



Views From a Hill

CRE Update

Crazy Ranting Elephants...Cracked Rotten Eggs...Cats Running Everywhere. What does CRE stand for again? Ahh yes, Commissioned Ruling Elder. As many of you know, I have been pursuing the process of becoming a CRE for the past several years. This journey began shortly after we found ourselves going from two pastors to one, and my call was clear: Support Pastor Andy and help Falling Spring grow and thrive through change. As I approach the conclusion of this journey, there are no full-time pastors at Falling Spring, and my call remains clear - help our church grow and thrive through seasons of change.

On April 17, I met with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) to preach a sermon and answer lots of questions. It went well, and they unanimously attested that I have completed the CRE requirements. Furthermore, they expressed confidence that I am equipped and ready to serve as a CRE. What happens from here?

We will draft a Covenant of Agreement, and representatives from the Committee on Ministry (COM) will conduct a Fit Interview with me and several members of Session. If the way be clear with COM, I will be commissioned as a CRE at Falling Spring in the near future. At this point, we should note that this is a unique situation, because I have been serving full-time at Falling Spring for almost twenty-five years. Let's be clear that I am not being re-hired, but rather authorized to perform certain duties typically assigned to ordained pastors, such as baptisms and weddings. This is important to me, because it will help Falling Spring provide essential ministries to the people God entrusts to our church family. What a blessing to witness someone's baptism, be a part of their faith journey growing up, and then participate in their wedding!

As I write this, I am in the last week of my last seminary class, Foundations of Christian Education. It has been my favorite class, with a winning combination of brain research, emphasis on contemplation, and practical applications to teaching effectively. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement throughout this process. I plan to finish strong and look forward to continued ministry at Falling Spring!

Much love,
Brad



Vacation Bible School registration is OPEN!!!!

VBS - TRUE NORTH

"Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"

June 16-20

9am-noon

<https://vbspro.events/p/pcfstruenorth>



Kids age 3 (potty trained) - grade 5

Let us not love with
words or speech but
with actions and in
truth.

-1 John 3:18

A Note from Miss Jenn:

Did someone say summer?? The final month of school is here and kids are dreaming of days spent sleeping in, swimming, and playing with friends.

While we do not have Wednesday night events weekly during the summer, we will have lots of special events for your kids. Watch future newsletters, bulletins, and texts for more details!

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

5/7, 5/14: 6:30-7:30, Regular mid-week activities Rm 101 J-Walkers (age 4-grade 2) Rm 103 Tweens (grade 3-grade 5)

5/7, 5/14: 7:30-8 Joyful Voices Kids' Choir Rm 101

*Note: 5/14 will be our final week of regular Wednesday evening programs for the school year

6/16-6/20: Vacation Bible School



FALLING SPRING

YOUTH MINISTRY

May Update:

Youth leading at Falling Spring

In April there were many opportunities for our 6th-12th graders to get involved and lead within the life of the church. On Youth Sunday we had 16 youth who lead the 10am service in the FLC. They did everything from leading worship, ushering, giving the children's message, and leading prayers. Everett Wetherald confirmed his faith in Jesus that morning as well as gave the sermon! All of the youth did an amazing job that morning using their gifts and talents to serve the Lord and lead a wonderful worship service.

Later in April, 8 of the youth helped with the children's Easter celebration event. These students showed up, hid eggs, ran games and connected with younger kids. It is a blessing to watch our youth make an impact on the lives of the younger kids, and they did that night.

While our Wednesday night youth group is coming to an end for the school year there are many ways for 6th- 12th graders to connect: Sunday morning Bible study and summer events start in June!



Upcoming:

May 7

YOUTH GROUP

May 14

SENIOR NIGHT

June 1st

REGISTRATION FOR
CHAMBERSBURG
PROJECT ENDS



YOUTH

Summer events 2025



JUNE
4

YOUTH GROUP

6:30-7:30 in the youth room; 7:30-8:30pm Ice-cream Station bring \$ for ice-cream

JULY
13-18

CAMP FALLING SPRING

A week of camp to connect with friends & God
***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

JUNE
13

SOAP HOCKEY

6:30-8pm on the field behind the church

JULY
20

POOL PARTY

8-10PM at the Chambersburg Country Club (Rain date 23rd)

JUNE
18

SERVE EVENT

3-8pm Serve at CrossRoads Camp running carnival games
***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

JULY
30

YOUTH GROUP

6:30-7:30 in the youth room; 7:30-8:30pm Ice-cream Station bring \$ for ice-cream

JULY
2

YOUTH GROUP

6:30-7:30 in the youth room; 7:30-8:30pm Ice-cream Station bring \$ for ice-cream

AUGUST
6

CAPTURE THE FLAG

6:30-8PM on the field behind the church

JULY
6-11

CHAMBERBSURG PROJECT

A week long local missions trip
***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

AUGUST
13

FLYING BOXCARS GAME

meet at the church at 5pm; game starts at 6:30pm
***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Some events require registration. Registration deadlines vary. For more information on each event and to register visit the website

www.fallingspringyouth.com

YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

CHAMBERSBURG Project

July 6-11th
2025

Spend a week making
a difference in our
community!

- ✓ Great food & fun with friends
- ✓ Serving Others
- ✓ Powerful Worship & Faith Conversations
- ✓ Spending time outside

For more information and to register visit:
www.fallingspringyouth.com/project

REGISTER NOW



Registration Closes June 1st



2025

CFS

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Games
- Truth from Scripture
- Amazing food
- Friends
- Line dancing
- Cabin Chats

JULY 13-18, 2025

REGISTER BY
6/1

\$210
\$195 FOR SIBLINGS
*SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE



CFS 2024 Memories



May Worship Schedule

May 4: Rev. Dr. Meagan Boozer will preach in the Sanctuary, and Brad Hill in the Family Life Center. Communion will be served at 8 AM.

May 11: Paul Quesenberry will preach in the Sanctuary, and Brad Hill in the Family Life Center.

May 18: Brian Truesdale will preach in the Sanctuary. In the Family Life Center, the music and message will be led by the band, Attaboy.

May 25: Rev. David Bowerman will preach in the Sanctuary, and Paul Quesenberry in the Family Life Center

June 1: Rose Rent. There will be one service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by the Rose Rent service by Benjamin Chambers' grave. Brad Hill will preach.

Alpha Schedule

5/7: Does God Heal Today?

5/14: What About The Church?



◆ Nominations for Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) ◆

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate to serve on this committee, if you yourself are interested in serving, or if you have any questions regarding the responsibilities of the PNC please contact Carl Francisco, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Carl's contact info: carl.p.fran@gmail.com, Cell # 717-377-9536.

Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry has been blessed by a member of our congregation donating a large freezer. Now we are able to take advantage of purchasing frozen products such as chicken, ham steaks, ground beef, and pollock filets when they are available at reasonable prices from the Food Bank.

We need to give a huge shout out to Ada's Bakery at Jim's Country Market at Grant Street. She donates all of her unsold cakes, pies, cookies, rolls and donuts to us for distribution to our households. Her baking is outstanding. If you go there please thank her and her staff for continuing to support our Food Pantry. And special thanks to Rosemary and Mike Smith who pickup the donated items on Saturday afternoon and put them in the Family Life Center refrigerators for us.

As always, we do appreciate the food in kind donations each week and of course any "green envelope" monetary gifts for the Food Pantry.

Marty Walker, Coordinator



It's that time of year! Who's ready for an "Old Fashioned Church Picnic"?

On June 1st Following the Rose Rent Ceremony at approximately 11:45 AM, we will be having an "Old Fashioned Church Picnic" with picnic favorites like fried chicken, potato salad, Mac n' cheese, and much more. Please join us in the FLC for fellowship and great food. We ask that you bring your favorite summertime dessert to share. Tickets are \$9.50 per person. Please see Sue Bodner, Gary Mickley, Renee Brink or Lou Ann Myers for tickets.

Old Fashioned Church Picnic

Following Rose Rent Service

Sunday, June 1st 2025

PCFS - Family Life Center
221 N. Main St. Chambersburg

Tickets are \$9.50 per person.
Available following Sunday
worship or see Sue Bodner,
Gary Mickley, Renee Brink or
Lou Ann Myers

Hey! Do you
think we need
a ticket?

Please Bring a Dessert to Share

