

October 2020



Free Spring Church of the Brethren
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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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Office Hours:
Thursday
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Sunday Services:
Early Worship – 8:30 am
Sunday School – 9:30 am
Worship Service – 10:30



CROP Walk
Sunday, October 11
Registration, 1:30 pm
Walk, 2:00 pm

Church Fall Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 15
7:00 pm



Meals-On-Wheels Desserts
Tuesday, October 20

All items for the November newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, October 19**. 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,

As I sit here typing away, today's date jumps out at me...September 25. It is three months until Christmas morning. What will Christmas Eve service look like this year? It's hard not to remember that circle of candlelight around the sanctuary as we sing *Silent Night*. Maybe we will be able to do something similar, and maybe we will be able to worship just as we always do. God will still be there, as we honor the birth of our Savior.

When reading through the Bible in a year this is the time that one finally reaches the New Testament and the story of Jesus' birth. You read the family background of Jesus forward and backward. You hear the story of Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son John the Baptizer. Angels visit Mary and Joseph, Jesus is born, and he is blessed by Simeon and Anna, two old people filled with the Holy Spirit.

Here we are before October even begins and the holiday shopping spree is thrust upon us. Some stores are rolling out their "Black Friday" specials online. Surveys reveal that almost half of shoppers will do their holiday buying online. Walmart will even virtually take some toys out of the box to let you see what's inside.

I would rather have God take 2021 "out of the box". Wouldn't you like to see what comes after the ball drops on New Year's Eve? (That will feature an almost empty Times Square with a lot of multiple-site entertainment piped in.) I'm sure that a little over 2000 years ago Joseph and Mary, even with the reassurance of the angel and the blessing of Simeon and Anna, would have liked God to lay out exactly how life would go back in Nazareth.

This begs the question, **"Do you and I really live by faith and not by sight?"** Are we believers who trust in God's provision and eternal protection? Are we men and women who demonstrate patience, kindness, hope, encouragement, and love when times are tough, and many things just are not the same? I pray that we are. I pray that we prepare ourselves for the celebration of communion on October 4. May God forgive us for our doubts, our fears, our grumbling, and our complaining.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry

**October Deacons of the Month:
Ron & Dee Bell**

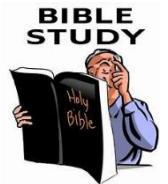
Scriptures and Messages for October

	<u>October 4</u>	
Matthew 21:33-46		<i>"Listen to another Parable"</i>
	<u>October 11</u>	
Matthew 22:1-14		<i>"The Wedding Banquet"</i>
	<u>October 18</u>	
Matthew 22:15-22		<i>"Surviving the Test"</i>
	<u>October 25</u>	
Matthew 22:34-46		<i>"Whose Son Is He?"</i>



Free Spring B&B Returns!

The Free Spring B&B (Breakfast and Bible study) will be held Saturday mornings. It started on September 26 and will continue on the following dates: October 3, October 17, October 24, and October 31 if needed to complete the study.



The studies will begin at 7:30 am and you are asked to bring your own breakfast. Social distancing recommendations will be in effect for the studies.

The topic of study is the book Radical by David Platt. Books will be placed on the table in the narthex.

The following is an excerpt:

"It is easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said His followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, He said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for Him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily...BUT WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO LIVES LIKE THAT? DO YOU?"

In Radical, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus said about being His disciple – then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard.

This book is packed with Biblical substance! Come and see...Come and learn...

Free Spring Library News



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

Amish Marketplace Series by Amy Clipston

The Farm Stand – Salina Petersheim runs her own booth at the Amish market, where she's known for having the freshest and most delicious produce in the area. Her father is the bishop of her church district and her brother is a deacon. They are a very close family, yet sometimes she tires of being compared to her older brother, Neil, who is married and has two children. She also feels the pressure of having to be the perfect daughter for her parents. (This is the second book in the series; the first book is The Bake Shop.)

The Inn at Eagle Hill Series by Suzanne Woods Fisher

The Revealing – Naomi King has the gift of intuition – but most Stoney Ridge residents dismiss her hunches. When a young woman reveals a shocking secret about Naomi's beau, Tobe Schrock, Naomi can't ignore the feeling that something sinister is at work. As events spiral out of control, will she listen to her head – or her heart? (This is the third book in the series; the other books are The Letters and The Calling.)

Legacy of Faith Series by Robin Lee Hatcher

How Sweet It Is – Holly Stanford is doing the best she can with the restaurant she inherited from her late uncle. But after her fiancée abandons her and the business, Holly regrets having given up her dream of becoming a pastry chef. Now a few bad financial decisions might cost her everything, including her hope for the future. Jed Henning has done well with his new company despite his prodigal brother's behavior. When Jed's father, the controlling member of the board of directors, temporarily suspends operations until his sons work out their differences, Jed resentfully chases his brother, Chris, to Boise. There, Jed rents a basement apartment from Holly and hopes to convince Chris to get his act together before their company collapses. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are Who I Am With You and Cross My Heart.)

More Than We Remember by Christina Suzann Nelson

One night changes everything for three women...When Addison Killbourn's husband is involved in a car accident that leaves a woman dead, her perfectly constructed life crumbles apart. With her husband's memory of that night gone and the revelation of a potentially life-altering secret, Addison has to reevaluate all she thought she knew. Emilia Cruz is a deputy, bearing a heavy burden far beyond the weight of her job. Her husband is no longer the man she married, and Emilia's determined to prevent others from facing the same hardship. When she's called to the scene of an accident pointing to everything she's fighting against, she's

determined to see justice for those wronged.

Coastal Guardians by Dani Pettrey

The Crushing Depths – When an accident claims the life of an oil-rig worker on the first drilling platform off the North Carolina coast, Coast Guard investigators Rissi Dawson and Mason Rogers are sent to take the case. Tensions surrounding the oil rig are high and the death has everyone on edge. Environmental activists are threatening to do whatever it takes to stop the structure from being completed, while rumors are being whispered about ancient curses surrounding this part of the ocean. (This is the second book in the series; the first book is The Killing.)

The Camera Never Lies by David Rawlings

Daniel Whitely is a successful couples' counselor, yet his own marriage is in crisis and his daughter is drifting further away each day. When Daniel inherits an old camera from his grandfather, he notices an inscription on the bottom: "*Use this camera wisely and remember, regardless of the picture you think you took, the camera never lies*". When Daniel starts using the camera and he develops his photos, they threaten to reveal secrets that could sabotage both his marriage and his career – exposing him as a fraud and destroying the life he has worked so hard to build. He's faced with a choice; keep his secrets and save his career or come clean and possibly save his family.

Thatcher Sisters Series by Beth K. Vogt

The Best We've Been – Having abandoned her childhood dream years ago, Johanna Thatcher knows what she wants from life. Despite years of distance and friction, Johanna and her sisters, Jillian and Payton, have moved from a truce toward a fragile friendship. But then Johanna reveals she has the one thing Jillian wants most and may never have – and Johanna doesn't want it. As Johanna wrestles with a choice that will change her life and her relationships with her sisters forever, the cracks in Jillian's marriage and faith deepen. Through it all, the Thatcher sisters must decide once and for all what it means to be family. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are Things I Never Told You and Moments We Forget.)

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian



Free Spring Book Club

The next Free Spring Book Club discussion group will meet on **Monday, October 19 at 1:00 pm**. We will be discussing When Breath becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi.

Nurture Commission News



OUR BIRTHDAY OF THE MONTH IS Carla Renson, who celebrates her birthday on October 24. Please remember her with your cards and prayers.

Free Spring will not be hosting Love Feast this year due to COVID-19. Instead, we will be having communion during both worship services on Sunday, October 4.

The next Music & Worship meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm.

Our next Congregational meeting is on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm. This is an important meeting where we elect officers selected by the hard-working Nominating Committee and vote on our final Budget. The Nominating Committee works hard to select people that will help us in our Christian worship and education, taking care of our church, and showing God's love to others. This is your opportunity to let us know your ideas and concerns.

Keep watch for our Time & Talent Survey to be distributed soon. Please look them over carefully and consider where God is leading you to help in the church and return them to Ron Bell ASAP.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, so let's all send Pastor Terry cards and prayers throughout the month to let him know how much he is loved and how much we appreciate what he does for this congregation.

LOOKING FORWARD:

November 2 – Board Reorganization meeting, 7:00 pm

November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm

~ Erin Bell, Darlene Leach, Mark Zeigler, and Art Zug



October Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month is Carla Renson on October 24. Please remember her with your prayers and cards.

Meals-On-Wheels Desserts

Tuesday, October 20



2020 CAMP EDER FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 17

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Meal Ticket Cost - \$12

Meal Served 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Auction Starts at 10:30 am

Join us for a day of safe family fun!

Outdoor Event (outdoor seating for meal)

Pork Meal cooked overnight inground brick pits

Hayrides – Live Auction – Kid's Activities

Craft Vendors – Yard Sale Vendors

Eder-made Apple Butter

Juniata County Food Pantry October Update



Autumn has arrived! Soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. Again this year, the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and **YOU** to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families in need and avoid duplicating services. But we can't do it without **your** help. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive, please give generously. And if you can help us start stockpiling the foods listed below for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

In August 2020, the Food Pantry served 207 families in need – a total of 563 individuals. A special thank you to Lost Creek Mennonite Church and Lauver's Mennonite Church for providing volunteers for August.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS (These are the foods that are hard for us to get): turkeys, turkey breasts, hams (3-5 lbs), canned sweet potatoes, and fruit cocktail – OR, **a \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!**

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

Phone: (717) 436-9718 (answering machine)

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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



Weekly Bulletin and Monthly Newsletters Online!!

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletters and calendars are now available online! The church's website is at: <https://www.cob-net.org/church/freespring>



Once you are at the homepage, click on **Documents** to find the bulletin and monthly newsletter and calendar.

NEW: Ron Gordon has added a link under **Newsletter** called **Archive**, which will enable you to look at the previous/archived newsletters if you would ever like to look back for something!

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

Witness Commission

October Food Pantry Delivery by:

Cindy Lucas



Hello from the Witness Commission!

Food Pantry donations recently delivered were as follows: 36 packages of baby wipes, a box of minute rice, and 3 bottles of Tilex® cleaner. There are three bottles of laundry detergent to go from September, unless some additional bottles are donated the last Sunday of September.

We will be collecting for Bethesda Mission during the month of October and November. A list of items needed is found elsewhere in this newsletter and will be provided on our weekly bulletins.

This year, due to current conditions and possibility of not having enough help for the day, we are cancelling Candy Making. Instead, we will be taking up a special offering during the month of December for Children's Aid Society.

The Commission has been working on putting together and counting the totals of the various Kits for Church World Service. We have assembled a total of 27 School Kits, 20 Clean-Up Buckets, and 14 Health Kits. Since we have not been able to do a volunteer day at New Windsor, we will be delivering these to the Resource Center. A huge **THANK YOU** to Peggy Layman for her donation to making Clean-Up Buckets. We have been able to put together the most buckets ever!!!!

Also, please be sure to check out the Camp Eder Fall Festival information elsewhere in this newsletter.

~ Connie Hesford, Jen Sparks, Warren Wagner and Dina Zug



JUNIATA CO. CROP WALK WALKER TOWNSHIP PARK Sunday, October 11, 2020

**Registration – 1:30pm Walk
begins at 2:00pm**

Pledge collection envelopes and sign-up sheets will be available at both church services this Sunday. Each walker will need a separate envelope and must also sign an additional COVID-19 release form.

The walk will be held at Walker Township Park, but if you don't feel comfortable in a crowd, you can even walk by yourself at another place or at a different time. Then let us know how much you raised and send your donations to Juniata County CROP, PO Box 91, McAlisterville, PA 17049.

You can join us virtually on our Facebook page the day of the walk at www.facebook.com/JuniataCoCROP and click on live video to watch our Live presentation.

Registration will be no-contact. Just walk up, hold up your signed envelope and release form, and drop them into a box and you're good to go! All money must be turned in on walk day. You can also register online at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa>.

Masks must be worn during registration but may be removed after the walk begins and we are distanced on the walking track.

As always, 25% of money raised will stay in the county to be split between the Food Pantry and Meals-On-Wheels.

Any walker raising \$125 or more will earn a CROP tee shirt. They're a great new design this year.

We hope you'll keep the Walk in your prayers and consider walking or sponsoring walkers. So many people have such a great need and this is a wonderful way to help. Thanks!

Questions – see Kathy Lehman or Becky Zeigler





Donations Needed for Bethesda Mission during October and November

Help us meet the needs in our area throughout the holiday season and stock our shelves for the upcoming winter!

You can also view our Amazon.com wish list registry. Feel free to purchase items from them and have them shipped to us directly. Or donate as you shop by using smile.amazon.com.

FOOD SERVICES NEEDS: #10 cans of vegetables, oil, sugar, hot sauce, BBQ sauce, trash bags, disposable gloves, napkins, cleaner (glass, floor, oven, multi-purpose, aprons, 12 oz. bowls

Listed below are some other items that are currently needed (new or gently used items are appreciated.):

MEN'S MISSION: razors, shaving cream (small cans), toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox® wipes, bleach, steel-toed work boots (sizes 9.5-11.5), sneakers (sizes 9.5-11.5), 13 and 30-gal trash bags, silverware, padlocks with keys for lockers, Ensure® nutritional drink, WalMart gift cards

WOMEN'S MISSION: paper products, stamps, twin-sized sheet sets, gallon-size zip-lock bags, large clear plastic storage bins, hand sanitizer/wipes, underwear (all sizes), fresh fruit

COMMUNITY CENTER: school supplies, book bags, board games (new), ear phones, gift cards, Xbox 1, Wii U, Nerf guns, portable soccer nets, soccer balls, dodge balls

MEDICAL Clinic: Alka Seltzer® cold medication, allergy medication, anti-fungal cream, bacitracin, triple antibiotic cream, Neosporin, instant hot or cold packs, cough drops (regular and sugar-free), DayQuil® cold medication, sinus congestion medicine, hand sanitizer (individual size), hydrocortisone cream, tissues, Ibuprofen 200 mg, tissues (large boxes), multivitamins, muscle rub, Naproxen 220 mg, Pepto Bismol® tablets, saline nasal spray, shoe insoles, toenail clippers, Tums®,

DENTAL CLINIC: hydrogen peroxide 1.5%-2% mouth rinse, Polident® adhesive for dentures, individually-packaged soft toothbrushes, non-alcoholic mouthwash (travel size), dental pics, dental floss/flossers, denture cases, travel toothbrush holders

MOBILE MISSION: sweatshirts and sweatpants (M, L, XL), jeans (waist size 32 thru 40), underwear (S thru XL), t-shirts, candles, Sterno®, deodorant, flashlights

Early Morning Service: 8:30 am
 Sunday School: 9:30 am
 Worship Service: 10:30 am




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**Food Pantry Needs:
 Toothpaste (6 oz.)**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Anniversaries				1	2	3 B&B Study, 7:30 am Trash Pick-Up, 8:00 am
9 - Leroy & Marian Book ('62) 10 - Ken & Leslie Laudenslager ('98) 12 - Fred & Pat Weiland ('75)		24 - Sam & Sharon Ritzman ('69) 26 - Joe & Kristina Zug ('19)				
4 Nursery-Dara Reinford Give Me 5! Offering 2¢ Club Offering Communion during both Services	5 Commissions Meeting, 7:00 pm	6 	7	8	9	10 B&B Study, 7:30 am
11 Nursery-Karissa Graybill CROP Walk, Reg 1:30 pm; Walk, 2:00 pm	12 Music & Worship, 7:00 pm <i>Columbus Day</i>	13	14	15 Fall Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	16	17 B&B Study, 7:30 am Camp Eder Fall Festival, 10 am – 3 pm
18 Nursery-Shari Book	19 FS Book Club, 1:00 pm Newsletter Deadline!	20 Meals-On-Wheels Desserts	21	22 	23	24 B&B Study, 7:30 am
25 Nursery-Kim and Renee Marshall Youth Nickel Offering	26	27	28	29	30	31 B&B Study, 7:30 am (if needed)

October Birthdays

1 - Jennifer Sparks
 2 - Barry Lauver
 3 - Natalie Ritzman
 3 - Linda Titzell
 4 - Michael Benner
 4 - Abigail
 Laudenslager

5 - Aaron Benner
 5 - J Allen Zendt
 8 - Alyssa Nuzzi
 9 - Mariah Ritzman
 9 - Mackenzie Wray
 11 - Hope Laudenslager
 13 - Scott Bardell

14 - Leslie Laudenslager
 17 - Colleen Lauver
 20 - Dorothy Benson
 20 - Natalee Zug
 21 - David Snook
 24 - Carla Renson
 24 - Jessica Smith

24 - Amy Wagner
 25 - Wes Hoffman
 26 - Kathy Lehman
 27 - Shari Book
 27 - Rich Walters
 28 - Erin Bell
 29 - Geri Mason

30 - Tony Ritzman
 31 - Jayne Book