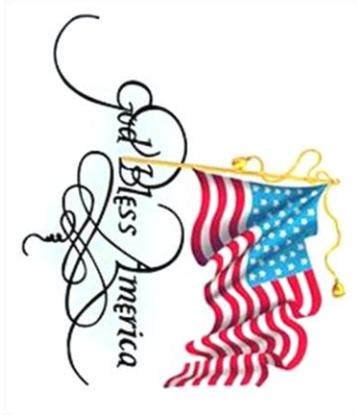


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Free Spring Fountain



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



Service at Northridge
Sunday, July 10
2:00 pm

*Nursing
Home
Worship
Service*



Meetings on July 11
Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Church Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

Music & Worship Committee Meeting
July 12 at 7:00 pm



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

Sometimes we take our leisure activities a little too seriously. There are those sporting pursuits that have become big business, which raises the stakes higher when big money is involved. People may lose their sense of humor, but there are individuals who bring us back to a

sense of reality.

In the mid-nineties book, Holy Humor, Joe Garagiola told a story about his friend Yogi Berra. It seems that one baseball player, known for his piousness, always marked a cross with his bat in the dirt next to home plate when he came up to bat.

When he did this against the Yankees, catcher Berra, also a religious man, reached over and rubbed out the cross with his catcher's mitt.

"Why don't ya just let God watch the game?" Berra said.

Sometimes we pray in a way that assumes that God must be on our side in every little way and that He has no reason to regard the desires of anyone else if it gets in the way of what we need or want. We want our daily bread, but Lord, please serve it as a side to prime rib and lobster! As we lament the high cost of gasoline, let's not forget those who have no transportation other than shoe leather and those who have no shoes at all.

May we also, in the midst of many serious concerns, maintain our sense of humor. In the same Holy Humor book, Shirley Vogeler Meister shared this prayer for humor and longevity:

*Dear Lord: Grant me faith; grant me hope;
Let good humor help me cope.
Let me spread the love you give
And find a peaceful way to live.
Use my talents: Bless my daring
To show others Christian caring.
Build my friendships, Grace, and levity,
But – primarily – grant longevity.*

I have nothing against long years of life, but I believe that God is more interested in the Christian quality of our years. However many years God grants us, may we never lose our sense of humor.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry

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

Scriptures and Messages for July

July 3

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

"Seventy Were Sent"

July 10

Guest Speakers – Janet Ferster and Alice MacArthur from Hope's Haven

July 17

Amos 8:1-12

"What God Showed Me"

July 24

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

"Rooted and Built Up in Him"

July 31

Luke 12:13-21

"God Said to Him..."

Nurture Commission News



Our Birthday person for the Month of July is Mary Zeigler. Her Birthday is July 27. Please remember her with your prayers and cards.

Greeter for the first service in July is Wanda Smith and for the second service is Judy Burns.

Worship Leader for the second worship service for July is Tom Wert.

Deacons for the month of July are Warren and Connie Wagner.

July 3 is Give Me Five! Sunday.

On July 10, Janet Ferster and Alice MacArthur from Hope's Haven will be our guest speakers while Pastor Terry is at Annual Conference.

July 10-14 is Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

July 31 is Meet-in-the-Middle Sunday.

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



July Birthday of the Month

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Free Spring Library News

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

Return to the Big Valley by Wanda Brunstetter

Visit three distinct Pennsylvania Amish communities and meet young women facing romantic disappointments. In *Wilma's Wish*, tragic events make a bride-to-be reconsider her upcoming wedding. In *Martha's Miracle*, Glen is a good match – but thinking of leaving the Amish faith. And in *Alma's Acceptance*, unexpected news forces a young widow to put newfound happiness on hold.

A Stranger's Game by Colleen Coble

Desperate for answers about her best friend's drowning death, wealthy hotel heiress Torie goes undercover on Jekyll Island. When she meets Joe rescuing turtles, she finds a tentative ally in her quest. The more they dig, the more truth eludes them. One thing is clear: someone will risk anything – including committing another murder – to keep secrets buried.

Women of Justice Series by Lynette Eason

Too Close to Home – Samantha Cash, an FBI agent who has a special talent for finding killers through the Internet, is sent to a small southern town where homicide detective Connor Wolfe, struggling to deal with his own headstrong daughter, is burdened by the murders of some local missing teens. (This is the first book in the series.)

An Appalachian Summer by Ann H. Gabhart

After the market crash of 1929 sent the country's economy into a downward spiral that led to the Great Depression, the last thing Piper Danson wants is to flaunt her family's fortune while so many suffer. Although she reluctantly agrees to a debut party at her parents' insistence, she still craves a meaningful life over the emptiness of an advantageous marriage. When an opportunity to volunteer with the Frontier Nursing Service arises, Piper jumps at the chance. But her spontaneous jaunt turns into something unexpected when she falls in love.

Hope Harbor Series by Irene Hannon

Sea Glass Cottage – Christi Reece is desperate. The one-time golden girl's life has tarnished, and a cascade of setbacks has left her reeling. She needs help, and she's certain Jack Colby is in a position to provide it. When she shows up in Hope Harbor, however, Jack wants nothing to do with the woman who betrayed him. He's built a new life on the Oregon



coast – and there's no room in it for Christi, even after she takes refuge in a charming but mysterious cottage nearby. Yet it soon becomes apparent his opinion of her may need revising...especially when he ends up needing her help. Can these two hurting souls make peace with their past and open their hearts to a new beginning? Come home to Hope Harbor – where hearts heal...and love blooms. (This is the eighth book in the series; the other books are Hope Harbor, Sea Rose Lane, Sandpiper Cove, Pelican Point, Driftwood Bay, Starfish Pier, and Blackberry Beach.)

A Distant Shore by Karen Kingsbury

Ten years ago, teenage Jack saved a nameless girl from drowning in the Caribbean Sea. Now an FBI agent, he and Lizzie meet again when he liberates her from a trafficking ring – and inspires her to become an agent. While working on a dangerous case, their attraction grows. Can they survive and let love take its course?

Call of Duty Series by DiAnn Mills

Sworn to Protect – Border Patrol agent Danika Morales's husband was killed trying to help the very people she has to deport; but recent attacks lead her to believe that her husband's murder was actually part of a larger conspiracy and that she may be the next target. (This is the second book in the series; the first book is Breach of Trust.)

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian

Church World Service School Kits Collecting July – August



- 1 pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only)
- 3 70-count bound 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 the package
- 1 large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- 6 new unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)

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

Witness Commission



May God Bless you today and always as you enjoy His creation around you!

First up is Northridge service at 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 10. There is a need for a worship leader for that date. Please contact Sharon Ritzman if you are able to help.

An amazing day of Trash Pick-Up was held in June by the youth and adults. Thank you to all who helped that day! With many hands the Pick-Up went quickly, and instead of pizza they decided to go for breakfast!

Baby Bottle totals will be noted in the bulletin. There are still several to be returned, but those that were returned were filled to the brim! Thank you for all who helped in this very important fund raiser.

Food Pantry donation totals will also be announced later. The tissues donated during the last two months will be delivered by Connie Wagner. Thank you to Connie and to all those who donated. During July and August, we will be collecting Laundry Detergent (25-30 oz). Let's fill the table!!!!

Relay-for-Life was held at Kish Park in June and our donation from the church was taken there. This year a new committee has formed and they are hoping to increase attendance next year. If you would like to help in any way for the Relay through Free Spring, please contact Dina Zug.

The Chicken BBQ profit will be announced in the bulletin. 512 halves were made and sold. Thank you to the cooking crew, headed up by Jeremy Smith. The chicken was great! Thank you to Sharon Ritzman and her helpers for making the slaw and Arlene Weiland for the baked beans – we sold them as extras that day and all of it was sold.

I know it is a little early, but start thinking about the Disaster Relief Auction which will be held September 23-24. It would be great to have several Theme Baskets made from Free Spring this year. We are so good sending volunteers on Disaster trips. Let's also pull together and supply the Auction with Theme Baskets. If you have ever attended the Auction, Theme Baskets with toys, candy, baby items, and gift cards are very popular. Sports-themed baskets go over very well, also. I hope we have some volunteers thinking about donating a basket this year?

Last, but certainly not least, are CWS kits. July and August are the months we collect School Kits. We have many bags ready to fill, so if you want to get supplies, items most needed are blunt scissors, and 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**). The notebooks are most-needed since we need 3 for each bag. Other items to donate are 24-packs of crayons and large erasers. The complete list of items for the School Kits are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

We wish to recognize the following for their participation in the Trash Pick-Up on Saturday, June 4:

Eric and Ginger Alexander

Matt, Jenn, and Katelyn Fornwalt

Adam, Amber, and Noah Heimbach

Becca and Blaine Walters

Matt, Gretchen, Kaylynn, and Mackenzie Wray

You did an amazing job! THANK YOU!



Offerings for Ukraine Relief

If you wish to contribute on your own, we encourage you to do so. Check contributions should be made payable to **Free Spring COB** and write "*for Ukraine*" on the memo line. This will allow us to deposit the check and forward your contributions to the Brethren Disaster Ministries.

If using your offering envelope, indicate the amount that it is to go to **BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES**. Additionally, you may use a regular envelope or one of the designated "Brethren Disaster Ministries" offering envelopes which have been placed on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

~ Ron Bell, Church Board Chairperson

From June's Newsletter: Can You Guess Which Congregation Member Wrote the Following?

Last month's newsletter included an article on Civility written by one of our Free Spring members, and we challenged you to guess who wrote it. The answer is...Nancy Shadel! Thank you, Nancy, for providing a thought-provoking article!





Nursing Home Services will be held as follows:

Brookline
at 2:00 & 3:00 pm
September 12
November 13

Northridge
at 2:00 pm
July 10
August 14
October 16

Thanks to Warren Wagner, Allen Zendt, and Linda Leonard for providing the worship service at Brookline last Sunday, June 5.

On July 10, Jen Sparks will provide a message on Sarah at the Northridge service at 2:00 pm. Jane Niemond will be the pianist, but we are still in need of a worship leader. Please contact Sharon Ritzman if you can help.

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

Free Spring Church's Website

Check out our website for bulletins, newsletters, photos from various activities, the history of our church, forms for updating your Directory information, and so much more 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!)



Sunday School Classes



The Seekers Class, which meets in the upstairs adult classroom, has been studying the book of Romans. Teachers are Ron Gordon, Rodney Pry, and Allen Zendt. You are welcome to join us. You will learn a lot!

The Sunday school class, which meets in the fellowship hall, began 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!*



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.