



# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

April 5, 2026

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Death could not defeat him. Jesus lives! Our dissonance now is like those first disciples: What does this all mean?

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

One: Listen. Do you hear it?

**All: *The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.***

One: Listen! It sounds like harmony.

**All: *Angels singing.***

One: Why are you weeping?

For the grief? For the beauty?

**All: *Jesus is risen!***

One: Yes! And creation sings it.

Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

**All: *but love is stronger than death.***

One: Do you believe this?

Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

**All: *Our names—each one.***

One: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

**All: *It is the sound of resurrection.***

One: Let us worship the Risen One!

### Lighting of the Peace Lamp

**Congregational Singing:** (see songs in bulletin)

### Confession Poem

### Announcements & Prayer for the Church

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

**Scripture:** John 20: 1-18

**Message:** “A Walk in the Dark”

**Song of Response:** “God sent His Son” HWB 345

### Benediction

**Sending song:** “Lift your glad voices” HWB 275

**Worship Planner:** Beth Green

**Worship Leader:** Pat Haglund

**Speaker:** Eric Haglund

**Announcements & Prayer:** Eric Haglund

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Song Leaders:** Praise Team

**Sound Room:** Ryan Critchfield

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

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### 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

## 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:**

Don Green (Chair) (814) 521-5709

Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

Doug Berg (814) 442-4313

Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

### **March 29, 2026, Attendance and Offering**

**General Fund: \$1,915.00**

**Attendance: 93**

### **Happy Birthday:**

**April 9 – Sigvard Benson**

### **Happy Anniversary:**

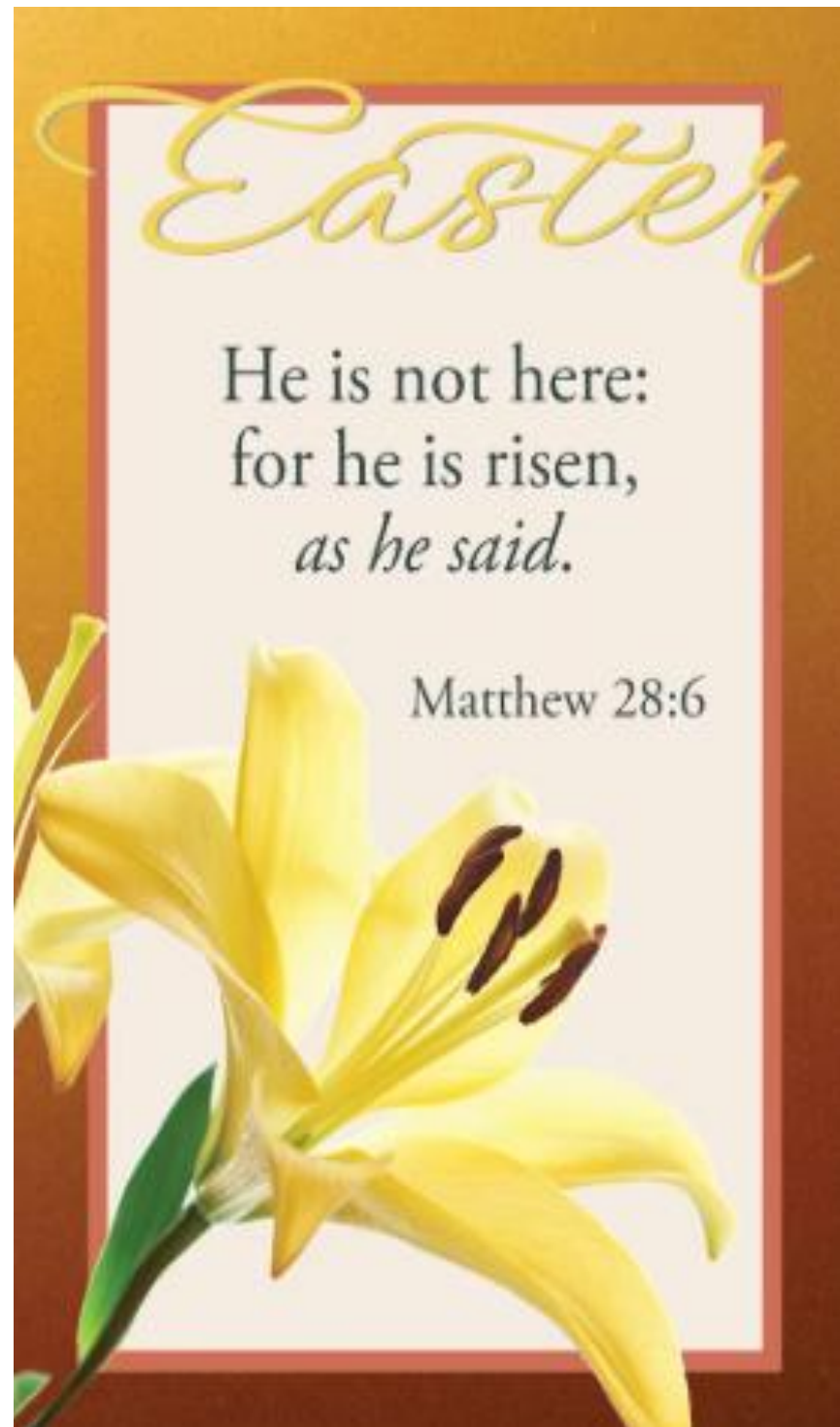
**April 6 – Greg & Kim Miller**



### **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, you don't always show up  
where we expect  
or in the way we expect.  
Once again, we feel for Mary,  
weeping by a tomb.  
In our grief, we assume  
that the lost is lost forever.  
"Tell me where to go!" we say.  
Tell me how I can find that piece  
of what was  
to cling to a while longer.  
And we don't even realize you are there—  
that you have been there  
right in front of us  
all along—  
until you speak our name.  
As if to say, "I'm here."  
As if to say, "I love you"  
and promise: "This is not the end."



### 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>.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mabel Beiler who passed away on March 8, 2026. Mabel quilted with the Daughters of Dorcas sewing group here at Springs Mennonite Church.

Rosie Cupler and Lori Otto have agreed to serve 3-year terms as Elders, pending affirmation. Confirmation by the congregation will be today. Any questions can be addressed to Phoebe Wiley.

## This Week's Pastoral Search Prayer Focus

The Congregation

- Thank God for our love for each other and for the volunteers covering for our pastoral needs
- Pray for open minds as we consider pastoral search committee recommendations
- Pray for patience in this time of waiting
- Help us to counsel each other and to continue to grow in the Spirit during this time

“EASTER SONG (Hear the bells)”

Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing that we can be born again!

Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing

“Christ is risen from the dead!”

The angel upon the tombstone said, “He is risen just as he said.”

“Quickly, now go tell His disciples that

Jesus Christ is no longer dead!”

Joy to the world, He is risen, Alleluia, is risen,

Alleluia, is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HWB #278 “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!”

“WORTHY IS THE LAMB”

Thank You for the cross, Lord; thank You for the price You paid;

Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came,

and gave amazing grace;

Thank you for this love, Lord;

thank You for the nail-pierced hands;

Washed me in Your cleansing flow,

now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne;

Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious;

High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,

the Darling of heaven crucified;

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

HWB #280 “Christ the Lord is risen today” (verses 1-3)

## Calendar of Events

**Today – 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** – Elders’ Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

**April 7** – Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

**April 8** - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 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

**April 20** – Worship Committee – 6:00 p.m.

**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

My Coins Count: a deposit of \$135.66 was made on  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, bringing our total to \$2,054.26.