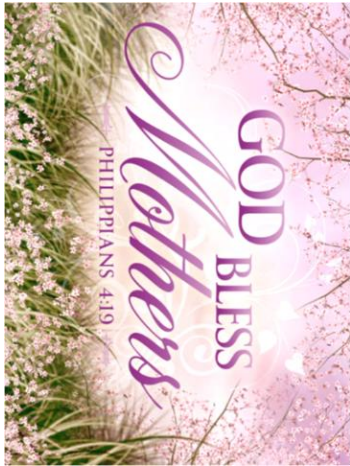


May 2021



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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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



Monday, May 3
Executive Committee, 6:30 pm
Church Board, 7:00 pm

Mother's Day Service
May 9



Deacons Meeting
Thursday, May 20

All items for the June newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, May 24**. 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 we approach those days when we honor our mothers and fathers, many memories of our youthful lives come to life again. The importance of the lessons that they endeavored to teach us were sometimes met with great resistance. At other times we could see the wisdom of mom and dad, only after we had foolishly made a mess of things.

So, what wisdom has been passed along to us that we can share with our reluctant children and grandchildren? In an article titled *Ideals for Christian Parents* the following desires of the unknown author's heart are set forth for our consideration:

We desire to build our home on love, self-forgetful and God-centered.

We desire to grow in fellowship with God, and to share that fellowship with our children.

We desire to take our part, and to encourage our children to take theirs, in the life of the church, that the message of Christ may come to our generation with sincerity and strength.

We desire to be honest in our dealings with each other, our children, and all people.

We desire to face fearlessly all problems, and to answer our children's questions truthfully.

We desire to cultivate for ourselves, and our children, friendships with all sorts and conditions of men, knowing that only in this way can God's family come true.

We desire to think and act courageously in all moral situations, and to help our children make habitual for themselves Christian ways of living.

We desire to play our full part in the bringing in of God's Kingdom and the doing of His will in the world, and to help our children to share in this work as their rightful heritage.

We desire to encourage in our children the fullest development of their personalities, that each may be the best he can be unlimited by our preconceived ambitions.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry

**May Deacons of the Month:
Warren & Connie Wagner**

Scriptures and Messages for May

May 2

John 15:1-8

"Hardwired to Jesus"

May 9

Psalms 98

"Sing to the Lord"

May 16

John 17:6-19

"Father, Protect Them"

May 23

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

"He Will Guide You"

May 30

Romans 8:12-17

"The Divine Parent"



May Birthday of the Month

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

Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards. Please note some address changes below!!



Ray Oberlin

Northridge Center Personal Care

Room 5

99 Northridge Drive

McAlisterville, PA 17049

(717) 463-2249

(717) 348-1686 (Ray's cell)

Denton Ritzman

North Ridge Center

Personal Care, Room 17

99 North Ridge Drive

McAlisterville, PA 17049

Bev Oberlin

Locust Grove Retirement Village

69 Cottage Road

Mifflin, PA 17058

(717) 994-8807 (Bev's cell)

Don Speece

Brookline Continuing Care

Retirement Center

2 Manor Blvd

Mifflintown, PA 17059

Free Spring Library News

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

Brides of Hope Mountain Series by Mary Conneally

Her Secret Song – After a rough winter spent alone, Ursula Nordegren realizes she must overcome her fears of the outside world and begins a trek down Hope Mountain. Along the way she finds a badly wounded stranger and realizes God may have used her decision to leave as a way of saving the man. Wax Mosby was climbing Hope Mountain in part to atone for his terrible choices. He was hired to drive out the Warden family and now knows he was duped. But when he's wounded during the climb, the last person he expects to rescue him is a beautiful blond woman with the voice of an angel. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are: Aiming for Love and Woman of Sunlight.)



Capital Intrigue Series by Rachel Dylan

Backlash – CIA analyst Layla Karam is thrust into a dangerous DEA field operation against a cartel that puts a target on her back. Though Layla never wanted to be a field agent, Langley had other ideas. After one of her team members is murdered because of fallout from the op, Layla is left scrambling to find safety. At the same time, the CIA opens an internal investigation against her. Out of options, Layla turns to ex-boyfriend and private investigator Hunter McCoy for help finding out who might want to ruin her career. (This is the second book in the series, the first book is End Game.)

Triple Threat Series by Irene Hannon

Point of Danger – Radio talk show host Eve Reilly is used to backlash from her pot-stirring on-air commentary and interviews but now it seems a disgruntled listener is resorting to more than angry words to express their displeasure. When a suspicious package arrives on her doorstep, Eve turns to law enforcement for help. Police detective Brent Lange can't find any evidence to link the string of unsettling incidents that follows, but he's convinced they're connected. As the harassment grows more menacing, it becomes clear someone wants Eve's voice silenced – permanently. (This is the first book in the series.)

Long Way Gone by Charles Martin

Singer-songwriter Cooper O'Connor thought he could make it big and took nearly everything his dad held dear and made his way to Nashville, where he promptly lost it all! After five tough years, he miraculously survives being shot and left to die in a fire but can no longer sing or play music. When he returns home, he hopes to find the healing and

reconciliation he desires.

Redemption's Light Series by Susan Anne Mason

A Haven for Her Heart – Released after being incarcerated in a woman's reformatory for being pregnant and unmarried, Olivia Rosetti's family is unwilling to forgive her. She ends up homeless. Well-to-do widow Ruth Bennington hires Olivia to help with a maternity home for troubled women, and for years Olivia focuses herself on the home. Greek widower Darius Reed is determined to protect his daughter from the prejudice that killed his wife. When his employer orders him to buy the property, the maternity home is on, he is attracted to Olivia. Can love prove stronger than the secrets and hurts of the past? (This is the first book in the series.)

Airborne by Diann Mills

Heather Lawrence's long-awaited vacation to Salzburg wasn't supposed to go like this. Mere hours into the transatlantic flight, the Houston FBI agent is awakened when passengers begin exhibiting horrific symptoms of an unknown infection. As the virus quickly spreads and dozens of passengers fall ill, Heather fears she's witnessing an epidemic similar to ones her estranged husband studies for a living – but this airborne contagion may have been deliberately released.

Hidden Justice Series by Cara Putnam

Delayed Justice – Jaime Nichols went to law school to find the voice she never had as a child, and her determination to protect girls and women in the path of harm drives her in ways both spoken and unspoken. As Jamie, now a criminal defense attorney, prepares to press charges against someone who wronged her long ago, she must face not only her demons but also the unimaginable forces that protect the powerful man who tore her childhood apart. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are Beyond Justice and Imperfect Justice.)

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian



Witness Commission

May Food Pantry Donations: Paper Towels



Spring has sprung, or so we thought over the last few days it was more like winter??

May is the month for volunteers for the Food Pantry. We are looking for two volunteers for each Saturday in May. Please sign up on the form in the narthex. It will only be for the morning hours, so please consider helping.

We have received a donation from Reinford Farms, of clean-up buckets. This will give us enough to fill 24 for this year and have for next year also. Thank you so much for all those who donated buckets.

Health Kits bags with a list of items for filling them are on the table in the narthex. If you have never put together a Kit, the Zip-lock bag and list makes it very easy for you to complete one. You do not need to fold all of it together as the Kits are gone through at New Windsor and refolded before they are shipped.

Relay-for-Life has been rescheduled for August at Kish Park. It will only be a one-day event this year. There have been a couple teams who have held an event at Thompsontown Park and, if they plan on having it again, I was wondering if there is any interest with our Relay team attending?

~ Jen Sparks, Warren Wagner, Becca Walters, and Dina Zug



Sunday School Classes Updates

During February, the Seekers SS class will be starting Hebrews 5 on May 2. This class meets in the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

The Explorers class has completed the Lenten video series and have started a (book) study called Guidance and God's Will. This class meets in the (new) fellowship hall and masks are recommended.



Weekly Bulletin and Monthly Newsletters Online!!

Be sure to check out the church's website at:

www.cob-net.org/church/freespring

At the homepage, click on **Documents** to find the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, calendar, Directory address update form, Time & Talent form, and more!

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

May is Food Pantry Volunteer Month

May is Free Spring's month to provide volunteers to work Saturday mornings at the Juniata County Food Pantry. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex!



Free Spring B & B
Saturdays through May 1 (or 8)
at 7:30 am

Life Lessons from Philippians

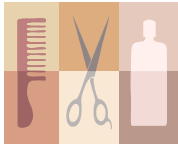
by Max Lucado

The spring Breakfast & Bible Study will continue through Saturday, May 1 (or Saturday, May 8 if needed). Breakfast is at 7:30 am and study begins at 8:00 am. We are using the book Life Lessons from Philippians by Max Lucado.

KEY THEMES:

- By faith we have Christ in us because of the Spirit of God.
- Only Christ can bring salvation.
- Christian unity encourages our faith.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex and one downstairs on the table in the fellowship hall. Books have been placed beside the sign-up sheets. Please mark the days/dates you will be attending in the spaces beside your name so we can prepare for how much food we'll need.



Health / Hygiene Kits to be collected through Sunday, May 23

We are collecting Health / Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. You will find 1-gallon Zip-lock bags with instructions in the narthex. Please return completed Kits by Sunday, May 23. If you have any questions, contact Warren Wagner. Thank you!

Nurture Commission News



Ladies' Spring Banquet is being worked on. It was uncertain just a few days ago but interest in having some sort of event is keeping it possible. Stay tuned for more information.

A Men's Fellowship event is also in the planning stages. Art Zug and Ron Bell will be organizing the event. This should be a time of great fellowship.

Easter Sunrise Services were successfully held. Thank you to all participants for making this happen.

Camp Eder has sent out their calendar of available camps for 2021. The information is posted on the Witness bulletin board. Camperships are partially funded for children who attend Free Spring COB. Contact someone on the Nurture Commission or Becca Walters if you are sending a child to camp.

Please keep all our church family in your prayers and consider reaching out with cards and phone calls to those that can't attend at this time. They will certainly appreciate knowing they are not forgotten.

Thank you to all of you who make and deliver meals. Thank you to those who send cards and make phone calls and all of you praying for our church family.

Our birthday of the month for May will be Arlene Weiland on the 16th of the month.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Ladies' spring banquet. Watch for upcoming announcement.

May 9 – Mothers will be honored during worship service.

Men's Fellowship event. Watch for upcoming announcement.

June 20 – Fathers will be honored during worship service.

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

72nd Annual Women's Camp Retreat



O Lord,
open thou
my lips;
and my
mouth
shall shew
forth thy
praise.

PSALM 51:15

▶ June 7 & 8, 2021

Camp Eder

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**Brochures & Registration Forms are
on the table in the narthex!**