



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 25, 2026



**Revelation 21:6** It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the one who is thirsty I will give water free of charge from the **spring** of the water of life.

## Transition

**Call to Worship**

**Lighting of Peace Lamp**

**Opening songs**

**First Reading**      [Isaiah 9:1-4](#)

*Engaging Community*

**Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*The Call of the Gospel*

**Gospel Reading**      [Matthew 4:12-23](#)

**Song**

**Offertory Prayer**

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

**Gospel Time**

*Digging Deeper*

**Third Reading**      [1 Corinthians 1:10-18](#)

**Message**

**Song of response**

*Going Out into the World*

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

**Worship Planner:** Julia Tice  
**Worship Leader:** Julia Tice  
**Accompanist:** Byron Miller  
**Song Leaders:** Praise Team  
**Sound Room:** Jerry Abel  
**Video:** Reuben Tice  
**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice  
**Volume 71-No. 21**

## Calendar of Events

**January 28** - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**January 31** – Intergenerational Bread Making activity at the church starting at 9:30 a.m.  
(see announcement in bulletin)

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

**February 22** – Carry in Lunch for Wes and Deb

## Church History Corner:

In the 1950's the congregation became more family-oriented with men and women sitting together as a family instead of on different sides of the church. Sunday school classes also became integrated, with men, women, young, and older members combined.

## Church Information

**Phone:** (814) 662-4201

**Pastor:** Wes Bergen (681) 209-2029

**Office hours:** Mornings of Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

**Email:** [wes@springsmc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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**

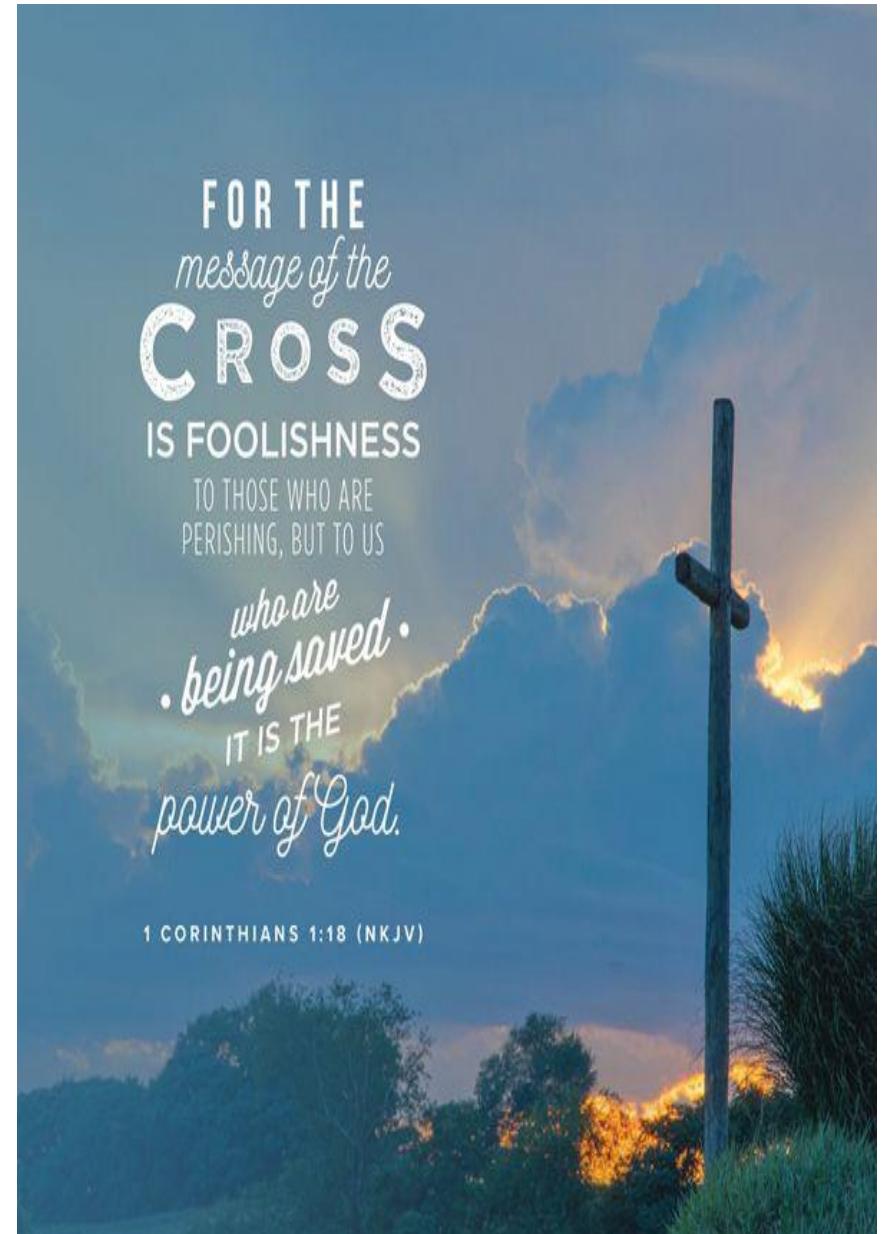
At this time, there are no anniversaries or birthdays scheduled to be mentioned for the upcoming week. If any relevant dates arise, they will be shared in future updates.



### **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 To  
Springs Mennonite Church**

This is a reminder about the upcoming Secret Sister reveal dinner. Please mark your calendars for this special event on February 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

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	



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Wes and Deb for their dedicated ministry. Their lives stand as a living example of Christlike love and service, inspiring those around them through their selfless actions and unwavering commitment to their calling.

As Wes and Deb embark on their next journey, we pray that God continues to bless them abundantly. May their path be guided by faith, and may they experience joy and fulfillment in all that lies ahead.

This Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 A.M., we will be doing an Intergenerational Bread Making Activity here at the church. We will be making both white bread (led by Julia) and artisan bread (led by Angie P.). Ingredients will be provided. We do ask if you are doing the artisan bread, that you bring either a round 2-quart Dutch oven or 2-quart casserole with a lid. Any questions, contact Julia or Angie. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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

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 1<sup>st</sup>.
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 leaving.
4. The meeting concluded with prayer and words of praise for members of the congregation.