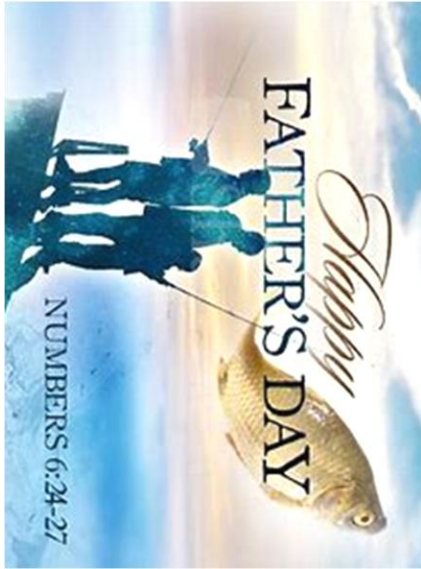


June 2023



Free Spring Church of the Brethren
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Free Spring Fountain



The water I give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. – John 4:14



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Thursdays

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Sunday Services:

Early Worship – 8:30 am

Sunday School – 9:30 am

Worship Service – 10:30



Bread & Cup Communion
Sunday, June 4



Graduate Recognition
Sunday, June 4

Annual Free Spring Chicken BBQ
Saturday, June 17



Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 26 thru
Wednesday, June 28

All items for the July newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, June 19**. If we do not receive these items by then, we **WILL NOT** be able to put them in the newsletter.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

June and long hours of daylight are here. I remember those times not long ago when it was easier to work from dawn to dusk on the farm. Okay, it was long ago, but the time has come when the work starts later and ends sooner than I would like. Five years ago, when we were building the lodge, there were a lot of those long days in June spent framing out the structure.

It was a busy month with the usual events; like the ice cream and Chicken BBQ weekend, Vacation Bible School, and District Executive Committee meeting. We also had Madi Davis' graduation party at the church, as well as Fred Weiland's funeral service. Vera Sparks' funeral was in June, also. I had performed two weddings and was beginning the counseling for two other couples. We planned our Brethren Disaster Mission trip to Lumberton, NC, which departed on July 1.

Sometimes I marvel at how God fits it all together for us. The unexpected "extras" can be pleasant, but sometimes not so welcome. One of the weddings I mentioned was on very short notice. The pastor who was to officiate the ceremony for my friend's daughter cancelled just one week before the wedding. You know my concerns about pre-marriage counseling. As it turned out, they had been involved in a program that was far more involved and comprehensive than what I have. All went well!

Currently, my unexpected "extra" is Lyme's disease and its energy-sapping effects on body and mind. I started this letter over an hour ago! I am praying that another few days of antibiotics will have me ready for a wedding this coming weekend. God is good, and in His good time, that will go well, also!

Pray for our District Conference planning to continue smoothly since we are making a few changes in our scheduling this year. It has been a challenge, but again, God is good. With one heart, and with one voice, we will glorify God!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry



**June Deacons of the Month:
Warren & Connie Wagner**

Scriptures and Messages for June

Trinity Sunday, June 4

Psalm 8, Matthew 18:16-20 "Teach Them to Obey Everything..."

June 11

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 "I Desire Mercy, Not Sacrifice?"

Father's Day, June 18

Romans 5:1-8 "Our Father's Love"

June 25

Matthew 10:24-39 "This Is Not Easy!"

Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards. (Please note additional name and address!)



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Many thanks for those who have agreed to provide the worship service for Brookline next **Sunday, June 4**: Ron Gordon as speaker, Rosalita Leonard as worship leader, and Linda Leonard as pianist.

Free Spring Library News

The following are fiction books.

The Teacher of Warsaw by Mario Escobar

Respected Polish teacher, Janusz Korczak, is caring for Jewish orphans the day Nazis invade Warsaw. When 400,000 Jews are rounded up to live in a disease-infested, 1.3-square-mile compound, he resolves to protect the children from the horrors. Despite the devastation, can one hero's fight for honor make a positive impact on the war-torn ghetto? Based on true events.

The Song by Chris Fabry

Haunted by the scars inflicted by the mistakes of his famous father, Jed King dreams of a music career – but it seems out of reach, until he meets Rose. As romance quickly blooms, Jed pens a song that catapults him into stardom. Is he strong enough to resist the temptations that lured his father so many years ago?

The Blackout Book Club by Amy Lynn Green

As a promise to her war-bound brother, Avis reluctantly becomes a small-town Maine librarian. She manages to keep the doors open by forming a book club whose members couldn't differ more. As they share struggles and face danger together, their bonds strengthen. But can these new relationships survive the emerging secrets of the past – and present?

Wrapped in Rain by Charles Martin

Photographer Tucker Mason has traveled the world, capturing things other people don't see. But he's blind to one thing – and that's how to forgive his father. Returning to the southern estate where he and his brother were raised by their late housekeeper, Miss Ella, will he find solace in remembering her grace-filled wisdom?

Under the Tulip Tree by Michelle Shocklee

In the midst of the Great Depression, Rena Leland accepts a position with the Federal Writers' Project interviewing former slaves. She's fascinated by 101-year-old Frankie Washington's account of her life, and the two begin to bond despite differences in age, race, and background. But when a surprising piece of news comes to light, will their friendship survive?

Miriam's Song by Jill Eileen Smith

Prophetess, songstress, sister to one of Israel's greatest heroes –



Miriam's story is often overshadowed by Moses' own. In her vivid retelling of the life of one of the Bible's most fascinating women, Smith re-imagines how Miriam navigated the challenges of building a family, serving as a leader, and holding onto hope as she learned to trust God.

Yesterday's Tides by Roseanna M. White

When special agent, Sterling Bertrand, is washed ashore at Evie's inn, her life is turned upside down. While Sterling's injuries keep him in-bound for weeks, making him even more anxious about the man he's tracking, he becomes increasingly intrigued by Evie, who seems to be hiding secrets of her own. As Evie and Sterling work to track down an elusive German agent, they unravel mysteries that go back a generation. The ripples from the Great War are still rocking their lives, and it seems yesterday's tides may sweep them all into danger again today.

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian

Nurture Commission News

Our Birthday person for the month of June is Larry Leach. His birthday is on Monday, June 12. Please remember him with your cards, wishes and prayers.

The Greeters for June is Brian Auker for the first service and Carla Renson for the second service. Worship Leader is Sharon Ritzman for the second worship service. Deacons are Warren & Connie Wagner.

Sunday, June 18 is Father's Day.

Saturday, June 24 is the Father/Son/Daughter Outing which will be held at the Reinford Farm 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. A Church Picnic at the Smith Cabin will be held at 5:30 pm that evening. Please bring chairs and a covered dish. Hamburgers and French fries will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

~ Jessica Eby, Ron Gordon, David Moist (Chair), and Art Zug



June Birthday of the Month

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Christian Education Commission

Supper & Study is underway and going well with Max Lucado's **In the Footsteps of the Savior**. By the time June is here, we will be done with our Spring Study. Even if you were unable to attend, feel free to pick up a book in the narthex and catch up with us in the Fall!

Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, June 4 and we will recognize high school graduate, Owen Heimbach. Please take the time to send him a card or personally Congratulate him on this achievement! May God bless him with his future endeavors.

VBS is right around the corner and will be held Monday, June 26 – Wednesday, June 28 using Cokesbury's **Food Truck Party – On a Roll with God** for Grades K-5. Children will be focusing on Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread", where they will be reminded that everything we have comes from God and our daily needs are met by God. They will learn about the use of daily prayer to turn their needs to God and how to serve to fulfill the needs of others. Please watch our weekly bulletins for more details on times and needs from the Committee.

~ Shari Book (Chair), Jim Eichman, Alan Naylor, and Mary Zeigler

Free Spring Relay-for-Life Team Sign-Up



Our Relay-for-Life Team is named Free Spring Steppers! I have just one member who is on the team. If you are planning on walking on June 10th, please contact Dina.

We are planning on having a spot for the day. If you have any ideas for an activity we could do during the day, we would really appreciate hearing your ideas or any help.

Luminaries are available for \$5 each and sign-up sheets are in one of the unused mailboxes in the narthex. If you would like the youth to decorate a bag for you, please complete a form along with your \$5 and give them to Dina.



Annual Chicken BBQ Saturday, June 17

Your help is needed! There are sign-up sheets for donations and helpers on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

Witness Commission June Food Pantry Delivery by: Cindy Lucas



The following is a note from Del and Mary Ann Benner, at Word of Life! *"Precious Free Spring friends you are so faithful toward us over these 25 years of support!! Thank you, we definitely know you care and that you pray for us, prayer is key to witnessing! Blessings!"*

We also received an update from Samaritan's Purse asking for prayers for the victims of the tornado throughout the Southeast and Midwest during this season. Disaster Relief Units were sent to towns in Arkansas to Indiana where more than 300 twisters were reported so far. Franklin and his wife Jane were in Mississippi to pray with survivors and meet local leaders to find the best need for Samaritan's Purse.

Thank you for the ongoing support for the Juniata County Food Pantry. In May, we sent 20 lbs of food items and 60 lbs of paper products. Those paper products would be the tissues. Great job! We began our collection of toilet paper during May and this will continue through June. May was our month to volunteer at the Food Pantry, and for the three Saturdays in May, we would like to thank those who so graciously helped. We did find out that they are short of small laundry detergent. So, if you would like to also donate that for the month of June, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ruth Zendt, for delivering items collected during April and May.

Ten ladies joined in the Ladies' Tea that was held Saturday, May 20. We had a wonderful time together and are planning to do this again. After the Tea, the ladies packed the new CWS Period Kits. We will have more details on that later.

A total of 36 CWS Health Kits were collected. Thank you for all who have donated to this continually throughout the years!

Jen Sparks has been distributing Baby Bottles for the Heartbeat Fundraiser. If you did not get a bottle to fill, there are still some available on the table in the narthex.

Saturday, June 10 is the Relay-for-Life at Kish Park. If you would like to come and walk that day, we are planning on having a spot there and playing corn hole. Snacks will be provided. Join us for the day! Luminaries are still available for \$5.00 each and the Youth will decorate them for you. Please let Dina Zug know by June 4. The white bags are in the mailbox under Dina's in the narthex if you prefer to do your own.

~ Jen Sparks, Warren Wagner, Becca Walters, and Dina Zug (Chair)



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Juniata County Food Pantry June Update

We are really enjoying this nice weather! Summer is quickly approaching and the Food Pantry is gearing up for the Summer Backpack Program, we are so excited!!

Thank you and may the Lord bless you in abundance for your faithful support of the Food Pantry! In April, the Food Pantry served 237 families in need – a total of 624 individuals! Many thanks to Locust Run UMC and Keystone Koating for sending volunteers in April.

Summer and vacation time are upon us! However, summer is HARDLY a vacation at the Food Pantry! With children home from school the need for food increases, and typically, donations decrease as folks get busy with summer plans. Please don't forget about the Juniata County Food Pantry and your neighbors in need as you go about your summer activities.

Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive non-perishable donations. Donations of cash, checks or gift cards may be deposited in the vestibule's mail slot.

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Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Visit our Website: www.jcfoodpantry.com



Father / Son / Daughter Outing June 24, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at the Reinford Farm

A Church Picnic at the Smith Cabin will be held later that evening at 5:30 pm. Please bring chairs and a covered dish. Hamburgers and French fries will be provided.



Sunday School Classes

The Seekers class, which meets in the upstairs adult classroom (formerly the Encouragers classroom), will be studying Daniel 4 starting Sunday, May 29. You are welcome to join us. You will learn a lot! Teachers will be Ron Gordon, Rodney Pry, and Allen Zendt.

The Explores Sunday School Class is now doing a series entitled Growing Older and Wiser by Dale Larsen and Sandy Larsen. Each lesson explores a Bible character who exhibited wisdom at certain periods in their life and how they grew to gain that wisdom.

Free Spring Church's Website

Check out our website for bulletins, newsletters, photos from various activities, the history of our church, forms for updating your Directory information, and so much more at <https://cob-net.org/church/freespring/>

(Click on the "Updates To Our Site" link under MENU to see what has been updated and when!)



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