SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

November 15, 2026

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)

Children's Church

Announcements & Prayers of the Church

Congregational Singing

Scripture: Galatians 6:9, Hebrews 12:1-3

Message: "Don't Mistake a Difficult Season for a Finished Story"

Song of Response

Benediction

Sending Song

Worship Planner: Beth Green
Worship Leader: Phoebe Wiley
Speaker: Keith Pirolozzi
Announcements & Prayer: Terry Livengood
Accompanist: Byron Miller
Song Leader: Rich Beitzel
Children's Church: Kathleen Croyle
Sound Room: Don Green
Video: Reuben Tice
Live Stream: Isaac Tice
Volume 72-No. 11

Calendar of Events

Today – Children's Church

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

November 17 – Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Dinner – 5:00 p.m.

November 18 – Daughters of Dorcas – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

November 20 - 22 – Melika & Ross Hershberger visit - *(see announcement in bulletin)*

November 22 - Missions Offering, Poinsettia orders are due

November 22 – Children's Christmas Program Practice during Sunday School

November 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 – *see announcement in bulletin*

December 13 – Children's Program during worship service



Roger Detrick, brother of Ken Detrick and Harriet Detrick Berg, passed away peacefully in Florida on November 10, at the age of 81. He was a member of Springs MC, and had a stellar career in the aerospace industry. He also was the US Representative for NATO during his career. To know Rog was to like him. No service is planned at this time. His wife Stephanie resides in Florida.

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Terry Livengood	(301) 707-7173
Lori Otto	(814) 289-1136

November 8, 2026, Attendance and Offering

General Fund: $2,703.00
Attendance: 88

Happy Birthday:

November 15 – Don Green, Brandy Green
17 – Beth Green
18 – Deb Bergen
19 – Bob Green
21 – Esther Beitzel-Holmes, Leelyn Shelley

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.



"Don't Mistake a Difficult Season for a Finished Story"

Welcome, Keith Pirolozzi

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS
Church Council Meeting
November 3, 2026

1. Council discussed purchasing *Voices Together,* and this is being worked on by Music Committee.
2. Trustees reported the furnace is being worked on, waiting for a part. A storm window in the kitchen is being replaced. It needed a new frame made, which is costing $130.00. There may be additional ones replaced in the near future.
3. Don reported for the Pastoral **S**earch **C**ommittee that the potential pastor candidate, Melika Hershberger, will be coming on the weekend of November 20, 2026. She will be preaching on November 22, 2026.
4. Ryan & Kathleen Croyle will be joining SMC by transfer of membership by letter the first Sunday in December.

Missions Offering – November 22nd

$1000.00 to Somerset Mobile Food Bank
$1000.00 to Casselman Valley Helpers
$1000.00 to Garrett Co. Dept. of Aging
40 % of remainder to MDS
60% of remainder to MCC

Progressive Dinner Information

The Progressive Dinner will have a new format this year! We are looking for **six host homes**, with **three homes assigned to each group**. Guests will enjoy appetizers at the first two stops, followed by soup at the third stop. Everyone will then come together at the church to enjoy dessert and fellowship.

Sign-up sheets are on the credence stand in the church foyer.

This Week's Pastoral Search Prayer Focus
Melika Hershberger and Family
and Our Congregation

- Pray for traveling safety for Melika and her husband, Ross, when they drive here from Illinois.
- Pray for clarity of thought and speech when we interact.
- Pray for Amy Yoder McGloughlin as she guides us.
- Pray for discernment of God's leading and will for Melika and for our congregation.
- Pray for trust that God is in the process and in the decisions that will be made.
- Thank God for his faithfulness to us.

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!

2026 November Delegate Report

Our Allegheny Mennonite Conference (AMC) Fall Assembly was held via ZOOM for approximately two hours on Saturday, November 7, 2026, with Doug & Harriet Berg and Enos and Carolyn Tice attending. (A more detailed report can be gotten from Doug or Carolyn.) We officially welcomed two new congregations into our Conference family: Open Door Church, Philadelphia, PA, and First Mennonite Church, Canton, OH! Two additional congregations are considering joining us: Accessible Fellowship (A nondenominational Anabaptist fellowship that is a group of Anabaptists who gather online to "worship, study, fellowship, and encourage service") and Perkasie Mennonite Church ("A small congregation which meets to encourage each other to model Jesus' values of love and justice and to care for each other.")

Amy Yoder McGloughlin presented the document the AMC credentialing committee wrote to explain the purpose of licensing and ordaining individuals for ministry.

Tim Martin Johnson presented our current Financial Report. Essentially, AMC is right on budget and has adequate reserves for the immediate future. Phillipi Mennonite Church's Service Adventure Unit was closed, and the congregation sold the house. $17,000 from that sale was donated to Allegheny Conference.

A seven-person committee presented "A Call to Study and Action" document encouraging us to learn about and consider our response to the dilemma of Chrisitans in Palestine. It was decided that we should consider this more carefully and have our response to it be an area of interest/discussion at our March gathering in Philadelphia.

A copy of the new *More with Less* cookbook was in Enos & Carolyn's mailbox with no indication of the owner. If it is yours or you know for whom it was intended, please contact us and we will gladly return it to its rightful owner!

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.

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

Take a seminary course this spring! Distance-friendly courses through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary include What About the Bible? The Authority of Scripture for Christians; Ecological Hermeneutics; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Adults and Seniors; Justice, Spirituality, and the Psalms; Public Faith and Christian Nationalism; Spiritual Practices: Voice and Identity; 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. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses



The family of Allen Green wishes to thank you for the cards, the visits, and the delicious meal. Our church family is a treasure.

The November issue of ***Anabaptist World*** is available on the credence stand. In the article "A Simple Theology of Food," read how the *More-with-Less* cookbook makes a statement of faith.

This past week the Daughters of Dorcas shipped:

92 Comforters

100 Kit bags to Mennonite Central Committee

77 caps to Christian Aid Ministries

Melika Hershberger, Candidate's, Weekend Schedule

Friday, November 20

6:00-8:00 p.m.: Congregational questions and answers in the SMC gymnasium. We are asking for questions to be pre-submitted to the box in the foyer, or given to any Elder by 11/18/2026.
Following the Q&A: Ice Cream Social.

Saturday, November 21

5:00 p.m.: Informal meet and greet at SMC. Attendees are asked to bring finger foods. The search committee will supply sloppy joes, hot dogs, nachos, and drinks.
After the meal until 8:00 p.m.: Enjoy music, games, and fellowship with Melika and Ross.

Sunday, November 22

Morning worship: Amy Yoder McGloughlin (our conference ministrier) will introduce Melika, who will then present the sermon.

Affirmation slips to be distributed to Congregants, via church mailboxes. The affirmation slips need to be submitted into the box in the foyer by 11/24/2026.

Tuesday, November 24

Affirmation slips to be returned by noon. Count to be tabulated on Tuesday, November 24, at 2:00 p.m.