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Play in the sand!

Splash in the water!

Get dirty; get wet!

The beach is the only place my
mom doesn't get mad about me
doing that stuff.

Of course I love the beach!"

--Dixie, age 5



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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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR
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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
Sue Unger and Mary Borosky
Edna Mae Thomas 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 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.

Michael Graham and Kelly McGarry were married on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at Galena Lodge, Ketchum Idaho.



Their address is: 3330 Flowing Wells Dr,
Hailey, Idaho 83333

Fill your heart with the love of God to grow with each tomorrow.

In the Hospital since the last issue:

Harold Alwine
Thelma Keim
Rachael Weible

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

Our sympathy to the family of **Paul Edmiston**, who passed away July 18, 2011

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries for August

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| 1. | Donald Keim
Ruth Keim
Cody Miller | 89 |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | Richard & Linda Mishler | |
| 4. | George & Connie Adams
John & Arbutus Blough | |
| 5. | Richard & Sherri Shaffer | |
| 6. | Abby Croyle
Melissa Furry
John Larry Hostetler
Joyce Thomas | |
| 7. | | |
| 8. | Deanna Fisher
Kalie Lysic
Craig & Trudy Fockler
Brian & Connie Zanoni | 70 |
| 9. | | |
| 10. | Lorrie Callihan
Leonard Lichvar
Bryan Shetler | |
| 11. | Dorothy Eppley
Kirby Shaffer | 88 |
| 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. | Mike & Darcy Yoder
Connie Zanoni | |
| 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
George Neuhof III | 81 |

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| 27. | Lindsey Callihan
Bill Fisher
Janet (R) Good
Bob & Sherry Wojtaszek | |
| 28. | Mattison Weimer | |
| 29. | Sheena Alwine
Ron Beachley
Sue Unger | 71 |
| 30. | John Stoner | |
| 31. | | |

August Challenge

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Jesus did good by teaching, healing, feeding and comforting people. As his followers, we are called to meet the needs of others, including those who hate us. To be like our Savior and His early followers, we should ask ourselves each day: "What good thing can I do today in Jesus' name?" When we do good, we will be offering a sacrifice that pleases God (Heb 13:16) and that draws people to Him (Matt. 5:16). **Imitate Jesus...go about doing good!**

In the Nursery for August

August 7

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

August 14

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Missy Furry
.....Diana Croyle

August 21

Sunday School.....Helen Hildebrand
Church.....Krista Shaffer

August 28

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

New Address:

Nic and Tracy (McDonald) LaBreck
2724 Savannah Street
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110

Nick and Maggie (Mostoller) Berkey
247 Roman Rd.
Cairnbrook, PA 15924

Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Counterfeit Christian - Religious or Righteous

Words that cause us to think! Where do you put yourself?

Counterfeit means “Fake” or “Pretend to be”. A Christian is a believer and follower of Jesus Christ. Can we be “fake” Christians? Yes. We can say we follow Christ’s “rules” and commandments, but DO WE REALLY? Do we put Christ **first** in our lives, in our schedules, in our commitments? Is the teaching of God’s Word only in our heads and not in our hearts? That is head knowledge. Have we accepted Christ as our Savior and given our whole being over to Him and given Him full control of our lives? Only then can we say that we are true Christians and not “pretend to be” Christians.

And at the same time---are we “religious” or “righteous”?

Religious is being concerned with a system of worship or belief in a God or gods. Being righteous is being virtuous and moral and justified thru Christ. I hope we can all say that we are righteous! I Peter 3:12a, b says “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayers”. When we wonder if God really hears our prayers because we don’t feel we get answers, let’s remember I Peter 3:12. Discouragement is one of Satan’s tools to pull us away from praying and trusting God. Never allow Satan to take you away from being a righteous, “strong-in-the-Lord”, Bible reading CHRISTIAN!!

The events going on now in the world are being referred to by many Christians Leaders as prophecies unfolding toward end times. We can’t afford to continue to treasure worldly things, ideas and schedules! God and all the angels rejoice when someone accepts Christ as their Savior and “let go and let God” take full control!

TIME IS GETTING SHORTER EACH DAY!! The righteous Christians will be with the Lord for all eternity. Make sure He has your name in His “attendance” book!



Monthly Visiting Deacons

Blaine & Carol Leverknight

Deacons Visiting Weekly

7-31 to 8-6 Brian Eppley
Arbutus Blough
8-7 to 8-13 Blaine & Carol Leverknight
8-14 to 8-20 Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer
8-21 to 8-27 Mearl & Carole Horner
8-28 to 9-3 Brian Eppley
Arbutus Blough

Visitation List

Betty Curo	Brethren Home
Dorothy Eppley	Bethlen Nursing Center
Stella Edmiston	Brethren Home
Ruth Keim	Laurel View Village
Mary Ellen Mishler	Meadowview, Berlin
Gale Shipley	Akers Street, Johnstown
Anna Ruth Spangler	10 Wesley Dr, Jtwn
Donald Stutzman	Woodstown Hwy,
Aldine Thomas	Meadowview, Berlin

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



APORTE

Acciones Productivos Orientados a la Realizacion del Trabajo Emprendedor

— basically the acronym means Productive Actions Orientated towards the Realization of Working in Business.

The farm is one part of our APORTE program that teaches our children how to manage a small business. Through APORTE our children also produce tortillas as well as manage a hen house that produces over 80 fresh eggs a day. Most of the production goes directly towards making the home more self-sustainable, but a small portion is set aside for selling in the community. The profits from these sales is managed in a separate account that is actually managed by our teens. Operating expenses for APORTE which include such items as chicken feed, vitamins for the hens and tortilla flour, all come out of the APORTE account, leaving a small profit. A portion of that profit is often used to organize activities in which out teens go to nursing homes, public hospitals, and other areas in need, to share their production with others in need.

The farm project has been a definite blessing for the home and our children. They experience the wonder of God's earth, and the miracle of planting a seed and nurturing it until it gives fruit. (Basically like what we strive to do with them!) They are also filled with pride when carrying their harvest to Angelica in the kitchen; and giving back to the community brings even more blessings to our home and it's children. Our children learn that it truly is more rewarding to give than to receive.

CONGRATULATIONS on a NEW SON!

DINA & SAMMY, who serve as house parents to our adolescent boys, gave birth to their second son on May 2. Dina is also one of the children's educators. Sammy was once a resident child at Hogar Emanuel who learned the trade of welding. He eventually left when he obtained a job as a welder but returned to el hogar as often as possible to help with the younger children where he met Dina. The happy family now lives in a small two-room apartment on the grounds of Hogar Emanuel.

It is one of the beautiful compensations in life that people who sincerely try to help others always help themselves.
— Charles Dudley

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Mark Your Calendar

August

- 3...Youth going to Caddy Shak in Donegal
- 7...8:30 am & 10:45 am services
- 7 at 3 pm...Licensing Service for Kent Bass
- 10...Youth Outings
- 14...10:45 am service only
- 14...Baptism during 10:45 Service
- 19 at 5:30 pm...Men's Fellowship Corn Roast at the grove. Bring a lawn chair and your appetite
- 21...8:30 am & 10:45am services
- 28...8:30 am & 10:45 am services



Eat 'N Park Coupons

are available from Emma Thomas or Dolores Lape for \$10.00. A good gift for any occasion

Cookbooks



Maple Spring Cookbooks are available in the church office. Cost is \$12.00. They make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, Christmas, etc. They are a good keepsake for your children and grandchildren.

Mission & Service Commission thanks everyone who gave so generously toward the Hygiene Kits. We sent a total of 88 kits.

Please remember in prayer the following that are actively serving our country...

SFC George Adams Army
SSGT Brock Hemminger Marines
Adam Veres Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)
Kate Martin Air Force (David Martin)
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

Brethren Home Residences Birthday Party

Maple Spring Women's Fellowship held its annual Residents Birthday Party on Thursday, June 9th at 1:30 pm in the basement chapel. We honored 13 residents having birthdays in June. We gifted them with a box of kleenex, body lotion and a rice krispie bar. Connie Zanoni welcomed all the residents and their families. Sally Kaufman had devotions and prayer. Howard Hildebrand played his harmonica and sang. The group sang along on God Bless America. Howard sang a special song "You Are My Sunshine" to a 92 year old and to Mary Zolkos who was 91. The WF served white cake with a rose bud on each cut, vanilla ice cream and punch to 68 residents.

Many thanks to our WF, who make this happy occasion for the residents and our helpers Carol Leverknight, Connie Zanoni, Connie Martin, Helen and Howard Hildebrand, Sally Kaufman, Emma Thomas from Maple Spring and to Susan Haluska and her team from the activities Dept. We also took Paul Edmiston a gift bag and visited with him.

Brethren Home News

Our Home Auxiliary is Pure "Gold"

While the Home celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, our Auxiliary is also reaching a milestone 50 years of loving service to the Home and its residents. Interest in an Auxiliary was suggested several times before 1961 when a small committee met with the Home board to define the role an auxiliary would fill. Using that information, a constitution was written and presented at the first meeting of the new group on November 2, 1961. Since that first gathering the Auxiliary has continuously donated time, talent, and treasure for the betterment of our Home.

Among the many Auxiliary projects that add extra treats to make our Home more "homelike" are: Welcome Bags given to each new resident; weekly shampoos and sets in the beauty shop; monthly birthday parties; sewing clothing name labels and mending; the Remember Your Resident program; the annual Spring Tea; the Home Barbecue; and working with the Home staff in both activities and office work.

Financial generosity has also been a hallmark of the Auxiliary, providing the means to supply our residents with many extra advantages. In the first half of 2011 the Auxiliary donated over \$10,000 for selected projects. The Auxiliary has pledged large contribution to building projects in the past, however their current focus is on funding projects that directly impact resident safety, comfort and care.

To each **past** and **present** member of the Auxiliary, our deepest thanks for showing your love for God and others through service to our residents

A Message from...

Thomas J. Reckner, CEO

The Brethren Home Community has been blessed with a dedicated Auxiliary for 50 years. The most important goal of the Auxiliary is to improve the lives of our residents. They support the Home financially and give graciously of their time in volunteer hours.

To have a group of individuals committed to our mission for that length of timer is truly remarkable. It is a comfort to know that whenever the Home experiences difficult times the Auxiliary is always there to assist in any way they can.

The Auxiliary is living proof that ordinary people make extraordinary differences in our mission and the lives of those we serve. As we look o the future we are happy that the Brethren Home Auxiliary will be at our side every step of the way.

I am sure if he Lord would return today he would respond to the works of the Auxiliary by saying, "Well done my good and faithful servants." (Matthew 25:21

THANK YOU to all the women that contributed to the Dime-a-Week project for the Brethren Home Auxiliary. Our donation was \$261.10, the highest amount in several years.



Colossians 2:2-3

**My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart
And united in love,
So that they may have the full riches of complete understanding,
In order that they may know the mystery of God,
Namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom
and knowledge.**

Sarah Young, in her book “Jesus Calling”, writes, “Approach each new day with desire to find Me. Before you get out of bed, I have already been working to prepare the path that will get you through this day. There are hidden treasures strategically placed along the way. Some of the treasures are trials, designed to shake you free from earth-shackles. Others are blessings that reveal My Presence: sunshine, flowers, birds, friendships, answered prayer. I have not abandoned this sin-wracked world; I am still richly present in it.

Search for deep treasure as you go through this day. You will find me all along the way.”

We never know what hidden treasures are along the path we take each day. How true this is, as an example: I traveled to camp several times during the past week and the treasures God put before me each time I made that journey were amazing. I know He wanted me to keep my mind focused on Him. On these journeys, this is what I saw: a deer walking across the road, a squirrel scampering into the woods, mist coming off the dam, calming smooth water with reflection of sun and trees and the rain for the parched earth to drink. Through these treasures I was able to calm my mind and soul so I could focus on Jesus during my busy week.

When have you taken the time to find the hidden treasures God has placed before you? When you do, you will be surprised what is revealed to you by God. We cry out with please help me find all that You have for me this day and Jesus answers, “with My help you can find precious pleasures I have scattered alongside your path.

Butterfly Blessings,
Linda Beachley

Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa., has begun a **new partnership with Pennsylvania Highlands Community College** for a Joint Enrollment Program for high school students interested in reducing their costs for a four-year bachelor's degree. According to a release, the program gives students the opportunity to earn an associate's degree at Penn Highlands and then transfer to Juniata to complete a bachelor's degree. The new program is specifically designed for students seeking a pathway to a four-year degree but who need a less expensive alternative for the first two years of study. The "2+2" plan is expected to apply to all of Juniata's academic programs (including business administration and accounting) except biology and chemistry. The two institutions finalized the agreement May 23, 2011

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

Awakening of the Heart

...Linda Stoner

I've roamed the wide world over, true beauty for to find.
To bring contentment to the soul and comfort to the mind.
From the blue of the Pacific to old England's rugged coast
I've tried in awestruck wonder to decide which I love most
I've beheld the alps of Europe and grown teary at the sight.
And I've climbed extinct volcanoes and marveled at their might

But when I finally decide to focus with my heart
And search my soul for loveliness, I discover where to start.

I wander to my window and with humble heart I pray
When I spot "Old Glory" waving in my precious USA.

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