

June 2025



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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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



Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 8

Annual Free Spring Chicken BBQ Saturday, June 21



Father / Son / Daughter Clay Target Shoot

Saturday, June 28, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

at Reinford Farm Pond

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5:30 pm to dark



All items for the July newsletter and calendar must be submitted by end of day on **Monday, June 23**. *If we do not receive your submission by then, we CANNOT guarantee it will be placed in the newsletter.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we honor our graduates in June, we pray that what they have learned in the church will direct what they have learned in school. We pray that what they pursue as a career will be turned into a vocation, a lifetime of serving God and serving others as Jesus calls them to do.

They will surely learn that there are failures to overcome as they become more independent. Perhaps the caution raised in the book **Life Worth Living** is worth hearing:

"The first thing to know is that we are going to fail like this – each and every one of us. Our failures might not be catastrophic. They might not be entirely unspectacular. Little lies here. Tiny broken promises there. A bit of cold indifference where there ought to be compassion. A string of small compromises – each one completely understandable – that tug you bit by bit away from the vocation you hold dear. And in all this, you drift from one vision of life to a different one that offers a bit more instant gratification or that fits better with what everyone else is chasing after. In short, multiple small personal failures can add up to something much harder to stomach: Personal Failure-with-a-capital-F."

Where along the way does the commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord get lost? As we enjoy this month of long daylight hours, may we keep in mind His direction for our lives. As the world continues in turmoil, may we express the peace of mind inspired by Jesus. Pray that the children who attend Vacation Bible School will experience the love of Jesus and learn how to share that with others.

I look forward to our Dinner for Eight group meeting, our Fathers' Day celebration, the men's outing on the last Saturday in June, and the church picnic at 362 Disciple Drive (Tall Oaks Lodge) that same evening. Enjoy this month of long days, warm nights, and church fellowship.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Terry



June Deacons of the Month:
Eric & Ginger Alexander

Scriptures and Messages for June

June 1

Acts 16:16-34

"What Must I Do?"

June 8

Acts 2:1-21

"Let This Be Known to You"

June 15

Romans 5:1-5

"Training with the Trinity"

June 22

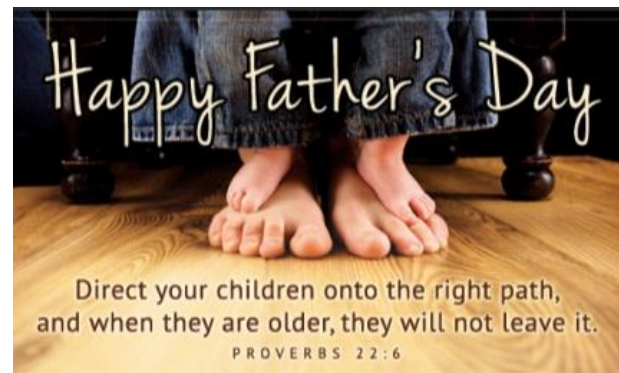
Luke 8:26-39

"Mild Child or Wild Child"

June 29

Luke 9:51-62

"GPS for Life"



DISTRICT WIDE PICNIC
When: Sunday, July 27, 2025
Where: Little Buffalo Park
Time: 4:30 pm

Meat will be provided, just bring a side dish for sharing. Brother Chris Eliot will have vespers.

Free Spring Library News

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

Gossamer Falls Series by Lynn H. Blackburn

Never Fall Again – Landry Hutton, quiet artist-in-residence of The Haven, came to Gossamer Falls to build a new life and a new home for her and her daughter – with the unexpected help of a handsome former Marine. But when danger threatens them, can Callum Shaw help protect both their hearts and lives? (This is the first book in the series.)

Every Deadly Suspicion by Janice Cantore

Thirty years ago, Joe Keys went to prison after confessing to the Beecher's Mine murders. Now his daughter Hanna, the chief of police, has agreed to take him in after he's granted compassionate release. Soon she learns there's more to the murders than previously thought. Can Hanna uncover the truth – when someone's desperate to silence it?

Golden State Treasure Series by Mary Connealy

Whispers of Fortune – Brody MacKenzie arrives at an orphan school in search of his runaway brothers who possess an old journal leading to a lost treasure. Ellie Hart runs the ranch's orphan school and, together with Brody, they embark on a thrilling search, discovering love amidst family secrets and old adversaries. (This is the first book in the series.)

A Shanahan Match Series by Jody Hedlund

A Wager with the Matchmaker – Kiernan Shanahan is intent on securing his name and fortune free of his father's shadow. But when he finds a position for Alannah Darragh in his household to keep her safe from a dangerous family situation, the sparks that fly between them are only the start of a wily matchmaker's scheme...no matter how much both fight it. (This is the third book in the series; the other books are Calling on the Matchmaker and Saved by the Matchmaker.)

The Jewels of Kalispell Series

by Tracie Peterson & Kimberley Woodhouse

The Unexpected Grace – Actor Parker Bennett returns home to perform at the Kalispell Opera House. When he encounters Johanna St. John, his first love, will long-buried emotions awaken? (This is the third book in the series; the other books are The Heart's Choice and With Each Tomorrow.)

All We Thought We Knew by Michelle Shocklee

1969. When Mattie Taylor's twin brother was killed in Vietnam, she lost



her best friend and the only person who really understood her. Now, news that her mother is dying sends Mattie back home, despite blaming her father for Mark's death. Mama's last wish is that Mattie would read some old letters stored in a trunk, from people Mattie doesn't even know. Mama insists they hold the answers Mattie is looking for.

1942. Ava Delaney is picking up the pieces of her life following her husband's death at Pearl Harbor. Living with her mother-in-law on a secluded farm in Tennessee is far different than the life Ava imagined when she married only a few short months ago. In the midst of pain and loss two women must come face-to-face with their own assumptions about what they thought they knew about themselves and others. What they discover will lead to a far greater appreciation of their own legacies and the love of those dearest to them.

Home to Green Creek Series by Lauraine Snelling with Kiersti Giron

Land of Dreams – Norwegian immigrant Amalia Gunderson and her ward, Ruth Forsberg, arrive in Iowa to claim the boardinghouse Ruth has inherited, despite opposition from a difficult cousin. While Amalia looks for her long-lost brother, her relationship with an attorney unfolds as she and Ruth navigate through love, loss, and unexpected friendships. (This is the first book in the series.)

~ Kathy Bowman, Librarian

Witness Commission

June Food Pantry Delivery by:

Cindy Lucas



Dish Detergent is being collected in May/June for the Food Pantry. 146 rolls of paper towels, 1 bottle of detergent, 2 dish soap, and 1 package of feminine pads was delivered to the Food Pantry by Connie Wagner. Thank you!

A big **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who worked at the Food Pantry during the first three Saturdays in May: Jenn Fornwalt, Linda Leonard, Sharon Ritzman, Jenn Sparks, Warren & Connie Wagner, Fina & Karen Williams, and Dina Zug. The volunteers who helped on the last Saturday will be reported in the next newsletter.

Our Annual Chicken Barbecue will be held on Saturday, June 21. The ice cream will be made on the 20th. All of the donations have been signed up for! Ice cream ingredient donations must be delivered to the church by WEDNESDAY night (June 18). Volunteers are still needed for the making of the ice cream and cooking of the chicken. Please sign up in the narthex.

~ Angela Bryner, Jen Spark (Chair), Fina Williams, and Art Zug



Food Pantry Items for June: Dish Detergent

Let's see if we can fill the table!

Christian Education Commission

We concluded our Spring Supper & Study with Max Lucado's **What Happens Next: A Traveler's Guide Through the End of This Age** on May 28 at Terry's cabin with a wonderful time of fellowship. Our average attendance over the course of this study was 17 people and was very thought-provoking – whether you agreed or disagreed with Max's time line of what is to happen next. There are still books available in the narthex if you'd like to read it.

Graduate Recognition will be held Sunday, June 8, here at the church. Our high school graduates, Katelyn Fornwalt and Kaylynn Wray, graduated May 27. We encourage you to send each of them a card and to keep them in your prayers as they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives.

After this, VBS will be held June 9-11, 6:00-7:30 pm. We will be using Group Publishing's **True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**. Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, **True North** VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Keep the VBS committee in your prayers as they continue to plan and prepare.

~ Shari Book (Chair), Alan Naylor, and Mary Zeigler



**Missing church is a
misdemeanor. The
more you miss, de
meaner you get** 🙏🏠



Operation Christmas Shoebox Collection for June: Notepad or Small Coloring Book

Please place your donation in the bin just outside the double doors in the narthex.

Nurture Commission News



Our birthday of the month for June is Sam Goshorn, who celebrates his birthday on Monday, June 30. Please remember him with your prayers and cards.

Thank you to all who attended the Ladies' Luncheon. Especially, thank you to Karen for the wonderful meal, and for Kristi for an interesting presentation.

Thank you to Shari Book for sharing her special singing talent during our worship services on Mother's Day, and we look forward to special music on the third Sunday in June.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mary Zeigler, the Fellowship Committee, and all the ladies who donate food for the meals at the church. We appreciate all the time it takes you to organize these meals, and we thank all the ladies who help dish up, and clean up, after the meals.

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, June 8. Please join us for light refreshments after the early service.

HAPPY FATHER'S Day to all the fathers. Thank you to the Music & Worship Committee for honoring our mothers in May and fathers in June.

Plans are being made for the Annual Clay Target Shoot at the Reinford Farm. This is a time for fellowship for Fathers/Sons/Daughters, or anyone who would enjoy this fun time! The date for this is Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 am. Please see Art Zug for more information. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

The Annual Free Spring Church Picnic for all our church family is also planned for Saturday, June 28, at 5:30 pm at Pastor Terry and Wanda's lodge. Please bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and French fries are provided. See Art Zug with any questions regarding this event as well.

Sunday, June 29, is our MEET-IN-THE-MIDDLE Sunday. Starting with this fifth Sunday, we will be having a combined service at 9:00 am (there will be no Sunday School). We will combine the styles of music – some praise and some hymns – with a streamlined order of service. We are open to suggestions. We will have a light brunch after the service. Please bring something to share.

~ Erin Bell, Karen Logan (Co-Chair), Carla Renson,
and Nancy Shadel (Co-Chair)



June Birthday of the Month

Our Birthday of the month for June is Sam Goshorn, whose birthday is on Monday, June 30. Please remember him with your prayers and cards.

Juniata County Food Pantry June Update

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you in abundance for your faithful support of the Food Pantry! In April, the Food Pantry served 299 families in need – a total of 783 individuals. Many thanks to Locust Run UMC for sending volunteers in April.

Summer and vacation time are upon us! However, summer is **HARDLY** a vacation at the Food Pantry! With children home from school the need for food increases, and typically donations decrease as folks get busy with summer plans. Please don't forget about the Juniata County Food Pantry and your neighbors in need as you go about your summer activities.

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.

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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



Annual Chicken BBQ

Saturday, June 21

Your help is needed!

The date of this event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 21**. Ice cream will be made on **Friday, June 20**. A sign-up sheet for helpers and donations has been placed on the table in the narthex!

Pick-Up will be 12:00 noon thru 4:00 pm. Tickets have been placed in mailboxes at the church. If you didn't receive any tickets, there are some on the table in the narthex.

Please have your ticket count and money, if possible, returned by **Sunday, June 8**.
Thank you, the BBQ Committee

Schoolhouse Items Left to Choose From!

Items from the schoolhouse may be chosen from the table in the church fellowship hall or from the tables under the pavilion at the schoolhouse.

On the day of the Barbecue, on June 21, any items left will be made available to the public. Items not taken after that day will be given to the thrift stores or disposed of.



Heartbeat Baby Bottles

Fill a bottle with change, bills, or even a check. Your loose change can change a life.

Grab a bottle from the narthex or from Jenn Sparks. Bottles are due back by **Sunday, June 8**.



Father / Son / Daughter Clay Target Shoot

Saturday, June 28, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

at Reinford Farm Pond

Bring your gun and ammo. There will be a small arms target area and clay targets will be provided. Come and enjoy a good time of fun and fellowship.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Church Picnic Saturday, June 28

5:30 to dark

at Pastor Terry's Lodge



Hamburger, French fries, and drink will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Attention Free Spring Members and Regular Attenders!

Ron Gordon will be taking studio photographs of Free Spring families and individuals during the following sessions: Friday evening, September 5, 5:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, September 6, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Mark your calendars to save these dates! Photo sessions will be held in the "Seekers" Sunday School classroom. Please enter by the front doors.

There is no cost to the church or members. Appointments are unnecessary, just walk in. A free 5x7 print will be placed in your church mailbox and an updated page for the church's photo Directory. A digital copy will also be e-mailed to you for custom printing at Walmart, Beward Pharmacy, or Schlegel's Groceries. Passport photos are also available, sized to federal government required dimensions.

