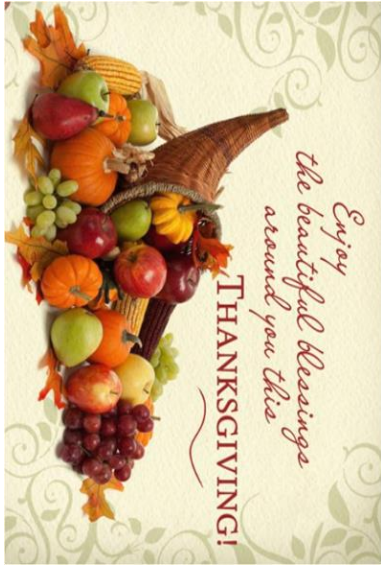


November 2020



Free Spring Church of the Brethren
670 Free Spring Church Road
Mifflintown, PA 17059

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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Terry Smith, Pastor
Charles Eldredge, Moderator
Lona Henry, Church Secretary

Office Hours:
Thursday
5:30 – 7:00 pm

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



Church Board Reorganization Meeting
Monday, November 2



Meals-On-Wheels Desserts
Tuesday, November 17

Time & Talent Surveys
Due by
Sunday, November 22



All items for the December newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, November 23**. 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,

Perhaps my favorite hymn is *It Is Well with My Soul*. I remember a friend once saying that it was good that his soul was well taken care of by Jesus because everything else was falling apart! During this pandemic the adjustments to our lives has been physically, mentally, and spiritually challenging.

In her book *It Is Well with My Soul*, Shelly Beach writes, "My illness in 1999 was part of God's plan to slow me down and show me who I really was. In the months I lay bed-bound, I was alone with my thoughts and forced to pay attention to my negative self-talk. I began to recognize that a steady stream of conversation ran through my head – messages about God, about myself, about others, about my circumstances. And many of those thoughts contradicted the Word of God. I began to see that, although I was a Christian, I lived in two worlds: I clung to the belief that I was loving God and others, but I was often living for myself."

"My prayer is that I won't be the same person three months or a year from now and that I'll still be listening, learning, and leaning into change."

"Dear Father, You know the lies that have kept me in bondage, and You know that it's hard for me to let go of them because they can seem so true. But help me choose to believe Your Word above all and to act upon it. Change my heart. May I be sensitive to Your Spirit as I learn to listen and lean in to You. Amen."

In this season of Thanksgiving I pray that it is well with your soul, and that you have a firm belief that God has a handle on the past, present, and future.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry

Scriptures and Messages for November

Matthew 23:1-12	<u>November 1</u>	"Look to the Lord"
Matthew 25:1-13	<u>November 8</u>	"How to Live – Anticipate!"
Matthew 25:14-30	<u>November 15</u>	"Master, I Know..."
Matthew 25:31-46	<u>November 22</u>	"When Have We Seen?"
Mark 13:24-37	<u>November 29</u>	"Only the Father Knows"

Free Spring Library News

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

Amish Greenhouse Mystery Series
by Wanda E. Brunstetter



The Crow's Call – When Vernon King, his son, and son-in-law are involved in a terrible accident, three women are left to cope with their deaths as they become the sole providers of the family they have left. The women's only income must come from the family greenhouse but someone seems to be trying to force them out of business. (This is the first book in the series.)

Brides of Hope Mountain Series by Mary Connealy

Woman of Sunlight – After years of isolation on top of Hope Mountain, Ilsa Nordegren may finally be ready to leave. Raised to fear the world, Ilsa and her sisters never planned on coming down but when the Warden family arrived in need, they had to help. And it may cost them everything. Having made his fortune, Mitch Warden returned home and found the family homestead abandoned. In a land grab, a ruthless cattle baron had forced his family to escape up the mountain and when he follows, the last thing he expects is to fall smitten to a black-haired woman who dresses like Robin Hood. (This is the second book in the series; the first book is: Aiming for Love.)

Deadly Reunions Series by Lynette Eason

When a Secret Kills – Investigative reporter, Jillian Carter, knows it's time to put the past to rest. She's tired of looking over her shoulder, letting a killer go free. She's no longer the scared kid who changed her name and disappeared. Now, no matter what the cost, Jillian must do what she is trained to do – ferret out the truth and expose it. Senator Frank Hoffman committed murder ten years ago-and Jillian watched it happen. Didn't she? (This is the third book in the series; the other books are: When the Smoke Clears and When a Heart Stops.)

The Traitor's Pawn by Lisa Harris

FBI agent Jack Shannon heads to Corpus Christi to discover who's selling government secrets to the Chinese. When a senator is shot and his companion – who happens to be Jack's first love – is kidnapped, the case and Jack's past become entangled. Will he be able to rescue Aubrey and stop the traitor?

FBI Task Force Series by DiAnn Mills

High Treason – Kord Davidson is an FBI agent who is close friends with Saudi Prince Omar bin Talal. He is in charge of the prince's protective

detail. When the prince comes to America to seek cancer treatment for his mother, there is an attempt on his life. The CIA brings one of their operatives, Monica Alden, in on the task force after the assassination attempt because she has extensive experience in the Middle East. The fact that she is a Christian woman does complicate matters given the cultural and religious differences between the two countries. Kord and Monica must figure out who is willing to commit high treason and stop them in time. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are: Deadly Encounter and Deep Extraction.)

The Treasures of Nome Series

by Tracie Peterson & Kimberley Woodhouse

Forever Hidden – For Havyn Powell, growing up on her grandfather Chuck Bondrant's dairy outside the 1904 gold-rush boomtown of Nome, Alaska, offered all she needed. She had the love of her mother, two sisters, and grandfather. But now, at 23, Havyn realizes the stability of her life may soon vanish. Havyn is determined to find a way to keep the family together, but her grandfather's health is declining and everyone seems to be holding secrets from each other, including the handsome, dark-haired stranger who recently arrived. (This is the first book in the series.)

Homeland Heroes Series by Susan Sleeman

Minutes to Die – It's the intel every agent fears – terrorists have been smuggled into the country, intent on unleashing the most deadly attack since 9/11. With the threat imminent, FBI Agent Kiley Dawson and ICE Agent Evan Bowers are charged with taking down this terrorist cell. The only problem is Kiley blames Evan for the death of her former partner and she can barely be in a room with him. But with millions of lives on the line, she has no choice. (This is the second book in the series; the first book is: Seconds to Live.)

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian



Free Spring Book Club

The next Free Spring Book Club discussion group will meet on **Monday, November 16 at 1:00 pm**. We will be discussing The Oracle by Jonathan Cahn.

**November Deacons of the Month:
Evelyn Benner and Cindy Lucas**



**Christian
Education**

Christian Education Commission

Thank you to those that donated for Children's Day Goodie Bags. Most have been picked up or delivered. Thank you to many Grandmothers for their delivery service! 😊

Select Sunday School classes began on October 18 at 9:30 am. The Seekers (library class) are meeting in the front left-hand side of the sanctuary and are studying the 3 T's (Timothy, Titus and Thessalonians). Masks are required. The Explorers class, joined by Pairs & Spares, continues to meet now in the fellowship hall studying David Platt's **Radical** DVD series with masks optional. If you missed the Fall B&B, feel free to join with this class to see the series. At this time, the regular adult class will not be meeting. The children's class, combined K-12 grades, are meeting in the regular adult class across from the nursery. Curriculum/activities are week to week depending on attendance. Masks will be optional.

~Dee Bell, Shari Book, Dara Reinford, and Mary Zeigler

Nurture Commission News



Thank You to the Deacons for doing such a great job on deciding how to have Love Feast and Communion on October 4. This year has been filled with many changes. It is good to be at a church that can adapt to changes and still be a caring church family.

BIRTHDAY OF THE MONTH IS Mike Sparks who celebrates his birthday on Sunday, November 15. Please remember him with your cards and prayers.

Welcome to the people who have been voted onto Church Board from the Council meeting held on October 15. God will be pleased with you doing His good work.

Please watch for updates on Thanksgiving Eve service.

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



November Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month is Mike Sparks on November 15. Please remember him with your prayers and cards.

Witness Commission November Food Pantry Needs: Toothpaste (6 oz size)



During the past month, \$150 in Weis gift cards was donated to the Brown family for expenses during Sharleta's treatments.

There were over 160 lbs of items donated to the Food Pantry. The new item is a 6 oz tubes of toothpaste during the months of October and November.

During the months of October and November we will also be collecting for Bethesda Mission. The list of suggested items is listed in this newsletter and the weekly bulletins. We had such a great response last year, and items are already beginning to add up for this year. Thank you for your generous donations.

A delivery date has not been set yet for taking the CWS Kits to New Windsor. Because of the large donations for Clean-Up Buckets, we have assembled an all-time high of 26 Buckets!!!! A Special thanks to Peggy Layman for her donation to use for these Clean-Up Buckets.

Thank you goes to Mary Zeigler for taking care of donations for Meals-On-Wheels desserts from now through till January.

Mary has also set up a table for Operation Shoe Box which will run thru November 22. There are premade shoeboxes available while supplies last.

Candy-Making has been cancelled for this year due to the concern of not having enough help. Instead, a special offering will be taken during December for Children's Aid Society.

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



The Seekers Sunday School Class

Seekers (library class) are meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the front left-hand side of the sanctuary and will be studying the 3 T's (1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus). They are studying a chapter a week.

Please read the appropriate chapter prior to class. Jot down some comments or questions and consult at least one Commentary on the chapter. Commentaries will be provided if you need one. We will share in class what we have learned. Social distancing and masks are required.



Juniata County Food Pantry November Update



An update for the Food Pantry was not received at the time of printing, so I'm rerunning information from last month:

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.

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)

E-mail: jcftp122017@gmail.com

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



2020 CHEESEBALLS To Benefit Relay for Life

Our Free Spring Cheeseballs are delicious for snacking anytime or for holiday parties. They make great gifts (just add a pack of crackers!). And only \$8 for a one-pound cheese ball!

Order yours starting November 1 by signing up in the church narthex. Please sign up to donate cream cheese or make a \$ donation toward the sharp cheese (sign-up sheet for that also in narthex). Also sign up if you are able to help make the cheeseballs on December 11.

You may pick up the cheeseballs on Sunday, December 13, 20, or 27. Questions? Ask Sharon Ritzman



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)

Dorothy Powell
 Locust Grove Retirement Village
 Room 203A
 69 Cottage Road
 Mifflin, PA 17058

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

Helen Willow
 Ohesson Manor Nursing
 Home, Room 411
 276 Green Avenue Ext
 Lewistown, PA 17044

Blanket Fund Offerings in November

Blanket the world in love by giving money to buy CWS blankets to provide a blanket through CWS to people recovering from a disaster, living in a refugee camp, or homeless in our world.



Throughout the month of November an envelope will be provided in your bulletin for you to donate to this worthy cause. Please place unused envelopes in Lona's mailbox or on the table in the narthex.



Time & Talent Surveys

Due by: November 22

Time & Talent Surveys have been placed in the narthex. Your help is needed! Please prayerfully consider ways you may serve our church with your time and talents.

Completed Surveys should be placed in Ron Bell's mailbox no later than Sunday, November 22.

2021 Offering Envelopes have been placed in the narthex. When taking a cartridge, please be sure to write your name on the paper slip included with each cartridge and place it in the designated box to ensure a proper giving statement is provided to you at the end of the year. Thank you!



~ Lona Henry, Church Secretary

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for the gracious 25-year celebration of our ministry at Free Spring on Sunday, October 25. We are so grateful for the opportunity that we have been blessed with, and we look forward to the time when we can see everybody together again face to face. Your cards, phone calls, gifts, meals, and prayers are much appreciated. Wanda and I are thankful for the way that you have expressed your love for us as we serve the Lord with you.



*In Christ's love,
 Pastor Terry*



Fill out your
 Family Profile
 For the Church
 Directory Update!

Enclosed in this newsletter is the form used for updating or adding your information in the 2021 Free Spring Church Directory. You do not need to be a member to be included in the Directory.

Please take a moment to review the information in last year's Directory; then use the form to make any changes needed, or write your name and "no changes" on the form.

This form may also be used to indicate if you wish to have a mailbox here at the church (for those who do not already have one) and if you'd like to "go green" and have the monthly newsletter e-mailed to you rather than receiving a hardcopy!

Please use a separate form for others not in your household. Extra forms are on the table in the narthex or you may complete the form online on the church website at <https://www.cob-net.org/church/freespring> under Documents.

The schedule for completing the Directory will be provided in next month's newsletter. Thank you all for your help!

~ Lona Henry, Church Secretary



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)

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

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Inc 2020 Cookie Collection



Drop-Off Dates:

November 30, December 7, 14, 21

Drop-Off Time:

10:00 am – Noon

Drop-Off Location:

Ministry Trailer at the Petro Truck Stop
1201 Harrisburg Pike
Carlisle, PA 17013-0851

If you require an alternate drop-off date or if you have any questions, please call (717) 385-7932 ...no need to call if you come on designated dates.

*Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc – a ministry touching lives for Christ in south central Pennsylvania since 1985
carlisletruckstopministry.org*

We are located on US Rt 11 between the PA turnpike exit #226 and I-81 exit #52. (If traveling northbound on I-81, it is exit #52B.) Our ministry trailer is just off the parking lot to the right of the Iron Skillet restaurant. Bring cookies to the trailer located beside the ministry trailer.

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 concerns, we are asking you to wear masks and gloves while preparing and packaging cookies and that you seal the bags with staples, bows, etc.

Place 6-8 cookies in a plastic 'zip-lock' bag and then into a paper lunch bag, which may be decorated. (Christmas card fronts stapled to the bag are great!)

We encourage you to enclose a friendly note, Bible verse or tract. Each bag should have either your church information or the Truck Stop Ministry contact information:

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.
PO Box 851
Carlisle, PA 17013-0851
(717) 385-7932

Place the bags in cardboard boxes to make handling easier.
Thank you for making this a great success!

***Remember that what you do for the least of these...
you do for Christ.***