



# FREE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:30 am – Early Service

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

(Light Blue Hymnal 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

\*INVOCATION

\*HYMN #295

*Revive Us Again*

TIME OF SILENCE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Statement (in unison)

**"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."** (Psalm 23)

Offertory Music

\*Offertory Response

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

\*Offertory Prayer

HYMN #307

*Send the Light*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

**1 John 3:16-24**

MESSAGE

**"Love in Truth and Action"**

HYMN #309

*Pass It On*

\*BENEDICTION

\*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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Accompanist-Connie Wagner

Deacons-J. Allen & Ruth Zendt

Moderator-Eugene Jones

Worship Leader-J. Allen Zendt

### **First Service**

Attendance Recorder-Mary Zeigler

Sound System-Shari Book

Greeter-Wanda Smith

### **Second Service**

Attendance Recorder-Jessica Eby

Sound System-Shari Book

Greeter-Carla Renson

### **April 14**

General Offering

\$5,430.00

New Heating System

\$40.00

Peggie Layman Gift

\$500.00

Stained Glass Window Protectors

\$60.00

Juniata County Food Pantry

\$10.00

Ukraine Disaster Relief

\$110.00

Building Fund

\$20.00

Attendance: Sunday School-n/a

Worship-99

**Praying for Our Church Family:** Jeremy, Jenny, Mason,  
and Cooper Zeigler

**Also pray for:** Church Secretaries

Next week Pastor Terry will be preaching on **1 John 4:7-21**. The sermon title will be **"God Is Love, What Are We?"**.

*If using an envelope for your offerings, please 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.*



## Food Pantry Items Needed for April: Paper Towels

**Don't Forget! May is Food Pantry Volunteer Month!**

Free Spring is responsible for volunteers at the Juniata County Food Pantry for the Saturdays in the month of May. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are able to help out. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Monday, April 22**

**May Newsletter Submission Deadline!**

**Wednesday, April 24**

Supper & Study

6:00 pm

**Sunday, April 28**

Compassion Sunday  
Youth Nickel Offering



### April Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month for April is Darlene Leach, whose birthday is on Monday, April 22. Please remember her with your prayers and cards.

### 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!)



Please keep the following in your prayers this week:



### Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Stanley Beaver  
Keaghan Faulders  
Audrey Helmuth  
James Morgan  
Rick & Audrey Peters  
Ellie Ritzman  
Tad Sieber  
Paul Weaver

Sherry Black  
Jeff Fry  
Shawn Kepner  
Bill Parks  
Richard Rhoads  
Dawn Sheaffer  
Jen Sparks

### Immediate Prayer Needs:

Lorraine Bingman  
Ken Elsasser  
Dianne Goshorn Family  
Kevin Hart  
Loretta Hoffman  
Gavin Morris  
Warren Noon  
Gerald Rumpfelt  
Nancy Shadel  
Marilyn Strawser  
Beth Zipay

Ed Dunklebarger  
Bill Fox  
Dave Gray\*  
Audrey Helmuth\*  
Bonnie Miller  
Joy Moyer  
Infant Pheobe Family\*  
Drew Saner  
Ronnie Sparks  
Donald Van Horn

### Shut-Ins:

Dot Benson  
Melda Ritchie

Evelyn Benner  
Clair Varner

*\*Denotes new names added.*

*If you would like any names added or removed from these prayer lists, please e-mail or place a note in the mailbox of either Sharon Ritzman or Lona Henry.*



### 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 BROTHERS 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.

## Spring Supper & Study Beginning in April!



The Spring Supper & Study are Wednesdays through May 8 (with the exception of April 17, which has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts), starting at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall with a potluck Supper followed by the Study at 6:30 pm. We will be using Kyle Idleman's **When Your Way Isn't Working: Finding Purpose and Contentment through Deep Connection with Jesus**. Here is an overview from the website:

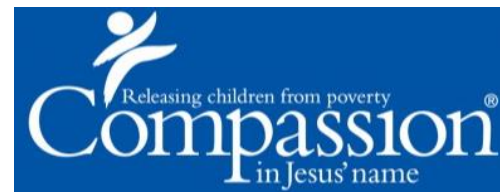
In some of His final words to His closest friends, Jesus didn't suggest a five-year plan for success or a checklist of things to do. Instead, He offered a metaphor about what the good life really looks like: *"I am the vine. You are the branches. Abide in Me."* In other words, *"No matter what happens next, the most important thing is to stay connected to Me."*

In *When Your Way Isn't Working*, pastor and bestselling author Kyle Idleman offers a unique exploration of John 15 for all of us who are going through the motions and feel frustrated. Idleman reminds us that it's connection, not production, that leads to a fruitful life – relationships, not circumstances, that bring joy. He offers his distinctive, Biblical perspective on how to:

- Find greater rest, depth, and connection in your life
- Embrace freedom from the pressures of performance and production
- Recognize what you can't do makes room for what God can do
- Step out of isolation even when it feels scary
- Discover the top distractions that keep you from connecting to God – and how to counter them

In the end, the fruit of your life won't have to do with what you accomplished but with whom you stayed connected. Because no matter what happens next in this uncertain world, what matters most, and brings the greatest joy is staying connected to the God who never leaves you.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex and the books are there as well. This will be about a 5-week study with a DVD series. The schedule may change depending on how the series goes or if something else comes up.



**AND DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES, GOD IS PLEASED.**

– Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

Please check out the Compassion Sunday table and easel. Please pray about being a sponsor. Specific children and youth to sponsor will be available next week. The cost is \$43 per month. Thanks, Barry Hoffman.



### Sunday School Classes

The Seekers Class, which meets in the upstairs adult classroom, is studying The New Testament Book of Matthew focusing on one chapter each week. Our teachers are Ron Gordon, Rodney Pry, and Allen Zendt. With their leadership, along with the insightful contributions from class members, it is a lively and active learning experience focusing on scripture. You are welcome to join us any Sunday.

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

**Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards. \*indicates an update to address/phone.**

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## Church World Service Hygiene Kits (to be collected thru April)

- One hand towel (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®



*All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag*

# Coming Soon!

## Truck Stop Ministry Cookie-Packing Change



The Truck Stop Ministry cookie baking and packing has been changed to **Saturday, May 18**. With the Easter celebration being early this year, there didn't seem to be a time we could schedule it. This date will be between Mother's Day and Memorial Day, which will be good for all who travel during that time of the year. Mark your calendars!



**Attention Ladies!**  
**Free Spring Ladies Spring Luncheon**  
**Saturday, June 1**  
**at 12:30 pm**

Additional details will be posted in the bulletin/newsletter later.