

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 5, 2025

10:30 AM

## *Together on the Journey*

### **Nurturing Faith**

### **From Whom Do We Learn?**

“God provides spaces for us to ask questions; God provides mentors and teachers along the way to help us grow in wisdom and faith. Where do we go to learn and be challenged? How do we nurture growth in others?”

*Leader magazine, Fall 2024, Menno Media, p.47.*

### **Welcome**

### **Lighting of Peace Lamp**

### **Call to Worship**

**based on Luke 2:41–52**

Leader: Jesus, grant that we may learn from you  
as long as we live,

**People: that we would mature in wisdom and years.**

Leader: Just as you listened and questioned, grant us humility

**People: that we would sit among the teachers.**

Leader: We look to you, Emmanuel,

**All: Jesus, teach us how to learn.**

### **Candle Lighting**

Reader 1: We never stop facing opportunities to learn.

Reader 2: We learn through successes and achievements; we learn  
through mistakes and failures.

Reader 1: In our learning, we can also mentor others and model  
wisdom along the way.

**All: Like a tree, may we grow in faith and wisdom with roots  
spreading deep to provide grounding, and rings of  
growth showing our continued learning.**

### **Congregational Singing**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

### **Offertory Prayer**

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

### **Children’s Story**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9

**Message:** “Time” ----Earl Yoder

### **Song of response**

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Song**

**Message:** Earl Yoder

**Worship Leader:** Julia Tice

**Announcements & Prayer:** Sherry Abel

**Worship Planners:** Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka

**Candle Lighting:** Doug & Harriet Berg

**Children’s Story:** Beth Green

**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto

**Song Leader:** Isaac Tice

**Sound Room:** Ryan Critchfield

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

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*Visuals:* The plant and tree slice symbolize our theme of growing in faith and wisdom, learning from others of all ages. Our journey of faith grows like rings on a tree. *Leader, p. 47.*

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**December 29, 2024, Offering Total**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$2704.70</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>88</b>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**January**    5 – Aubrey McNeill  
                  6 – Kearstin Klein  
                  7 – Todd Gibson, John Verburg  
                  8 – Richard Yoder  
                  9 – Rick Critchfield, Tim Kinsinger  
                 10 – Jerry Abel, Ed Hoover, Marcia Saylor

 **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.

**Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9**  
**“Time”**



**Welcome, Earl Yoder**

## Calendar of Events

- January**
- 6 - Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
  - 7 - Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
  - 8 - Daughters of Dorcas 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  - 8 - Elders' Meeting 6:00 p.m.
  - 19 - Allegheny Conference Offering
  - 19 - Children's Church

### **A New Year Prayer**

Heavenly Father, in this new year, draw us closer to You and ignite a deeper hunger for Your Word and presence. Refine us, shape us, and teach us to walk in Your ways, reflecting Your light in all that we do. May our relationship with You grow stronger, and may our faith remain unshakable in every season. Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity for us to know You more intimately. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Significant Items, Elders' Meeting December 18, 2024**

1. The meeting started with devotions and prayer by Ed Hoover.
2. Don stated that the Pastor Search Committee had a good meeting with Amy Yoder McGloughlin, Conference Minister.
3. Discussion of the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism Celebration: Enos will speak on January 26<sup>th</sup> & February 9<sup>th</sup>, and Phoebe will speak on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Discussion of other upcoming speakers: Earl Yoder will speak on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and Ben Yoder will speak on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
5. Julia Tice will be a Worship Planner for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don and Beth Green will help with an upcoming Sunday as well.
6. The meeting ended with prayers for individuals, the congregation, and the Search Committee.

A thank you card has been received from Somerset County Mobile Food Bank. The card has been placed on the bulletin board in the Church's foyer.



Donation Closet:

Donations for the free yard sale can be placed behind the pink divider. Donations for World's Attic can be placed in front of the pink divider.

## **LOST & FOUND**

A red glove was left after the Christmas Eve Service. The glove is on the credence stand in the church foyer.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center, as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging.