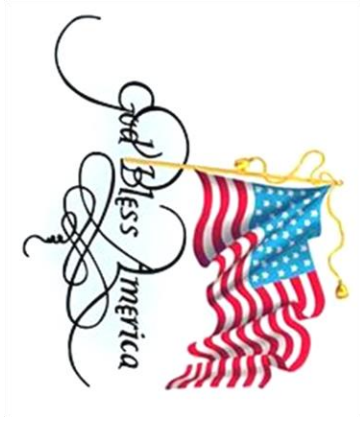


July 2023



*Free Spring Church of the Brethren*  
670 Free Spring Church Road  
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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



## Free Spring Church of the Brethren

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**Office Hours:**  
Thursdays  
10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Sunday Services:**  
Early Worship – 8:30 am  
Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Worship Service – 10:30



**Meetings on July 10**  
**Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm**  
**Church Board Meeting, 7:00 pm**

*Music & Worship Committee Meeting*  
*Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm*



**MEET IN THE MIDDLE**

**Sunday, July 30**  
**Topic: Time & Talent**

All items for the August newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, July 24**. 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,

Very early in our years together here at Free Spring, I found these two prayers in *The Minister's Annual Manual*, and I thought that they are well worth sharing again.

**Prayer of Confession:** Some of us are ten-talent people, dear God. We have an abundance of skills and resources at our command – so much that we scarcely know where to begin. Though we have achieved, it is hardly much of a showing when compared to that with which we have started. Some of us doubt that we have even one talent. What we have trusted to be modesty has been a kind of insecurity. We have been content to stand aside and let others carry the load. Give us eyes to see the riches that You have passed to us and give us the enthusiasm to put them to work. Amen.

**Prayer of Adoration:** Dear God, You have loved Your creation so deeply that not a single creature has been put here without attention. To gaze about is to see the special gifts carried by everything You have made: the strength of the oak tree and the rich tones of the maple leaf; the grace of the eagle and the lovely song of the finch; the grace of the cheetah and the industry of the ant. And how much more have we been made the recipients of Your care. You have made no two of us to be the same and yet You love each of us as if we were Your only child. Thank You, O God, for what You have made us to be and for what You have made others to be as well. Amen.

**Thought for Today:** To compare ourselves with others is to invite vanity or bitterness. It is far better to dedicate ourselves to being what we can be.

Brothers and Sisters, as we enter this month of July, may we find both comfort and challenge in these words penned more than a quarter of a century ago. May we also regard them as a consideration for all who serve as delegates to our Annual Conference.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Terry*



**July Deacons of the Month:  
Ron & Dee Bell**

## Scriptures and Messages for July

July 2

Romans 6:12-23

"The Free Gift of God"

July 9

Romans 7:15-25a

"Who Will Rescue Me?"

July 16

Exodus 32:1-11, 20, & 35

Guest Speaker, Tim Henry  
"You Can't Get Milk or Honey from a Golden Calf"

July 23

Guest Speaker from the Gideons

July 30

Romans 8:26-39

"I Am Convinced"

The Church Board meeting in July will be July 10 (not July 3) because of the July 4th holiday.

**Executive Meeting at 6:30 pm and  
Church Board at 7:00 pm.**



The next nursing home service is at Brookline on **Sunday, August 13**, and we need a worship leader for that service.

Then on **Sunday, August 20**, Free Spring is in charge of the Worship Service at North Ridge. A speaker, pianist, and worship leader are needed for that service.

Please let Sharon Ritzman know if you can help in any of these positions needed above.

We have moved to the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown. Our new address is:

**Don & Cathy Bashore  
711 Harding Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

Our phone #'s are the same as listed in the Directory. If anyone is in the area, we welcome visitors!  
Blessings from Don & Cathy



**WE HAVE MOVED !**

## Free Spring Library News

The following are fiction books; some are part of a series.



*Pearl River Series* by Patricia Bradley

Counter Attack – The day Alexis Stone is sworn in as sheriff, the Queen's Gambit Killer strikes again, leaving a calling card of a white pawn and a note with a chess move printed on it. Alexis must join forces with Police Chief Nathan Landry to find the killer before their next move. (This is the first book in the series.)

*Cape Cod Creamery Series* by Suzanne Woods Fisher

The Sweet Life – Dawn Dixon can hardly believe she's on a groom-less honeymoon on beautiful Cape Cod...with her mother. Sure, Marnie Dixon is good company, but Dawn was supposed to be here with Kevin, the love of her life (or so she thought). Marnie Dixon needs some time away from the absolute realness of life as much as her jilted daughter does, and she's not about to let her only child suffer alone – even if Marnie herself had been doing precisely that for the past month. (This is the first book in the series.)

*Heroines of World War II Series* by Patty Smith Hall

On My Honor – Ginny Mathis had no intention of staying rooted in the Outer Banks – then war broke out. While working as a clerk for Oregon Inlet ferry, naval officers ask her to be watchful for German U-boats reportedly spotted in the area. To help occupy her younger sister, Ginny enlists the Girl Scout troop she leads to help watch for suspicious activity. Soon the girls are sneaking around, hiding a shipwreck survivor. Ginny must take charge, but is this man the enemy, or does he hold secrets that could turn the tide of the Battle of the Atlantic in the allies' favor? (This is the eighth book in the series; the other books are The Cryptographer's Dilemma by Johnnie Alexander, A Picture of Hope by Liz Tolsma, Saving Mrs. Roosevelt by Candice Sue Patterson, Mrs. Witherspoon Goes to War by Mary Davis, A Rose for Remembrance by Angela K. Couch, Season of My Enemy by Naomi Musch, and Escape from Amsterdam by Lauralee Bliss.)

*Colorado Cowboys Series* by Jody Hedlund

The Last Chance Cowboy – When midwife Catherine Remington is accused of a murder she didn't commit, she flees to Colorado to honor a patient's dying wish to deliver a newborn to his father. But what she doesn't bargain for is how easily she'll fall for the charming sheriff, or how quickly her past will catch up with her and put their love and lives in danger. (This is the fifth book in the series; the other books are A Cowboy for

Keeps, The Heart of a Cowboy, To Tame a Cowboy, and Falling for the Cowgirl.)

*Pictures of the Heart Series* by Tracie Peterson

Remember Me – Addie Bryant is haunted by her past of heartbreak and betrayal. After her beau, Isaac Hanson, left the Yukon, she made a vow to wait for him. When she's sold to a brothel owner after the death of her father, Addie manages to escape with the hope that she can forever hide her past and the belief that she will never have the future she's always dreamed of. (This is the first book in the series.)

Count the Nights by Stars by Michelle Shocklee

1961. After a longtime resident at Nashville's historic Maxwell House Hotel suffers a debilitating stroke, Audrey Whitfield is tasked with cleaning out the room. There, she finds a scrapbook filled with memorabilia from the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Love notes on the backs of unmailed postcards inside capture Audrey with tales of forbidden love. Audrey and the handsome hotel guest track down clues and information about the mysterious "Peaches" and her regrets over one day, almost sixty-five years earlier.

1897. Outspoken and forward-thinking Priscilla Nichols isn't willing to settle for just any man. She's still holding out hope for love when she meets Luca Moretti. Charmed by him, Priscilla spends time exploring the sights of the expo with Luca. Haunted by a terrible truth, Priscilla and Luca are sent down separate paths as the night's stars fade into dawn.

*The Matchmakers Series* by Jen Turano

A Match in the Making - When Gwendolyn Brinley accepted a paid companion position for the Newport season, she never imagined she'd be expected to take over responsibilities as an assistant matchmaker. Tasked with finding the season's catch, Walter Townsend, a wife, her assignment becomes increasingly difficult when she realizes his perfect match might be...her. (This is the first book in the series.)

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian



## 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!)



## Christian Education Commission

Supper & Study concluded Max Lucado's In the Footsteps of the Savior at Pastor Terry's cabin on Wednesday, June 14. The group who attended expressed that they like the evening study versus the Saturday morning breakfast. We'll be looking into a possible study for the Fall with the same format.

At the time of writing this newsletter item, VBS will not have yet happened before the July newsletter is published. Therefore, we'll try to update on this event in the August newsletter. VBS will be held Monday thru Wednesday, June 26-28, using Cokesbury's **Food Truck Party – On a Roll with God** for Grades K-5. Christian Ed would like to thank the members of VBS Committee for all their hard work and effort. The members of the Committee include Amber Heimbach, Rachel Naylor, Becca Walters, Gretchen Wray, and Brandy Zendt. Please thank them when you see them. Additionally, we thank Ron Gordon for pictures, videos, and keeping the website updated about VBS.

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

## Nurture Commission News

Our Birthday person for the month of July is Karen Williams. Her birthday is Saturday, July 29. Please remember her with your cards, wishes and prayers.



Greeters for the month of July are Wanda Smith for the first service and Tom & Sandra Wert for the second service. Worship Leader for the second service is Tom Wert and Deacons are Ron & Dee Bell.

Tim Henry will be our guest speaker on July 16 and the Gideons will provide special services on July 23 while Pastor Terry is away.

July 30 will be our Meet-in-the-Middle Sunday and the topic will be Time & Talent.

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



## July Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month for July is Karen Williams, whose birthday is on Saturday, July 29. Please remember her with your prayers and cards.

## Witness Commission



Sat-7 is celebrating 27 years of broadcasting their ministry to the Middle East! Many testimonials come from those who tune in regularly to hear their broadcast. They are turning to Christ! Satellite TV and the internet offer substantial leverage. While there are some attempts to censor the internet, young people find ways to get around the barriers. And it is virtually impossible to block satellite TV. Most people in the Middle East and North Africa, even the poor, have access to satellite TV.

Samaritan's Purse continues to help rebuild homes in tornado areas. They are providing manufactured homes that are built to withstand 110 mph winds. Throughout Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Tennessee, they are not only helping to supply housing, but also installing hundreds of underground storm shelters next to existing houses so families have a place of refuge.

Thank you to the crew who helped with the ice cream making and Annual Chicken BBQ. We sold over 500 halves of chicken and countless quarts of ice cream. The total will be posted later.

Thank you to Jenn Sparks for taking care of the baby bottles this year. The last of the bottles have come in and our total donation will be announced in the bulletin.

Food Pantry donations for May and June was toilet paper. Thank you to Cindy Lucas for delivering them to the Pantry! For the month of July and August we will be collecting paper towels. As I have mentioned before, when working at the Pantry during the month of May, it came to our attention that they also need laundry detergent. If you would like include this with your donations this summer, it would be a blessing to those in need.

July and August are also our months to collect School Kits for CWS! Items to include in these Kits are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Bags for this project are in the CWS chest. We thank our sewers for supplying these bags!

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



*Thank you for the generous donation your congregation made to Bethesda Mission in May. We greatly appreciate your financial support as it helps us to continue our mission, and to be able to assist others in our community. Thank you again!*

~ Colleen Myers, Bethesda Mission



## Church World Service

### School Kits

#### to be collected July – August

- 1 pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only)
- 3 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- 1 large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 6 new unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package
- 1 box of 24 crayons (*only 24*)



*Cloth bags are in the CWS chest. Pack all items inside the cloth bag.*



Food Pantry!

## Juniata County Food Pantry July Update

Summer is off to a busy start at the Food Pantry with the Summer Backpack lunch program in full swing. Thank you so much for all the great community support! Our Backpack

program is providing food for children in grades K-8 – children who might otherwise be going hungry this summer are instead receiving boxes filled with nutritious lunches.

In May 2023, the Food Pantry served 233 families in need – a total of 630 individuals. A special thank you to Free Spring Church of the Brethren for providing volunteers for the month of May.

Donations are beginning to slow down as families head off on vacation. Please don't forget that hunger doesn't take a vacation in the summer! If you'd like to come give us a hand, we can always use volunteers.

*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.*

Contact Person: Glenda Fultz, Executive Director

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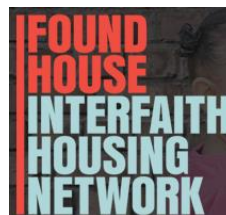
Address: PO Box 44, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Location: 114 N Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Hours: Tuesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, and 1:00-5:00 pm

Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

**Visit our Website: [www.jcfoodpantry.com](http://www.jcfoodpantry.com)**



Each year, Annual Conference chooses a local organization as a "Witness to the Host City". This year, they have chosen Found House, whose mission is "to provide shelter, housing, and support to families experiencing housing insecurity..." They partner with over 100 interfaith congregations to provide overnight housing and meals for families in Emergency Shelter,

but also provide Found House with financial and in-kind support to benefit newly-housed families, including household items, clothing, and gift cards.

The Leonards and Smiths are driving to Annual Conference and can transport our gifts. The list of suggested items is below. We have omitted a few of the bulkier and/or heavier items to conserve space and energy. The items need to be here at the church **no later than July 2.**

\$25 gift cards to Walmart or Target

Cleaning supplies (disinfecting wipes/sprays, Windex, multi-purpose cleaners, air fresheners, hand soap, dish detergent)

Juice boxes

Breakfast bars/Pop Tarts

Snacks, single serving size (fruit snacks, granola bars, macaroni and cheese cups, peanut butter, and cheese crackers)

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

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