



Views From a Hill

He Knows Your Name

Let me tell you about a woman in a garden. It's early. The sky can't decide if it's night or morning. Mary Magdalene is crying. She has come to do the only thing left to do — grieve near the place where they laid Him. She followed Jesus from Galilee. She stood at the cross when others fled. Now she stands at an empty tomb, and her grief has nowhere else to go.

She thinks He is the gardener. "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid him." He replies with one word — "Mary."

Just her name. That's all it took. One word from the risen Jesus, and the darkness cracked open like a morning sky. No argument. No theology lesson. Just her name, spoken by the One who had always known it — spoken by a voice she recognized because love always recognizes its Creator.

I want you to hear something this Easter — the Resurrection is not just a doctrine to be defended. It is not simply a date on the church calendar. It is a living, breathing, radically personal truth — and it is for **you**. The resurrection of Jesus is for the whole world, yet it is intensely personal — touching names, faces, and wounds that need healing.

Jesus called Mary by name. He cooked breakfast on a beach for tired, discouraged fishermen. He walked through locked doors to find Thomas in his doubt. He traveled seven miles with two disciples who didn't even recognize Him, and He let them talk. He listened to their broken hopes before revealing who He was.

This is our Savior! He is not a distant deity who watches your struggles from a comfortable corner of heaven, feeling mildly sympathetic. He is the God who became flesh, who felt tired and hungry, who wept at a graveside, who carried the full weight of abandonment — and who came out the other side to tell us: There is another side.

Perhaps you are carrying something heavy this Easter season. A diagnosis that changed everything. A marriage that feels fragile. A sadness you can't quite name. A faith that has grown distant and dusty.

Please remember — the stone was not rolled away so that Jesus could get out. He is God — He could have walked through the walls. The stone was rolled away so that we could look in. So that we could see with our own eyes that the tomb is empty, that death lost, that the worst thing is never the last thing.

And somewhere in that garden of resurrection, I believe Jesus is still calling people by name. He is calling yours. You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to arrive at this Easter with polished faith. Come with your tears, like Mary did. Come in the gray, in-between hour. Come as you are. He already knows your name. He is risen — and He is risen for you.

Much love,

Brad

Holy Week Services, Easter Worship, Youth Sunday and a Courageous Story of Faith await you at Falling Spring! Come and Join Us! We would love to meet you!

April Worship Schedule

- April 2, Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM in the Chapel. Communion will be served.
- April 3, Good Friday service at 7 PM in the Chapel.
- April 5: Easter at Falling Spring! 8 AM Contemplative service in the Chapel; 10 AM Traditional service in the Sanctuary; 10 AM Contemporary service in the Family Life Center (FLC).
- April 12: 8 AM Contemplative service in the Chapel; At 10 AM, there will be one service in the FLC for Youth Sunday.
- April 19: 8 AM Contemplative service in the Chapel; 10 AM Traditional service in the Sanctuary; 10 AM Contemporary service in the FLC. Sermon focus: I Am the Bread of Life.
- April 26: 8 AM Contemplative service in the Chapel; 10 AM Traditional service in the Sanctuary; 10 AM Contemporary service in the FLC. Sermon focus: I Am the Light of the World.



Faith That Changed History: The Story of William Wilberforce

Wednesday evenings — April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Room 107

Join us for a four-week session exploring the life of William Wilberforce, a courageous Christian who devoted much of his life to ending the British slave trade and reforming society. Heather Brindle will provide historical background to enrich our viewing of the film *Amazing Grace*, which tells the true story of Wilberforce's work and witness.

The film also highlights John Newton, the former slave trader who wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace." As we learn about these two men, you will be inspired by their faith, perseverance, and compassion as they sought to follow Christ and change the course of history.

*Please note: the film includes some content that may be difficult to watch.



Caring Words from Rev. Meagan



Often when I visit our congregants, I take along a devotional entitled, “Jesus Listens,” by Sarah Young. This book is a true gift to God’s people. It seems each time I share a daily reading with someone; it speaks directly to their (and my) heart.

As we begin this month of April when the buds burst forth, I want to share a portion of the devotion for April 1: *“Help me to live in joyful dependence on You! I used to view dependence as a weakness, so I would strive to be as self-sufficient as possible. But I know this is not Your way for me. You designed me to need You continually – and even to rejoice in my neediness. I want to live in harmony with Your intentions for me, trusting that Your way is best.”*

Joy comes in dependence on God, not dependence on ourselves. God is ever faithful; we are ever fickle. Deuteronomy 31:8 declares, *“And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”*

As we gather this month in celebration of the resurrection, we celebrate the gift of new birth in Christ, new life as his disciples, and unfailing joy in knowing that no matter what comes our way, we are his, held firmly in his gracious and loving hands.

*I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today,
I know that he is living, whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he’s always near.
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

With love and prayers,
Rev. Meagan



Welcome to Our Newest Members!



Amy & Alan Barraclough

Amy — We moved to PA five years ago and love our area. The rich history and architecture are an endless fascination! We have four (adult) children and eight beautiful grandchildren. Pug "Rosie" is our sweet doggie. We're joining Falling Spring to learn, love, and walk through life with wonderful people. Gardening, reading, and running a side antique/collectible resale business are my favorite activities. Favorite



Scripture? The last one I've heard or read. I'm a sponge... taking it all in, searching, and hungering for more. Alan — I am joining the church because I need this church and the Word in my life. I feel comfortable here and welcome.

Lisa & Alan Bender

Alan grew up in Chambersburg and moved his family back here about a year and a half ago. He then began visiting churches, and after visiting Falling Spring, he knew right away that he did not want to be anywhere else. Alan and Lisa have 4 children, ages 2 to 8. They both enjoy being outside, sports and exercise, playing games, and just hanging out with the kids and raising them alongside friends and family.



Jo Renninger

From my first visit, I felt a genuine God-loving spirit and feel that I can continue my faith walk as a part of this supportive church community. I have two daughters who, with their families, live in the Chambersburg area. Attending my grandchildren's activities and taking one-on-one adventures with them throughout the year is high on my priority list. I like to keep busy by traveling with friends, hiking, kayaking, reading, etc. My favorite scripture is Psalm 118:24. My hope is that the church continues to be active in the community and explore other ways to be a blessing to those in need.

Welcome to Our Newest Members! (continued)

Amy & Jason Reed

We have 6 children. Five sons (Dylan, Tyler, Ryley, Myles & Wyatt) and one daughter, Aylah, who works in the church nursery. Amy - My hobbies include flower gardening, traveling and spending time at the beach. We have been attending Falling Spring for almost a year and decided to become members because this church feels like



home. Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9 — “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Jason - I am joining Falling Spring because when we started to attend, the message and the worship was exactly what I needed to hear. The congregation was so welcoming. We are a family of 8. 5 sons and 1 daughter. I enjoy being outside and love to shoot archery. My favorite scriptures are 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and 1 Peter 4:8. My hopes are to continue to see the strength in numbers at the Sunday services and to become a devoted disciple to Jesus and the church.



Casey Warner

I really enjoy movies, music, golfing and baseball. All my family is very close and lives around Waynesboro.





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YOUTH MINISTRY

April Update:

In March we began focusing our Wednesday evenings on the life of Daniel, and how we can learn to have fearless faith. Students got to hear from Cade Brindle the week we kicked off this series! There were some amazing conversations around what we can learn about standing strong in the faith in the midst of pressures to turn away, thanks to the “3 bros” and the fiery furnace. We are looking forward to continuing this journey through Daniel in April.

April also brings our annual Youth Sunday service. This is a beautiful morning where the youth group, lead by those in the Confirmation class, plan and lead the entire Sunday morning service. We have a great group of students who will be leading that service on April 12th. I would ask you to join me in praying for them as they continue to prepare and allow God to lead them as they lead all of us in worship that morning!

And finally... the day everyone has been waiting for has arrived! CFS '26 registration will go live on April 1st at www.fallingspringyouth.com/CFS.

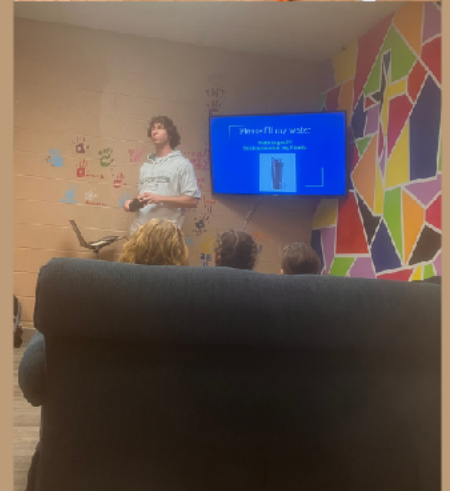
Blessings,
Sam Ray



Upcoming:

April Youth Group
8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH

Youth Sunday
APRIL 12TH @ 10AM



KIDS' MINISTRY

JOIN US

4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29:
6:30-7:30 J-Walkers & Tweens
7:30-8 Joyful Voices

4/12, 4/19, 4/26:
9-9:50 Sunday School

****NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 4/5****

Upcoming Events

4/1: Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt 6-7:30

5/20: Midweek Finale

6/15-6/19: Vacation Bible School

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Bible buddy Sal, the spotted-tail salamander, will help us learn about Jesus' life and how we can follow Him.

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

TWEENS: We will be learning about the lives of the 12 disciples.

J-WALKERS

Room 101: Age 4 - Grade 2

TWEENS

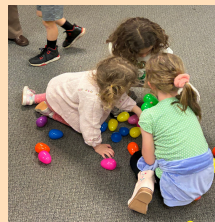
Room 103: Grade 3 - Grade 5

JOYFUL VOICES

Room 101: Age 4 - Grade 5



Tweens Sunday



J-Walkers



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
-Philippians 4:13

Jenn Smith, Director of Children's Ministry
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Deacon Updates

Family Group Details

Hello Falling Spring,

For those of you who may not know me, I'm Kira Wright, 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 family. That care could come in the form of praying for you, visiting in times of need, and figuring out ways that the church may be able to help meet any other needs you may have.

As many of you know, we've made changes to how we have organized the congregational "parishes". The congregation is now organized into seven different Family Groups. Like any change, we are learning what works best and what doesn't.

Each Family Group has at least one assigned Deacon, and you should receive an email from yours. Follow this [link](#) to learn a little about all of us, including how to best contact us and our favorite meeting places. You can also find this at pcfalloingspring.org/staff.

- Kira Wright

Roses for Babies

For many years, there was a wonderful tradition at Falling Spring, where families of newborns received a silk rose. After the baby was born, a rose was displayed at the front of the worship spaces, and then the Deacons would deliver the rose and a card to the family. We would like to reinstate this tradition, as a way to share love with these beautiful growing families.

For us to start this up smoothly, we would like your help! We would love for you to contact the church office by phone 717.264.5715 or email

office@pcfalloingspring.org to share the good news of a newborn!

We will then make sure there is a silk rose prepared for the family of the newborn at the next Sunday service. Please let the church office, or your Deacon, know if you have any questions.

Thank you!



News from Presbyterian Women



Coming soon! April 16th Spring Fundraiser at Hoss's to support the Cold Weather Drop In Shelter in Chambersburg



Obtain a “Cash Cow Card” at church (or use one printed in a future bulletin) to take to Hoss's at any time on the designated date, **Thursday, April 16th**.

Present it when you pay. PW will receive a percentage of the day's income. The income earned from this spring's event will be forwarded to the Cold Weather Drop In Shelter, a local ministry.

Even though the weather is warming up, this ministry continues to need funding.



PW of the Synod will hold a Women's Retreat July 16-18 at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, PA. The theme is “Finding Joy in the Journey”. Join for lively worship, special workshops, great food, spirituality walk, toe-tapping music, silent auction, games, crafts, mission opportunities and more. A special guest speaker will be CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator PC(USA) General Assembly. There are “Save-the-date” flyers posted around campus and registration forms will be available soon. The cost is \$275.00 for a double room. Cost includes accommodation, materials, six meals as

well as snacks. Sue Mummert has the details if you are interested. There are scholarships available through PW at Falling Spring and/or PW of the Carlisle Presbytery.

2026 Birthday Offering to be collected on Mother's Day, May 10th

Mother's Day naturally brings our focus to birthdays, and it has been a springtime tradition for Presbyterian women since 1922. Grants from the offering carry the message of God's joy by offering tangible symbols of God's abundance.



This year the PW Birthday Offering's grants of \$250,000 are sending hope to the distressed. These gifts will empower the food insecure to be fed with healthy meals that nourish body, mind and spirit (Haywood Christian Ministry in Waynesville, North Carolina), and enable those facing homelessness to be sheltered (City Mission of Findlay Women and Children's Crisis Shelter in Findlay, Ohio).



Please support the Birthday Offering so that organizations like the two selected this year will continue to celebrate in God's abounding hope and power in the world.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” — Romans 15:13*

✳️ If you would like to know more about Presbyterian Women, contact any of our CT members: Linda Fisher, Becky Fritz, Judy George, Marilyn Griffin, Wanda Hutchings, Vicki Kaye, Sue Mummert, Pat Phenicie-Grandel, Lorraine Schwartz, Karen Stover and Joy Zimmerman.

Come and join us. We always need more helping hands.





Meet the Food Pantry Truck Unloaders

Gary Stover (left) is retired from Roadway Express and lives in Chambersburg. He is a courier for the Chambersburg Hospital. He volunteers at the PCFS Community Dinners every other Sunday as an amazing dishwasher and he serves as a Security Supervisor too. At the Food Pantry, he works to transfer the pastries from the FLC refrigerators to the Food Pantry for Tuesday morning clients and he serves as a backup for food pickup.

Mike Smith (center) is retired from JLG. He and his wife, Rose, pick up the food donations from Ada's and other vendors at Jim's Market on Saturdays and deliver them for storage in the FLC refrigerators until Pantry day on Tuesdays. Mike also serves as a PCFS Trustee.

Glen Baldwin (right) is also a JLG retiree. Glen and Mike set up the tables for the Community Dinners held on Sundays.

Bob Albright (not pictured) also serves at the Food Pantry. He is retired from Maccaferri in Hagerstown.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WAYS YOU SUPPORT OUTREACH AT PCFS!!!



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to use April 16th!**

