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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 AUGUST

Arbutus Blough

and Patty (M) Shaffer

Marlin Mishler

and Connie Martin

Edna Mae Thomas

and Mary Borosky

Rose Eash

and Dolores McClellan

Arlene Stevens

and Elsie Michael

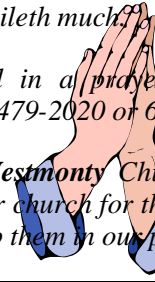
Deanna Fisher

and Sally Kaufman

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 Westmonty Church of the Brethren is our prayer partner church for the year 2010. 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 July

John Blough

Rose Eash

Larry Graham

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

Our sympathy to the family of **Rev. Dale Bowman**, who passed away on June 27, 2010. He is the father of Brenda Brewer.

Our sympathy to the family of **Dolly Zanoni**, who passed away on July 16, 2010. She is the grandmother of Chris Hoffman.

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

From the Pastor....

“FAITHFULNESS”

The questions are different but the answer is the same.....

- *What single quality in a business builds respect deeper than any other?
- *What brings security in relationships?
- *What strengthens confidence in leaders?
- *What makes us choose a particular brand- name over all others?
- *What do you want most from your paperboy or postman?
- *What will add more weight to your witness for Christ than anything else?

The answers is consistency or **faithfulness**.

Faithfulness is an obvious mark of maturity. It is also a strong characteristic of God.

God faithfully FULFILLS HIS PROMISES. (2Peter 3:9).

God faithfully FORGIVES OUR SINS. (1John 1:9).

God faithfully MINISTERS TO US IN OUR TEMPTATIONS. (I Corinthians 10:13).

God faithfully RESPONDS TO ALL AGES AT ALL TIMES. (Psalm 119:90).

God also requires that His children be faithful to Him and His Word.

We first must be found faithful in order to be...

- *Qualified for ministry (1Timothy 1:12)
- *Guaranteed God’s blessings on our lives (Proverbs 28:20).
- *To be prepared for leadership roles (Nehemiah 7:2).
- *To receive Heaven’s reward. (Matthew 25:21).

Is it your desire to be found faithful in God’s eyes? I trust that it is. He will help us if we would just ask Him to.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

Birthday's and Anniversaries for August

1. Donald Keim
Ruth Keim.....**88**
Cody Miller
- 2.
3. Richard & Linda Mishler
4. George & Connie Adams
John & Arbutus Blough
- 5.
6. Abby Croyle
Melissa Furry
John Larry Hostetler
Joyce Thomas
- 7.
8. Deanna Fisher
Kalie Lysic
Craig & Trudy Fockler
- 9.
10. Lorrie Callihan
Leonard Lichvar
Bryan Shetler
11. Dorothy Eppley**87**
Kirby Shaffer
12. Edward Thomas
- 13.
14. Jeffrey Callihan
Janice Forry
Jessica Moyer
Audrey Wenger
15. John & Penny Cable
Cindy May
16. Bob Gongloff
Connor Stutzman
Andrew & Jennifer Slaugenhaupt
17. Robert & Deanna Fisher
Dale Holder
Jesse Hunt
Lacie Hunt
Michael Stevens
- 18.
19. Paul Edmiston.....**75**
Mike & Darcy Yoder
20. Jerry Berry
Ron Stevens
21. Darla Moran
Craig Tresnicky
John & Sue Unger
22. Jennifer Stutzman
23. Jamie (Harvey) Ergas
24. Karen McClellan
25. Dwight & Deidre Keim
26. Christopher Horner
Mary Ellen Mishler.....**80**
George Neuhof III
Robert Shields

27. Lindsey Callihan
Bill Fisher
Janet (R) Good
Bob & Sherry Wojtaszek
28. Mattison Weimer
29. Sheena Alwine
Ron Beachley**70**
Sue Unger
30. John Stoner
- 31.

New Addresses

Carl & Nancy Good
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Bob & Dolores Lape
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August Challenge

Scripture: *"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage other, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12: 6-10*

Everything we do in life that has eternal value hinges on two things; loving God and loving others. It's far easier to love God than it is to love others, but God sees them as being the same. One of the most loving things we can do is forgive.

Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

God Can Bring Forth Good

One of the redeeming qualities of painful experiences is that God can bring forth good out of bad situations and use them, for His glory. God's redeeming power is able to triumph over the evil of the world and the pain of your life. He turns the cross into an empty tomb. He takes the brokenness of your life and makes it into something beautiful. He turns tears into joys. He breaks and remakes. He creates and then recreates. He takes your pain and turns it into healing and growth. He takes your sin and covers it with His grace. He uses your disadvantages to His advantage. He takes your weaknesses and makes you strong in Him. Through it all He declares, "I am the Lord who heals you" (Exodus 15:26)

Scripture says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). This does not mean, as the verse is sometimes interpreted, that God causes or orders evil things to happen for your good. It also does not mean that everything that happens to you is good. The many evils committed daily in the world are certainly not of God. God Himself grieves for the sin, suffering and brokenness of the world. The cross is the vivid reminder of how seriously God takes the sin and brokenness of this world.

The scripture from Romans says that God works out all things for your good. He moves in your life in such a way that good will be the ultimate outcome of all that happens to you.

from Tears in a Bottle...Comfort For Life's Hurts by Noah Martin

Monthly Visitng Deacons

Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer

Deacons Visiting Weekly

Aug. 1 - 7 Blaine & Carol Leverknight
Aug. 8 - 14 Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer
Aug. 15-21 Mearl & Carole Horner
Aug. 22-28 Brian Eppley
Arbutus Blough
Aug. 29-Sept. 4 Blaine & Carol Leverknight

Visitation List

Ruth Brown	Laurel View Village
Betty Curo	Somerset St., Jerome
Rose Eash	Speigle Rd., Hollsopple
Dorothy Eppley	Bethlen Nursing Center
Stella Edmiston	Church of the Brethren Home
Ruth Keim	Laurel View Village
Mary Ellen Mishler	Meadowview, Berlin
Gale Shipley	Akers Street, Johnstown
Donald Stutzman	Woodstown Hwy., Hollsopple
Aldine Thomas	Meadowview, Berlin

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

You know, it always happens. A tragedy occurs, and in spite of all that is bad, good can be found! It is also a time when we search our hearts for meaning. We question why a seventeen-year-old girl, who had no interest in being a mother, gave birth to Carlos and Karla. We think about their father, who is serving a jail sentence (crime unknown to us) who has compassion for the children, but obviously is in no position to care for them. We look around and realize that all the children at the Home come from similar situations and it makes us sad.

For the twins, they both were slowly gaining weight and appeared to be on the road to recovery. Under the watchful eyes of the staff, it didn't take long to discover that something else was wrong with Carlitos. Therefore, he was carefully being monitored by one of San Pedro Sula's finest pediatricians and a cardiologist who diagnosed his heart condition. He was then on a list to receive surgery as soon as his little body could withstand the operation, but before that could happen he developed pneumonia and was admitted to the hospital. There, his condition seemed to be stable and everyone at Hogar Emanuel was eagerly waiting for him to return home. However, while still at the hospital on June 24, 2010, God called him home to heaven.

I believe that Rick Warren spells it all out pretty clearly in his book "The Purpose-Driven Life" that regardless of what happens, we each have a purpose. NOTHING that happens in our lives is insignificant. God never wastes anything! That includes little Carlitos because his short life on this earth and his death had much to teach the rest of us. We know that Carlitos was given the best chance possible at surviving his lack of prenatal care, but are reminded God's timing is perfect. We witnessed how perfect God's timing is because there was a group of eleven young adults from the Western PA District Church of the Brethren on site to help comfort the mourning children and staff at the home and who helped to purchase a new outfit and a coffin for his burial. They, along with the minister and his wife from the Quadangular Church in San Pedro Sula spent the day of his passing at the home to help everyone there deal with their grief.

The bible says, "*God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.*" This was so apparent during this time at Hogar Emanuel. It was amazing how well EVERYONE pulled together to make all the necessary arrangements, tend to legal matters, and prepare a small funeral ceremony. Although we rarely see God's good purpose in pain while it is happening, in hindsight we can understand how God intended a problem for good. Carlitos' death helped everyone to better understand God's purpose for those of us who are supporting the Hogar de Ninos Emanuel with our time, finances, love, and prayers. It raises our awareness of how fragile life is and why Hogar de Ninos Emanuel MUST continue to reach out to help babies like this little guy. We thank God for His continued guidance for a place to minister to his children like Carlitos' twin sister, Karla who seems to be improving every day and thank Him for giving the children an opportunity to learn, live, and love.... A place to belong !

*Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
Psalm 139: 16*

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SCHOOL KITS

MISSION AND SERVICE

FALL PROJECT

Yes, it is hard to believe that we need to be thinking about school again. This fall we will be collecting items for School Kits. These kits will be given to children in Haiti and other areas where the need is. Just think what our children have in compared to those in areas affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, poverty and drought. We thank you for being so generous in the past year to all the needs in our country and the world.

The following items are needed for the kits:

One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)

Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)

One 30-centimeter ruler (12")

One hand-held pencil sharpener

One large eraser

Six new pencils with erasers

One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

We will provide the cloth bags to put the items in. Look for the box in the annex. If you prefer to make a donation of money, we will purchase the items for you. Many God Bless you and Thank You.

Mission and Service Commission

Please remember in prayer the following who are actively serving Our Country...

SFC George Adams Army
SSGT Brock Hemminger Marines
Adam Veres Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)
SrA David Martin Air Force
Nicholas Berkey US Coast Guard (Maggie Mostoller)
Nic LaBreck Air Force (Tracy McDonald)
Mark Bedrin Army (Katie McDonald)
Jonathan Zanoni US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)
SPC Elias Tomlinson (Casandra Zanoni)
Van Lisbon Navy (Adda Marian)
Eric Walker Lt Commander-Navy (Holly Berkey)
Tyler Shields Iraq



Congratulations

A son, **Hayden Joshua** was born to Jonathan & Cayla **Zanoni** on July 9, 2010. Also to the proud grandparents, Brian & Connie Zanoni.

A son, **Brayden Jacob** was born to Ryan & Jamie **Behr** on July 15, 2010. Also to the proud grandparents, Harry & Patty Shaffer.

The Lord has blessed you with this new life. May His grace be with you as you raise this child to His glory and honor.

Baptism was held on June 27, 2010 during the morning worship service. Those being baptized were:

Joyce Napotnik
Shelli Lysic
Kallie Lysic
Michael Lysic
Darren Spory
Sherrie Schuck



We received Paul and Lila Hershberger by letter of transfer.

We had a baptism on July 25 during the morning service, Wendy Lysic was baptized

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you all.

fun - food - fellowship

September 12, 2010

OUT-DOOR WORSHIP

NEW THIS YEAR

Sunday School will be held, for all ages, at the church grove at 9:30 am. Morning Worship Service at 10:30 am. Followed by a covered-dish lunch. Hotdogs, buns, beverage, ice cream and place settings will be provided. Please bring your own chair and enjoy worship music and children's games.

Fall Kickoff

Sisters in Christ Event

September 23, 2010, Patti Besyk will speak at 6:45 p.m. in the church sanctuary. She will share how she was healed from Multiple Sclerosis. Men, women, and children are welcome. Patti is married to Frank Besyk and is the sister of Harold Coughenour. They are the parents of one son. Patti and her husband own "Precious Pets and Deluxe Boarding."

Bible School Up-date

Maple Spring Vacation Bible School 2010, also known as Faith Camp, was held at the grove this year. The number of campers varied from 51 to 59 throughout the week. We studied various Christian Living themes, such as: Walk the Narrow Path (Matthew 4:1 - 11), Keep Your Eyes on Jesus (Matthew 14:22-32), Be a Good Example (John 13:1-17), Self Control (1 Samuel 24:1-22), and Be Ready For Jesus (Matthew 24:36-44).

The campers and volunteers all received T-shirts with the main Bible verse, 1 Timothy 4:12 printed on the front. The T-shirts were used to explain the grace of Jesus. The campers did not need to earn, buy or be perfect to receive the T-shirts. They just needed to accept the gift given out of love. Campers donated \$298.15 to give to Samaritan's Purse to help in relief aid to flood victims in Tennessee and disaster relief in Haiti.

We went on a nature walk on Monday at the Maple Springs Morgan Farm, owned by Joyce Napotnic. She was very kind to allow the entire Camp to walk a trail on her property and stop for a snack in her field. We really appreciated her generosity and kindness! The campers enjoyed eating her blueberries fresh from the bush and watching her horses graze in the fields.

The rest of the week was spent at the grove. Campers enjoyed time in Bible Study, crafts, music, water games, other games and of course, had snack and prayer time. Campers were also given a challenge to memorize their bible verses for each day. Any camper who could recite their verse received a ticket to vote for one of three colors that would appear in Penny's hair at the closing program and campfire on Friday. The campers worked hard to earn these tickets and were rewarded with Penny having green hair. The campfire was enjoyed by all and the s'mores were delicious!!

Thank you to all who volunteered and helped to turn our little grove into a huge mission field!

Penny Hoffman, Maple Spring VBS Director

SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER !



Rev. Dr. David S & Joann Young

Springs of Living Water! is an opportunity to discover new life in Christ personally as individuals and corporately as a church. Not stagnant water in the bottom of cisterns, Life Giving Water "will become in them a spring of watergushing up to eternal life." JOHN 4:14

In *Springs of Living Water!*, congregations enter a spiritually oriented process of renewal that brings growth, vitality, and mission.

WHAT IS RENEWAL?

In 2 Corinthians 4:16, the Apostle Paul says, "So we do not lose heart...our inner nature is being renewed day by day." God does the renewing and gives the needed gift daily. Ongoing Renewal is central for every church and is a joyous blessing received with gratitude.

Bible Reading for August:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>
11.	August 1-7	Psalm 119
12.	August 8-14	Psalm 120-130
13.	August 15-21	Psalm 131-140
14.	August 22-28	Psalm 141-150

Brethren Home News

The **Spring Tea** was held at the Brethren Home, Sunday, April 25. It was a success again thanks and appreciation to our bakers, Leora Petet, Ruth Friedline, Deanna Fisher, Gloria Holder, Sally Kaufman, Paul Edmiston, Arbutus Blough(angel food) and Emma Thomas (diabetic). Thanks to our helpers Bob & Dolores Lape, Amanda, Hope and Faith Safko.

Birthday Party was held for the residents of the Home on Thursday, May 20th at 1:30 pm. There were 64 residents and 10 home activity helpers present and 12 helpers from Maple Spring. Connie Zanoni welcomed everyone to the party. Robyn, Twila and Tabitha Blanset sang several songs. Linda Beachley presented a program entitled "Sweet and Refined" about Talking and Sharing with friends. Linda told the residents, "Welcome to the wonderful world of chocolate. I couldn't take you to Hershey so I brought it here. She showed them a huge foil Hershey Kiss. Inside were Hershey Hug Kisses which were later given to the residents that were allowed to have them. Refreshments of white cake, ice cream and punch were served. Connie Martin, WF Treasurer purchased and wrapped gifts for 13 women and 3 men. Many thanks to the following helpers: Linda Beachley, Connie Zanoni, Carol Leverknight, Howard & Helen Hildebrand, Sandy Watkins & Nathan Niovich, Robyn, Twila & Tabitha Blanset and Emma Thomas.

Texas Caviar

Drain and rinse the following:

- 1 can black beans
- 2 cans white beans (cannoli, great northern, navy)
- 1 can black-eyed peas
- 1 can corn

ADD: 6 green onions chopped
3 peppers chopped (yellow, green, red)
3 celery stalks chopped

DRESSING: ½ cup vegetable oil
½ cup cider vinegar
½ cup sugar

Mix sugar & vinegar together until sugar is dissolved- add oil. Refrigerate 24 hours
Stirring occasionally
Serve with Frito Lay Scoops
Makes approximately 11 cups

Gloria Holder has made this for the Auction Barn.

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

Hay, there!

An elderly farmer was finishing his haymaking one Sunday afternoon when his pastor drove by. "I noticed you weren't in church this morning," said the pastor. "Don't you know that the Creator made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh?"

"Yes," replied the farmer, as he looked uneasily at the rain clouds gathering in the sky. "I know all about that. But He got done and I didn't."

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