

**August 2023**



*Free Spring Church of the Brethren*  
670 Free Spring Church Road  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

# 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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Terry Smith, Pastor  
Eugene Jones, Moderator  
Lona Henry, Church Secretary

### 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



**Service at Brookline**  
**Sunday, August 13 at 2:00 pm**  
**Service at North Ridge**  
**Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 pm**

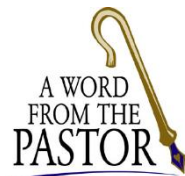
**Meals-On-Wheels Desserts**  
**Tuesday, August 15**



**COMMISSIONS**

*Meeting*  
**Monday, August 7, 7:00 pm**

All items for the September newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, August 21**. 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,

Annual Conference is past, but District Conference is yet to come. There is much to prepare for, and I pray that we can all give attention to Paul's call to the church in Rome to be of "One heart and one voice for the glory of God."

Over twenty-five years ago, I found a message by William M. Schwein titled **GETTING BETTER AT GETTING ALONG**. He began, "In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis suggested satirically that one of the best allies for Satan's cause may be the 'church itself'. Doubts about the church could be sown if a potential Christian began to see the contrast between the invisible church and the one filled with his neighbors. Lewis says, 'Make his mind flit to and fro between an expression like 'the body of Christ and the actual faces in the pew'."

Paul's letters were sent out to churches to correct and encourage them in the midst of their many differences. As Schwein says, they were to "Accentuate the positive. They were to emphasize what drew them together, not what set them apart...In spite of differences, we are bound by what really matters which is love for our Lord and for one another. What holds us together is the fact that '...our hopes, our aims are one...' as a beloved hymn reminds us."

May this be our resolve at Free Spring, that what we say and do is for the glory of God and for the good of our neighbors. Pray that it would also be the resolve of our Southern Pennsylvania District as we look forward to meeting in Chambersburg this September.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Terry*

### Scriptures and Messages for August

#### August 6

Romans 5:1-5

"A Broken Heart"

#### August 13

Romans 10:5-15

"Who Will Be Saved?"

#### August 20

Matthew 15:10-28

"Have Mercy on Me, Lord"

#### August 27

Romans 12:1-8

"Think with Sober Judgment"

## Free Spring Library News

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

*Annie Pederson Novels Series* by Colleen Coble

Break of Day – Law enforcement officer Annie Pederson's life has been rocked by tragedy, but things finally seem to be heading in the right direction. Her relationship with the love of her life – who's also the biological father of her precious daughter – has never been better, and it looks like an engagement ring is in Annie's future. She's also slowly building back trust with her sister, Sarah, after a separation that has lasted for decades. When a man escapes law enforcement custody and Sarah's safety is suddenly in question, Annie's personal and professional lives once again merge. Meanwhile, her investigation of hikers who have gone missing in the remote woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula puts her in the cross hairs of a deadly game. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are Edge of Dusk and Dark of Night.)

Children of the Stars by Mario Escobar

In this WWII tale of escape, sacrifice, and hope, brothers Jacob and Moses Stein are hiding in Paris with their aunt. In August of 1942, gendarmes whisk them away to a Nazi detention camp, where they – along with thousands of other children, women, and men – must subsist without food or water. The boys flee, but will they find safety?

*Cape Cod Creamery Series* by Suzanne Woods Fisher

The Secret to Happiness – Callie Dixon sets her goals and reaches them – so how did this executive chef end up in a small ice cream shop on Cape Cod, sharing a room with her cousin and refusing to set foot in the kitchen? It will take the charm of a young boy and his quiet, steady father, to help her find the answers – and maybe the secret to happiness. (This is the second book in the series; the first book is The Sweet Life.)

*Maple Falls Romance Series* by Kathleen Fuller

Two to Tango – Olivia Farnsworth likes her job as head librarian. She likes spending time with her Aunt Bea and with her close-knit group of friends. She likes attending the cinema's monthly Vintage Movie Night. What she does not like is stepping outside her comfort zone. But when Kingston Bedford, her best friend's older brother, runs into her at the movies, that's exactly what she does. She takes a chance on the gorgeous pediatrician she's known her whole life – only to crash land her way into heartache. Twice. One year later, she's determined to avoid him forever. Aunt Bea and her Bosom Buddies, however, have other ideas. Plans that begin with



ballroom dancing lessons...and end with one of the Bosom Buddies getting a taste of her own matchmaking medicine. (This is the fourth book in the series; the other books are Hooked on You, Much Ado about a Latte, and Sold on Love.)

*Hope Harbor Series by Irene Hannon*

Windswept Way – Buying a haunted house was never in Ashley Scott's plans, but when an intriguing opportunity drops into her lap after a major setback, she finds herself trekking cross-country to Hope Harbor on the Oregon coast to launch a new life. (This is the ninth book in the series; the other books are Hope Harbor, Sea Rose Lane, Sandpiper Cove, Pelican Point, Driftwood Bay, Starfish Pier, Blackberry Beach, and Sea Glass Cottage.)

*Ryland & St. Clair Series by Nancy Mehl*

Cold Pursuit – Ex-FBI profiler River Ryland still suffers from PTSD after a case went horribly wrong. Needing a fresh start, she moves to St. Louis to be near her ailing mother and opens a private investigation firm with her friend and former FBI partner, Tony St. Clair. They're soon approached by a grieving mother who wants them to find out what happened to her teenage son who disappeared four years ago. River knows there's almost no hope the boy is still alive but his mother needs closure, and River and Tony need a case, no matter how cold it might be. But as they follow the boy's trail, which gets more complicated at every turn, they find themselves in the path of a murderer determined to punish anyone who gets in his way. As River and Tony race to stop him before he kills again, an even more dangerous threat emerges, stirring up the past that haunts River and plotting an end to her future. (This is the first book in the series.)

Double Indemnity by Robert Whitlow

After a hunting accident claims Matt Thompson's life, his wife hires attorney Liz to determine who will inherit millions. Pastor Connor offers Liz insights into the couple's rocky marriage. As Liz and Connor's relationship blooms, they're caught in the tailspin created by Matt's death. Was it an accident? Could *Connor* be guilty of the unthinkable?

~ *Kathy Bowman, Librarian*

**August Deacons of the Month:  
Kathy Bowman and Cindy Lucas**



## Christian Education Commission

Our Vacation Bible School in June this year had 10 children attend. Again, we like to thank the VBS Committee for all their work, along with their helpers with the Bible story skits.

Thank you to Ron Gordon for his video work and maintaining the website with updates, and to Rosalita Leonard for keeping the community updated with the church news in the local paper. If you did not see the video and would like to, please see Shari and she can show it to you from the church PC.

With the conclusion of Vacation Bible School and transitioning in back-to-school mode, we need to update our Child Protection Clearances for individuals working with children and youth within the church, or with church-sponsored activities, per our insurance policy. If you have not updated your Clearances, we will be providing instructions in the coming bulletins and September newsletter. If you already have Clearances completed (outside of church), such as for school, scouts, or youth sports, please provide proof or copies of those Clearances to either Shari Book or Rich Walters as this is a joint effort between the Christian Ed and Stewards Commissions.

Also, with "back-to-school" in mind, Teacher Recognition will be held on Sunday, September 17.

We are also looking to do a Movie Night in September. Details will follow in bulletins and September's newsletter.

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



## Ukraine Relief Offerings

If you're so led, we encourage you to continue contributing to this effort. Check contributions should be made payable to **Free Spring COB** and write "*for Ukraine*" on the memo line. This will allow us to deposit the check and forward your contributions to the Brethren Disaster Ministries. If using your offering envelope, indicate the amount that it is to go to BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES. You may also use a regular envelope or one of the designated "Brethren Disaster Ministries" offering envelopes which have been placed on the table in the narthex.



## Nurture Commission News



Our Birthday person for the month of August is Ron Gordon. His birthday is on Sunday, August 20. Please remember him with your cards, wishes and prayers.

Greeters for first worship service in August are Orlyn & Lucille Saner, and Ron & Dee Bell for second worship service. The Worship Leader for second worship service is Ron Bell and Deacons are Kathy Bowman and Cindy Lucas.

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



### August Birthday of the Month

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### Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards.



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Wayne & Dot Benson  
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(717) 589-3419

Dianne Goshorn  
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Mifflintown, PA 17059  
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(717) 348-9485 (cell)

Bev Oberlin  
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Personal Care, Rm 5  
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McAlisterville, PA 17049  
(717) 463-2249  
(717) 994-8807 (cell)

Melda Ritchie  
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McAlisterville, PA 17049

Denton Ritzman  
North Ridge Center  
Personal Care, Rm 17  
99 North Ridge Drive  
McAlisterville, PA 17049

Clair Varner  
145 School Street, Apt 202  
McAlisterville, PA 17049  
(717) 635-0513 (cell)

## Witness Commission August Food Pantry Delivery by: Ron Gordon



We are now collecting items for School Kits through the end of August. We have a generous donation of bags – we will just need the items to fill them! Please check out the list in the directory or elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you for your faithful giving which has helped in the completion of these Kits.

Thank you to all who helped with the Chicken BBQ and Ice Cream Social. If anyone has any feedback for next year's BBQ, please talk to one of the Church Board members. Those comments always help in planning for next year!

Food Pantry donation needs of paper towels will continue through the month of August. Thank you to all who keep this mission in your hearts and bring in your donations.

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

## Church World Service School Kits Items Needed



We will continue our collection of items for Church World Service School Kits through the end of August. Below is a list of items needed to make one Kit:

- 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 for a Kit inside one of the cloth bags.*

## Juniata County Food Pantry August Update

As the summer heats up, we are reminded that hunger does NOT take a vacation! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys summer vacation. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2023, the Food Pantry served 242 families in need – a total of 642 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided over 2,580 lunches for 129 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of June.

*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)**



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 worship leader is needed for that service.

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

## Meals-On-Wheels Desserts Tuesday, August 15



## Sunday School Classes

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

The Explorers Sunday School Class has begun a study on the book of Proverbs.

## 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!)



be **STRONG** &  
**COURAGEOUS**  
do not be **afraid**  
or **TROUBLED**  
The **YOUR GOD**  
**Word** is with you  
**WHEREVER** you go  
Joshua 1:9

Early Morning Service: 8:30 am  
 Sunday School: 9:30 am  
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# August 2023

**Food Pantry Needs:  
 Paper Towels**



Pastor: Terry Smith  
 Moderator: Eugene Jones  
 Church Office: (717) 463-3192

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Give Me 5! Offering 2¢ Club Offering	7 Commissions Meeting, 7:00 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 Service at Brookline, 2:00 pm	14	15 Meals-On-Wheels Desserts	16 	17	18	19
20 Service at North Ridge, 2:00 pm	21 <b>Newsletter Deadline!</b>	22	23	24	25	26
27 Youth Nickel Offering	28	29	30	31		

## August Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Andy Wert       | 14 - Ronald Bell      | 20 - Ronald Gordon    |
| 1 - Mark Zeigler    | 15 - Cindy Lucas      | 24 - Kaitlyn Lauver   |
| 2 - Ryan Zandt      | 16 - Aden Poorman     | 27 - Angela Davis     |
| 5 - Alison Smith    | 17 - Amy Benner       | 30 - Amelia Smith     |
| 5 - Louise Wert     | 18 - Rosemary Witzel  | 31 - Arletta Kauffman |
| 7 - Lucille Saner   | 19 - Katelyn Fornwalt |                       |
| 12 - Anthony Shepps | 19 - Lisa Tharp       |                       |

## August Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 - John & Judy Burns ('02)        | 18 - Rodney & Sally Pry ('73)    |
| 3 - Wayne & Nancy Shadel ('68)     | 19 - Gregg & Elaine Corman ('15) |
| 4 - Mike & Amy Benner ('84)        | 28 - Dan & Amanda Zug ('10)      |
| 6 - Jesse & Victoria Watts ('22)   | 31 - Nick & Becky Hess ('13)     |
| 12 - Nathan & Amy Wagner ('00)     |                                  |
| 13 - Leon & Angie Davis ('94)      |                                  |
| 15 - Colby & Whitney Peoples ('15) |                                  |