

October 2021



Free Spring Church of the Brethren
670 Free Spring Church Road
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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:

Thursdays

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Sunday Services:

Early Worship – 8:30 am

Sunday School – 9:30 am

Worship Service – 10:30



Love Feast & Communion

Sunday, October 3

7:00 pm

CROP Walk

Sunday, October 10

Registration, 1:30 pm; Walk, 2:00 pm



Meals-On-Wheels Desserts

Tuesday, October 19

Church Fall Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 pm



All items for the February newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, October 25**. 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,

Every time I read Philippians 2:14-16 it sounds like Paul is speaking directly to us, here and now. *"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation."*

We have no trouble finding people who grumble and argue, and the warped and crooked seem to grow in number every day. Our real concern should be when those who say they follow Jesus, including us, exhibit such behavior. We are to *"shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."* Some days I don't feel very shiny, and I need to strengthen my grip on the Word of God.

Our October **Breakfast & Bible Study** offers you an opportunity to strengthen your hold on the Bible and polish your shine for Jesus. We will continue our study of Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Philippians on Saturday, October 2 with the lesson on *Shining for Christ*. He offers this prayer of devotion for you and I:

"Lord, we want to make progress in our faith not so that people will notice us but so that they will marvel at you. We offer you our wills today – make them yours. We offer our weaknesses and request your infinite strength. Shine through us today."

God calls us to remove the tarnish of sin to reveal the light of Christ, and so we come to Communion, offering to God our confession. We are all sinners who have a special opportunity to share the Love Feast and Communion on Sunday, October 3. We have no power to take away the "tarnish" and the stain of sin – only Jesus Christ has made that forgiveness possible. Communion with brothers and sisters in Christ is a recommitment to shine, to remember the great gift that Jesus gives us to share, and to put aside the grumbling and arguing that is so prevalent today.

May God bless you as we begin the Fall season.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry

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

Scriptures and Messages for October

	<u>October 3</u>	
Mark 9:38-50		"Power in My Name"
	<u>October 10</u>	
Mark 10:17-31		"What Must I Do?"
	<u>October 17</u>	
Mark 10:35-45		"What Is It You Want?"
	<u>October 24</u>	
Mark 10:46-52		"Have Mercy on Me"
	<u>October 31</u>	
Mark 12:28-34		"What Comes First?"



Breakfast & Bible Study Saturday Mornings at 7:30 am Starting October 2

This fall's Free Spring B & B (Breakfast and Bible study) will begin October 2. We will continue our study in Philippians using a study by Max Lucado. If you are interested in attending but do not have a book, please contact anyone on the Christian Ed committee and we will provide you with one.

We will start where we left off in the spring with chapter 6. If you missed the spring session don't worry, we will help you catch up! We will meet in the fellowship hall Saturday mornings at 7:30 am for breakfast and the study will begin at 8:00 am starting October 2 through October 23 (and October 30, if needed).

Breakfast is provided so the only thing you need is your Bible, your book, and yourself! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign your name and check the dates you plan to attend so we can plan how much food to prepare.

We look forward to seeing you then!

*Dee Bell, Shari Book, and Mary Zeigler
Christian Education Committee*

Free Spring Library News



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

The Long Road Home Series by Linda Byler

Banished – It was the early 1900's when Obadiah (Oba) and Merriweather's (May's) parents died tragically, leaving them orphans at ten and eleven years old. When none of their nearby relations volunteer to take them in, they are set on a train to Arkansas to go live on their Amish aunt and uncle's cotton farm. Once there, it didn't take long to discover they would be treated cruelly, no matter what they did. May, always anxious to be a godly young lady, took on more and more responsibility, trying desperately to keep the peace and convince her older brother not to run away. But when they became teenagers and Oba received one especially cruel beating, he disappeared, leaving May to shoulder even more responsibility while navigating the dangerous and lonely world she'd been placed in. (This is the first book in the series.)

An Amish Marketplace Novel Series by Amy Clipston

The Jam and Jelly Nook – Since her husband died seven years ago, Leanna Wengerd has done her best – tending to her son, Chester, and running her Jam and Jelly Nook at the Amish market. Though she enjoys seeing her cousins and customers at the marketplace, she wishes she could find more time for her rebellious teenage boy. (This is the fourth book in the series; the other books are The Bake Shop, The Farm Stand, and The Coffee Corner.)

Three Sisters Island Series by Suzanne Woods Fisher

At Lighthouse Point – Blaine Grayson returns to Three Sisters Island with a grand plan – to take Camp Kicking Moose to the next level. Her dream starts to unravel when she discovers Moose Manor's kitchen has been badly remodeled by her sister, Cam, who doesn't know how to cook. Added to that blow is the cold shoulder given by her best friend, Artie Lotosky, now a doctor to the unbridged Maine islands. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are On a Summer Tide and On a Coastal Breeze.)

Along a Storied Trail by Ann Gabhart

The rough trails of Kentucky are filled with rocks – and potential for romance – for packhorse librarian Tansy Calhoun! She loves delivering books to the Appalachian people during the Great Depression, even enjoying squabbling with the cantankerous spinster, Perdita Sweet. When the woman offers her advice on choosing a soulmate, should she pay her any mind?

Red River of the North Series by Lauraine Snelling

A Blessing to Cherish – Though she has known hardships in her life, Ingeborg Bjorklund chooses to focus on all she has been given. Blessed with children and grandchildren, she enjoys the friendship and support of the entire Blessing, North Dakota community. And after several years of widowhood, she has reached a place of contentment with her life. (This is the seventh and final book in the series; the other books are An Untamed Land, A New Day Rising, A Land to Call Home, The Reaper's Song, Tender Mercies, and Blessing in Disguise.)

The Amish Inn novels Series by Beth Wiseman

A Picture of Love – Sweet Naomi Byler cooks meals for the guests at The Peony Inn, where Amish sisters and owners of the inn, Esther and Lizzie, love her like a granddaughter. She's as happy there as a young woman can be, considering that her fiancé, Thomas, has left her to court someone else. She knows she'll get over the love of her life in due time, but she assumes marriage will never be a part of her future. (This is the first book in the series.)

Hanger's Horseman Series by Karen Witemeyer

At Love's Command – Ex-cavalry officer Matthew Hanger leads a band of mercenaries who defend the innocent, but when a rustler's bullet leaves one of them at death's door, they seek out help from Dr. Josephine Burkett. When Josephine's brother is abducted and she is caught in the crossfire, Matthew may have to sacrifice everything – even his team – to save her. (This is the first book in the series.)

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian



Christian Education Commission

This fall's Free Spring B & B (Breakfast and Bible study) will be held on Saturday mornings starting on **October 2**. Breakfast at 7:30 am and the study at 8:00 am. Additional details are in your bulletin and within this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Movie Night is still in the works but is rescheduled (from the announced October 16 date) to **Saturday, October 23 at 6:00 pm** due to church being reserved. The movie is still TBD but mark your calendar and be ready to bring snacks to share as we watch on the big screen in the fellowship hall.

~Dee Bell, Shari Book, and Mary Zeigler

Nurture Commission News



Children's Day events were held during first and second worship services on September 12. The younger audience was given a lesson on baptism. They were also treated to a variety of snacks.

Be in prayer for how God is leading you in service to the church and our church family. The 2022 Time & Talent Survey will be distributed on Sunday, October 3. Please consider using your talents in service to the Lord.

Love Feast & Communion is being planned for the first Sunday of October. If you have never been to Love Feast, prayerfully consider attending this meaningful service.

Our Fall Church Council meeting will be conducted on Thursday, October 21. Please plan to attend this very important meeting where decisions will be made affecting our congregation.

Music & Worship Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12.

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 praying for our church family, delivering and making meals, and visiting and providing transportation to people when needed.

Our birthday of the month for October is Dot Benson, whose birthday is on the October 20. Please remember Dot with cards and prayers for this special day.

LOOKING FORWARD:

- October 3 – distribution of Time & Talent Surveys
- October 3 – Love Feast & Communion, 7:00 pm
- October 21 – Fall Church Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

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



October Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month for October is Dot Benson, whose birthday is on October 20. Please remember her with your prayers and cards.

Thank you for all the birthday cards, flowers, and presents I received from everyone. And a special thank you too for a wonderful birthday serenade from Pastor Terry and Wanda. I truly appreciate everything! ~Gloria Fowler



Witness Commission



October Food Pantry Delivery by: Cindy Lucas

As we look forward to October and the beginning of Fall, we need to pause a moment during these days and enjoy the changing of the colors by our Master's hand.

Thank you to all those who gave faithfully to Heartbeat through the baby bottle collections. Our total collected was over \$1,001.45 and we have since added another \$22.00 to this amount. That is double what was given last year! Wow! These donations help to supply items and literature for women and babies in Juniata and Perry Counties. They do not use federal grants to help with the program. Thank you again.

Our church has also provided a donation to Crossroads Pregnancy Center, which has opened a local just across from Sheetz. They were raising funds to supply an ultrasound machine for that location and there was a great outpouring of donations that surpassed their expectations! With added funds, they will be able to update equipment in other locations that is outdated.

Our Food Pantry item for September through October is 6 oz size toothpaste. Totals collected will be in the next newsletter. Thanks to volunteers who willingly pick up the donations and take them into Mifflintown.

We have also started collecting for Bethesda Mission in September and will continue through October. Please check out the bulletin on Sundays for the list of donated items they are seeking for their shelter.

One of our outreach areas is Avant (the Alderfer's). Jen Sparks just returned from a work camp week and she is spreading the word about their mission. Thank you, Jen! We are looking at the possibility of going on a mission trip to Alaska next year. Please let Jen know if you are interested.

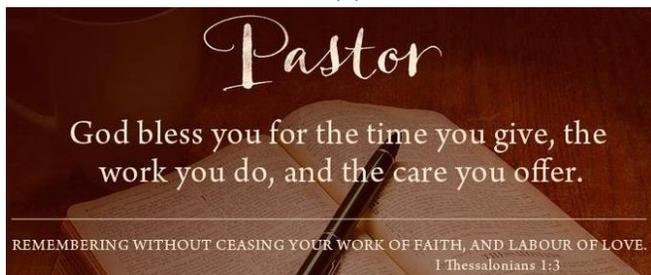
~ Jen Sparks, Warren Wagner, Becca Walters, and Dina Zug



Love Feast & Communion

at Free Spring
Sunday, October 3
At 7:00 pm

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



Candy Sale and Making

Order sheets are available in the October newsletter and extra copies have been placed on the table in the narthex. ***Please have your orders placed in Dina Zug's mailbox no later than Sunday, October 24!***

Set-up for Candy Making will be **Friday, November 5, at 8:00 am.** Candy Making will begin at **7:00 am on Saturday, November 6.** There are many different jobs that are suitable for everyone. We all know lots of hands make the morning go by fast. The profits from this project go to Children's Aid Society.

Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards.

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Plan to join us!

On **Sunday, October 10**, please join us in welcoming the Alderfer family from Echo Ranch Bible Camp. They will be speaking during the Sunday School hour with updates on their ministry in Alaska. A free-will offering will be collected.



JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK

Sunday, October 10
at Walker Twp Park
Registration starts at **1:30 pm**
Walk begins at **2:00 pm**

A sign-up sheet and pledge collection envelopes are in the narthex. Each walker will need a separate envelope and will also need to sign an additional COVID release form. All money needs to be turned in the day of the walk. All checks are to be made payable to CWS/CROP.

The Walk will be held at Walker Twp Park, but if you don't feel comfortable in a crowd, you may walk by yourself at another place or at a different time. Just let us know how much you raised and send your donations to Juniata County CROP, PO Box 91, McAlisterville, PA 17049. If you wish, you may also join us virtually on our Facebook page the day of the walk to watch our Live presentation. Go to www.facebook.com/JuniataCoCROP and click on live video.

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. Some shirts will be available at the walk. If your size isn't there, it will be ordered and delivered to you at a later date.

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.

Questions? – contact Becky Zeigler. Thank you!

Sunday School Classes Updates



The Seekers Sunday School Class is currently meeting in the upstairs Adult Sunday School room. Please join us at 9:30 am each Sunday for stimulating discussion and teaching! Ron Gordon, Allen Zendt, and Sharon Ritzman are currently teaching. Starting September 12, we will be studying Acts, chapter 9 and continuing with one chapter each Sunday.

The Sunday school class which meets in the fellowship hall has started a new study – Last Words, seven sayings from the heart of Christ on the cross, written by Robert J. Nash. Christ's final words on earth are full of forgiveness, hope, and compassion. Last Words explores a fresh perspective on the obedience of the cross, revealing the heart of God who sent His Son to die. Find new meaning in the power and hope of His death.

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.)



Pastor: Terry Smith
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
October Birthdays						1	2
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 26 - Kathy Lehman 27 - Shari Book 27 - Rich Walters	28 - Erin Bell 30 - Tony Ritzman 31 - Jayne Book		B&B Study, 7:30 am Adopt-A-Highway, 8:00 am	
3 Give Me 5! Offering 2¢ Club Offering Time & Talent Surveys Distributed Love Feast & Communion, 7:00 pm	4 Commissions Meeting, 7:00 pm	5 	6	7	8	9 B&B Study, 7:30 am	
10 Alderfer Family presentation during Sunday School CROP Walk at Walker Twp Park Registration, 1:30 pm Walk, 2:00 pm	11 <i>Columbus Day</i>	12 Music & Worship Committee Mtg, 7:00 pm	13	14	15 <i>Boss's Day</i>	16 B&B Study, 7:30 am FH Reserved – Ritzman	
17 Time & Talent Survey Submission Deadline	18	19 Meals-On-Wheels Desserts	20	21 Fall Church Council Meeting, 7:00 pm	22	23 B&B Study, 7:30 am Movie Night at FS, 6:00 pm	
24 Youth Nickel Offering Candy Orders Due!	25 Newsletter Deadline!	26	27	28 	29	30 B&B Study, 7:30 am (if needed)	
31 "Meet-in-the-Middle" Sunday	October Anniversaries						
	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) 28 - James & Joyce Eichman ('20)				

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