SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

November 1, 2026

Music Prelude *(see description in bulletin)*
Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith

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

Gospel Time

Announcements & Prayers of the Church

Congregational Singing

Scripture:

Message:

Song of Response
Benediction
Sending Song

Worship Planner: Bill Mosholder & Angie Piwonka
Speaker: Phil Moser
Worship Leader: Julia Tice
Song Leader: Isaac Tice
Accompanist: Ryan Croyle
Gospel Time: Kathleen Croyle
Announcements & Prayer: Doug Berg
Sound Room: Ryan Critchfield
Video: Reuben Tice
Live Stream: Isaac Tice
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This morning's prelude features three chorales arranged by J.S. Bach (1685–1750). As we prepare our hearts for worship, you are welcome to follow along in the blue hymnal: "If You but Trust in God" (HWB 576), "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (HWB 13), and "In Thee Is Gladness" (HWB 114).

Calendar of Events

November 3 – Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

November 4 – Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

November 8 – Intergenerational Sunday School – Topic Class, Class 6, and Young People

November 12 – Elders' Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

November 16 – Worship Committee – 6:00 p.m.

November 17 – Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Dinner

November 22 – Poinsettia orders are due

November 22 & 29 – Children's Christmas Program Practice during church

December 6 – Carry-in Fellowship Meal in celebration of new Members, after the worship service.

December 12 – Progressive Dinner – *more information to come in next week's bulletin*

December 13 – Children's Program during worship service

Church Information
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Rosie Cupler	(301) 697-1772
Terry Livengood	(301) 707-7173
Lori Otto	(814) 289-1136

October 25, 2026, Attendance and Offering

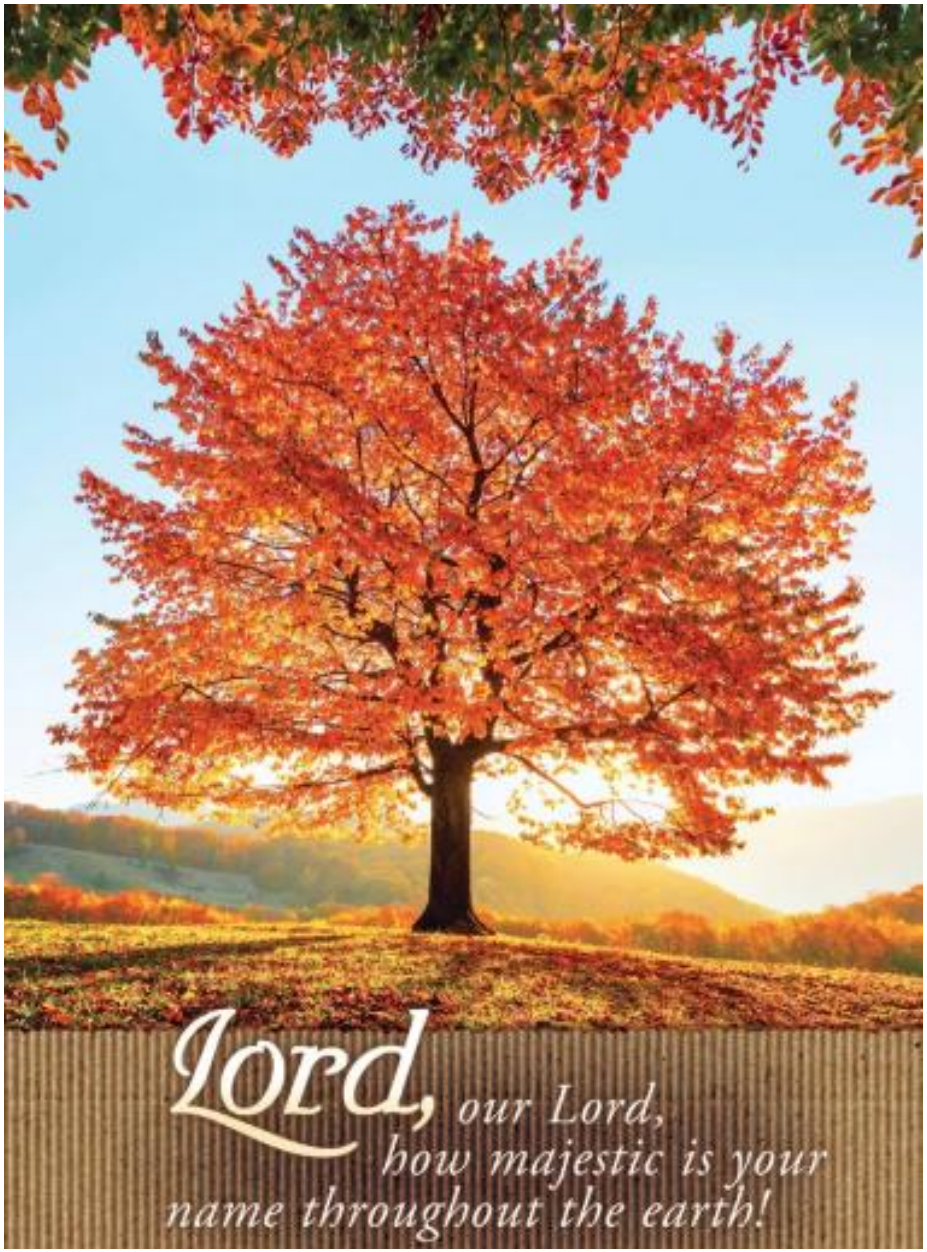
Allegheny Conference: $200.00
General Fund: $2601.00
Attendance: 86

Happy Birthday:

November 1 – Richard Beitzel
5 – Cade Critchfield, Dotty Folk
6 – Betty Kinsinger
7 – Melinda Gibson, Michael Miller

November 2 – Lyndon & Marcia Saylor

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.

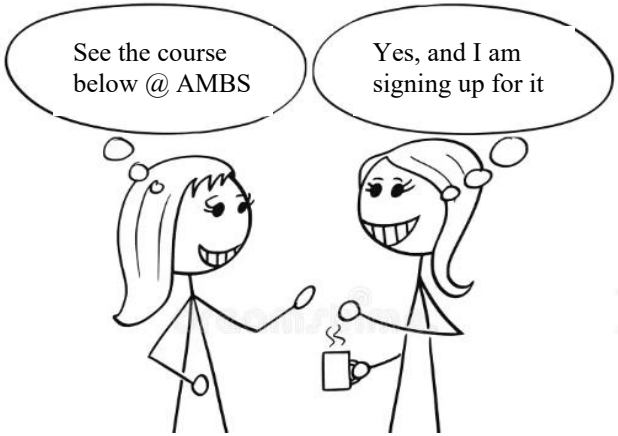


Welcome, Phil Moser



A Note from Church Council

Council met after church service on October 18, 2026, and agreed to allow a non-member couple to use the church for their wedding on November 21st.



AMBS
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Feb. 3 – March 16. Study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and consider those similarities and differences in light of today. This six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will be taught by Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 13 to save $50. ambs.edu/short-courses

It is that time of year for the Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Dinner on November 17th. This year we need 90 pumpkin pies. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

We appreciate your donation.



Assisting our Community

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items and household necessities. Donations may be placed on the benches in the church foyer. Your generosity will help support local food banks and pantries as they assist families in our community.

It's Poinsettia ordering time!

The Visual Arts Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to be used in the church during the Christmas season.
Order forms have been placed in mailboxes and on the credence stand.
The poinsettias are in 6" pots. Available colors are red and white.
The cost is $8.00 each.

Pay in the offering box by cash or check payable to Springs Mennonite Church --designated "Flowers." Please place orders in Janet Bender's or Rosie Cupler's mailbox no later than Sunday, November 22rd.

Thanks for your order!

This Week's Pastoral Search Prayer Focus

The Congregation

- Thank God for your relationships within this congregation.
- Thank God for what you have learned as part of this congregation.
- Ask God to give you open mindfulness towards candidates.
- Ask God what needs the congregation now has that you can help with.
- Ask God how you can strengthen your spiritual life and relationship with him.
- Thank God for his faithfulness to you and the congregation.



Handicap Parking at Church

The trustees have approved parking in front of the church next to the church sidewalk. This parking is reserved for handicapped persons with walkers or those in need of assistance. Ushers will be available to assist anyone with a need.

Significant Items
Elders' Meeting
10/15/2026

- **Devotions were led by Don Green.**
- **Worship planning:** Speakers are still needed for **November 8, 22, and 29**; **Naomi Tice** is scheduled for **December 20**. Also, planning for Advent, which begins **November 29**. *(*note there are speakers scheduled currently, see list below)*
- **Pastor candidate visit:** Elders discussed the visit and decision timeline; **Don** will continue researching candidate and follow up.
- **Constitutional rewrite:** The rewrite was approved, with the covenant language needing clearer definition; **Don** will communicate concerns to designated contacts.
- **Membership and baptism:** Several families/children were discussed as possible baptism/ membership candidates, with follow-up still needed.
- **Upcoming services and care concerns:** Christmas Eve planning is underway and pastoral care concerns were discussed.
- **Next meeting:** The next Elders' meeting is scheduled for **November 12, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**

*Upcoming Speakers:

Today, November 1 – Phil Moser
November 8 – Bill Mosholder
November 15 – Keith Pirolozzi
November 22 – Earl Yoder
November 29 – Kevin Dodge
December 6 – Keith Pirolozzi
December 13 – Children's Christmas Program
December 20 – Naomi Tice

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Significant Items
October 27, 2026

1. The members present reviewed the annual report booklet, making a few changes and corrections.
2. The financial reports and the proposed 2026-27 church budget were reviewed and approved.
3. The Pastoral Search Committee/Elders reported possibly having a candidate visit for a weekend sometime in the near future.
4. A report from the Trustees is that we are going to need to replace the steam boiler. What exactly is needed and the cost is being evaluated.
5. There will be a meeting in January to determine if the Tri-State Relief Sale continues at Springs.
6. There was discussion regarding buying the new hymnal *Voices Together*. Council and committees will continue to look into that and what to do with the old hymnals if they are replaced.

Updates to the Annual Report Booklet from the Congregational Meeting on October 27, 2026

1. Page 3 – Number 62 and 63: Steve and Angie Fazenbaker's mailing address is now P.O. Box 124, Grantsville, MD 21536
   (please change their mailing address in your church directory)
2. Page 4 – Number 131: Cathy Meng's Phone number is now 717-376-4801
3. Page 4 – Number 160: Molly Piwonka's address is 5837 Darlington Road, Apt 11, Pittsburgh, PA 15217
4. (*Molly's address is correct in the church directory)*
5. Page 7 – Under Church Council, please add Kim Miller as an At-Large Member 2025-2028
6. Page 17 – 2026-2027 Sunday School Teachers :
   a. Add Angie Piwonka to Class #8 MYF
   b. Take out Deb Bergen and Mackenzie DeCunzo from Early Childhood