



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

August 2, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Congregational Singing:

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

“Everybody Ought to Know”

“Give Me Oil”

Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Prayer – Children come forward to
collect coins for My Coins Count
(Offering Box is in the Church foyer)

Announcements & Prayer for the Church

Congregational Singing: “He’s Got the Whole World”

Scripture: John 14: 1-21

Message: “The Return of Christ”

Song of Response: “Do Lord”

Benediction

Sending Song: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Worship Planner: Beth Green

Worship Leader: Sherry Abel

Speaker: Phil Moser

Announcements & Prayer: Terry Livengood

Accompanist: Byron Miller

Song Leader: Deb Hoover

Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield

Video: Reuben Tice

Live Stream: Isaac Tice

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Calendar of Events

August 4 – Church Council

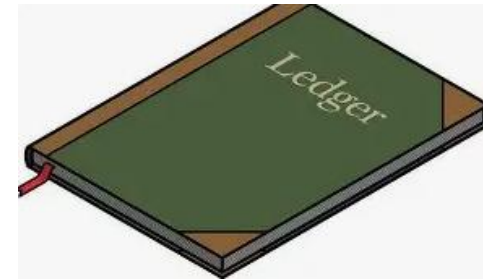
August 5 - Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

August 10 – Elders’ Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

August 24 – Worship Committee – 6:00 p.m.

September 4 & 5 – Free Yard Sale – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

September 11 - 13 – Church Retreat



The ledger containing our Church Council minutes—from around 1915 through 1987—has been missing for quite some time. If you happened to have borrowed it, please take a moment to check your shelves at home. If you find it, we’d be grateful if you could return it to Sherry Abel. It holds a wonderful part of The Springs Mennonite Church’s history, and we’d love to have it back where it belongs.

Church Information

Phone: (814) 662-4201

Church Administrator: Sherry Abel (814) 233-0510

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Terry Livengood	(301) 707-7173

July 26, 2026, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$3,610.00

Allegheny Conference Offering: \$325.00

Attendance: 86

Happy Birthday:

**August 3 – Ripley Brenneman
5 – Sheera Beitzel**

Happy Anniversary:

**August 2 – Don & Beth Green
4 – Jeff & Michelle Maust**



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, Phil Moser

JESUS LOVES EVEN ME

I am so glad that my Father in heav'n
Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see:
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

Chorus:

I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me.

Oh, if there's only one song I can sing,
When in His beauty I see the great King,
This shall my song in eternity be:
"Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me."

(repeat Chorus)

EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW

Everybody ought to know,
Everybody ought to know,
Everybody ought to know,
Who Jesus is.

(Repeat Refrain)

He's the Lily of the Valley,
He's the Bright and Morning Star,
He's the Fairest of ten thousand,
Everybody ought to know.

(Repeat Refrain)

GIVE ME OIL

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
(burning, burning),
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
(burning, burning),
Geep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.
[Refrain]

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day. [Refrain]

SENDING SONG— I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back; no turning back.

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

2. He's got the tiny, little baby in His hands.
(Sing three times)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

3. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands.
(Sing three times)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

4. He's got you and me, sister, in His hands.
(Sing three times)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

5. He's got everybody here in His hands.
(Sing three times)
He's got the whole world in His hands!

RESPONSE SONG—

DO LORD

I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.
Way beyond the blue.

Chorus:

Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, You take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, You take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, You take Him too.
Way beyond the blue.

(Repeat Chorus)



Labor Day Weekend is fast approaching.

It's time to be thinking about our annual Free Yard Sale sponsored by Sunday School Class #4!

Any items you want to contribute can be placed in the back half of the World's Attic Closet (located at the bottom of the stairs between the gym and fellowship hall).

Sale Dates: September 4 and 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Folk Meeting House



New *Vision* issue on “Decolonial Discipleship as an Intercultural Church” available for free online. The Spring 2026 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* — edited by Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun, PhD, and Sarah Kathleen Johnson, PhD — explores how practices of decolonization and genuine intercultural engagement need to be understood as deeply interconnected aspects of our collective journey toward peace, justice and reconciliation. ambs.edu/vision



This week we received a heartfelt thank-you letter from MCC Material Resources Center, expressing their gratitude for the **84** comforters and **200** kit bags we shipped in May 2026.

Daughters of Dorcas donated **35** items to the TriState Relief Sale 2026.

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

Upcoming Speakers:

August 9 – Clair Good
August 16 – Alan Kauffman
August 23 – Enos Tice
August 30 – Keith Pirolozzi
September 6 – Lydia Harnish
September 13 – Tim Yoder