

# Free Spring Fountain



The water I give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. – John 4:14



## Free Spring Church of the Brethren

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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



**Lenten Services**  
**will be held Online this year!**  
**Starting with Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 17 at 7:00 pm**  
**and Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm**  
**February 21 – March 28**  
**and Good Friday Service, April 2**  
**Details inside**

**Deacons Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 18**  
**7:00 pm**



All items for the March newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, February 22**. If we do not receive these items by then, we **WILL NOT** be able to put them in the newsletter.

**A**ND WALK IN THE  
WAY OF LOVE, JUST  
AS CHRIST LOVED US  
AND GAVE HIMSELF UP  
FOR US AS A FRAGRANT  
OFFERING AND SACRIFICE  
TO GOD. ~Ephesians 5:2~

*happy valentine's day!*



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# February 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 We are inundated with information about all sorts of products, organizations, relationships. The variety of choices is sometimes confusing, conflicting, and concerning. It is a challenge to remain focused on the most important choice that we make.

Paul E. Hovey included this item, which I have shared previously, among his treasury of great quotes and illustrations: *"There is no neutral ground in the battle of life, where great issues are at stake. One way of life is to enlist on the Lord's side: to live for God, for duty, for personal integrity, for love, for the world-wide dominion of Jesus Christ; to 'let this mind be in you which was also in Christ.'* The other way of life is to give allegiance to our own will: to set out in life with the idea that we may do what we like, living only for our poor and perishing selves.

*"We can have no real grounds for doubt whether we have made the right choice. Not to choose God's way is still to make the choice of our own way. Our Lord drew the line plainly when He said, 'He that is not with me is against me.'"*

There are many who will try to claim our loyalty. Make no mistake about this – Satan works overtime to deceive us. His character is described as that of a roaring lion seeking to devour us, but he also can appear as a very charming person who wants to befriend us. The cost seems minimal at first. Just take a look at how others are benefiting from a small, but unethical shortcut. Just tell half the truth, when the whole truth needs to be told; or tell far too much when it is both unnecessary and hurtful.

We know better! We must choose wisely, not of our own wisdom, but of God's.

In Christ's Love,  
*Pastor Terry*

### Scriptures and Messages for February

	<b><u>February 7</u></b>	
Mark 1:29-39		<i>"Let Us Go on..."</i>
	<b><u>February 14</u></b>	
Mark 9:2-9		<i>"It Is Good for Us"</i>
	<b><u>February 21</u></b>	
1 Peter 3:18-22		<i>"To Bring You to God"</i>
	<b><u>February 28</u></b>	
Romans 4:13-25		<i>"It Depends on Faith"</i>

## Nurture Commission News



A big THANK YOU to everyone who said "yes" when asked to serve in any capacity for our church. Please check the upcoming Directory for details.

Lenten Teas, "Soup"er Bowl Sunday, as well as other events will not be held this year. Anticipated events will be considered on an individual basis with the status of the virus being the deciding factor.

Thank you to those who donated items for the college "Goodie Bags". These items are greatly appreciated. The college students will be receiving these bags soon.

Normally during "Soup"er Bowl Sunday we collect cans of food for the Food Pantry. Please consider donating generously to the Food Pantry in this time of great need.

Birthday of the Month is Conrad Long on February 7. Please remember him with your cards and prayers.

The Prayer/Mentoring Affirmation participants have been assigned. If you did not get an assignment, please consider praying for all our school children on a regular basis on your own. Our children will benefit greatly from an abundance of prayer.

~ Erin Bell, Ron Gordon, Mark Zeigler, and Art Zug



### February Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the Month for February is Conrad Long, whose birthday is on February 7. Please remember him with your prayers and cards.

**February Deacons of the Month:  
 Mark & Becky Zeigler**

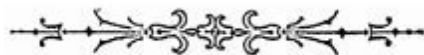


## Christian Education Commission

We were able to put together Christmas Goodie Bags for Sunday School age children, which included mini-M&Ms, a Nativity storybook or activity book, stencils for the little ones, star cookie cutter and recipe, earbuds, and trust bracelet for older children. A Christmas ornament and knit hat were given to the new babies of the congregation. Thank you to many grandparents and Wanda for delivery of many of these bags.

Looking forward, Vacation Bible School Committee has chosen the dates of July 5-7, 2021 for VBS this summer. Breakfast & Bible Study will start after Easter on Saturday April 10 thru May 8 tentatively. We'll be using Max Lucado's **Life Lesson from Philipians**. Watch bulletins and newsletters for updates on these events.

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



To our supporting churches and camp staff,

It is with our deep regret that Hope's Haven has decided to cancel our annual fundraising auction for March 2021. While we always enjoy seeing you and having fun, we felt that it was not the right time to hold our auction. Many businesses are hurting financially and the pandemic is impacting many people in many different ways. Please continue to support your local businesses, many of whom have supported our organization throughout the years! Through God's love and the support of one another we can make it through this trying time.

If you would like to donate to our summer camp, which allows foster children to attend at no cost to themselves, you are welcome to send a check made out to Hope's Haven or visit our website ([hopeshavencamp.org](http://hopeshavencamp.org)) to donate by credit card or PayPal.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to seeing you at next year's annual auction!

We will be sending out information regarding the 2021 Summer Camp in a future email.

Blessings,  
Jesse Bard  
Executive Director  
Hope's Haven Camp

## Juniata County Food Pantry February Update



I apologize greatly for not sending updates the last few months. The ongoing pandemic has had us very busy and I know not all churches were meeting in person. I will continue to send updates monthly from here on out to let you and your congregations know how we are doing. It has been rough going, especially with getting Saturday volunteers, however, we are using very strict safety measures and have continued to serve the public. Your continued support and prayers are very much appreciated!

We are so grateful for the support of our local churches as we strive together to follow the Lord's commandment to "share our bread with the hungry" (Isaiah 58:7). With your help we have reached almost 600 families (that's almost 900 folks in need!) with food and other supplies in 2020. Please continue to lift your voices in prayer and your hands in service as we share in this ministry to the Lord's beloved people.

In December 2020, the Food Pantry served 271 families – 721 of your neighbors! We thank River Church for sending volunteers for the month of December. Thank you and have a very blessed month. 😊

*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.*

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Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

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