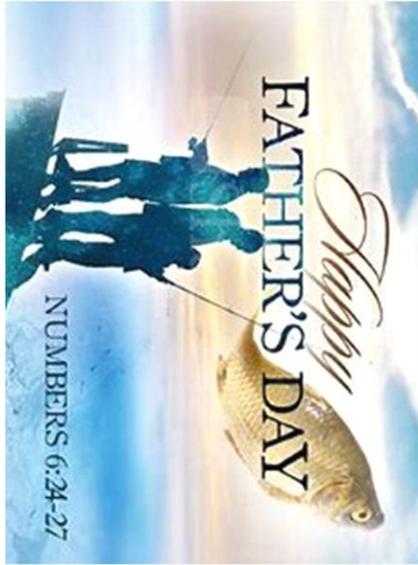


June 2022



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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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



Bread & Cup Communion

Sunday, June 12



Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 12

Annual Free Spring Chicken BBQ

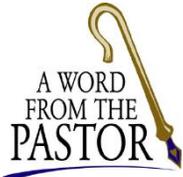
Saturday, June 18



Father's Day Service

June 19

All items for the July newsletter and calendar must be in the Free Spring Church office by **Monday, June 20**. 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,

June is filled with great fellowship opportunities; from the celebration of Pentecost on June 5, Bread & Cup Communion, and Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 12, the Annual Free Spring Chicken BBQ and Ice Cream sale on June 18, Father's Day on June 19, Vacation Bible School on June 20-22, the Fathers, Sons, and Daughters Shoot at the Reinford Farm on Saturday afternoon on June 25, and the Church Picnic at Pastor Terry and Wanda's lodge later that evening.

The first Sunday, June 5, Wanda and I will be traveling north to the small-engine gathering near Penn's Cave to provide a Sunday morning service. We were invited by Pastor Ken Geiswite, from the Sugar Valley congregation, and look forward to sharing God's Word with his small-engine enthusiasts. The next Sunday, June 12, we will look forward to awarding our high school graduates (Cody Fornwalt, Sam Laudenslager, and Lauren Speece) with their Life Application Bibles. Remember that the Baby Bottle collections are due in June, also.

We pray that what our students have learned is applied well...sometimes we are very selective in hearing what we want to hear instead of what we need to hear. The story is told about one mother who was passing by just as a little group of girls were excitedly concocting a scheme of revenge against another little girl who apparently had done something very "mean" and was grieved to find her own child among the chief conspirators.

"Why, my dear!" she said, taking her child aside, "it seems to me you're doing to Lottie just what you don't want her to do to you. I don't think this is the Golden Rule – is it?"

"Well, mama," said the child, "the Golden Rule is all right for Sunday, but for everyday I'd rather have an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!"

It seems to me that this is far more than just a child's perspective these days. Perhaps we, as followers of Jesus, need to set a better example.

May you enjoy the long hours of June sunlight!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry

**June Deacons of the Month:
Ron & Dee Bell**

Scriptures and Messages for June

June 5

Exodus 3:1-6 Speaker, **Ron Gordon** "*Uncommon in the Common*"

June 12

Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15 "*What Has Your Character Produced?*"

June 19

Luke 6:39-49 "*Responsibility to Lead with Humility*"

June 26

Luke 9:51-62 "*Life in the Rear-View Mirror*"

Nurture Commission News



Our Birthday person for the Month of June is Rodney Pry. His Birthday is Friday, June 10. Please remember him with your prayers and cards.

The Greeter for the first service for the month of June is Brian Auker and for the second service is Carla Renson.

The Worship Leader for second worship service for the month of June is Sharon Ritzman.

June 5 is Pentecost Sunday. Ron Gordon will be our special speaker while Pastor Terry is away.

June 12 is Bread & Cup Communion and Graduate Recognition Sunday.

June 19 is Father's Day.

The Father, Son, Daughter Outing will be held Saturday, June 25 at the Reinford Farm from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Bring your own guns and ammo. Targets and cold drinks will be provided. A Church Picnic at the Smith Cabin will be held at 6:30 that evening. Bring chairs and a covered dish to share. Hamburgers and French fries will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex.

~ Jessica Eby, Ron Gordon, David Moist (Chair), and Art Zug



June Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month for June is Rodney Pry, whose birthday is on Friday, June 10. Please remember him with your prayers and cards.

Free Spring Library News

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

The Brides of the Big Valley

by Wanda Brunstetter

Journey to a unique area of Pennsylvania, where three distinct Amish communities thrive, and meet three young women whose struggles with faith, family, and romance will touch your heart.

Amish Mail-Order Bride Series by Kathleen Fuller

Matched and Married – Margaret Yoder can't seem to catch a break. Even though she's dedicated to her Amish faith, her wild rumspringa won't stay in the past and her mother keeps pressuring her to get married. To placate her mother and get away from former "friends", she decides to return to Birch Creek to visit family – and pretend to find a husband. (This is the second book in the series; the first book is A Double Dose of Love.)

The Beginning by Beverly Lewis

Susie Mast's Old Order life has been shaped more by tragedy than her own choices. But when she decides to accept another's invitation and stop waiting on her childhood friend, she soon realizes her mistake. Family secrets and missed opportunities might dim Susie's hopes for the future, but what seems like the end might only be the beginning.

Carolina Coast Series by T.L. Lowe

Sea Glass Castle – Sophia Prescott is still mending from the embarrassment of a highly publicized divorce from a pro football player, and the now-single mother is back in Sunset Cove, surrounded by the supporting love of her family and the Sand Queens. Sophia doesn't think there's any hope for starting over until an unexpected trip to the pediatrician's office gives her a second chance after all. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are Beach Haven and Driftwood Dreams.)

Call of Duty Series by DiAnn Mills

Breach of Trust – Former CIA agent Paige Rogers, working as a librarian in a small town, finds her new life threatened when the man she holds responsible for the death of every member on her team runs for governor and tries to force her to keep quiet about the situation. (This is the first book in the series.)

Heroines of WWII Series by Candice Sue Patterson

Saving Mrs. Roosevelt – Shirley Davenport is as much a patriot as her four brothers. She, too, wants to aid her country in the war efforts but



opportunities for women are limited. When her best friend Joan informs her that the Coast Guard has opened a new branch for single women, they both enlist in the SPARs, ready to help protect the home front. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are The Cryptographer's Dilemma by Johnnie Alexander and A Picture of Hope by Liz Tolsma.)

The Lady's Mine by Francine Rivers

Kathryn Walsh comes to the lawless boomtown of Calvada to claim the defunct newspaper office and seemingly worthless mine she has inherited. But when the displaced Boston suffragette joins forces with former Union soldier and saloon owner Matthias Beck to save the town, will they discover a love more precious than gold?

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian



Ongoing Prayer List to be Updated!

On Sunday, July 3, those listed below in ***bold italics*** on the Ongoing Prayer Needs list will be purged and updated so that only those who still need to be on this list will remain.

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 June. Please note that persons may be added to the ongoing list at any time.

Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Wayne Benson
Charles Eldredge
Joyce Hart
Ellie Ritzman
Larry Sellers
Vicki Weller

Ali Bosma
Joan Fulkroad
Lottie Holsinger
Joe Ritzman
Althea Smith
Joe Wray

Don Bratton
Dianne Goshorn
Ray Oberlin
Neil Saner
Joe & Barb Stoops

Thank you! – Lona Henry, Church Secretary

Free Spring Church's Website

Want to access the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletters, photos from various activities, the history of our church, forms for updating your Directory information, and so much more? Check out our website at <https://cob-net.org/church/freespring/>

Click on the "Updates To Our Site" link under MENU to see what has been updated and when!





Christian Education Commission

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endeavors.

Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, June 12, and we will recognize high school graduates: Cody Fornwalt, Samuel Laudenslager, and Lauran Speece. Please take the time to drop them a note or personally congratulate them on this achievement. May God bless their future

Vacation Bible School will be held June 20-22, 6:00-7:30 pm for Grade K-5. The children will be **Rainforest Explorers** this year, with Jesus leading the Way! Monday and Tuesday night will be held at the church and Wednesday night will be at Pastor Terry's cabin. Please consider bringing your children or grandchildren for a few fun nights of Bible learning and activities with VBS.

We concluded the Spring Breakfast and Bible Study in May where we studied the minor prophets of Hosea, Joel, and Jonah. We will pick up in the Fall continuing with Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk and Malachi. These are stand-alone studies so if you missed it in the Spring, don't be afraid to join us in the Fall! Once we finalize dates, we will have sign-up sheet posted.

Keep your calendar marked for another Summer Movie Night to be held on Saturday, August 20 at 6:00 pm.

~ Dee Bell, Shari Book (Chair), Mary Zeigler, and Allen Zendt



Please remember our shut-ins with your prayers and cards. Please note the change to Evelyn's room number:



Evelyn Benner
Brookline Village
92 Village Drive, **Rm 110**
Mifflintown, PA 17059
(717) 543-7369

Wayne & Dot Benson
389 Raccoon Valley Road
Millerstown, PA 17062
(717) 589-3419

Ray & Bev Oberlin
North Ridge Center
Personal Care, Rm 5
99 North Ridge Drive
McAlisterville, PA 17049
(717) 463-2249
(717) 994-8807 (Bev's cell)

Melda Ritchie
3761 Mountain Road
McAlisterville, PA 17049

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



Witness Commission

**June Food Pantry Delivery by:
Connie Wagner**

The Clean-Up Buckets have been completed with the help of many donations. Total completed this year is 19. The Health Kits have also been completed with a total of 60. Great job and thank you to all who helped in any way to complete these Kits. They will be taken to New Windsor within the next couple of weeks.

Food Pantry donations of diapers and baby wipes for the last two months were greatly appreciated by both the Pantry and Children's Aid Society. Children's Aid received 2 cases of wipes and 9 packages of diapers. An equal number of wipes and diapers were taken to the Food Pantry, along with 39 lbs of paper goods and 35 lbs of food. Thank you to Allen Zendt for the delivery of these donations. For the next 2 months, we are collecting tissues. We also supplied volunteers to the Food Pantry for each Saturday in May. A special thank you to those who stepped forward to help!

The Baby Bottles have been distributed and there are several returned already. This collection will be going on through till Father's Day, and there are still a few bottles that can be picked up to make your donation.

Throughout May and June we are collecting clothing items for Children and Youth Services of Juniata County. There are totes in the narthex for your donations. These are used for foster families when there is a need for clothing for children that are put into foster homes and do not have many clothes brought with them.

Teen Challenge is having their 3rd Annual Charity Gala on Friday, November 4 at the Double Tree In Reading. The keynote speaker is Kirk Cameron and they are encouraging those who wish to attend to get tickets early. Go to PAATC.org/gala to order tickets.

Trash Pick-Up will be held Saturday, June 4 by the church youth and leaders. Those who help will be provided a pizza party after the pick-up is completed.

Chicken BBQ tickets have been placed in your church mailboxes. If you haven't gotten them yet, this serves as a reminder that the ***totals need to be turned in by Sunday, June 5.*** This year prices are \$7.00 for a half and \$7.00 for a quart of ice cream. ***Please be sure to change the price on your tickets***, and only 1 ticket per family is needed.

~ Jen Sparks, Warren Wagner, Becca Walters, and Dina Zug (Chair)

**Annual Free Spring Chicken BBQ
Saturday, June 18**

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex for food donations and helpers! We need your help!





Nursing Home Services will be held as follows:

Brookline
at 2:00 & 3:00 pm

June 5
September 12
November 13

Northridge
at 2:00 pm

July 10
August 14
October 16

A pianist and worship leader is needed for the **June 5** service at Brookline. Warren Wagner will be the speaker. Please contact Sharon Ritzman if you can help out!

Also, if you can help with the other upcoming services at Brookline or North Ridge, please let Sharon know.



Father / Son / Daughter Outing
Saturday, June 25
at the Reinford Farm
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Bring your own guns and ammo. Targets and cold drinks will be provided. A **Church Picnic at the Smith Cabin** will be held at **6:30 pm** that evening. Please bring chairs and a covered dish. Hamburgers and French fries will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex.

Free Spring VBS
Monday, June 20
thru
Wednesday, June 22
6:00-7:30 pm



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Sunday School Classes

The Seekers Class, which meets in the upstairs adult classroom, will be studying the book of Romans, starting with chapter 16 on May 22. Teachers are Ron Gordon, Rodney Pry, and Allen Zendt. You are welcome to join us.

You will learn a lot!

Starting in June, the Sunday school class, which meets in the fellowship hall, will begin a four-part Bible Study called "Did You Pray Today?". It was authored by Rodney Pry and has been distributed through the PA State Sunday School Association. Lesson One: *Pray More*; Lesson Two: *Pray Better*; Lesson Three: *Pray With Expectation*; and, Lesson Four: *Listen As You Pray*. The study will be led by Dee Bell. Please join us to look at one of the most powerful forces available to every Christian...*Prayer!*

Can You Guess Which Congregation Member Wrote the Following?

(Answer will be in the July newsletter!)



CIVILITY

If persons would be civil to each other it would improve the quality of life for all. If manners and politeness were instilled into our children at a young age, they would learn respect in many ways, such as: saying "excuse me" when they burp, bump into someone, or want to go past someone, etc. Covering a cough or a sneeze and opening doors are common courtesies that seem obsolete these days.

Tolerance is another aspect of civility. We should be able to listen to others who have different opinions without responding in anger or with hurtful remarks.

Respecting property that is yours and others is another way to practice civility. I now feel that making your bed, cleaning your room, recycling, and not littering are ways to respect your property as well as the earth. I taught my children and grandchildren that crossing other people's yards was disrespectful of their property. Picking up after yourself in your own home is another good practice.

Judging others by appearance, ethnicity, job, or language without evidence of their behavior (which is a more reliable way of knowing a person's spirit) is not a civil way to treat others. Give them the benefit of the doubt.

Walk a mile in someone else's shoes. Ask yourself why a person is acting in a certain rude manner. Could they just have had a bad experience?

Acts of kindness can restore a more civil community. Just giving a smile or engaging in a conversation can make someone's day. Bring back civility!!

Local Outreach Needs for Juniata County Children and Families



Witness Commission is collecting the items listed below for Juniata County Children and Youth Social Services Agency (CYS). A new committee, Community Engagement, will be making up kits for children and families in need, particularly when children are placed in foster care and come with nothing.

0-3 Years of Age

- Socks (2 packs each, sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- Onesies (2 packs each, sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- Pajamas (2 sets each, sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)

4-7 Years of Age

- Socks (2 packs each, sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, AND 7)
- Underwear (2 packs each, sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, AND 7)
- Pajamas (2 sets each, sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, AND 7)
- Short-Sleeve Tee (2 of each, sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, AND 7)
- Long-Sleeve Tees (2 of each, sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, AND 7)
- Sweatpants (2 of each, sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, AND 7)
- Sweatshirts (2 of each, sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, AND 7)

8-12 Years of Age

- Socks (2 packs each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Underwear (2 packs each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Short-Sleeve Tee (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Long-Sleeve Tee (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Sweatpants (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Sweatshirts (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)

13-17 Years of Age

- Socks (2 packs each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Underwear (2 packs each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Short-Sleeve Tee (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Long-Sleeve Tee (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Sweatpants (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Sweatshirts (2 of each, sizes S, M, L, XL)

Additionally, we are requesting donations of plastic storage containers to help store and organize all donated items. Any questions, please contact Becca Walters at eodwife121296@gmail.com.

Early Morning Service: 8:30 am
 Sunday School: 9:30 am
 Worship Service: 10:30 am

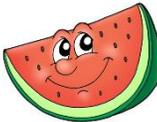


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**Food Pantry Needs:
Tissues**



Pastor: Terry Smith
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June Birthdays			1	2 	3	4 Trash Pick-Up by the Church Youth and Leaders followed by a Pizza Party
3 - Mackenzie Bell 3 - Kody Lukens 3 - David Moist 3 - Eliza Naylor 3 - Jay Shenk 9 - Sandra Wert 10 - Rodney Pry	12 - Larry Leach 17 - Noah Forrester 18 - Jacob Alexander 21 - Brooks Naylor 24 - Susan Heisey 26 - Gina Ritzman	27 - Daniel Barkley 27 - Dex Reinford 28 - Wayne Benson 28 - Wyatt Wagner 29 - Tatum Lesh 30 - Sam Goshorn				
5 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Give Me 5! Offering 2¢ Club Offering Services at Brookline, 2:00 & 3:00 pm	6 Commissions Meeting, 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10	11 Relay-for-Life Begins
12 <i>National Children's Day</i> Bread & Cup Communion Graduate Recognition Sunday Relay-for-Life Concludes	13	14 	15	15	16	18 Annual Free Spring BBQ
19 <i>Father's Day</i> Father's Day Service	20 Newsletter Deadline! << Vacation Bible School, June 20-22, 6:00-7:30 pm >>	21 <i>First day of Summer</i>	22	23	24	25 Father/Children Outing, 10:30 am and Church Picnic, 6:30 pm
26 Youth Nickel Offering	27	28	29	30		

June Anniversaries

1 - Wayne & Dorothy Benson ('53)
 5 - Anthony & Amy Shepps ('04)
 9 - Ryan & Brandy Zendt ('12)
 11 - Louise & Andy Wert ('83)
 15 - Don & Cathy Bashore ('96)

15 - Tyler & Elli Ritzman ('19)
 16 - Robert & Sarah Ziegler ('01)
 20 - Brandon & Jessie Dressler ('20)
 23 - Mike & Jennifer Sparks ('12)
 24 - Kim & Cindy Lucas ('78)

28 - Ray & Beverly Oberlin ('64)
 28 - Brett & Denise Wagner ('90)
 28 - Warren & Connie Wagner ('75)
 29 - Daniel & Tammy Elsasser ('85)
 29 - Tony & Rebecca Poorman ('02)