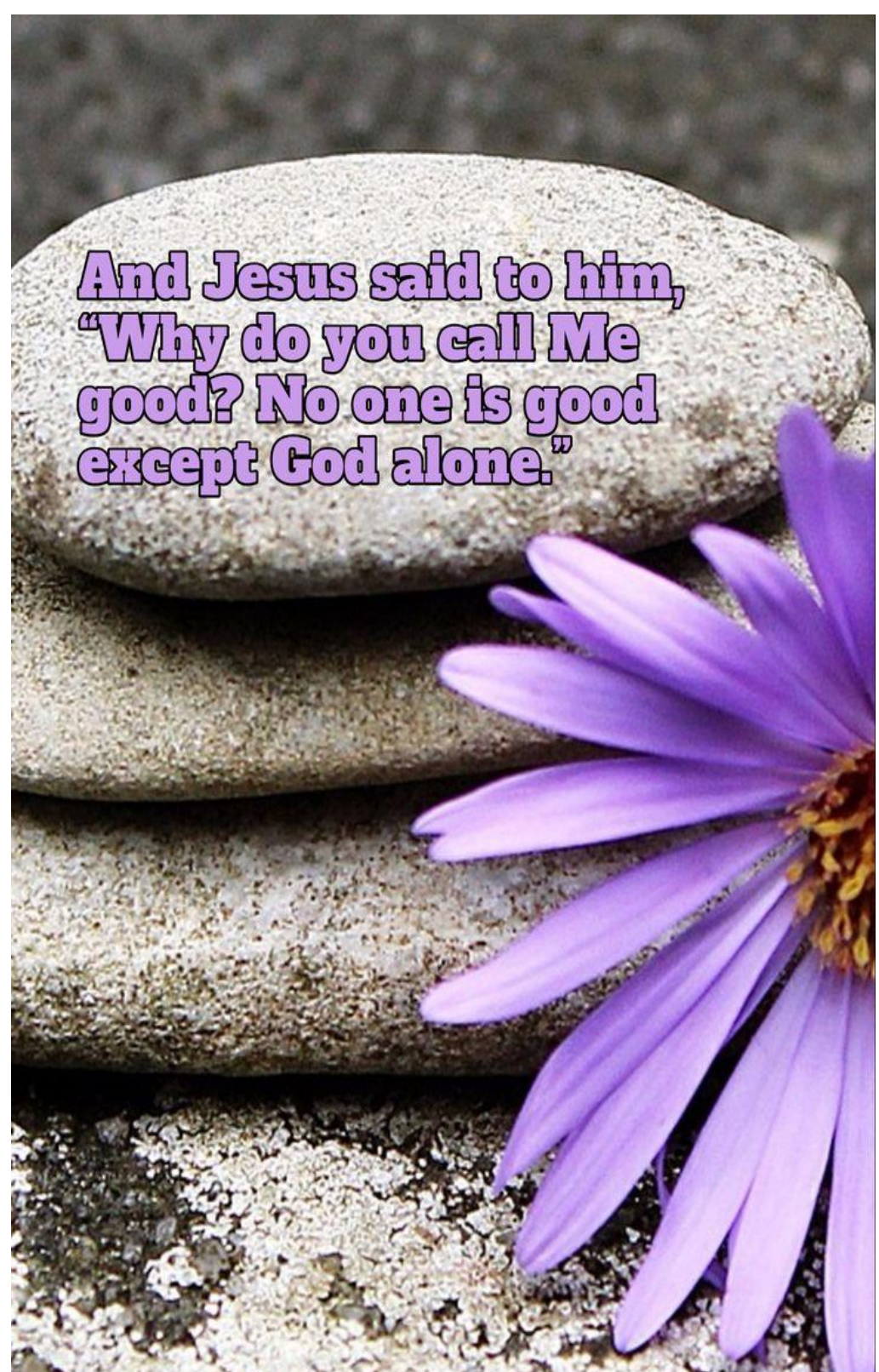
December 31- Tricia Kipp

January 4- Byron Miller

January 5- Aubrey McNeill

January 6- Kearstin Klein

<u>December 24, 2023 Offering Total</u>	
Attendance	99
General Fund Offering	\$3,478.00



A New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord,
As a new year begins.
We come to You and ask for Your blessing.
We pray that You would give us joy to fill our days,
peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.
Thank You for the plans You have for us in
this new year.
We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!
Thanking God for you and praying your new year is
blessed in every way.
“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord.
“Plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

Bulletins will be finished and sent by Thursday from now on. If you have an announcement or information for the bulletin, please have it to the office by Thursday morning. Also, if you do not receive the bulletin on Thursday, let Wendy know by Friday. In addition to the emailed copy of the bulletin, it is also available on our church website- springsmc.org under bulletins.

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

A bowling trip is planned 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.

Going Through the Motions

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Mark 10:21

- 1) What was Jesus asking the young ruler to do?
- 2) Why would Jesus ask this if the man was already keeping the law?
- 3) What does this passage mean to us?
- 4) What is God asking us to do?
- 5) What do I have (skills, talents, resources) that God is calling me to use for his work?
- 6) How can I stop “going through the motions” next year?