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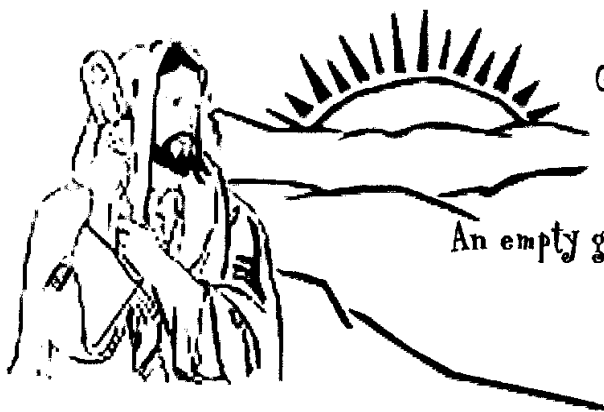
Water Cup



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Have a Blessed Easter!



God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow!
Because He lives, All fear is gone!
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

Our monthly newsletter **Water Cup** distributed gratis to members and friends of the congregation to encourage vital Christian living and to promote participation in the life and work of the Church.

We hope you find this issue of the **Water Cup** informative and helpful. We welcome your contributions and comments.

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Mission Statement

*The living water of Christ wells up within us
And overflows!*

*It is our mission to be obedient to Christ, by living
in unity with one another,
by discipling one another through the Holy Spirit,
and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR APRIL

Dolores McClellan

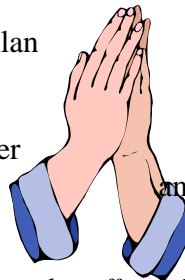
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Marlin Mishler



and Elsie Michael

and Sally Kaufman

and Deanna Fisher

and Arlene Stevens

and Edna Mae Thomas

and Sue Unger

*Pray for another...the effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much.*

*Anyone interested in a prayer partner should call
Deanna Fisher at 479-2020 or 629-6770.*

*Reminder...The Nanty Glo Church of the Brethren is
our prayer partner church for the year 2011. Let us at
Maple Spring keep them in our prayers.*

Maple Spring is on the web at maplespringcob.org. Please tell all your family and friends who are interested in the activities of the church. The website includes our monthly Water Cup newsletter, calendar of events and you can ask for prayer requests. The prayer requests are forwarded to Sue's e-mail. You can leave messages for Sue via e-mail account through the website.

In the Hospital in March

Paul Edmiston

Betty Redick

Euldean Shields

*May we continue to remember them in our prayers and
praise God for their healing.*

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of **Carmen Keim** (brother to Marian Stevens) who passed away on March 2, 2011.

Our sympathy to the family of **Harry Miller** who passed away on March 11, 2011.

*May the fellowship of the church be a strength to
all of you in this time.*

From the Pastor....

“A QUESTION THAT DEMANDS AN ANSWER”

“What shall I do then, with Jesus who is called the Christ?” asked Pilate (Matthew 27:22). That question demands an answer from everyone. How was it answered in Jesus’ day? How is it being answered today?

Caiaphas, the high priest who Jesus appeared before when Jesus was arrested, allowed his answer to be influenced by the “religious” crowd (Matthew 26:57-67). Caiaphas accused Jesus of blasphemy after Jesus acknowledged that He was the Christ, the Son of God. In John 11:45-54 we read that Caiaphas believed that Jesus’ life should be sacrificed. He feared that Jesus would cause a political revolution which would cause the entire nation of Rome to be destroyed. The “religious” crowd was threatened by Jesus’ life and ministry. The last mention of Caiaphas is found in Acts 4:1-10. Peter and John were brought before him after God used them to heal a lame man. They were commanded by the High Priests not to speak in the name of Jesus again (Acts 4:15-18). The name of Jesus is still on trial today.

Judas, a disciple and follower of Jesus, allowed his answer to be influenced by material possessions. Yes, Judas spent much time with Jesus but he never accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. He never referred to Jesus more than “Rabbi.” Judas expected Jesus to establish an earthly kingdom in which Judas would have an important position. Until that happened, he was very happy to enrich himself from the common funds and offerings. Judas was troubled as he listened to Jesus speak of a spiritual kingdom in which no one could enter except through the Father’s enabling. In John 12:1-8 we read that Judas was driven to betray Jesus. In Matthew 26:14-16 we read that Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Judas later then hanged himself.

What about you? What then will you do with Jesus, who is called the Christ? Every human being must answer that question. It is my prayer that we all would allow the Lord Jesus Christ, and His resurrection power, to be alive in us. When people come in contact with us and when they walk through the doors of the Maple Spring church, may they sense, see and hear the Lord Jesus Christ. Wendy and I pray that you experience a very blessed Easter season.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

Birthday's and Anniversaries for April

- 1.
- 2.
3. Christine Shroyer
4. Adrienne Punako
5. Dave Felton
Shawn Toth
- 6.
7. Rev. Roger Forry
Calvin Hostetler
Dolores Lape **79 yrs**
Barry Stevenson
8. Ray Stevens **75 yrs**
9. Gladys Holsopple **84 yrs**
Jeff & Sharon Lape
Floyd Shaffer, Sr. **81 yrs**
John Shaffer **77 yrs**
Dan Stutzman
Tighe & Brenda Williams
10. Connie Martin
11. Quinlyn Fisher
Calvin Hearn
Patsy Shaffer **78 yrs**
12. Nancy Dunmyer
Phyllis Thomas **82 yrs**
13. Patty Miller
14. Cindy Shetler
15. David Martin
16. Ernest Jerin
Chester Thomas
17. Donald Thomas **79 yrs**
18. Katie (McDonald) Bedrim
Jaynie Seganos
Ray Shaffer
- 19.
20. Mearl Horner **70 yrs**
21. Randi Bridge
Jim Moran
George & Cathi Neuhof
22. Sandy Watkins
23. Brittany Spangler
24. Janet (W.) Good
Dianne Petet
25. Johanna Blough
26. Maria & Justin Shaulis
- 27.
28. Brian Fockler
Ed & Joyce Thomas
29. Kolton Furry
30. Dave & Missy Felton

April Challenge

Ah.....Spring. The birds singing the flowers pushing through the barren ground, sunshine, what are you anticipating? Are you as excited about Easter as you are of other holidays? Have you prepared for this observance with as much thought and work as some of the others? This season brings to us the Triumphant Entry on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Crucifixion on Good Friday andEaster, the Resurrection! The fulfillment of all that has come before, the very foundation of our faith, let's get excited!
CHRIST IS RISEN!.....(and you reply)

In the Nursery for April

April 3

Sunday School.....Helen Hildebrand
Church.....Missy Furry & Diana Croyle

April 10

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church....Rachel Weible & Hattie Mostoller

April 17

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Krista Shaffer
.....Emma Fisher
.....Juliah Folton

April 24

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Travis & Samantha Kane

Mother/Daughter Banquet May 7, 2011

The Mother Daughter Banquet will be held Saturday May 7, 2011 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The theme will be Mother Daughter De' Ja' Vu. Come, enjoy a tasty meal and see why we are like our Mother's after all! Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday April 10th through Sunday May 1st. The Menu will be a Chicken Breast Dinner with Dessert prepared by Krista Shaffer and Patty Miller. It will be served by the Men's Fellowship. The cost will be \$5.00 for Adults \$3.00 for Children 3-10. Tickets can be purchased at the church office or from Krista Shaffer or Robyn Blanset.

Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

“EXPECTATION”

Spring is coming, April is here!

We are expecting changes: changed in the weather, changes in God’s beautiful creation, and changes in our lives in this New Year. When we are expectant, we are also hopeful. Changes are not always “for the better”, but we “hope” they will be.

Do you feel and see the changes for the better in our church? When GOD and PRAYER are the center of motivation for everything we do and say, only good things happen! GOD blesses His children when they seek HIS WILL in everything!

Looking at the world and how Satan is just hurling it all around and laughing while he is doing it, we sometimes wonder when the Lord is coming back and all of this “mess” will be over! Take Heart!! God’s Plan is Perfect and in His Time!

We are celebrating Easter this month. What a wonderful day in the lives of Christians! CHRIST HAS RISEN!! HE HAS RISE INDEED!

Satan cannot destroy our hopes of eternity because CHRIST HAS RISEN and GOD IS IN CONTROL!

Do trust Him! Be hopeful and expectant of the “New Life” He has given us! Expect new things in our church’s life and the world around us! It is all part of His Plan!

Exceeding Peace Eventually Comes Together

Romans 8:28 “All things work together for good to those who love **God** and are called according to His purpose.”

written by Carol Leverknight

Monthly Visiting Deacons

Mearl & Carole Horner

Deacons Visiting Weekly

4-3 to 4-9 Mearl & Carole Horner
4-10 to 4-16 Brian Eppley
Arbutus Blough
4-17 to 4-23 Blaine & Carol Leverknight
4-24 to 4-30 Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer

Visitation List

Betty Curo	Brethren Home
Dorothy Eppley	Bethlen Nursing Center
Paul Edmiston	Brehm Rd. Boswell
Stella Edmiston	Brethren Home
Ruth Keim	Laurel View Village
Mary Ellen Mishler	Meadowview, Berlin
Gale Shipley	Akers Street, Johnstown
Anna Ruth Spangler	Wesley Dr, Jtwn
Donald Stutzman	Woodstown Hwy, Hollsopple
Aldine Thomas	Meadowview, Berlin

What's happening at the Emanuel Children's Home?

Snips and snails and puppy dog tails FOUR MORE BOYS at Hogar Emanuel!

If God has been tugging at your heart to begin sponsoring a child, four more little boys under the age of seven will join the family at el hogar and be given a new opportunity at life. Their entry to the home was delayed until they cleared up from a case of chicken pox, but they are to arrive at the home this week. Please contact me if you are able to help with one of these little guys so we can get a sponsorship packet with his name, a picture, and some information on the child sponsorship program out to you. We encourage each sponsor to pledge a minimum of \$25 per month to be used for providing for the basic needs of the children.

PRAISE THE LORD! With your financial help, the Home is excited to receive a new Nissan fifteen-passenger van from the Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren Mission Program. This van will be used at times when the pick-up truck is too small or when it doesn't make sense to run the much larger thirty-two passenger bus. What a blessing!

The children want to thank the **Damascus High School** from Maryland for another visit. This school raised funds for the home, and in addition provided each child a new outfit of clothing. This is the third time this school has shared their love with the Home. They come with a medical team who perform gall bladder surgeries once a year for Honduran patients. THANKS to both the medical team and the students who reach out to help the people of Honduras!

The Star Employee for this month is Karina. Karina has an associate's degree in Development and Social Intervention and has been the daytime educator for our preschool boys for the past three years. She also is the tutor for the children who are now in third grade. She started with this group when they were in preschool and states that her goal is to see them through high school. Her group of pupils consistently receives high grades. She spends her days off continuing her studies in a local university, working towards her BA in Education. She also is active in her church, serving as the secretary, youth leader, and also leads a group dedicated to evangelizing. She lives with her mother and one of her younger brothers just outside of San Pedro Sula. Please pray for Karina and her family.

*“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward him for what he has done.”
Proverbs 19:17*

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Dates to remember...

April



- 5 at 6 pm..Ministry &
Evang Comm. mtg
10...Hope Service during the morning service
12 at 7 pm...Deacon meeting
14 at 7 pm...Commissions will meet
17...Palm Sunday
19 at 7 pm...Board meeting
21 at 7 pm...Love Feast & Communion
24...**Easter**
7:00 am...Sunrise Service, Kent Bass
Breakfast by youth
28 at 7 pm...Council meeting



The Juniata College Concert Choir presented a very uplifting program on March 10th in the sanctuary. If you missed it, shame on you! They did a superb program.

A huge **thanks** to the Women's Fellowship, Music & Worship Comm, Host families, Sound System Operators, Ushers, Pastor Guy and all who contributed in making the performance of the Juniata College Concert Choir a success. Total offering received - \$727.00.

A total of \$1,150 was received for the Blanket Fund, which purchased 230 blankets. Thanks to all who contributed.

Child Dedication



We had a Child Dedication on Sunday, March 13th during the morning worship service. Those being dedicated were:

Brayden Jacob (7/15/10), son of Ryan & Jamie Beahr

Briar Leann (7/23/09), daughter of Brandon & Christy Claycomb

Ashley Diane Floyd(1/13/06), & *Amber Mae Dunmyer* (6/5/10), daughters of Jonathan & Jill Dunmyer

Ryan Jordan(11/11/08) & *Ethan Wayne* (2/4/10), sons of Jordan & Amber Pribish

The 6th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast for Disaster Relief was held Saturday, March 19th at the Maple Spring Church Fellowship Hall. Tony Martin "Pancake Flipper"(WJAC Weather Man) was the special guest. \$900.00 was given to District relief.



Conemaugh Township
Area Ministries
Good Friday Service
April 22, 2011
1:00-3:00 pm
Kaufman Mennonite Church



FYI – CABIN ADOPTION UPDATE – 21 Cabins are available

--**9** Cabins have been adopted

--4 Cabin adoptions are pending

Maple Spring – ACA

Hostetler – ACA

Ministers – ADA – A.C.A. upgraded to an A.D.A, as a result of the Somerset County Tourism grant-\$3500.

Center Hill – ADA

Rummel – ADA

Shade Creek / Ridge – ACA

Somerset Church – A.D.A.

Farmington Bethel – A.C.A

Plumcreek – A.C.A.

-- 3 additional churches are scheduled to be visited – March-April

At this printing 27 persons / groups are now part of the 2011 Fifty Two Team Stay connected to your Camp Ministry....52 God Blesses You and Camp Harmony is Blessed to be a Blessing.

Summer Employment Opportunities: Inquire at Camp as soon as possible...cooks-evening shift, lifeguards, male counselors

FYI

--For the Sr High Blast-55 campers and advisors were in attendance

--Our 3/4/5 Arctic Camp saw 45 campers and advisors taking part

30 Hour Famine – April 1 – 2- \$20 Grades 6 - 12

Spring Crop – Scrapbooking Retreat April 8-9

Camp Rep/Pastors Dinner –April 15 – 6-8 pm

Springs of Living Water – April 16 – 9 am

Dodge ball Tournament –May 7 -9 am -\$25/team

Run the Plank – May 21 (Formerly called Race Along the Lake)

Many times individuals/groups/congregations ask us what are some smaller items that Camp needs. Here is a wish list ... please call if you have any questions.... 814-798-5885

New Bibles / Devotionals (For Retreat Centers)

Dish Towels

Heavy Duty Pots and Pans

Heavy Duty Hand Can Openers

Medicine Cabinets with Lights

Shower Stalls 32” sq. with faucets

Binders (4”, 3”, 2”)

Sports Equipment (Please inquire first)

Spatulas – Scrapers

Dry and Wet Measuring Cups

Summer Devotionals for Campers and Staff (Please inquire first)

Hot pads

Frying Pans – Stainless Steel – Thick

Shower Curtains

Snow Shovels (Hopefully we won’t need them much longer)

Vacuum Sweepers (We have 5 retreat centers)

Lumber – 2”X4”X8’

Assorted Hand Tools: saws – course, fine; screwdrivers, squares-framing, combination; hammers – claw, finish; safety glasses, leather gloves, saw blades – 7 ¼”, 10”; crowbars, saw zaw blades loppers-big and small; rakes-leaf and landscape.



Sisters in Christ invites you to an event at 6:45 p.m., May 12, 2011 at the Maple Spring Church of the Brethren

106 Spring Rd Hollsopple PA. Our guest speaker will be Luella Krieger who will portray the new testament character "Martha Of Bethany."

Martha will tell you about her "children," Mary and Lazarus. Oh no, she's not their mother. She is their sister, but she has been taking care of them so many years in so many ways that she thinks of them as her children. She will help you to know the deep thinking of her sister Mary, the one who could sit idle for hours just thinking!!! She will also tell you about her fun loving brother, Lazarus, who is so full of life and so friendly that he greets everyone who passes through town and usually invites them home for dinner. She will tell you of their friend, the Rabbi from Nazareth, the one called Jesus. You will hear her talk of the grief of Lazarus' death and the joy of his restoration to life by the one she has just suddenly realized is the Messiah. You will go with her to Jerusalem for the Passover and experience the terrible death of their friend at the hands of the jealous Jewish leaders. She will tell you of the overwhelming joy of His resurrection and will share the teachings of his last days with you and invite you to choose the better part by sitting at His feet, looking into His eyes, and listening to His heart.

To Maple Spring CoB and Men's Fellowship,

Dear Christian Friends,

We at the Walnut Grove Food Pantry, want to sincerely thank you for your donation of venison to be given out to those who are struggling to make ends meet. Your donations are always a welcoming sight. Again, thank you all very much, and may God add His Blessings upon you.

Ken Reed, Director

Spring Rally

The District Women's Ministry Spring Rally will be held Thursday, April 14, at the Indiana Church of the Brethren. The theme is "Exploring God's Plan for Me" and the speaker will be Belita Mitchell, Pastor of Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren and former Annual Conference Moderator. Registration begins at 9a.m. and worship and the program begins at 10 a.m. The cost is \$8.00. Come for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

To make a reservation please contact me by April 3. My number is 814-629-7423. Thank you!

Connie Martin,
Women's Fellowship President



Brethren Home News

Auxiliary News

No matter how large or small the purchases, the Home Auxiliary is always ready to support our residents and help make their stay here at the Home as comfortable and pleasant as possible. This spring the Auxiliary is donating \$3,000 towards purchasing a new steamer for the dietary department to prepare fresh food for the residents, \$400 to purchase a Bariatric Med Sled for fire evacuations and approximately \$800 to purchase six lift seats for the station floors. Our thanks to everyone who supports the Auxiliary programs and fundraisers.

**HELP ME, LORD
TO MEDITATE ON
YOUR GREATNESS**

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

~Whisper Jesus~

Today I got a burden
and I felt that I should pray
For God's spirit seemed to tell me
that you needed prayer today

I don't know what the problem is
I sure do know the cure
and if you'll only let Him
God will keep you safe and secure

In life there's always problems
Cropping up to spoil our day
my friend you know the answer
All you have to do is pray

If you still feel you're defeated
and you want to run and hide
just reach out and I'll be there
Right there by your side

Remember, Whisper "Jesus"
For He is just a prayer away
He's so close that you can touch Him
All you have to do is pray

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