



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

February 1, 2026



Welcome & lighting of the Peace lamp

Call to worship

Leader: The Spirit has gathered us from down the road and across the city.

People: We are not quite ready to settle in and worship.

Leader: The Spirit has arrived to strengthen us.

People: We come with questions and heavy hearts, along with gratitude.

Leader: The Spirit is ready to kindle a flame of hope in our hearts.

People: We will open ourselves to receive and hear again God's deeds of power.

All: We invite the Spirit to renew us today.

Prayer

Scripture: John 20:19-22

Congregational Singing

"Holy Spirit, come with power" HWB 26

Announcements & Prayer for the Church

Offering – Children come forward to collect coins for My Coins Count

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Message – Holy Spirit, Transform Us
Responsive reading HWB 679

Hymn of Response – "New earth, heavens new" HWB 299

Benediction

Sending song

Worship Planner: Julia Tice

Worship Leader: Julia Tice

Speaker: Joy Cotchen

Announcements & Prayer: Sherry Abel

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Song Leader: Isaac Tice

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

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Calendar of Events

February 2 – Elders' Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

February 3 – Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

February 4 - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

February 8 – Intergenerational Sunday School,
Class #4, Class #6, and young people

February 11 – Secret Sister dinner, Casselman Restaurant –
5:00 p.m. (see announcement in bulletin)

February 15 – Children's Church

February 16 – Worship Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

February 21 – Intergenerational Painting – 1:00 p.m.
(see announcement in bulletin)

February 22 – Carry in Lunch for Wes and Deb

Church History Corner:

During John Kraybill's pastorate beginning in 1971, changes took place with the discontinuing of designations of Bishop and Deacon. Instead, a Board of Elders was elected, and the Gifts Discernment Committee picked people to serve with congregation approval.

Church Information

Phone: (814) 662-4201

Church Administrator: Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

Office hours: Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Email: office@springsmc.org

Elders:

Don Green (Chair) (814) 521-5709

Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

Doug Berg (814) 442-4313

Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

January 18, 2026, Attendance and Offering

Allegheny Conference Offering \$3,036.00

General Fund: \$225.00

Attendance: 72

Happy Birthdays

February 2 – Lisa Brant, Cortney Mitchell

3 – Paula Resh

6 – Roxie Livengood



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.



Welcome, Joy Cotchen

This is a reminder about the upcoming Secret Sister reveal dinner. Please mark your calendars for this special event on February 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the Casselman Restaurant.

When filling out a Secret Sisters questionnaire, be sure to include detailed information. Providing more details will help your Secret Sister learn more about you and what you might like as well. Once finished, please place the completed form in Becky Shoemaker's mailbox by February 6th. If you can't attend, please give your gift to Becky.

Additionally, please inform Becky (814-279-5724) if you plan to attend the dinner by Friday, February 6th.

New participants are always welcome and encouraged to join the program. Whether you are joining for the first time or returning, your involvement is valued and appreciated.

There are extra questionnaires on the credence stand.

Children's Church Help Needed

Children's Church will be held on the third Sunday of each month. (unless otherwise notified). This regular schedule allows families to plan ahead and ensures that children have a dedicated time for age-appropriate activities and lessons.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping to organize, plan, or simply lead an activity during Children's Church, please reach out to Sherry Abel. Please let Sherry know which Children's Church Sunday you would help with; we appreciate your help.

2-15-2026	8-16-2026
3-15-2026	9-20-2026
4-19-2026	10-18-2026
5-17-2026	11-15-2026
6-21-2026	12-20-2026
7-19-2026	



An Intergenerational Sign Painting Activity is being planned with **Stacey Felker** for Saturday, February 21st at 1:00 p.m. here at the church. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Cost is \$25.00 per person (kids' cost will be covered by the church). Money is due by Thursday, February 12th, and can be placed in a marked envelope in Deb Brenneman's mailbox. Checks can be made out to Stacey Felker.

If you are attending, please bring a finger food to share. Any questions, contact Kim Miller or Deb Brenneman.

Upcoming Speakers:

February 8 – Bill Mosholder
February 15 – Keith Pirolozzi
February 22 – Wes Bergen



We extend our sympathy to the Lapp family in the passing of Kedrick's sister, Margaret Foy, on January 15th.

Wishing the family peace and comfort in the days ahead.

NOTES:

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Advent and Christmas visuals, including everyone who ordered poinsettias, Carol Tice for the two large poinsettias, Jane Benson for the Advent candles, Rich Beitzel and Wes Bergen for the weekly focus pictures, and Bob Green and Reuben Tice for transferring and storing the Christmas trees. We appreciate all the help and the words of affirmation.

Visual Arts

Significant Items Elders' Meeting - January 14, 2026

1. The meeting began with a focused discussion regarding the selection of speakers for the upcoming months, beginning in February. Various options and strategies were considered to ensure a diverse and engaging speaking program for the congregation.
 - a. One suggestion involved incorporating video presentations as part of the speaking segment of the service. For example, a video could feature individuals who live outside our local area. The video may be scheduled approximately every other month to maintain variety and engagement.
 - b. A list was made for potential speakers.
 - c. Joy Cotchen will be speaking on February 1st.
2. Wes has demonstrated exceptional skill in leading Gospel Time, seamlessly integrating it with his sermons. Discussion regarding individuals within the church who could take on the responsibility of conducting Gospel Time, and the possibility of inviting guest speakers to conduct Gospel Time.
3. Discussion on filling a position on the Worship Committee with Wes's leaving.
4. The meeting concluded with prayer and words of praise for members of the congregation.