



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

January 4, 2026



Psalm 11:8 “The Lord turned a rock into a pool of water, a hard rock into **springs** of water.”

Epiphany

Call to Worship

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Opening songs

First Reading Psalms 72:1-5

Engaging Community

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Call of the Gospel

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Song

Offertory Prayer

Children will collect coins for My Coins Count

Gospel Time

Digging Deeper

Third Reading Matthew 2:13-18

Message

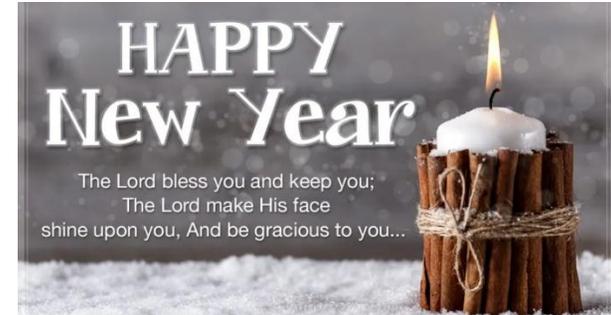
Song of response

Going Out into the World

Benediction

Sending Song

Worship Planner: Beth Green
Worship Leader: Deb Bergen
Message and Gospel Time: Wes Bergen
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

- January 5** – Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.– Looking at the letters of John, Peter, & Jude
- January 6** – Church Council – 7:00 p.m.
- January 7** – Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- January 11** – Affirmation vote on Article X., granting exceptions for positions to be filled. (see notice in bulletin for details)
- January 18** – Allegheny Conference Offering
- January 18** – Intergenerational Sunday School
- January 19** – Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. – Revelation
- January 25** – Meal after Church for Wes and Deb’s last Sunday. (see announcement in bulletin)

Church Information

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Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

December 28, 2025, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$5,923.00

Attendance: 91

Happy Birthdays

Birthdays:

January 4 – Byron Miller

5 – Aubrey McNeill

6 – Kearstin Klein

7 – Todd Gibson, John Verburg

8 – Richard Yoder

9 – Rick Critchfield, Tim Kinsinger

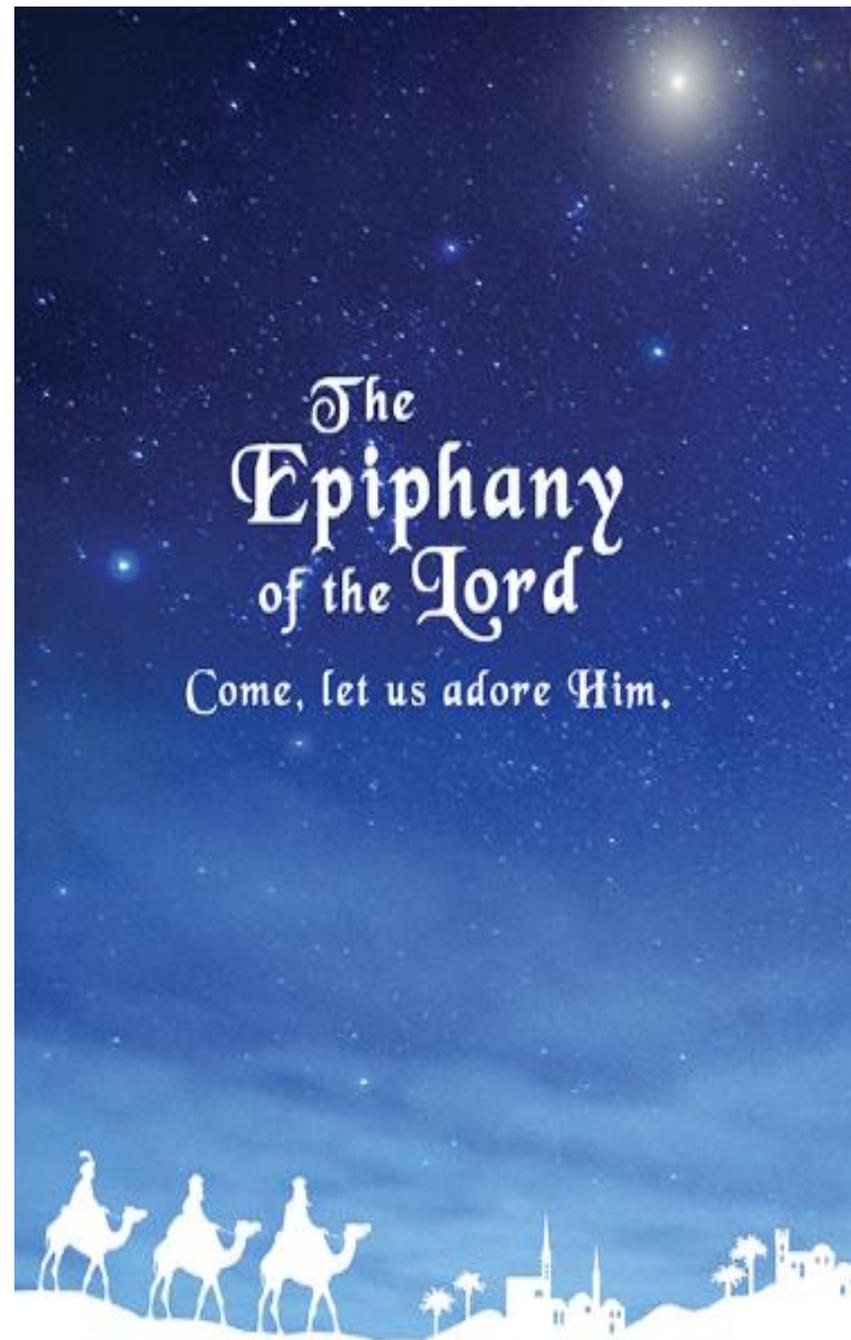
10 – Jerry Abel, Ed Hoover, Maricia Saylor



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.





We extend our sympathy to Wes and Deb in the passing of Wes's dad, John Bergen.

May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace that surpasses all understanding. You are in our prayers.



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.

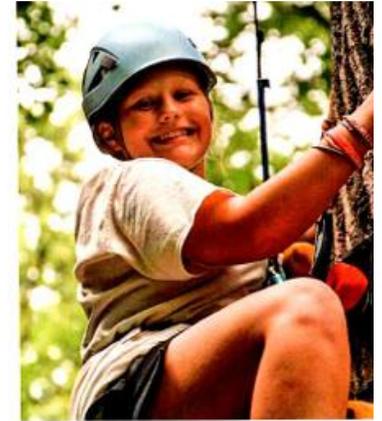
This marks Deb and Wes's last Sunday with us. We want to extend our best wishes for their future endeavors. Please join us in expressing our appreciation and support as they embark on their next adventures.

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 3:** June 29-July 3 **Week 5:** July 20-24
Week 2: June 22-26 **Week 4:** July 13-17 **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

Council has had a request from the Gifts Discernment Committee to allow for non-members to serve in some positions when slots cannot be filled with members as required by our Bylaws. Enos and Isaac Tice worked on an amendment that would allow this until the Bylaws can be revised, and Council revised the proposed amendment as follows. The congregation will be asked for affirmation on January 11, 2026.

Article X. GRANTING EXCEPTIONS FOR POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

The following exceptions are being granted through fiscal year 2026-2027 to allow time for the Plan of Organization of the Springs Mennonite Church to be updated.

- A) From time to time the Gifts Discernment Committee, Church Council, or Elders may find it difficult to fill positions that require church membership. When that occurs, and non-members considered to be good candidates for the needed position(s) have been identified, the Gifts Discernment Committee may request the Elders or Council, as appropriate, to grant an exception. Church Council and the Elders can decide if an exception is appropriate for any positions they need to fill.
- B) In some cases, the position to be filled no longer seems to be needed. Elders can grant the exception for not filling positions they or the Gifts Discernment Committee fill and Church Council can grant that exception for positions they fill.

The Elders, Council, and the Gifts Discernment Committee are all agreed to try this process.

Significant Items from the Elders' Meeting December 16, 2025

1. Doug started the meeting with a devotional from Proverbs 17:6.
2. Pastor's report:
 - a. There continues to be a positive response to Intergenerational Sunday school. Participation remains strong, and attendees are engaging well with the program.
 - b. The recent progressive dinner event was well attended.
 - c. The Sunday school Christmas program was a great success.
 - d. On Sunday, December 21st, Wes will be leading two services. He will conduct the Sunday morning worship and lead the Longest Night Service at 7:00 p.m.
 - e. Christmas Eve service has been planned.
 - f. Wes will be taking December 28th off to spend time with his family. He will be away from December 28th until January 2nd.
 - g. Wes is also scheduled to be away on January 18th.
3. A meal is scheduled for January 25th, immediately following the worship service. This gathering will be held to honor Wes and Deb Bergen and to express appreciation for their dedicated service to Springs Mennonite Church.
4. The Elders would like to maintain Gospel Time at least every other week. To ensure the continuity of this initiative, it would be beneficial to designate a person responsible for organizing and scheduling Gospel Time for the children.
5. It is important to keep children engaged during worship services. Opportunities for involvement include activities such as collecting for 'My Coins Count' and participating in the reading of scripture. These practices not only foster a sense of inclusion but also encourage spiritual growth among the children and youth.
6. The meeting concluded with prayer and words of praise for members of the congregation.
7. Next Elders' meeting is January 13th at 12:30 p.m.