

July 2021

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY.



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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Charles Eldredge, Moderator
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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



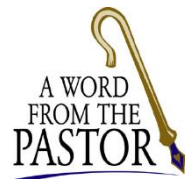
Meetings on July 5
Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Church Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

Vacation Bible School
July 5-7
6:00-7:30 pm



Music & Worship Committee Meeting
July 13 at 7:00 pm

All items for the August newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, July 26**. 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 celebrate our Independence Day there will be many words spoken about freedom, liberty, and the land of the brave. Real freedom and liberty are found only in life with Christ. Much will be said about our nation's might and not enough about our Almighty God, who is the final word on all matters in this life and the next.

In July of 1976, the year of our nation's bicentennial, Richard Wurmbbrand, founder of the Voice of the Martyrs, wrote an article entitled "**Is God Almighty?**" and he offered this story:

"While beating a Christian, a Communist officer told him, 'I am almighty, as you suppose your God to be. I can kill you.' The Christian boldly replied, 'the power is all on my side. I can love you while you torture me to death.' Such is God's might, which is reflected in the deep tranquility of the souls of saints. They do not ask 'Why all the sorrow?' because they have learned to love the cross, accepting rejection and discomfort. When we take this attitude, our perplexity ceases.

Suffering drives some to despair and torments their souls, while others are grateful for it...They recognize God's might and patiently show love toward their torturers. God's love will conquer."

We have the freedom to lovingly preach the Word and to live it out. Many who are gifted speakers do not put their skills to use for what God intended. Too many twist the truth and work to make what is wrong in God's eyes appear to be "new revelation". Billy Graham once said, "God has not promised to bless oratory or clever preaching. He has promised to bless His."

May this "land of the free and home of the brave" remember that it has been instituted as a "nation **under God**."

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry

Scriptures and Messages for July

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 July 4 "My Grace Is Sufficient for You"

Ephesians 1:3-14 July 11 "The Riches of His Grace"

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 July 18 "He Had Compassion for Them"

Ephesians 3:14-21 July 25 "Rooted and Grounded in Love"

Free Spring Library News

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



Brothers in Arms Series by Mary Connealy

Braced for Love – Left with little back in Missouri, Kevin Hunt takes his younger siblings on a journey to Wyoming when he receives news that he's inheriting part of a ranch. The catch is that the ranch is also being given to a half-brother he never knew existed. Turns out, Kevin's supposedly dead father led a secret and scandalous life. (This is the first book in the series.)

The Amish Mail-Order Brides Series by Kathleen Fuller

A Double Dose of Love – Identical brothers Zeb and Zeke Bontrager aren't looking for love. They have their hands full with a new horse farm, a half-finished ranch house, and a wild colt thanks to Zeke's hasty business dealings. Now Zeb must contend with Zeke's bad decisions, hidden debts, and tendency to avoid responsibility, which threaten their good standing in the Birch Creek Amish community. (This is the first book in the series.)

Her Every Move by Kelly Irwin

When a deadly bomb goes off during a climate change debate, librarian and event coordinator Jackie Santoro becomes the prime suspect. Her motive, according to Detective Avery Wick: to avenge the suicide of her prominent father who was accused of crimes by a city councilman attending the event.

Lethal Intent by Cara Putnam

As an attorney for a pharmaceutical company specializing in stem-cell research, Caroline Bragg learns the organization is on shaky legal and ethical grounds. Her friend Brandon has sunk his money into the firm to save his foster care home. He needs to salvage his investment; she must expose the truth. Will their relationship weather the storm?

Chandler Sisters Series by Deborah Raney

Chasing Dreams – Joanna Chandler always dreamed of becoming an attorney. But when she left law school to help care for her dying mother, stepping away from her single-minded pursuit gave her space to reconsider. The only question is, if not law, what should she do with her life? (This is the second book in the series; the first book is Reason to Breathe.)

Red River to the North Series by Lauraine Snelling

The Reaper's Song – Ever so slowly Dakota Territory is being transformed from a vast prairie into rich farmland. With the coming of the railroad, the

small town of Blessing begins to prosper and the Bjorklund family is reaping the promised harvest that had lured them from their beloved home in Norway. (This is the fourth book in the series; the other books are An Untamed Land, A New Day Rising, and A Land to Call Home.)

Trial and Error by Robert Whitlow

Attorney Buddy Smith knows the agony of being separated from a child. After all, his wife ran away with their daughter. That's why court clerk Gracie believes he's a good choice to track down missing 17-year-old Reagan. As he investigates her disappearance, he uncovers strange clues. Could they lead him to the daughter he thought he'd lost forever?

The following is a picture book by a resident at the Village of Morrison's Cove:

Myrtle the Orange Turtle by Penny Burket Henry

Some years ago, a turtle kept coming to the compost pile, where it seemed to enjoy the cantaloupe that was left on the rind. Though it was not a large amount, she gobbled up what was there. Since this turtle seemed to really like this orange fruit, more cantaloupe was left on the rind for her to enjoy. Eventually, her shell became a beautiful orange, colored from her devouring so much cantaloupe. Hence, Myrtle the Orange Turtle.

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian



Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards. Please note Bev's address and phone # change below!!

Ray Oberlin
Northridge Center Personal Care
Room 5
99 Northridge Drive
McAlisterville, PA 17049
(717) 463-2249
(717) 348-1686 (Ray's cell)

Bev Oberlin
Brookline Manor
2 Manor Blvd, Room 310
Mifflintown, PA 17059
(717) 436-1375

Denton Ritzman
North Ridge Center
Personal Care, Room 17
99 North Ridge Drive
McAlisterville, PA 17049



Your SMALL CHANGE

CAN change a life!

Many of you know that **HEARTBEAT COMMUNITY SERVICES, Inc. (HCS)** has been serving Perry & Juniata Counties for over 35 years with a pregnancy care center and abstinence education projects. We are happy to say that we **HAVE** been making a difference.

With headline news stating that "over 25% of American girls have one or more sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)" we feel a sense of urgency for the furtherance of our programs. The coveted service is unique tour areas and we are blessed by our dedicated team of nurses and teachers presenting this curriculum to our children, the only proven way to stop unwanted pregnancies and STDs.

We currently teach the ***Choosing the Best*** abstinence curriculum in West Perry, Newport, Greenwood, and Susquenita Schools on all levels and at TJHS and JMS on the junior high level. The ***Baby, Think it Over!*** Computerized dolls are being utilized in Perry County, as well.

The abstinence programs we provide are completely funded by this baby bottle project! We appreciate that you have joined over 60 churches in the tri-county area to help continue this vital work. Simply stuff the baby bottle provided with your loose change for the next six weeks and hand it in on the designated date. (If you desire to write a check, please make it payable to **Heartbeat Community Services.**)

For those of you who do, thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Project! May God richly bless you for your efforts and faithfulness to His Holy Word!!

Heartbeat Community Services Inc, PO Box 25, Millerstown, PA 17062

♥ Phone: 717-589-7208



Vacation Bible School

6:00-7:30 pm

July 5 and 6 at the Church Schoolhouse

July 7 at Pastor Terry's lodge/cabin

on Disciple Drive

This year's Vacation Bible School will be July 5-7 at 6:00-7:30 pm with the a theme written by our own VBS Committee!

Monday and Tuesday will be at the church schoolhouse and Wednesday's conclusion will be at Pastor Terry's lodge/cabin on Disciple Drive. Come and enjoy the fun!

Witness Commission July Food Pantry Delivery by: Mary Zeigler



During the months of July and August, our Food Pantry request for donations will be **28 oz. bottles of dish detergent**. Thank you to all those who are faithfully giving to this outreach project. Mary Zeigler will be delivering these to the Food Pantry. Thank you, Mary.

The Baby Bottles for Heartbeat will be available to fill with your change (or paper bills or checks) during the month of July. Please pick one up for this much needed organization.

Our Annual Chicken BBQ went very well and all was cleaned up and picked up by 3:30 pm. The help was outstanding!!!!!! There was no extra chicken left, and the chocolate and strawberry ice cream that is left is in the church freezer. The BBQ Committee would like your input on whether or not to have meals again at BBQ time and/or if you think we should move the date of BBQ. Please reach out to any of us on the Commission with your comments please.

During the months of July and August we will be collecting items for the CWS School Kits. Please see the list of items needed for these Kits in your directory or elsewhere in this newsletter if you wish to donate.

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



Todd Wert, who has been on our prayer chain for quite a while, is the adult son of Tom and Sandra Wert, who are members at Free Spring.

Todd has been having numerous health issues; he became sick at work in the fall of 2019 and after multiple evaluations was diagnosed with kidney failure. After unsuccessful attempts to save the kidneys, he had to go on dialysis. He is now enrolled in the SAVE A LIFE program which is to speed up the process of a kidney transplant, and his sister is able to donate a kidney.

In the meantime, he is struggling with very limited sight in both eyes. He had surgery on June 1 to try to correct one eye to give him some sight.

Understandably he is very discouraged. To cheer and encourage him, we are asking you to send him a card. Even though you may not know Todd personally, it would be encouraging to him to know all the people who are praying for him. Write a line of encouragement in a get-well card or thinking of you or just a plain note and sign your name along with our Free Spring church name.

Here is an opportunity to put wings on your prayers!

Todd's mail address is Todd Wert, 3011 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17013. Questions? Ask Sharon Ritzman or Allen Zendt. Let Tom and Sandra know you care and are praying.



Juniata County Food Pantry July Update

Summer is off to a busy start at the Food Pantry with the Summer Backpack lunch program in full swing. Thank you so much for all the great community support! Our Backpack program is providing food for children in grades K-8 – children who might otherwise be going hungry this summer are instead receiving boxes filled with nutritious lunches.

In May 2021, the Food Pantry served 160 families in need – a total of 393 individuals. A special thank you to Free Spring Church of the Brethren for providing volunteers for the month of May.

Donations are beginning to slow down as families head off on vacation and we are still seeing low numbers at the pantry, so if you know of anyone in need, please have them give us a call. Please don't forget that hunger doesn't take a vacation in the summer! If you'd like to come give us a hand, we can always use volunteers.

Food Pantry Donations for July and August: Dish Detergent (28 oz.)

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



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

**ATTENTION!
Free Spring members
and regular attenders!**

Ron Gordon will be taking studio photographs of Free Spring families and individuals during the following sessions, so mark your calendars to save these dates: Friday evening, **September 10**, 6:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday, **September 11**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



There is no cost to the church or the family. Appointments are unnecessary. Just walk in!

Please do not wear green colors as they will conflict with a removable green background. Custom printing will be your responsibility at Walmart or CVS. Digital photos suitable for framing will be emailed to you. Photo releases will also be available to avoid copyright infringement.

See you then in the fellowship hall!!



Ongoing Prayer List to be Updated!

During the month of July, those listed below and in the weekly bulletins in ***bold italics*** on the Ongoing Prayer Needs list will be purged and updated on Sunday, August 1 so that only those who still need to be on this list will remain.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Harry Bashore
Dot Benson
Anna Brubaker
Annette Frymoyer
Donna Stydinger Gantt
Sue Henderson
Hannah Marie Johns
Cecelia Messimer
Rick Peters
Ellie Ritzman
Finn Silva and Family
Melody Varner
Mervin Yoder

Evelyn Benner
Stacey Bowman
Joan Chatman
Joan Fulkroad
Dianne Goshorn
Irene Howell
Jack Libby
Minnie Minick
Jeremy Phillips
Joe Ritzman
Randy Speece
Marilyn Weaver

If you know of any individuals on this list who you know needs to continue to be listed, please put their name(s) in my mailbox, or you may send me an e-mail, during the month of July. Please note that persons may be added to the ongoing list at any time.

Thank you!

– Lona Henry, Church Secretary



**News from the Church Secretary regarding
Church Office Hours,
Bulletin/Newsletter Submission Deadlines,
and Newsletter Distribution**

Church Office Hours: Great news! I am retiring from my full-time job!! My last day with the commonwealth will be July 30, 2021. This means that after almost 25 years at Free Spring, I will finally be able to hold regular office hours each week starting in August! Office hours will be 10:00 am to 12:00 noon (depending on how much there is to be done each week, I may be working longer, particularly on newsletter week or slightly shorter if there isn't much to put in the bulletin) starting August 5.

Bulletin/Newsletter Submission Deadlines: Also starting in August, if you have something for the bulletin, the deadline will be Wednesdays each week. Newsletter deadlines will remain as the Mondays listed in the Directory (but an absolute deadline of Wednesday submissions at latest) as I will be completing the newsletter on Thursdays each month now (no more Saturdays! 😊).

Newsletter Distributions: Also, starting with the August newsletter, we will be going back to paper copies being placed in church mailboxes. If you would like to "go green" and continue to receive your newsletter via e-mail instead of a paper copy in your mailbox, or if you currently have a paper copy mailed to your home and wish to continue to receive it that way, please let me know as soon as possible. And if you received your newsletter by e-mail or had a paper copy mailed to you prior to COVID, your newsletter will be provided to you as was before unless you request a change.

Newsletters and bulletins will also continue to be placed on the church's website. Thank you! ~ Lona Henry, Church Secretary



**Church World Service
School Kits (July – August)**

- 1 pair of blunt-end metal scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (removed from package)
- 1 large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 6 new unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from package)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)

*Cloth bags are in the CWS chest.
Pack all items inside the cloth bag.

BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Dear Friends,

The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be holding their 44th Annual Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Expo Center on Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25, 2021. The Auction's primary goal is to bring honor and glory to God, with its secondary goal being to raise money for disaster victims throughout the world.

The Disaster Relief Auction is inviting you to participate either as an individual or part of a church group by displaying and selling your arts and crafts. Many of last year's exhibitors, who wished to reserve the same space in 2021, have paid a \$10.00 reservation fee, however we do have additional spaces available. The space measures 10' X 8'. An additional \$10.00 fee is required for electricity. All items must be non-edible and hand crafted.

Please complete the application and return to me by **August 1, 2021**. Spaces will be filled in the order that applications and payments are received. Your reservation will be confirmed by letter before August 25.

Questions? Contact Julie Miller at millerdew@windstream.net or 717-665-6396.

Make checks out to: **Brethren Disaster Relief Auction**

Mail to Julie Miller, P O Box 24, Elm, PA 17521

Name _____ Phone# _____
Address _____

Please indicate number of spaces you desire:

___ 1 at \$60.00 ___ 1 ½ at \$90.00 ___ 2 at \$120.00

Conditions for entering: Chose one of the following.

- _____ A. Submit \$60.00 for each space
_____ B. Donate 25% of sale proceeds (minimum \$60.00 per space)
_____ C. Donate all proceeds to the Disaster Relief Fund

Do you require electricity? No ___ Yes ___ (include an additional \$10.00 if checking "Yes")

My signature below dissolves the Disaster Relief Auction Committee from responsibility for damage, misplaced, or stolen goods.

Signature

Please list items you will be bringing. _____

There will be many food items for sale in the main buildings on Friday, beginning at 9:00 am that is sure to attract large crowds. You will find opportunities for great sales on Friday and Saturday. ***This year the Theme Baskets will begin at 6:00 pm in the Main Hall on Friday.***