



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 8, 2026

We all have moments of courage and fear, self-protection and solidarity with others, compassion and denial. This week puts us firmly in the dissonance that Jesus, the disciples, and we experience.

## Welcome

## Lighting of the Peace Lamp

## Call to Worship

One: Confident, hesitant, maybe just tired.

**All: *We come to worship.***

One: Wanting to follow but not always sure how.  
Embarrassed by the ways we've fallen short.

**All: *We come anyway.***

One: Seeking, hurting, longing, needing.

**All: *We come.***

One: When hopes are high, and dreams are bright.  
When hopes are dashed, and the world is not all right.

**All: *We come again. We keep coming.***

One: Ready or not. Here we are.

**All: *Come, Jesus. Come and meet us.***

## Congregational Singing

## Peter's Story – a monologue

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## Announcements & Prayer for the Church

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

Scripture: John 4: 1-30

## Message

## Hymn of Response

## Benediction

## Sending song

**Worship Planner:** Julia Tice

**Worship Leader:** Julia Tice

**Speaker:** Amy Yoder McGloughlin

**Announcements & Prayer:** Terry Livengood

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Song Leader:** Melinda Gibson

**Sound Room:** Ryan Critchfield

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

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## Calendar of Events

**Today** – Intergenerational Sunday School  
Class 1, Class 6, young people

**March 11** - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**March 15** – Children's Church

**March 16** – Worship Committee Meeting – 6:00 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)

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

**July 18** – TriState Relief Sale

## **Church Information**

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

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### **Elders:**

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Terry Livengood	(301) 707-7173

### **March 1, 2026, Attendance and Offering**

**General Fund: \$5,533.00**  
**Attendance: 87**

### **Happy Birthday**

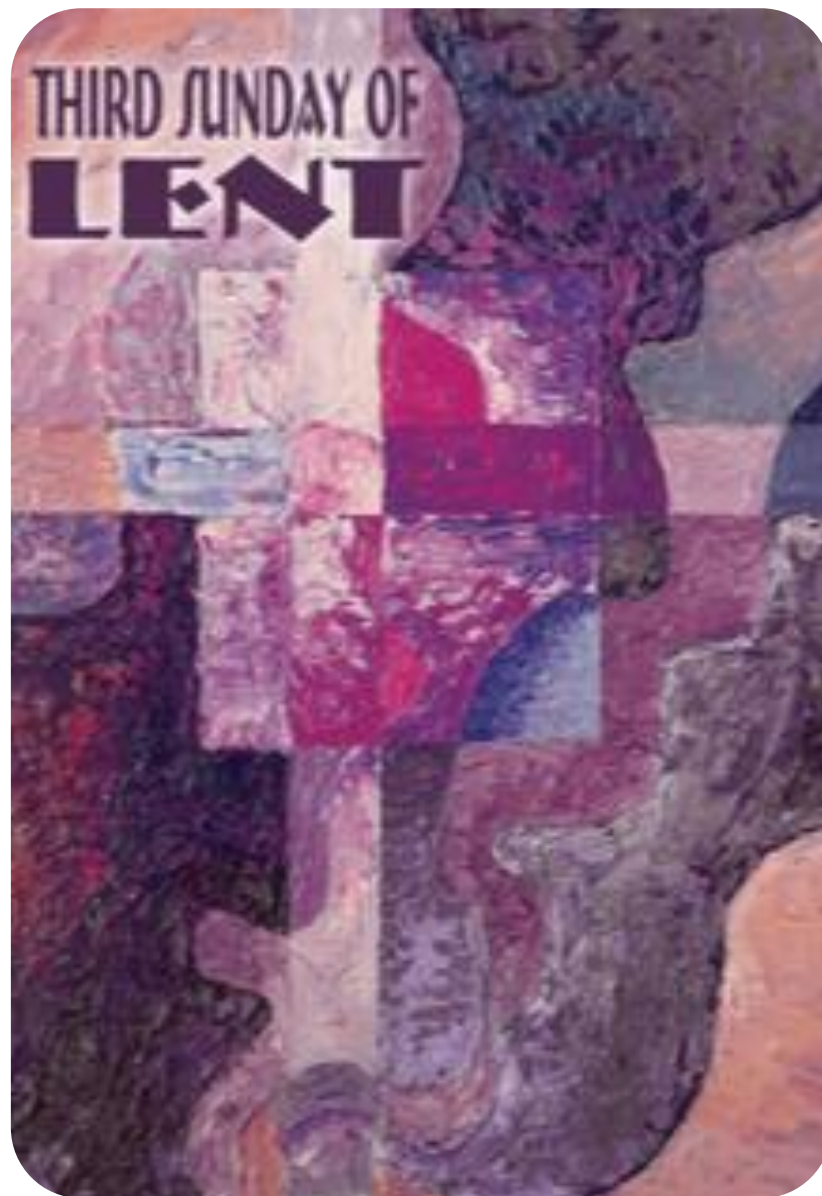
**March 10 – Hunter Wright**  
**11 – Lainey Miller**  
**14 – Hana Yoder**



### **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: Amy Yoder McGloughlin**

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

### **Springs Mennonite Church March 8, 2026**

Jerry Abel, Ben Adams (Diana Detrick's nephew),  
Terra Andre (Kedrick & Deb Lapp's daughter),  
Willis Beitzel,  
Kensie Bennett (Sherry Abel's granddaughter), Dick Bowser,  
Gary Bowser (Deb Lapp's brother),  
Ron Brenneman (Dave Brenneman's father),  
Ann Critchfield, Jim Doyle, Kathy Durst, Andrea Hoover, Jerry Hoover,  
Carson Hutzell (Diana Detrick's great-nephew),  
James Hutzell (Diana Detrick's nephew),  
Frank & Hilda Janczak (Sherry Abel's sister & brother-in-law),  
Renee Jones (Kedrick Lapp's daughter),  
Mary Lou Jordan,  
Bob Layton (Deb Brenneman's brother),  
Roxie Livengood, Ron McAmis (Sherry Abel's brother),  
Roger McKenzie (Bethany (Garlitz) Bach's father)  
Michael & Beth & Lainey Miller,  
Paul & Laura Molter (Phoebe Wiley's brother-in-law and sister),  
Edgar & Alice Rembold,  
Bobby Smith, Faith Verburg,  
Tom White, James Wiley (Phoebe Wiley's son), Fay Yoder

## THOSE IN MISSIONS

Naomi Tice – Bammental, Germany  
Phoebe Wiley – Prison Ministry

## NURSING HOMES, REHAB CENTERS, & ASSISTED LIVING

Mabel Beiler, Shirley Brandes,  
Beulah Mae Folk, Lisa Durst Frye,  
Doretha Hoover, (Ed Hoover's mother)  
Janice Jackson (Lori Otto's mother)

New *Anabaptist Witness* issue on “A Cry for Peace: Mennonites and Murids in Conversation” available for free online. This issue includes presentations made at a 2023 meeting of Anabaptist Christians and Murids at the Islamic Center of Taverny (France). The meeting drew together Murid and Anabaptist thought leaders and practitioners to present and discuss the historical narratives of the two communities, their practices of nonviolence, and a shared vision for the common good. [anabaptistwitness.org](http://anabaptistwitness.org)

**AMBS Transition to Leadership program.** This two-year program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary guides and nurtures new pastors during the crucial first years of ministry. The program begins with an in-person gathering at AMBS in Elkhart, Indiana; subsequent monthly meetings will be held on Zoom. Apply by April 14 to start May 14. [ambs.edu/transition-to-leadership](http://ambs.edu/transition-to-leadership)



**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!

The March issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the credence stand. Read the article "Beyond the Tomb" as the Resurrection invites us to imagine a new world.

## Significant Items

### Elders' Meeting – February 23, 2026

1. Don opened the meeting with a devotional from the book his Sunday School Class is studying regarding Lent.
2. Discussion on Easter celebration:
  - a. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Sunrise Service— this discussion will continue at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Discussion on upcoming speakers, and everyone who is helping with this ongoing task of getting speakers.
4. Sherry reported that Richard Rembold's Memorial Service/Celebration of Life is planned.
5. Sherry reported that Karin Miller has updated the Church website; and that Kim Miller is going to assist with the Church Facebook page.
6. Allegheny Conference meeting will be held at the Pittsburgh Mennonite Church on March 7<sup>th</sup>; Julia Tice and Isaac Tice will attend.
7. The meeting concluded with prayer and words of praise for members of the congregation.

### Upcoming Speakers:

March 15 – Doug Berg  
March 22 – Bill Mosholder  
March 29 – Eric Haglund  
April 5 – Eric Haglund  
April 12 – Earl Yoder  
April 19 – Ken Detrick  
April 26 – Leah Rittenhouse

*Sherry's schedule this coming week (8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>):*  
Working Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.  
Off on Tuesday.

### Confession Poem:

Jesus, following you doesn't always go  
the way we expect.  
We had such high hopes  
for you and for ourselves . . .  
We feel for Peter.  
In that moment of fear  
when everything is falling apart  
we too may find  
that we are not as brave as we wish;  
that, in fact, we are not ready  
to lay down our lives  
for anyone.  
But when we deny you  
or run from the truth  
or refuse our identity and potential,  
you remain faithful.  
When we turn away,  
still you are steadfast.

*Lenten visuals:* Today's visuals remind us of the dissonance of Peter as a follower of Jesus who defended him with a sword, and the Peter who, when his fear got the best of him, lied about his involvement and identity, denied knowing Jesus, and hid from the crowd. What do we show others about our values and who we are, and what do we keep hidden? In what ways do we feel torn between solidarity and self-protection? What dissonance do we experience between risk and comfort?

### Church History Corner:

September 12, 1954—Dedication of current building: Richard Martin of Elida, Ohio, preached the morning sermon and Paul Erb the dedication sermon that afternoon.