



SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

October 18, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 50: 4-9

Lighting of the Peace Lamp: Isaiah 42: 1-4

Congregational Singing

Affirmation of Faith: Hebrews 5: 1-10

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

Children's Time: The Red Sea

Children's Church

Blessing of the Comforters

Announcements & Prayers of the Church

Congregational Singing

Scripture: Luke 22: 35-53

Message: “Jesus and the Two Swords”

Song of Response
Benediction

Sending Song

Worship Planners: Glenn & Tammy Miller
Worship Leader: Nancy Green
Song Leader: Deb Hoover
Accompanist: Byron Miller
Announcements & Prayer: Glenn Miller

Speaker: Enos Tice
Sound Room: Don Green
Video: Reuben Tice
Live Stream: Isaac Tice
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Calendar of Events

Today – We will be taking the **Allegheny Conference Offering**.
Unless otherwise specified, your offering, placed in the
general offering box, will go toward our commitment of
giving to Allegheny Conference.

Today – Children's Church

October 21 – Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

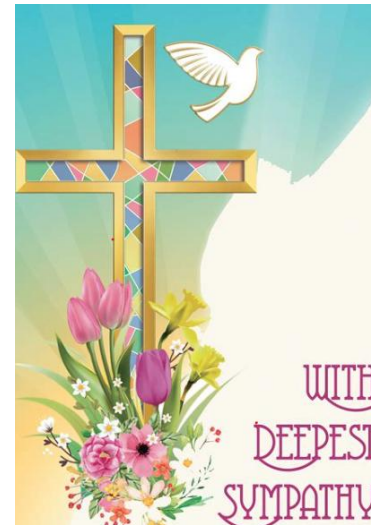
October 27 – Congregational Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

November 17 – Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Dinner

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

December 6 – Families of the children and youth participating in
the Christmas Program are invited to join us for a shared common
meal immediately following the church service. After the meal
there will be a dress rehearsal.

December 13 – Children's Program during worship service



We are sending Love and
strength to Kedrick & Deb
Lapp and their family in the
passing of Kedrick's brother,

George Allen “Skip” Lapp

On October 4, 2026

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:

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Doug Berg (814) 442-4313

Rosie Cupler (301) 697-1772

Terry Livengood (301) 707-7173

Lori Otto (814) 289-1136

October 11, 2026, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: \$6,850.00

Attendance: 68

Happy Birthday:

October 18 – Nicholas DeCunzo

21 – Myla Miller

24 – Riley Sines

Happy Anniversary:

October 19 – Joel & Tracy Elder

Gene & Becky Shoemaker



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.

Blessing of the Comforters



October 18, 2026



From 2018 to 2026

Comforters: 1,259

Kit Bags: 2,900

Crocheted Caps: 799

Kit Donations: \$8,876



Significant Items Elders' Meeting 9/24/26

1. Rosie opened the meeting with devotions.
2. Discussion & Worship Planning for speakers were coordinated for the upcoming dates. Discussion of having an Alternative Service/Video as an option. Music Sundays may be happening quarterly.
3. Tri-State Auction Report was given by Doug Berg with figures to be included in the SMC Annual Report Booklet. Future of the Springs Auction is still undecided. Next Tri-State meeting is scheduled for January 2027.
4. Plans are being made for Membership/Baptism for those interested.
5. Plans were made for the upcoming Communion Sunday 10/4/26.
6. Plans for Children's Church are being developed by Beth Green & Kathleen Croyle. During Advent, Sundays will be used for rehearsal time for children's program.
7. Discussion was held concerning the pastor search process/candidate.
8. Next Elders' Meeting to be held 10/15/26 4:30 PM
9. Meeting concluded with prayers for congregational members.



Take a seminary course this spring! Distance-friendly courses through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary include Ecological Hermeneutics; Introduction to Peace Studies and Nonviolence; The Power of Empathy in Faith Communities; Public Faith and Christian Nationalism; Spiritual Practices: Voice and Identity; What About the Bible? The Authority of Scripture for Christians; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit. Courses run Jan. 12 – April 30; sign up by Jan. 11.

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Chiasm in Luke 22

Note: The upper-case bold italics letters denote different sections of the chiasm. The uppercase bold italics letters with a single quote after the letter are referred to as a prime. For example, A' is A prime. Each section preceded with the same upper-case bold italics letter has a common theme.

A Jesus predicts that Peter will deny him (31-34).

B There is a discussion of swords (35-38).

C Jesus prays in the Mount of Olives; but the disciples sleep (39-46).

B' Peter uses his sword, but Jesus tells him to put the sword away (47-53).

A' Peter denies Jesus (54-62).

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

The following Council appointees have agreed to serve:
Auditors: Dixie Otto and Carol Tice 2026-2029
Cradle Roll Superintendent: Rebecca Shoemaker 2026-2029
Everence Advocate: Nancy Green 2026-2029
Mennonite Disaster Service: Reuben Tice 2026-2029

Affirmation will be sought on today, October 18, 2026