



FREE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



Sunday, May 5, 2024

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: Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

People: Like the bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom!

Leader: Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

People: We are here, watching and waiting with hope.

ALL: May God bring justice to all people on this day. May God's reign come on earth as in heaven.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #16

God is here among us

TIME OF SILENCE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Statement (in unison)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits." (Psalm 103:1-2)

Offertory Music

*Offertory Response *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n

**By saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

*Offertory Prayer

HYMN #279

I know that my Redeemer lives

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

MESSAGE

"Who Conquers the World?"

HYMN #522

My Jesus, I love thee

*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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Deacons-Kathy Bowman and Cindy Lucas

Moderator-Eugene Jones

Worship Leader-John Burns

First Service

Attendance Recorder-Shari Book

Sound System-Shari Book

Greeter-Jennifer Sparks

Second Service

Attendance Recorder-Dina Zug

Sound System-Shari Book

Greeter-John & Judy Burns

April 28

General Offering	\$2,715.00
New Heating System	\$100.00
Weis Gift Cards	\$100.00
Youth Nickel Offering	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.80
Fellowship Hall Donation – Goshorn Funeral Meal	\$75.00
Stained Glass Window Protectors	\$110.00
Juniata County Food Pantry	\$10.00
Ukraine Disaster Relief	\$10.00
Attendance: Sunday School-n/a	Worship-90

Praying for Our Church Family: Eric, Ginger, Briar,
and Jacob Alexander

Also pray for: Abused Children

Next week Pastor Terry will be preaching on **1 John 5:9-13**. The sermon title will be **"The Testimony of God"**.

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 May: Dish Detergent

Sunday, May 5

Give Me 5! Offering

Monday, May 6

Executive Committee Meeting
Church Board Meeting

6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Supper & Study at Pastor Terry's Cabin

6:00 pm

Sunday, May 12

Mothers Honored during worship service

May Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month for May is Arlene Weiland, whose birthday is on Thursday, May 16. Please remember her with your prayers and cards.



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.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Stanley Beaver
Keaghan Faulders
Audrey Helmuth
Lori Leach*
Bill Parks
Richard Rhoads
Dawn Sheaffer
Jen Sparks

Sherry Black
Jeff Fry
Shawn Kepner
James Morgan
Rick & Audrey Peters
Ellie Ritzman
Tad Sieber
Paul Weaver



Immediate Prayer Needs:

Rena Auker Family
Lorraine Bingman
Ed Dunklebarger
Bill Fox
Dave Gray
Audrey Helmuth
Phyllis Kinzer Family
Preston Losch*
Gavin Morris
Warren Noon Family
Clair Rhoads Family*
Drew Saner
Ronnie Sparks
Donald Van Horn

Dee Bell
Deb Dressler Family
Ken Elsasser
Dianne Goshorn Family
Kevin Hart
Loretta Hoffman
Lori Leach*
Bonnie Miller
Joy Moyer
Infant Pheobe Family
Gerald Rumpfelt
Nancy Shadel
Marilyn Strawser
Beth Zipay

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.



Sunday School Classes

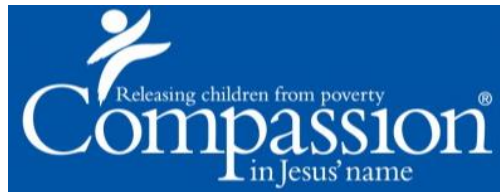
The Seekers Class, which meets in the upstairs adult classroom, is studying The New Testament Book of Matthew focusing on one chapter each week. Our teachers are Ron Gordon, Rodney Pry, and Allen Zendt. With their leadership, along with the insightful contributions from class members, it is a lively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

In May, the Explorers Sunday School Class will begin a study on Forgiveness.



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.



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

— Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

Today is the last opportunity to pick a child to sponsor through the Compassion program. If you have shared photos or messages of currently sponsored children, you may pick them up.

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!



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

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Hi All,

I come before you with a significant praise and a final prayer request!

We currently have 47 campers registered between our two camps! Praise God!!! AND we are only 7 mentors away from accepting EVERY. SINGLE. CAMPER!

For Camp 1 we still need 3 female mentors and 1 male mentor

For Camp 2 we still need 1 female mentor and 2 male mentors.

If you have not already applied and feel led to do so; now is the time! If someone is on your heart and you haven't encouraged them; now is the time!

I'll be speaking at one more church this coming Sunday and then it's crunch time!



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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!)



Coming Soon!



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

The meal will be catered. Cost is adults, \$15; children (5-12), \$10; and children 4 and under, FREE

Please sign up in the narthex by **May 22**. Payment must be received by **May 26**. You may pay by cash or check to Angela Bryner. Please place payment in Angela's mailbox.

75th Annual
Women's Camp Retreat
Camp Eder ~ Fairfield, PA
June 3rd & 4th, 2024



With guest speaker Gretchen Sortzi. Brochures with additional details and registration forms are on the table in the narthex!

