



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 18, 2026



Job 39:18 But as soon as she **springs** up,
she laughs at the horse and its rider.

“Called To Be Saints”

Call to Worship

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Opening songs

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7

Engaging Community

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Call of the Gospel

Gospel Reading John 1:29-42

Song

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Gospel Time

Digging Deeper

Third Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Message

Song of response

Going Out into the World

Benediction

Sending Song

Worship Planner: Wes Bergen

Worship Leader: Wes Bergen

Accompanist: Dixie Otto

Song Leader: Isaac Tice

Sound Room: Don Green

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

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Calendar of Events

Today – We will be taking the **Allegheny Conference Offering**. Unless otherwise specified, your offering, placed in the general offering box, will go toward our commitment of giving to Allegheny Conference.

Today – Intergenerational Sunday School

January 19 – Worship Committee – 6:00 p.m.

January 19 – Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. – Revelation

January 21 - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

January 25 – Meal after worship for Wes and Deb’s last Sunday. (see announcement in bulletin)

January 31 – Intergenerational Bread Making activity at the church starting at 9:30 a.m. (more information to follow)

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

Church History Corner: “The New Church”

1953—A building committee of Aaron Miller, Homer Yoder, Roy Otto, Alva Yoder, Cleman Folk, Daniel King, Myron Miller, Allen Otto, and Walter Otto was appointed. The present building was constructed with much volunteer labor at a cost of \$87,000. It was built on land donated by Allen Wengerd.

Church Information

Phone: (814) 662-4201

Pastor: Wes Bergen (681) 209-2029

Office hours: Mornings of Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Email: wes@springsmc.org

Church Administrator: Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

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

Email: office@springsmc.org

Elders:

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Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

Doug Berg (814) 442-4313

Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

January 11, 2026, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$1,960.00

Attendance: 83

Happy Birthdays

Birthdays:

January 18 – Chad Fisher

21 – Becky Shoemaker

23 – Gibson Hoover, Aaron Mitchell

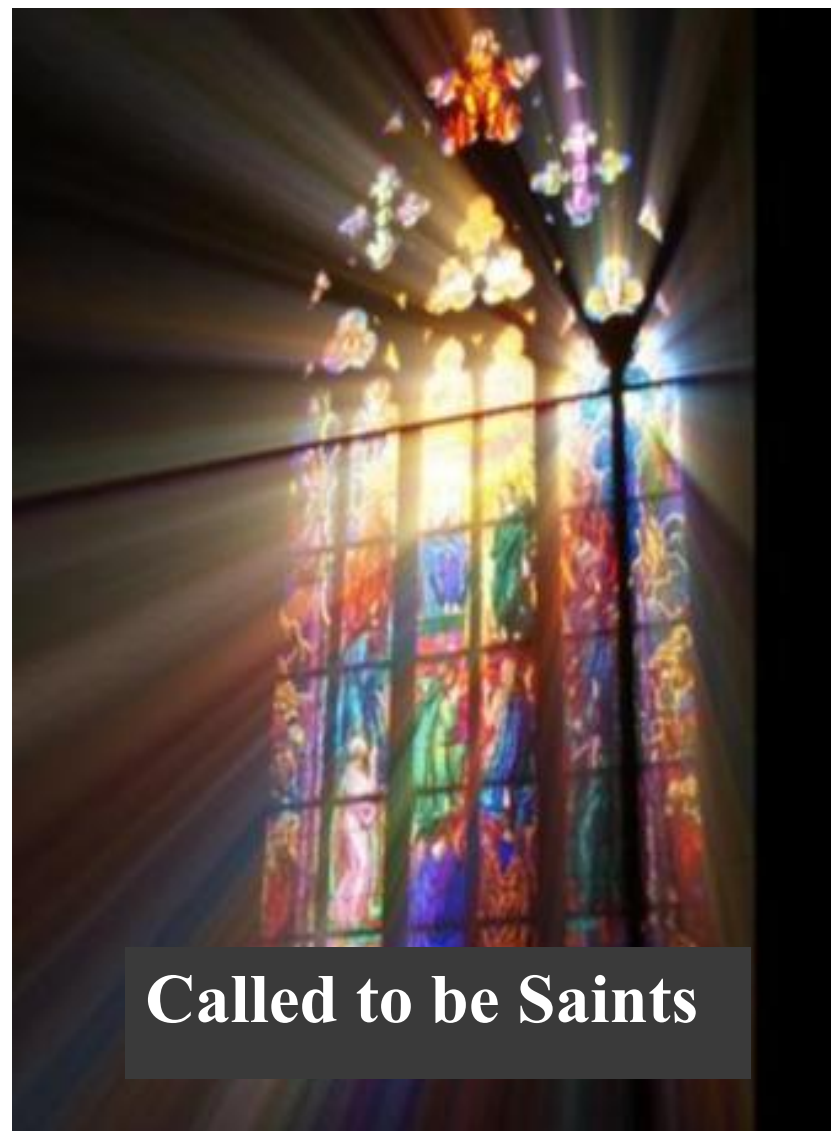
24 – Emily Fisher



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.



Called to be Saints

**Welcome
To
Springs Mennonite Church**



A deposit was made for \$125.97, bringing the year-to-date total to **\$1,575.77.**

There will be a carry-in lunch following worship services on **Sunday, January 25th.** Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share as we gather together for fellowship. The hospitality committee will supply the meat and drinks.

This marks Deb and Wes's last Sunday with us. We want to extend our best wishes for their future endeavors. Please join us in expressing our appreciation and support as they embark on their next adventures.

The **Secret Sisters** program provides an opportunity for participants to offer encouragement and support to one another throughout the upcoming year. This is done through anonymous gifts, thoughtful cards, and prayers, fostering a spirit of kindness and community among all members.

A Secret Sister Dinner will be held at the Casselman Restaurant on Wednesday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. This gathering is an excellent chance for participants to connect and celebrate their shared commitment to supporting each other.

If you have suggestions for additional questions to be included in the Secret Sisters questionnaire, please reach out to Becky Shoemaker at 814-279-5724. **Additionally, please inform Becky 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.

Summer Camp at Laurelville

OVERNIGHT CAMP

June 14-19: Explorer's Camp (ages 8-10)
June 21-26: Navigator's Camp (ages 10-12)
June 28-July 3: Seeker's Camp (ages 12-14)
July 12-17: Disciple's Camp (ages 14-17)
July 26-28: Mini Camp (ages 6-10)

Prices:
Mini Camp \$265
Disciples \$450
All Others \$380



DAY CAMP

Give your child a summer they'll never forget at Laurelville! Every week is bursting with adventure, friendship, and outdoor fun across our stunning 600-acre camp. From hiking through beautiful trails to splashing in the pool, creating one-of-a-kind crafts, and playing GaGa ball or mini golf, there's something for every camper to love.

But it's not just play—your child will grow, explore, and learn through engaging Bible lessons and meaningful experiences, all in a safe, nurturing environment. We keep campers fueled with a tasty lunch and afternoon snack, so they have all the energy they need for a full day of excitement.

Laurelville isn't just camp—it's a summer of memories, growth, and joy your child will treasure forever!

Week 1: June 15-19
Week 2: June 22-26

Week 3: June 29-July 3
Week 4: July 13-17

Week 5: July 20-24
Week 6: July 27-31

Price: \$165

If you register before March 1st for overnight camp, there is a \$25.00 discount. For day camp, there is a \$10.00 discount. Campers from all Allegheny Mennonite Conference member churches receive a \$35.00 discount. Our church will pay ½ the cost of the camp, and a Sunday school class will pay \$60.00. If camp is \$380, and you register early, your cost will be \$100.00.

Website - Laurelville.org/programs-and-events

E-mail - program@laurelville.org Phone - 724-423-2056

Webinar series: Find your way at AMBS! How can faith speak to issues that matter? Gain inspiration and insight from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary faculty in these webinars geared toward young adults. The next webinar, Find Hope in the Midst of Despair — with Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD — will be held on **Tuesday, Jan. 20, 8–8:30 p.m. ET**. Register to receive the link: ambs.edu/find-your-way

AMBS Pastors & Leaders 2026: “Resistance, Resilience, Rest”: Feb. 23–26. How can we best prepare ourselves to accompany our communities through challenging times with courage and conviction? We need rested, resilient pastors and leaders who can lead resistance against the many forms of oppression and violence that exist around us. At this conference of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, we’ll gain resources to care for ourselves and each other, looking to Scripture for wisdom, strength and inspiration. Speakers: Drew G.I. Hart, PhD; Dan White, Jr., MA; and Tonya White. Join the event in person or watch via livestream. Register by Jan. 26 to save \$50! ambs.edu/pastors-and-leaders

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	



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Deb Brenneman** for her dedicated service to Springs Mennonite Church. As Deb embarks on this new chapter of her life, we wish her a retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and fulfillment. Thank you, Deb, for everything. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Significant Items Church Council Meeting January 6, 2026

1. Council briefly discussed more ideas to help those who are having trouble hearing during our services. We mentioned a Live Transcribe program that works with android phones and an app that goes along with certain hearing aids as possibilities that we could help people find on their own.
2. The Floor Store has been contacted again about flooring for the church offices. Estimated cost is around \$3600 to \$5000 depending upon what materials we choose, and whether or not we do the attached hallway, too.
3. The Elders and the Pastor Search Committee have been talking with a pastor about possibly coming here.
4. The Elders are also working on guest speakers for the time after Wes leaves. Council also discussed new traditions and ways of worship that we have learned from Wes.

Church Council has approved the purchase of a subscription to *Anabaptist World* for our church. The January 2026 issue is available on the credence stand. To check it out, simply sign your name on the notepad and return the magazine when you are finished with it. Our own Edgar and Alice Rembold appeared in the December issue!