



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 15, 2026

Jesus understood and demonstrated power so differently from what we expect. We experience the upside-down kingdom.

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We gather for worship,
seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

All: *“Your Kingdom come!
Your will be done on earth!”*

One: We pray.
Then we look around . . .
Where is it? What is truth?

One: We gather for worship,
asking questions and staying the course.
We pray again and again,

All: *“Your kingdom come!”*

One: Looking and longing . . .
Where is it? Where are you?

One: We gather for worship
and find that God is here.

All: *On earth as in heaven.*

One: God’s kingdom now and not yet;
here and in the world to come.

All: *Let us worship our God.*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Congregational Singing:

“Morning has broken” -HWB 648

“View the present” -STS 108

“You are salt for the earth’ -HWB 226

Confession Poem

Announcements & Prayer for the Church

Offertory Prayer – Children come forward to
collect coins for My Coins Count

Gospel Time

Children’s Church

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:9-13

Message: “Come before Winter”

Hymn of Response: “I know not why God’s wondrous” -HWB-338

Benediction

Sending song: “Just a closer walk” -STJ 106

Worship Planner: Sandy Brenneman

Worship Leader: Harriet Berg

Speaker: Doug Berg

Announcements & Prayer: Doug Berg

Gospel Time: Doug Berg

Accompanist: Ryan Croyle

Song Leader: Deb Hoover

Sound Room: Don Green

Video: Laban Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

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Wanted! A trellis. Do you have a trellis that we could use during Bible School, June 14-18? Contact Beth Green.

My Coins Count deposit was made on March 4, 2026, of \$179.90, bringing the year-to-date total to \$1,918.60.

Church Information

Phone: (814) 662-4201

Church Administrator: Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

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Rosie Cupler	(301) 697-1772
Terry Livengood	(301) 707-7173

March 8, 2026, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$2,256.00

Attendance: 85

Happy Birthday:

March 16 – Lexi Lichty, Deb Werner

19 – Alice Rembold

21 – Gwen Baer

Happy Anniversary:

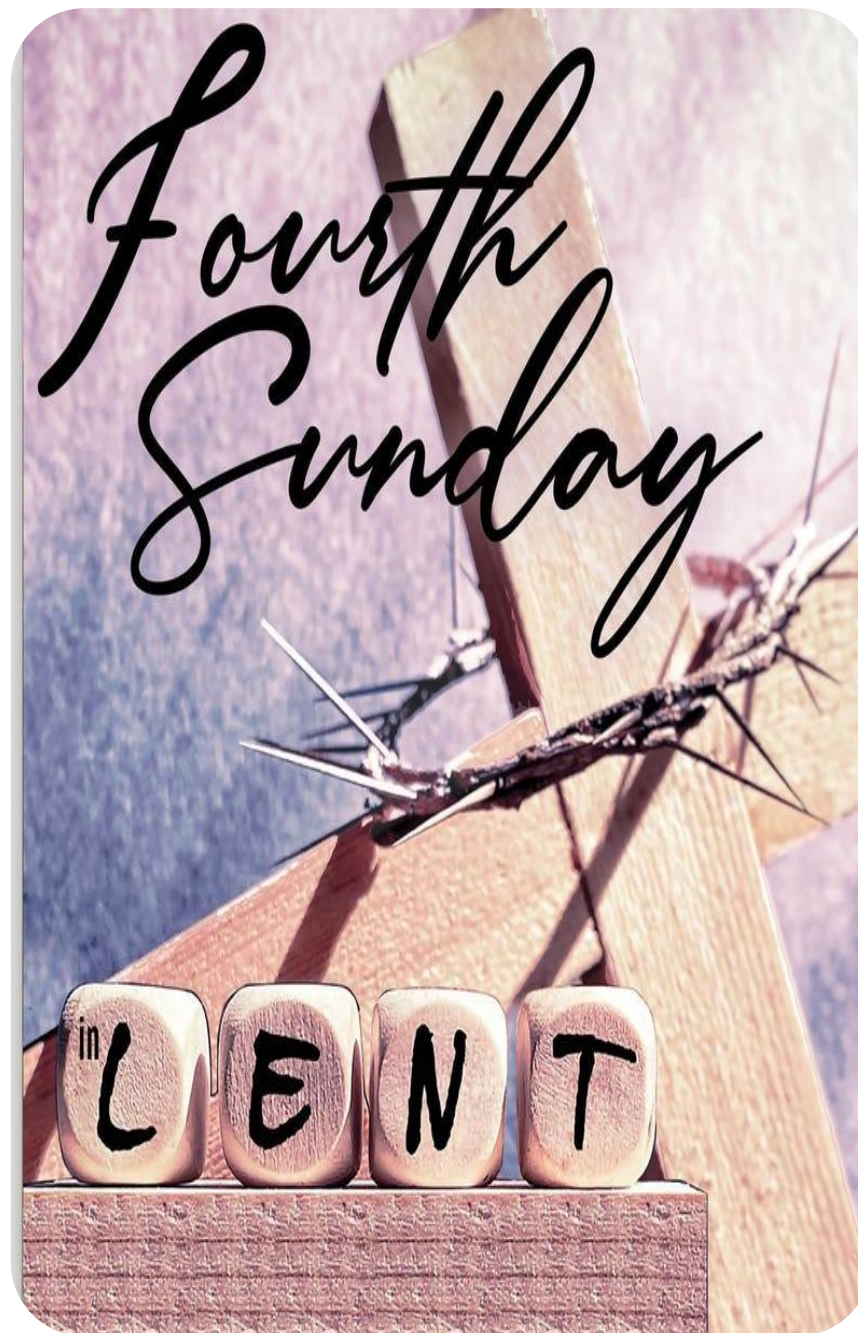
March 16 – Ron & Becki Peck



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.



SIGNIFICANT ITEMS
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
March 3, 2026

1. Phoebe reported on a Mennonite Church USA video she watched about abuse training as discussed last month.
2. Financial reports prepared by the treasurer included a February report, reports for the second quarter, and reports for the first six months of the church year.
3. On behalf of the trustees, Reuben reported on the work to paint and carpet the church offices.
4. The trustees submitted estimates to do more painting including the hallway and stairway in the same area as the church offices. Council approved to paint the hallway as well as the stairway using polyurethane on the wood rails.
5. Don reported for the Elders that they are doing fairly well with finding guest speakers for the coming weeks. They are still working to find a pastor or an interim pastor.
6. From the Daughters of Dorcas, Sharon reported that they have received a donated sewing machine. They have 34 comforters ready to be shipped on May 11. And, they have about 12 ladies attending regularly.

Rudi Kolb is having a birthday on March 19th. If you can, please mail a card to Rudi at
P.O. Box 201, Springs, PA 15562

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Calendar of Events

Today – Children's Church

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

March 18 - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 18 – Elders' Meeting – 12:30

March 28 – Make your own pizza night – all ages welcome.
5:00 p.m. (see announcement in bulletin)

April 12 - Intergenerational Sunday School: Class 4, Class 6, young people

April 19 – Children's Church

June 14 – 18 – Vacation Bible School - #Kids Connect

July 18 – TriState Relief Sale

September 11 - 13 – Church Retreat



Saturday, March 28th at 5:00 p.m.

Make your own pizza night, ingredients will be provided.

Please bring a snack to share.

Please bring games that you would like to play.

All ages welcome!

This Week's Pastoral Search Prayer Focus

This week, we invite everyone to join in thanks and prayer for our Pastor Search Committee. These dedicated individuals are responsible for seeking out and discerning God's will in selecting our pastoral candidate. Please keep them in your prayers as they fulfill this important task.

Members of the Pastor Search Committee are:

Paul Durst, Don Green, Deb Hoover, Terry Livengood,
Ryan Miller, Lori Otto, and Julia Tice.

Scriptural Guidance:

Before praying, please take time to read **Colossians 1:1-29** for spiritual insight and encouragement.

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to grant the committee members a clear knowledge and understanding of His will.
- Seek God's wisdom for them as they make important decisions.
- Pray for steadfastness and patience throughout the process.
- Ask God to provide them with strength and encouragement as they work together.



During the upcoming week, please use the front entrance. This change is necessary due to scheduled work taking place at the side entrance. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. These efforts are part of our ongoing commitment to progress and improvement.

Confession Poem:

Jesus, your kingdom doesn't work
the way we expect.
Power, honor—everything is backward.
Are you the king?
What is the truth?
We feel for Pilate,
wondering how a prisoner can be king.
If you have power, why are you here
instead of sitting on a throne in glory?
Why don't you call in your armies?
Silence the naysayers,
free yourself,
conquer the oppressors!
And you say,
"My kingdom is not of this world."
You say,
"This is how I testify to the truth."
You say,
"Listen to my voice."

Lenten visuals: Today's visuals illustrate the dissonance between God's ideal kingdom and the upside-down world we are living in here on earth, where there is war versus peace, feasting versus famine, homelessness versus shelter, and justice versus injustice. How can we live with the dissonance that surrounds us, and also experience and share God's "upside-down kingdom" that is here, and is yet to come?

Church History Corner:

The congregation moved in 1878 when the Folk Church at Springs was built at a cost of \$1,150. John and Samuel Folk and Jeremiah Hershberger were on the building committee. For the first time in 100 years, the congregation worshipped in their own church.