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The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring
April 2024

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Pastor's Pen & Page



I'm sure you have heard the phrase, April Showers bring May Flowers. For me, April means, it's time for my annual eye exam, so I can see those showers and flowers. While I do not yet need glasses except for reading cheaters, I'm sure that one day the doctor will give me a prescription for glasses which will probably need to change as the years go on.

But wait a minute, in a very real sense we all wear glasses. Not in a physical sense, but we all see the world through the lenses of our faith. For example, let's take the previously mentioned May Flowers. We might look at them through a very secular lens and think to ourselves that they would make a nice gift for our spouse, or the plants need to be watered, or I forgot to take my allergy meds this morning. Or, they could be looked at through the lenses of faith as examples of God's wonderful creation and beauty. More difficult and challenging items are also looked at through the lens of faith including personal problems, illness, death, and the current political challenges and anxiety we face in our country.

With our glasses, whether cheaters or prescription we will all need stronger lenses after a while. For example, with my cheaters I started years ago with 1.25 strength now its 1.75. Likewise, our faith lenses can be strengthened helping us view the world. Here at Falling Spring, there are numerous ways to work on strengthening your faith lenses. Every Sunday there are three services, and one every other week at Community Dinner. Also, on Sunday Morning at 9, there are a plethora of interesting classes offered, and on Weds evening, James, myself, and Brad will all be offering classes on different topics. All of these opportunities are great times of connection, learning, and making your faith lenses stronger. It's my hope and prayer you will take advantage of what is being offered.

Have a great April. I look forward to seeing you.

~Andy

Views From a Hill



Worth the Wait

Reflecting on my years at Falling Spring, many memories come to mind. One of my favorites involves sitting outside at the Manse, with Bill and Linda Harter, to watch “the show.” This miraculous event took place each summer evening, whether or not anyone stopped to notice. The price of admission was a willingness to watch and wait. In a world of digital swipes, next buttons, and skipping through YouTube videos, watching and waiting for the evening primrose flowers to burst open was an invitation to slow down, savor the moment, and become aware of the beauty around us.

Spring has sprung, and new life is blossoming abundantly. Have you noticed the flowers, listened to the birds, or smelled the blossoms? This invitation to slow down and savor the beauty around us is wonderful in its own right, but it also encourages us to go deeper. Behind the creation is the Creator, Who invites us to watch and wait. “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10). God is moving and working all around us. Are watching and waiting long enough to see and experience it?

Pastor Andy and I recently preached a series on the journey of Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt. In Exodus 14:13-14, Moses tells the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Reflecting on this passage makes me wonder what it might have been like to be in the Israelite camp on that day long ago. They were trapped between the sea, the desert, and the full force of Egypt’s army. There was much to fear. Then God performed a miracle by parting the sea. Although it might seem absurd that anyone could have missed something so marvelous, I wondered aloud if some may have missed the beginning stages of this miracle because they were distracted by the difficulties of their situation.

This brings us back to the deeper invitation of Spring - to watch and wait, not only for the new life of the season, but for how the Lord is moving, working, and speaking in our midst. Life has a way of becoming busy and noisy, so let this be our invitation - be still, watch, and wait. Henri Nouwen writes, “underneath all these often very noisy voices is a still, small voice that says, ‘You are my Beloved, my favor rests on you.’ That’s the voice we need most of all to hear. To hear that voice, however, requires special effort; it requires solitude, silence, and a strong determination to listen. That’s what prayer is. It is listening to the voice that calls us ‘my Beloved.’”¹

Much love,
Brad

1. Frederick Buechner, Brennan Manning, Henri Nouwen, Eugene H. Peterson, James K. Smith, A. W. Tozer, Dallas Willard & N. T. Wright; *Faith That Matters* (New York: HarperCollins, 2018).



APRIL YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Spring Happenings

We are excited to see 5 students completing confirmation class and celebrating them on April 14th! I hope that you will join us for youth Sunday. They have been working hard to prepare an inspiring morning worship service.

Registration for Camp Falling Spring 2024 is open! Pray about who God wants you to invite to participate in this life changing week of camp. The theme for this year is: Stay Tuned. We are going to dive into how staying tuned with God allows us to hear from him and respond with a YES! Emily Schoenleber, a Chambersburg native, who has lived this out so well will be our camp speaker.

Upcoming events:

- April 3, 10, 17, 24 Wackies 6:30-8pm
- May 1, 8 Wackies 6:30-8pm
- May 15th- Senior Night

Ways that you can pray for the youth ministry:

- students to lean in at the end of the school year & finish successfully
- campers and leaders for camp
- the confirmation class as they finish planning youth Sunday
- students to have the courage to live their faith out publicly





SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP 2024



Are you looking for a way to use your gifts this summer while serving God while gaining leadership experience and having tons of fun?

Details:

Dates: June 3rd- August 11th 2024

Hours: 30 hours/week (more the week of camp)

Qualifications: Believe & trust in Jesus , at least 1 year out of high school, Desire to make a difference in the lives of youth & their families, a self-starter, be able to think creatively.

Responsibilities: Regular prayer & planning meetings with the Youth Ministry Director, engage in relational ministry, youth event planning (Sunday school, youth group & other fun events), assist in the planning and running of Camp Falling Spring.

Salary: Stipened of \$3,500 for the summer.

For the full job description & to apply: www.fallingspringyouth.com/intern

What's happening in kid's ministry?

Pastor Andy visited Sunday School and taught about the Lord's Supper.



High winds moved the Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt indoors, but the kids still had a blast!



Then the kids drew what they thought the first Lord's Supper looked like.



The Lord is risen indeed!
-Luke 24:34



A Note from Miss Jenn:

He has risen! We enter the month of April with the knowledge and excitement that through Jesus' death and resurrection, our sins have been paid for. He loves us!
-Thanks to everyone for your support and involvement with Tweens Sunday and the Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt.
-The food drive showdown continues until April 14. Please bring in your items for the food pantry and place them in the "kids" bin in the FLC lobby.
-Start getting excited for VBS! Registration opens this month. Invite your friends to join you for this fun week.

Kids' Sunday school and midweek classes are for age 4-grade 5. Additional opportunities are available for those older and younger.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday Mornings: 9-9:50, Sunday School in room 101

4/7: Joyful Voices singing - 10am FLC

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24: 6:30-7:30 J-Walkers in room 103, Tweens in room 108. Joyful Voices Kids Choir 7:30-8 in room 107

6/17-6/21: VBS - Registration opens April 1!!!

Hello Falling Spring

It's that time of year again when we seek donations for care packages for our college students! We have created an Amazon wishlist again if you wish to choose something specific to donate. It is set up that it will deliver to Emily's house for the PCFS College Ministry. Please have all Amazon purchases completed by April 15th so we can get everything in time to pack the boxes. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, BJ's gift cards are the best way at this time. We use anything we receive to purchase snacks in bulk for the student care packages. We appreciate all the love and support we have received since starting this ministry. ❤️ Emily & Katie

Link to Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2CEIRHA02O5AB?ref=wl_share



SPRING MIDWEEK CLASSES



Walk with Him

Read and reflect on
the book of James

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Led by  
James Wright in 207



### What is the Reformed Faith Tradition?

Learn about its origin,  
theology, sacraments,  
and the denomination  
comparison

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Led by
Pastor Andy in 208



Worship & Prayer

Sing worship songs,
pray w/ others, and
share what God is
doing in your life

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Led by  
Brad in 205

**Wednesdays  
6:30 - 7:30  
beginning April 3rd**



## Being Reformed

In our church life, we, once in a while, hear the phrase *Reformed* or *Reformed Faith*. Maybe there is a reference in a sermon, or a newsletter article, or website that Presbyterians are part of the Reformed Faith. So, what in the world does this mean? How can we understand the roots of being Presbyterian.

Beginning on April 3 and going for five weeks, Pastor Andy will be unpacking the phrase *Reformed Faith*. Starting with the origins of the Reformed Faith, we will spend several weeks talking about theology. From there we will conclude with sacraments as well as how we are different from other denominations such as Lutheran.

Please join us for one or more classes. They do not build on each other, so it is not a problem if you miss some gatherings. Looking forward to seeing you in 208.

~Andy

## Deacon Updates

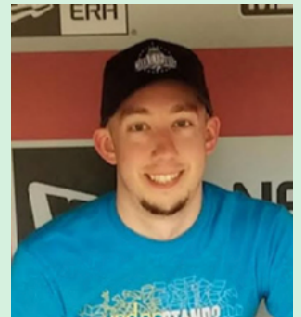
### Hello Falling Spring

For those of you who may not know me, I'm Cale Jones, one of your deacons at PCFS and the moderator of the board this year. I'm reaching out not only to reintroduce all your deacons, but to convey how we can serve you as part of the Falling Spring family. Deacons exist to care for the congregation and PCFS community.

That care could come in the form of praying for you, visiting in times of need or figuring out ways that the church may be able to help meet any other needs you may have. For those of you who know what parishes are and how the deacons used to manage outreach, we've recently made behind-the-scenes changes to how we reach out to the congregation. While you may still hear from a few of us more than others, you no longer need to worry about what parish you live in or who your "assigned" deacon is. If you would like to reach out to a deacon with a praise, a concern, or a need, please reach out to ANY of the deacons that you feel comfortable talking to.

[Follow this link](#) to learn a little about all of us, including how to best contact us and our favorite meeting places.

- Cale Jones





## News from Presbyterian Women



### Hosting PW of the Carlisle Presbytery, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

We hope many women from Falling Spring will attend the Gathering of women from within our Carlisle Presbytery.

Registration begins in the FLC lobby at 9:00. There will be coffee, tea, and pastries as the women gather. The morning begins with introductions and a greeting by Rev. Dr. Andy Hart, followed by opening devotions. A brief business meeting is scheduled.

At 10:00 the **morning program** will be presented by Christine Mayer, the Director of the Fulton Center for Sustainability Studies at Wilson College. The topic is about climate change and how we can locally impact the global picture. "Think global and act local" is the theme.

A **lunch** will be served during a time of fellowship. Also during the lunch break, women are invited to visit the sanctuary to learn about the stained glass windows as Rev. Andy has offered to share from his sermon series.

The **afternoon session** is presented by Laura Umbrell, the Breast Health Patient Navigator for Wellspan. She will focus on cancers affecting women.

The gathering will end before 2:00 PM.

Plan to attend and bring a friend. Contact Linda Fisher (717-263-0310) if you are able to

### Spring Fundraiser for Camp Krislund Scholarship at Hoss's On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Obtain a "Cash Cow Card" at church (or print the one here) to bring to Hoss's at any time on April 16<sup>th</sup> and present it when you pay. PW will receive a percentage of the day's income. The income earned from our fall of 2023 and this spring's event will be forwarded to Camp Krislund's scholarship fund. This camp, situated near State College, is supported by the three central Pennsylvania Presbyteries (Carlisle, Northumberland and Huntingdon).



### Registration has opened for the Churchwide Gathering of PW 2024.

Aug. 8-11 in St. Louis, Missouri

Check out [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) for more information about Presbyterian women (PCUSA)



2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women  
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### PW in Mission and Service

We are always looking for women to join us in our missions. Speak with any of the Coordinating Team members to let us know of your interest in joining us.

Linda Fisher, Sue Mummert, Marilyn Griffin, Karen Stover, Lynne Peters, Pat Grandel-Phenicie, Becky Fritz, Vicki Kaye, Wanda Hutchings, Judy George, Lorraine Schwartz, and Joy Zimmerman.



**WOMEN'S**

**PRAYER**

**GATHERING**

Please join us for a time when we gather together as a community of women to seek the Lord and to pray for what God has laid on our hearts. There is no charge for this event. A light breakfast will be served.

4/20 | 8:30 AM

Family Life Center  
@ Presbyterian Church of  
Falling Spring  
221 N. Main Street,  
Chambersburg, PA  
**Childcare available**

This gathering's theme is

**"Designed For God"**

"We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it."

—Ephesians 2:10 (TPT)

# Housing Request for Camp Falling Spring Reunion Attendees

## August 2 & 3, 2024

Several couples and individuals will be traveling significant distances to attend the Camp Falling Spring Reunion the weekend of August 2, 3, and 4. It would be wonderful if we could offer overnight housing in the private homes of some of our members.

If you are able and would desire to host a couple or an individual or two in your home the nights of Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3, please contact the church office or Jeff Landon personally. You can reach Jeff by email [drjlandon1143@comcast.net](mailto:drjlandon1143@comcast.net) or by text at 717-360-5101.

*Thank you for your kind consideration, Jeff*



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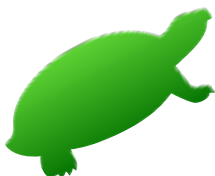
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FOR MORE INFORMATION & ONLINE REGISTRATION:  
**CampFallingSpringReunion.com**





## Session News and Announcements

The following is an update of actions taken at the February session meeting:

- **Elders approved a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of electing Trustees.**

Trustees are members of the congregation who serve through overseeing the physical properties and gifts to and of the parish.

- The following were approved for the positions of Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Clerk of Session: Paul Luka as Treasurer, Dave Mummert as Assistant Treasurer, and Cheri Kearney as Clerk of Session.

- Each elder received an updated copy of the Book of Order, which contains the Foundations, the Form of Government, the Directory for Worship, and the Church Discipline.

As Christians, we are in a continuous process of growth in relationship with God, each other, and self. This is especially true of those who have been called to service in the ordered ministries of the church. The Book of Order provides the guidance for these roles.

- All staff and elders were provided the opportunity to participate in Boundary Training through the Presbytery of Carlisle. The training was presented by Rev David C. Olsen, PhD, LCSW, LMFT who is both an ordained pastor and a practicing psychologist. Some of focus areas discussed were: The Burn Out Factor, We all violate boundaries, Putting the problem in context: Ministry is different then other professions, Why are Healthy Boundaries so Hard to Sustain?, System Contributions to Boundary Problems, Moving towards Prevention and Creativity, Prevention and Assessment, and Building more differentiated leadership as the key to healthy boundaries.

- Elders met with and interviewed confirmation candidates on Sunday, March 10.

## Congregational Meeting Notice

**A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center following 10 am worship services.**

**Purpose : Election of Trustees.**

Looking for a way to share your passion or skills with the PCFS family?

Want to serve your church and community?

Here is a list of the committees and ministries at Falling Spring and the contact information.

As noted below, joining some committees requires a nomination; while other committees are open for members with a desire to serve to join and share in the ministry or outreach.

**Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring**  
Committees & Opportunities of the Church

| <b>Committee</b>                                                            | <b>Nominated to/ Join</b>    | <b>Chair</b>                                           | <b>Contact Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Session                                                                     | Nominated to                 | Through Nominating Committee,<br>Dave Mummert          | <a href="mailto:Dmummert02@gmail.com">Dmummert02@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Deacons                                                                     | Nominated to                 | Through Nominating Committee,<br>Dave Mummert          | <a href="mailto:Dmummert02@gmail.com">Dmummert02@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Trustees                                                                    | Nominated to                 | Through Nominating Committee,<br>Dave Mummert          | <a href="mailto:Dmummert02@gmail.com">Dmummert02@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Building and Grounds                                                        | Join                         | Susy Sponseller                                        | <a href="mailto:ssponse@gmail.com">ssponse@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Security                                                                    | Join                         | James Albrecht                                         | <a href="mailto:jalbrecht671@gmail.com">jalbrecht671@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Adult Discipleship                                                          | Join                         | Jodi Wright                                            | <a href="mailto:Wright3813@comcast.net">Wright3813@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Children's Ministry                                                         | Join                         | Rita Hillwig                                           | <a href="mailto:Rhillwig1537@gmail.com">Rhillwig1537@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Congregational Life                                                         | Join                         | Renee Brink                                            | <a href="mailto:Rhillwig1537@gamil.com">Rhillwig1537@gamil.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Veterans Ministry                                                           | Join                         | Rev. Andy Hart                                         | <a href="mailto:pastorandy@pcfallingspring.org">pastorandy@pcfallingspring.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Mission and Outreach<br>- Community Dinner<br>- Food Pantry<br>- Power Pack | Join<br>Join<br>Join<br>Join | Dana Baker<br>Heidi Lucas<br>Alice Hyatt<br>Sue Bodner | <a href="mailto:Drbaker9533@gmail.com">Drbaker9533@gmail.com</a><br><a href="mailto:Heidijo35@yahoo.com">Heidijo35@yahoo.com</a><br><a href="mailto:Hyattal929@gmail.com">Hyattal929@gmail.com</a><br><a href="mailto:Suebodner4@yahoo.com">Suebodner4@yahoo.com</a> |
| Nominating                                                                  | Nominated to                 | Through nominating Committee,<br>Dave Mummert          | <a href="mailto:Dmummert02@gmail.org">Dmummert02@gmail.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Personnel                                                                   | Nominated to                 | Steve Bucher                                           | <a href="mailto:2bucher7@gamil.com">2bucher7@gamil.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| PW                                                                          | Join                         | Linda Fisher                                           | <a href="mailto:ljhfisher@comcast.net">ljhfisher@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Stewardship                                                                 | Join                         | Andy Hart                                              | <a href="mailto:pastorandy@pcfallingshpring.org">pastorandy@pcfallingshpring.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Worship Committee                                                           | Join                         | Doug Martzluf                                          | <a href="mailto:dmartzluf@comcast.net">dmartzluf@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Youth Ministry                                                              | Join                         | Sue Bodner                                             | <a href="mailto:Suebodner4@yahoo.com">Suebodner4@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |