



## Views From a Hill

### Reflecting on Twenty-Five Years at Falling Spring

This month, I celebrate twenty-five years at Falling Spring! In honor of this occasion, here are twenty-five thoughts and things I've learned over the years at Falling Spring (in no particular order).

1. Laughter is one of God's greatest gifts.
2. Simple acts of kindness change the world.
3. Through it all, God is good.
4. Worshipping God through music brings me much joy.
5. Walking downtown to meet someone for lunch is not only a great way to connect, but the impact often goes beyond what any of us expected.
6. Serving with Bill and Linda Harter is one of the greatest gifts I have received in ministry.
7. The greatest among us are the ones who serve.
8. A well-planned prank has surprising ministry value.
9. Bill Harter quote: "If you change one person, you change the world."
10. Watching people leave the church is hard.
11. I have received grace not only from God, but from many of you.
12. Follow Jesus first. When distracted, come back to this again and again.
13. Never underestimate the power of an encouraging word. Go out of your way to affirm others.
14. The Holy Spirit equips and empowers us to do things far beyond our abilities.
15. Make the person in front of you feel like the most important person in the world.
16. Freely admitting your mistakes is freeing.
17. The Word of God is alive.
18. Ministry is about relationships. This is easy to forget and marvelous to remember.
19. Listening without judging or lecturing leads to beautiful conversations.
20. Prayer is essential and refreshing. Silence is easy to miss, but a magnificent gift.
21. I am grateful for all the ways you love my family.
22. When that person comes to your mind, pick up the phone quickly and call them. No agenda other than to say hello and that they are on your mind.
23. Cherish this moment, right now. Over the years, there were times at camp or in worship where I paused and realized, "I can't believe I get to be a part of this!"
24. Enjoy listening to someone's story, and encourage others to tell their faith stories.
25. We have a beautiful campus, full of God's beauty and a wonderful history. It's a great place to connect with God and others.

Thank you for being such a loving church family!

Much love,

*Brad*

## Kickoff Carnival - A Beautiful Evening of Community

**335** hot dogs. **200** sno cones. **50+** volunteers. **Priceless** smiles from adults and kids in attendance. **God's love** in every volunteer. In planning this event we prayed for 300 attendees. Isn't it just like God to exceed our every expectation?!

★ Thank you to everyone who volunteered, supported, and participated.

★ You are all amazing.



Congregational Life Committee and Jenn Smith

### Words of Care from Rev. Meagan

As we move into the fall months, it amazes me that we are moving into month six of our ministry partnership. It has been a wonderful gift as your temporary, part-time pastor to become reacquainted with many in the congregation and meet so many new attenders. Even through times of pastoral transitions, FSPC has continued to care for one another, to invest in the community, to worship faithfully, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. I'm proud of you and excited to see how we will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.



One of my main points of attention is to provide individual/family pastoral care, and/or to make sure care is being provided through others. It is an honor to sit with you, listen to you, and pray with you in this time of pastoral transition.

Would you pray with me? We give praise to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. Thank you that you comfort us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from you. For those grieving and feel weak and worn, send comfort through your Spirit and through your people. For those in seasons of sickness and affliction, send comfort through your Spirit and through your people. For those in times of doubt, worry, loneliness, and uncertainty, send comfort through your Spirit and through your people. For those who wonder when resolution will come, send comfort through your Spirit and through your people. You, O God, are our hope. You, O God, are our contentment. You, O God, are our great joy. Help us to be your faithful people in this place, standing on your Word, loving one another generously, and lifting up the name of Jesus. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.



FALLING SPRING

# YOUTH MINISTRY

September Update:

## Fall at Falling Spring

We had a great start to the summer full of youth events and camp. Now we are kicking off the start of a new school year! We are excited to be back to regular Wednesday night youth group.

In September we have the opportunity to spend a morning serving at Network Ministries. Network is a local ministry that serves the most vulnerable children in downtown Chambersburg. We will be doing a variety of things that morning to help them be better able to serve the kids they work with. This is a great opportunity for our youth to serve together and learn about another local ministry.

We are still looking for some adults who want to invest in the lives of youth and are willing to help teach the youth Sunday school class one Sunday a month. If you are interested in more information on what that looks like please contact Sam Ray.

I would love to have you join us in praying for the youth ministry. Below are specific ways to pray:

- Youth as they get back into the routine of school
- Youth to continue to desire to know God more
- Continued connection among youth
- That students will be a light in their schools and show the love of Jesus to those around them

Thank-you for joining us in supporting and praying for our youth!

Blessings,  
Sam Ray

## Upcoming:

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>  
YOUTH GROUP

September 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30-noon  
SERVE @ NETWORK  
MINISTRIES

October 1st  
HOMECOMING PARADE:  
NO YOUTH GROUP





Falling Spring Youth

# Upcoming Events

Fall

2025

AUG  
22-24

## Ignite Student Festival

Times and details soon!

AUG  
27

## Churchwide Carnival

Fun summer kick-off event with games and food!

SEP  
3

## Youth Fall Kick-Off

Join us from 6:30-8pm for a game and Bible lesson!

SEP  
27

## Serve Saturday

9:30am-12pm @ Network Ministries

NOV  
16

## Middle School Bowling & Pizza

11:30am-2:30pm \*registration required

DEC  
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## High School Trip

Visit the Museum of the Bible in D.C. \*registration required

DEC  
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## Generosity Conspiracy

See the Lord multiply firsthand during this yearly event!

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# KIDS' MINISTRY

## JOIN US

9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24:  
6:30-7:30 J-Walkers & Tweens  
7:30-8 Joyful Voices

9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28:  
9-9:50 Sunday School

### Upcoming Events

10/29: Trunk or Treat  
11/2: OCC Packing Party after  
10am service  
12/14: Christmas Celebration  
Service

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Radar the bat will help us explore Exodus as we learn about Israel's time of wandering

**J-WALKERS:** We will use Biblical stories and real life examples to learn about building Christian character.

**TWEENS:** Become a detective as we investigate the truth about Jesus.

## J-WALKERS

Room 101: Age 4 - Grade 2

## TWEENS

Room 103: Grade 3 - Grade 5

## JOYFUL VOICES

Room 101: Age 4 - Grade 5



## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND STUDIES AT FALLING SPRING

### Upcoming A.C.T.S. Worship Services

An A.C.T.S. (All Church Together Sunday) service is when we join our three worship services together in one location at the same time.

September 14, 10 AM in the Family Life Center. Commissioning service for Brad Hill, Commissioned Ruling Elder. Meagan Boozer will preach.

October 5, 10 AM in the Sanctuary - World Communion Sunday. Brad Hill will preach.

### Adult Discipleship Studies

Here are some great ways to grow in your faith while deepening your relationships with others.

#### Sunday Morning Adult Studies, 9:00 - 9:50 AM

Rm 203 - Biblical Videos (various subjects) - currently viewing an R. C. Sproul series followed by discussion with Dick Johnson, Doris & Roy Newman, Jane Morgan and Bill Happel.

Rm 205 - "The Chosen", with Renee & Jack Sharpe. Dive deeper into the stories of Jesus and the disciples. No prior Biblical knowledge is required.

Rm 207 - Book of Acts, led by Paul Quesenberry. This is a great opportunity to gain and share insights from Scripture, in a welcoming conversational setting.

Rm 208 - Young Adult Bible Study - led by Hunter Brindle. This is a place for college students and young adults to connect and dive into Scripture and honest conversation.

Rm 107 - Life's Healing Choices, led by Ben & JK Landon. Explore biblical answers and encouragement based on the Beatitudes that give us the hope we need to live the abundant and joy-filled life Jesus wants for us. (Begins 9/7/25 and runs for eight weeks.)

#### Wednesday Evening Adult Studies, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Fall 2025: Dive into the book of John with Ben Landon and Brad Hill.

Throughout the year, we will offer other Wednesday night opportunities...

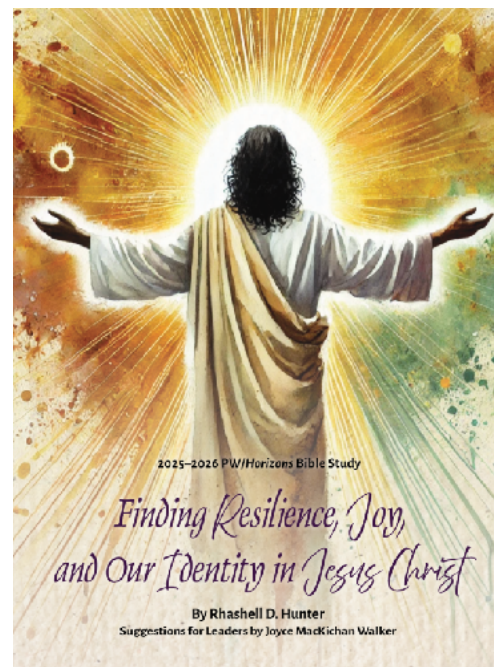
- Worship and prayer.
- Gatherings in the Chapel for teaching, testimonies, and prayer.



## News from Presbyterian Women

### **PW Horizons Bible Study to begin September 15th**

The new Horizons Bible study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ", will begin on September 15th. We will meet each month on the third Monday at 9:00AM in Room 205. If you would like to join this small group of women, contact either Sue Mummert (717/360-9787) or Linda Fisher (717/830-4043). We would love to have you join us.



### **Help Wanted**

For many years our Coordinating Team has served the families of church members grieving the loss of a family member by providing assistance with receptions following funeral or memorial services here at the church.



**We are currently seeking additional help with these receptions so that we can continue to offer this service.**

We serve at no cost to the families who only pay for the food. We currently offer to serve punch/coffee/tea, and cookies made by our members. Other foods may need to be provided by a caterer.

The future of this service to families depends on **acquiring more volunteers** who are **willing to prep, serve, clean up, and/or bake when called**. Training is provided.

In addition to helpers, we are looking for someone to take the leadership role for this ministry. Contact Linda Fisher if you are willing to step up and help to continue this tradition at our church. (717-263-0310).



### **PW in Mission and Service**

We are always looking for women to join us in our missions.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Members are Linda Fisher, Sue Mummert, Marilyn Griffin, Karen Stover, Pat Phenicie-Grandel, Becky Fritz, Vicki Kaye, Wanda Hutchings, Lorraine Schwartz, Judy George and Joy Zimmerman.







## FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEONS ARE BACK!

ANYONE WHO ENJOYS FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP IS INVITED! THE FIRST GATHERING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 11:30AM

LOCATION: STONER'S FAMILY RESTAURANT,  
615 WAYNE AVE. CHAMBERSBURG

GUESTS WELCOME!

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 29TH BY CALLING MIM HUFFMAN AT 717-552-2515 OR GAIL SMITH AT 717-264-3080.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## CARNIVAL FUN



GAMES  
PRIZES  
HOTDOGS  
COTTON  
CANDY  
SNO CONES



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TO PCFS!!!



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