



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 29, 2026

## Palm Sunday

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

**Congregational Singing:**

“Praise with joy the world’s creator” STJ-16

“You walk along our shoreline” STJ-99

**Confession Poem**

**Announcements & Prayer for the Church**

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

**Gospel Time**

**Monologue:** “A Disciple’s Story”

**Scripture:** John 17: 20-26

**Message:** “The World Will Know”

**Song of Response:**

“Oh God, how we have wandered” STS-58

**Benediction**

**Sending song:** “Go, my friends, in grace” STS-57

***Lenten visuals:***

“Hosanna”—“Crucify him”; Messiah—condemned; joy—sorrow; palms—a cross. What dissonance.

**Worship Planners:** Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka

**Worship Leader:** Angie Piwonka

**Speaker:** Eric Haglund

**Announcements & Prayer:** Eric Haglund

**Gospel Time:** Carolyn Tice

**Monologue:** Bill Mosholder

**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto

**Song Leader:** Isaac Tice

**Sound Room:** Noel Livengood

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

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## Calendar of Events

**April 1** - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

**April 5** – **EASTER SUNDAY - (No Sunday School)**

Sunrise Service at the church – 8:30 a.m.

Carry-In Breakfast – 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

**April 7** – Church Council – 7:00 p.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** – Allegheny Conference Offering

**April 19** – Children’s Church

**May 9** – Bowling – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (see announcement in bulletin)

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

**July 18** – TriState Relief Sale

**September 11 - 13** – Church Retreat

## Church Information

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### **Elders:**

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Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

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Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

### **March 22, 2026, Attendance and Offering**

**General Fund: \$3,075.00**

**Attendance: 82**

### **Happy Birthday:**

**March 31 – MacKenzie DeCunzo**

**April 4 – Gene Shoemaker**

### **Happy Anniversary:**

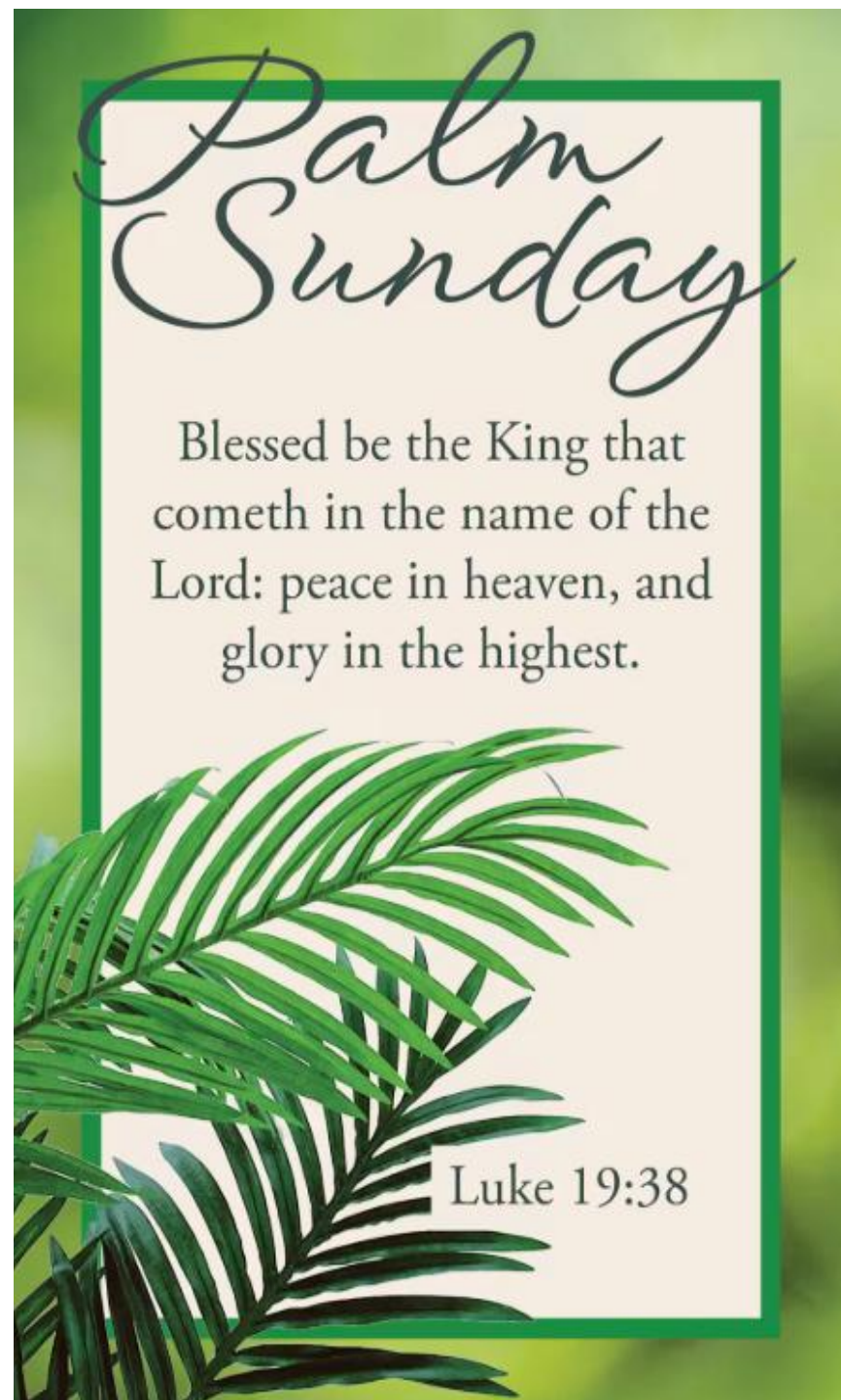
**April 1 – Jerry & Sherry Abel**



### **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.



## Confession Poem

Jesus, this story  
is not the one we expected.  
We feel for your disciples,  
so happy to proclaim you king  
as you rode into Jerusalem.  
We too have been eager to follow,  
sure about what that will mean,  
confident things will turn out well.  
We feel for your disciples  
devastated at your crucifixion.  
When we are no longer sure about anything.  
When everything we thought we had and knew  
falls apart.  
“Hosanna!” we sang back then, “Save us!”  
“Hosanna!” we cry now, “God, please!”  
And though the story has shifted,  
you do save.  
You have.  
You will.  
You are.

## 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



## Intergenerational Bowling

May 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
White Oak Lanes, Cumberland

A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Cost for adults is \$10.00 which includes bowling, shoes, pizza and drinks. Young people are free. Please pay Don Green by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.



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.

**Orienting With the Word.** Is your congregation eager for a new way to walk with Scripture? This free five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical competency through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in a Bible study practice that involves wrestling, wondering and worship with the biblical text. The next cohort runs Aug. 1 – Dec. 13, and the program is free to participating congregations. Apply by June 15! [ambs.edu/orienting-with-the-word](http://ambs.edu/orienting-with-the-word)



We would like to extend our Christian Sympathy to Kevin and Shelly Yoder on the passing of Kevin's father, Marvin Yoder. Shelly is one of our church Custodians.

### Church History Corner:

In 1853, Henry H. Blauch was ordained as a minister and the membership was reorganized. Pioneer members at this time were: John Folk; Samuel Folk; C. P. Livengood; John, Jacob and Henry Keim; Jeremiah Hershberger, plus 22 additional members. John Folk was chosen first deacon.

## Elders' Significant Items – Mtg: March 18, 2026

### *Devotional Opening*

Terry began the meeting with a devotional centered on the theme of patience, drawing insights from Psalm 37:7 and James 1:3-4. These passages remind us to be patient and steadfast, trusting in the Lord's timing and purpose.

### *Easter Services*

The group discussed and made several decisions regarding the upcoming Easter services:

- Maundy Thursday Service will not be held this year.
- The church will be open for Good Friday meditations.
- Bill Mosholder will lead a Sunrise Service.
- Sunday school will not take place on Easter Sunday.
- There will be a carry-in breakfast.
- The main Worship Service is scheduled for 10:30 AM, and will include the serving of communion.
- Sherry will coordinate with individuals, apart from the Elders, to assist in serving communion.

Lori Otto has agreed to serve as an Elder. Rosie Cupler will continue her service for another term. Congregational affirmation will be forthcoming. Sherry Abel will complete her term and rotate off at the end of August.

The schedule for upcoming guest speakers has been set through the end of May.

The meeting concluded with a prayer and expressions of appreciation for the dedication and contributions of congregants.

Rosie Cupler and Lori Otto have agreed to serve 3-year terms as Elders, pending affirmation. Confirmation by the congregation will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Any questions can be addressed to Phoebe Wiley.