



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 22, 2026

This week, our attention turns to the cast of characters beyond Jesus at his “trial.” Notice the roles various people play in this horrible moment. We are faced with our dissonance when we feel powerless, complicit, innocent, or accused.

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

**Congregational Singing**

**Confession Poem**

**Announcements & Prayer for the Church**

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

**Monologue:** A Religious Leader’s Truth

**Scripture:** John 19: 1-16a

**Message:** “Here Is Your King”

**Song of Response**

**Benediction**

**Sending song**

**Worship Planner:** Beth Green  
**Worship Leader:** Beverly Critchfield  
**Monologue:** Glenn Miller  
**Speaker:** Bill Mosholder  
**Announcements & Prayer:** Sherry Abel  
**Accompanist:** Byron Miller  
**Song Leader:** Isaac Tice  
**Sound Room:** Don Green  
**Video:** Laban Tice  
**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice  
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## Calendar of Events

**March 25** - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

**April 3** – Good Friday – Sanctuary will be open for Prayer  
from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY**  
Sunrise Service at the church – 8:30 a.m.  
Carry-In Breakfast – 9:15 a.m.  
No Sunday school  
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

**April 11** – Intergenerational Project – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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

## **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.

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### **Elders:**

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Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

### **March 15, 2026, Attendance and Offering**

**General Fund: \$3,405.00**

**Attendance: 87**

### **Happy Birthday:**

**March 23 – Paul Durst**

### **Happy Anniversary:**

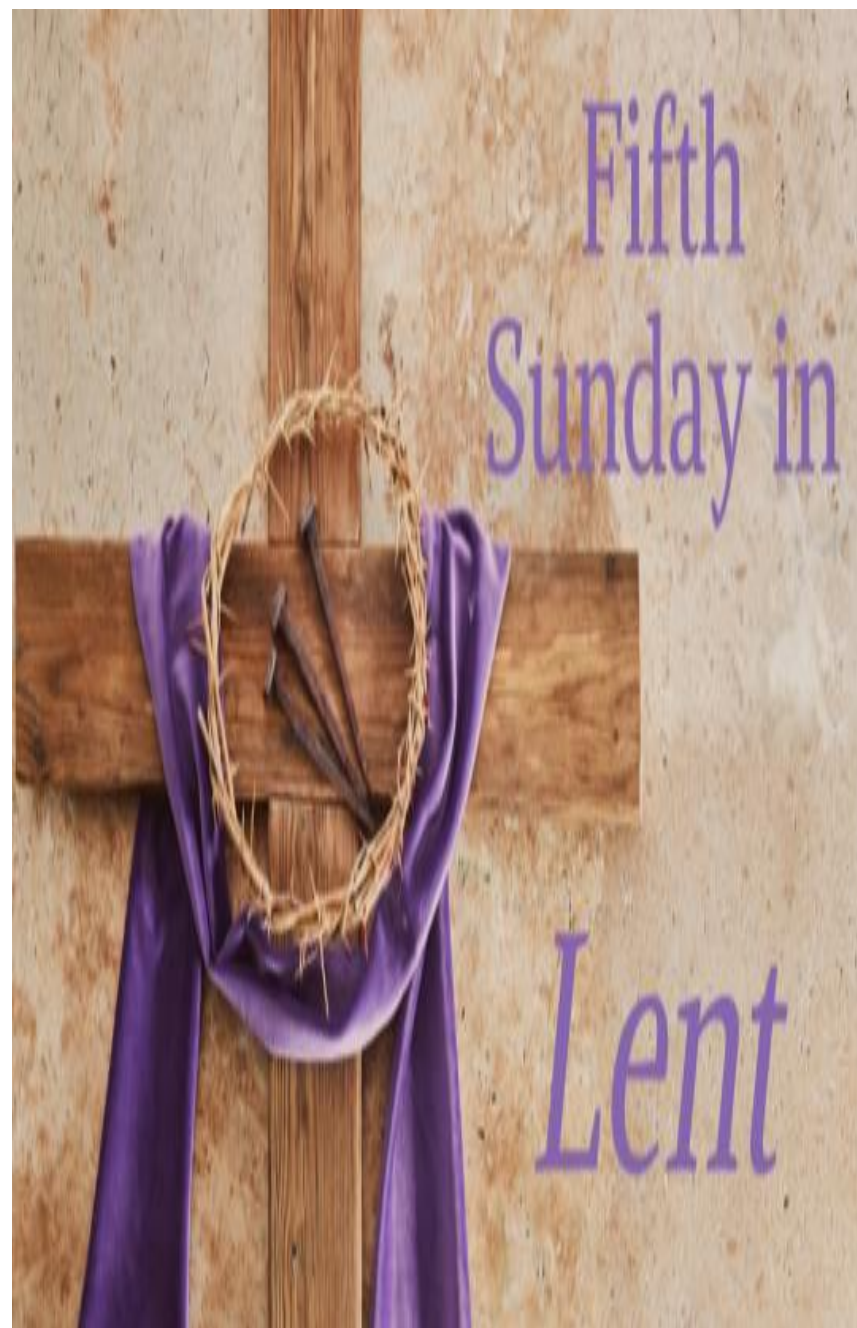
**March 24 – Todd & Melinda Gibson**



### **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.





Ryan and Kathleen Croyle are offering fresh brown and blue/green eggs for sale. Each dozen is priced at only \$4.00.

Let them know if you would like to purchase eggs.

Kathleen can be reached at 540-577-8753.



Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication:** April 15 – May 26. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 25 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](http://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

## INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

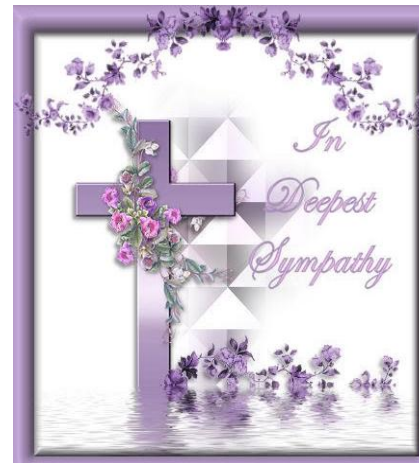
Have you ever been to a “Quilting Bee”?

We need **experienced quilters** to work on a quilt for the TriState Relief Sale, and we need other people (male and female) to **knot** comforters for MCC. If you have never knotted a comforter and would be willing to learn, now is the time to give it a try! This is a great opportunity for our young people who may need service hours. Please plan to join us Saturday, April 11, 9 am to 3 pm (or come and go as you wish).

Lunch will be provided.

In order to have a sufficient amount of food, we will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you didn't sign-up and can come, please come anyway.

Thank you,  
Daughters of Dorcas



To Richard Rembold's Family and Friends:

May love and support surround you, and may you cherish all the shared memories that you had together.

May the Lord Bless you and guide you. -Amen

## This Week's Pastoral Search Prayer Focus

### Our Future Pastor

- Give him/her a discerning Spirit
- Pray for their family and existing circumstances
- Thank God for his/her life experiences and education
- Prepare him/her to understand our spiritual needs to be able to guide and direct us

Prayer: Father, even now, prepare our hearts and the heart of our future pastor. Strengthen our and their faith, deepen our and their love for Your Word, and equip our future pastor with the courage to lead with humility and grace. Surround them with encouragement and protect them from discouragement or distraction.

*Lenten visuals:* This week, a crown of thorns and a crown of beauty represent the dissonance between power and powerlessness, perpetrators and victims, dissent and silence, and authority and servanthood. What crown do we identify with as we contrast Jesus' suffering and death with Christian hope that suffering and death are not the end of the story? How do we meaningfully witness and respond to the pain around us?

### Church History Corner:

Under the leadership of Jacob Saylor, the Springs Mennonite congregation had its beginning south of Meyersdale, PA, on Saylor Hill around 1780. Saylor was the first Mennonite minister west of the Allegheny Mountains. He, along with Joseph Gundy and Peter Fahrney, also ministers, met at members' homes and barns.

### Confession Poem:

Jesus, things don't always turn out  
the way we expect.

Or want.

And sometimes your choices

(or the choices of our neighbors or family members or  
politicians)

*really* don't agree with us.

We hate to admit it,

but we feel for the angry crowd.

In our fury, we too can become so consumed,

so focused on who or what we are opposing,

that we turn away from the things

that matter most.

"We have no king but the emperor!"

we find ourselves saying.

And only after we hear our voice

do we realize

how distorted our allegiance has become.

God, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.



We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed their time and effort as volunteers. Your dedication and support have been instrumental in transforming the church offices, two Sunday school rooms, and the hallway. Thanks to your hard work, the new paint and carpeting have made a significant, positive impact, creating a refreshed and welcoming environment for all.

Once again, a huge thank you to each volunteer and supporter who helped make this project a wonderful success.