



FREE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



Sunday, August 4, 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: Grace unto you and peace from God, who was and who is and who is to come,

People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, ruler above all rulers of the earth.

Leader: In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,

People: making all who confess Christ a nation of priests set aside for God's service.

ALL: To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever!

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #5

There is a place of quiet rest

TIME OF SILENCE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Statement (in unison)

"O God, you rule the world from end to end and for all time. You alone are God. In You alone we hope. Forgive our sins. Heal our diseases. Save our lives from destruction. We repent of our stubbornness and pride. We desire to yield ourselves more fully to your will. Keep us in Your presence that we might serve and witness in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN"

Offertory Music

*Offertory Response

Holy, holy, holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

*Offertory Prayer

HYMN #575

Precious Lord, take my hand

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

MESSAGE

"We Must Grow Up...Into Christ"

HYMN #599

He leadeth me

*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.

Church Office: 670 Free Spring Church Road, Mifflintown, PA 17059

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Pastor-Terry Smith, 463-3311

Accompanist-Rosalita Leonard

Deacons-Warren & Connie Wagner

Moderator-Eugene Jones

Worship Leader-Tom Wert

First Service

Attendance Recorder-Shari Book

Sound System-Shari Book

Greeter-Brian Auker

Second Service

Attendance Recorder-Dina Zug

Sound System-Shari Book

Greeters-Gregg & Elaine Corman

July 28

General Offering	\$2,375.00
New Heating System	\$70.00
Juniata County Food Pantry	\$20.00
Ukraine Disaster Relief	\$150.00
Youth Nickel Offering	\$20.00
Attendance: Sunday School-n/a	Worship-87

Praying for Our Church Family: Kathy Lehman

Also pray for: College Students

Next week Pastor Terry will be preaching on **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**. The sermon title will be **"Be Kind to One Another"**.

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 July: Laundry Detergent (25-32 oz)

Dear Free Spring Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$200 in memory of Dianne Goshorn as well as the \$600 donation to Juniata County Meals-on-Wheels. We appreciate your support!
~ Esther Bratton



Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, words of encouragement, hugs and the gift of your friendship. I am filled with gratitude for you all.

For those of you who have been asking, I will begin my radiation treatments on August 12, and they will continue daily for four weeks. It has been an overwhelming, confusing and frustrating journey but your prayers and encouragement have been a blessing. It's almost over – Praise God!

Sincerely, Dee Bell

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:



Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Stanley Beaver	Sherry Black
Keaghan Faulders	Jeff Fry
Audrey Helmuth	Shawn Kepner
Lori Leach	Roxie Rickenbaugh Machamer
James Morgan	Bill Parks
Rick & Audrey Peters	Ellie Ritzman
Dawn Sheaffer	Gisele Russell Shepler
Tad Sieber	Jen Sparks
Ronnie Sparks	Don Walters
Paul Weaver	

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Dee Bell	Elyse Brown
Frank Cuffaro Family	Jennifer Dunmire
Daniel Fisher	Bill Fox Family
Kevin Hart	Audrey Helmuth
Tiffany Hires	Raymond Laudenslager
Jeremy Leach	Judy McAlister
Doris Kepler	Gavin Morris
Joy Moyer	Mike Ryan
Pat Saia	Sandy (Dina Zug's sister-in-law)
Drew Saner	Becky Schlegel
John Schlegel	Althea Smith
Marilyn Strawser	Donald Van Horn
Ayden Weller	Vicky Weller
Matt Wray	Beth Zipay

Shut-Ins:

Dot Benson	Evelyn Benner
Melda Ritchie	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, August 4

Give Me 5! Offering
2¢ Club Offering

Monday, August 5

Commissions Meeting

7:00 pm

Sunday, August 11

Service at North Ridge

2:00 pm



Sunday School Classes

The Seekers Class, which meets in the upstairs adult classroom, is studying The New Testament Book of John, 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 Class is continuing our study of Forgiveness with Lesson 5 this week. We'll be focusing on Matthew 18:21-35.

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.



The next scheduled worship services will be held in August. At North Ridge on **Sunday, August 11, at 2:00 pm** with Tom Wert as speaker, Sandra Wert as worship leader, and Linda Leonard as pianist, and at Brookline, **Sunday, August 18, at 2:00 and 3:00 pm** with Allen Zendt as speaker; a pianist and worship leader is still needed for this service.

Please contact Sharon Ritzman as to how you can help with these services.

"Sound of Hope" is coming to Miller Cinema 6 in Lewistown for one day and one showing. Join us on **Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 pm** for this special showing. Cost is \$5 per person. I hope to see you on the 18th!

Sincerely,
Milt Herrold
Mifflin and Juniata County Coordinator
Keystone Family Alliance
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Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards.

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Food Pantry!

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 2024, the Food Pantry served 274 families in need – a total of 720 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided over 2,500 lunches for 125 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



Church World Service School Kits to be collected thru August



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

*12"x14" or 14"x17" cloth bags are in the CWS chest.
Pack all items inside the cloth bag.*



Bus Trip to Operation Christmas Shoebox Saturday, November 30

Juniata County will have a bus going to Operation Christmas Shoebox for repacking in the Baltimore area on Saturday, November 30. The bus will leave at 6:30 am from the Cedar Grove Church upper parking lot. The work shift would be from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This trip includes a breakfast stop, and there would be food to purchase at the work site for lunch. We should get back early evening so we wouldn't have a dinner stop. Cost of the bus will be \$20 per person. Please contact Dina Zug if you would like to reserve your spot!

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!)

