



FREE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:30 am – Early Service

9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service

(Hymnal: A Worship Book will be used.)

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

(Please gather in the sanctuary and prepare for worship.)

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call a solemn assembly and gather the people. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble before our God.

People: God knows all the secrets of our hearts and understands all our ways.

Leader: The day of God is coming; it is near – a day of clouds and shadows, a day of darkness and great gloom.

People: God's judgments are blameless and sure, but God's grace is sufficient for all our needs.

Leader: Rend your hearts and not your garments, come to God with fasting, come with weeping and mourning.

People: We will worship God with pure and loving hearts. We will seek to be faithful to the One who has called us here.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #50

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah

TIME OF SILENCE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Statement (in unison)

"We believe in Jesus Christ, who was promised to the people of Israel, who came in the flesh to dwell among us, who announced the coming of the rule of God, who gathered disciples and taught them, who died on the cross to free us from sin, who rose from the dead to give us life and hope, who reigns in heaven at the right hand of God, who comes to judge and bring justice to victory."

*Offertory Response

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

*Offertory Prayer

HYMN #565

My faith looks up to thee

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

MESSAGE

"It Depends on Faith"

*HYMN #528

I stand amazed in the presence

*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE

HANDS OF FELLOWSHIP

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH IN MINISTRY

***Please stand if able.**

WELCOME EVERYONE! In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we warmly welcome you in the fellowship and service of our faith community. Visitors are requested to sign the guest book on the podium in the church narthex.

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Pastor-Terry Smith, 463-3311

Moderator-Charles Eldredge

Accompanist-Sharon Ritzman

Worship Leader-Art Zug

Deacons-Mark & Becky Zeigler

First Service

Attendance Recorder-Lucille Saner

Sound System-Shari Book

Second Service

Attendance Recorder-TBD

Sound System-Shari Book or Mark Zeigler

February 21

General Offering	\$4,120.00
Give Me 5! Offering (Food Pantry)	\$110.00
Clean-Up Buckets	\$50.00
Attendance: Sunday School-N/A	Worship-50

Praying for Our Church Family: Karissa Graybill

Also pray for: Our Friends and Our Enemies

Next week Pastor Terry will be preaching on **John 2:13-22**. The sermon title will be **"What Sign Can You Show?"**

If using an envelope for your offerings, please be sure to indicate on the envelope where you wish your offering to go so that we're sure to apply it to where it is intended. This is especially important when we have several offerings being lifted on the same day. Thank you!



Needed for February: Facial Tissues

Sunday, February 28

Youth Nickel Offering	
Online Community Lenten Service (see details on insert)	7:00 pm

Saturday, March 6

Lenten Tea	8:00 am
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Sunday, March 7

Give Me 5! Offering	
Online Community Lenten Service (see details on insert)	7:00 pm

Thank you for all the cards and messages for my birthday. I am so grateful for our church family friends. You all are a blessing to me.

~ Ruth Zendt



Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Stacey Bowman*	Sharlita Brown
Annette Frymoyer	Joan Fulkroad
Donna Stydinger Gantt	Sue Henderson
Hannah Marie Johns	Scott Landis*
Jack Libby	Rick Peters
Jeremy Phillips*	Ellie Ritzman
Joe Ritzman	Finn Silva and Family*
Pearl Swartz	Mervin Yoder



Immediate Prayer Needs:

Robert (Bob) Auker*	Cathy Bashore*
Booth Family*	Anna Brubaker*
Lloyd Brubaker*	Maude Curley
Jim Dunn	Irene Howell*
Donna Jones*	Shawn Krimlin
Larry Lucas Family	Bev Oberlin
Barbara Shepler*	Brie Zug*
Todd Wert	

Shut-Ins:

Ray & Bev Oberlin	Denton Ritzman	Don Speece
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If you would like any names added or removed from these prayer lists, please put a note in the mailbox of either Darlene Leach or Lona Henry.

**Denotes new names added.*



Prayer Requests

Prayer Request Chain Contact Change

Starting February 7, all prayer requests should no longer go to Sharon Ritzman. Darlene Leach will be handling all prayer requests for starting the prayer chain on emails and phone and updates to the Ongoing and Immediate Prayer lists in the bulletins.

You may text or call Darlene at (717) 994-1504 or e-mail her at dleach42267@gmail.com with prayer requests. She will then call the pastor and Mary Jane Dressler to start the phone prayer chain and e-mail the prayer request to those on the email prayer chain.

An alternate contact if you are unable to reach Darlene is Amber Heimbach (717) 348-5259. Thank you for praying!



March Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month for March is Marian Book, whose birthday is on March 5. Please remember her with your prayers and cards.

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

Ray & Bev Oberlin

Northridge Center Personal Care, Room 5

99 Northridge Drive

McAlisterville, PA 17049

(717) 463-2249

(717) 348-1686 (Ray's cell)

(717) 994-8807 (Bev's cell)



Denton Ritzman

North Ridge Center Personal Care

Room 17

99 North Ridge Drive

McAlisterville, PA 17049

Don Speece

2193 Shin Hollow Road

Westfield, PA 16950

Prayer / Mentor Program



Parents of school-aged children: Would you like to have your child take part in the prayer/mentor program? If so, please send your child's information to Mark Zeigler by e-mail at mzeigler59@yahoo.com. The following information is requested - Name, Age, Birthday, Grade, Name of School, Hobbies/Interests and any additional information you would like to include.

Your child will be paired with a member of the congregation that will pray for your child throughout the year and may send cards or notes of encouragement.

Lenten Teas



We will be meeting in the fellowship hall beginning Saturday, February 20 at 8:00 am and continuing through Lent. The book I have selected is Chosen written by Michelle McClain-Walters.

"Best-selling author Michelle McClain-Walters shows you the difference between the chosen, the many and the few as she equips you with insight and divine strategies to jump-start your destiny. Chosen will show you how to:

- Be strengthened to stay on God's chosen path.
- Expose and overcome the attacks, hindrances, and ungodly mindsets that threaten your life.
- Understand the inner workings of the chosen realm – where heaven meets earth and where the supernatural coexists with the natural.

Chose now to declare, 'I'm chosen!' and watch as the mysteries of heaven are opened to you."

I hope to see you then,

Jen Sparks

Sunday School Classes Updates



During February, the Seekers SS class will be studying the book of Titus and starting 2 Timothy. This class meets in the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

The Explorers class is currently starting a video series about Lent hosted by Max Lucado. This class meets in the (new) fellowship hall and masks are recommended.

Weekly Bulletin and Monthly Newsletters Online!!

Be sure to check out the church's website at:

www.cob-net.org/church/freespring

At the homepage, click on **Documents** to find the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, calendar, Directory address update form, Time & Talent form, and more!

Note: If the newest document doesn't appear right away, you may need to clear the browser's local cache depending on the search engine:

Chrome: hold the CTRL key while reloading

FireFox: press CTRL+Shift+Delete keys

MicroSoft Edge: press CTRL+Shift+Delete keys





2021 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Sponsored By: The McAlisterville Ministerium

Theme: Hungry for God

Explore some historic Christian truths and practices
that can deepen your hunger for God

- Feb 17 "Hungry for God" by Dave McElwee of East Salem / Otterbein UMC
- This service will include the Rite of the Ashes
- Feb 21 "The Gospel According to Food" by Kevin Brophy of Brown's / St Johns UMC
- Feb 28 "The Practice of Fasting" by Jodi Strawser of Pass the Salt Ministries
- Mar 7 "When All You Can Eat Is Tears" by David Gingrich of Delaware Mennonite
- Mar 14 "The Practice of Lament" by Perry Munro of Pine Grove / McAlisterville UMC
- Mar 21 "Feed Your Faith" by Terry Smith of Free Spring Church of the Brethren
- Mar 28 "The Practice of Bible Engagement" by Graham Fowler of Lost Creek Presbyterian and Trinity Lutheran.
- Apr 2 A Good Friday Tenebrae Service including all our pastors and churches.

We will not gather together in-person for worship.
All services will be online and will premiere on the
McAlisterville Ministerium Facebook Page at 7:00 pm
www.facebook.com/McAlistervilleMin

If you don't have internet, you may listen to the sermon by calling (717) 200-3507 any time after the worship premier. We will not collect an offering this year. Instead, we invite you to support your local church or one of its missions.



Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 4 6:30 am

Please plan to join us for our Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am in the church sanctuary.

Speaker: Ed Weaver

Special Music: Erin Bell

Greeters: Pastor Terry & Wanda Smith

Pianist: Sharon Ritzman

Masks are required. Light refreshments afterward are still tentative.

Clean-Up Bucket Collections thru February

Witness will be putting together Clean-Up Buckets through the month of February and this year we are asking for donations of buckets and lids. So far, we've had only 1 bucket donated to fill for Clean-Up Buckets. I urge you, when out and about, stop at Tractor Supply, Lowes, or Home Depot (to name a few) and pick up a bucket and lid for this project. Last year many buckets were filled and taken to New Windsor – let's top last year's total!!

The Commission will be using monies that have been donated and received from Weis gift card sales to purchase the items to fill the buckets. Thank you!

~Witness Commission

