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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.*

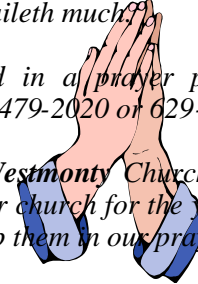
PRAYER PARTNERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sally Kaufman	and Deanna Fisher
Elsie Michael	and Dolores McClellan
Bev Blough	and Arlene Stevens
Mary Borosky	and Rose Eash
Connie Martin	and Marlin Mishler
Sue Unger	and Edna Mae Thomas
Patty (M) Shaffer	and Arbutus Blough

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 January

Robert Fisher
Robert Shields

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

New Member

Connie Zanoni has rededicated her life to the Lord and has transferred her letter to the Maple Spring CoB on December 20, 2009

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you.

From Our Pastor

“FRUIT THAT IS NEVER OUT OF SEASON”

Immediately following the Christmas season, Valentine’s Day cards were available everywhere. In a just a few short days the words, “ I love you” will be heard and spoken by many. What does that word, “love” really mean?

“Love” has been known to produce broken hearts and goose bumps, loss of appetites and starry eyes. “Love” has inspired some to die and others to kill. It’s been said that “love makes the world go ‘round.” That may be true but it also seems to cause a lot of confusion in the process.

I believe there are a few misconceptions about “love.” One is, “Love is only a feeling.” Some people think that love is some kind of an emotion. It’s a knot in your stomach, a certain kind of physical feeling that you have. People talk about falling into love and out of love, which basically means we either feel emotion or we don’t feel emotion.

Another misconception about love is, “Love is uncontrollable.” When people talk about experiencing love they say, “I feel giddy,” or “My head is spinning,” or “I’m weak in my knees.”

What really is love and what does it look like? The word of God states that...

- 1) Love is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). This fruit is never out of season.
- 2) Love is a matter of choice. *“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”* (Colossians 3:14) God would not ask us to put on something we could not control, or could only feel.
- 3) God’s word also states that love is a matter of conduct. *“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth,”* (I John 3:18). Love is more than what we say, it’s a behavior. The fruit of love makes allowances for one another’s faults, turns the other cheek, goes the second mile and causes us to be patient with others. Isn’t that the way Jesus loves you and me? Jesus said, *“Love one another as I have loved you,”* (John 15:12).

May the fruit of love, the fruit that is never out of season, be evident in our homes and in our church. For Jesus said, *“By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you love for one another.”* (John 13:35).

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

Birthday's and Anniversaries for February

1. Seth Slaugenhaupt
2. Cliff & Sally Stutzman
- 3.
4. Faith Safko
- 5.
6. Diana Croyle
Emma L. Thomas
7. Tabitha Blanset
8. Laura Gary
9. Emily Felton
Christopher Shaffer
Kirsten Shaulis
10. Elsie Michael
Bill Watkins
Emma Fockler
11. Brenda Brewer
Emily Bridge
Mary Edna Stevenson
- 12.
13. Gloria Holder
Barbara Korber
Marlin Mishler
14. Brittany Blough
Mike Lysic
Heather Thomas
Daniel Zambanini
15. Ruth Friedline
Ruth Lape
16. Kevin & Carol Lape
17. Meghan Good
Ronald Punako, Sr.
Carole Rose
18. Wendy Myers
Daniel Sinclair
19. Samantha Shaffer
20. George Adams IV
Courtney Blough
Mark Crummett
- 21.
22. Audrey Hoffman
Ray & Ruth Mishler
23. Kevin Lape
24. David Callihan
25. Laura Soha
26. Vicki Ott
Tracey Seganos
- 27.
- 28.

February Challenge

*God did not give us a spirit of fear,
but a spirit of power and of love and
of a sound mind. Timothy 1:7*

The Living Bible continues to tell us "if you will stir up this inner power, you will never be afraid to tell others about our Lord". We speak not only with our words but with our actions also. Let us be known as a church family that uses that inner power and spirit of love to reach out to those round us. Our sound mind should be able to take that spirit of power and love and put it to practical use. When you see an opportunity to be helpful, remember, you are not full of fear. But use your power and sound mind to make a difference in others lives.

In the Nursery for February

Feb. 7

Sunday School.....Patty Miller
Church.....Travis & Samantha Kane

Feb. 14

Sunday School.....Patty Miller
Church.....Annie & Emily Bridge

Feb. 21

Sunday School.....Patty Miller
Church.....Rebecca & Logan Lichvar

Feb. 28

Sunday School.....Patty Miller
Church.....Jeremy & Molly Stultz

Game Dinner...Feb. 20, 2010...5:30 pm..Jon DeBerti of DuBois, State Game Commission Elk Biologist, will be the speaker. Tickets are available at the church office (call first). Prices remain the same: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 11 and under. Tickets will also be available at the Davidsville-Hollsopple BP station, David Fisher, Wade Thomas and Blaine Leverknight.

Deacon Ministry....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

What Is Love?

Our Lord commanded us to LOVE ONE ANOTHER. That means everyone, not just our family and friends, but also our “enemies” and people we don’t even know! How do we love someone we don’t get along with or someone who lives in another country? With God’s help!

In our minds when we think of February, we think of Valentines Day (Love Day). We show and tell our spouses, boyfriend or girlfriend, our children, our parents, etc. how much we love and appreciate them. Maybe for some this is a “ketch-up” day to tell others how much they love them because they don’t tell them on the other 364 days of the year. There are some who have a very difficult time on this day because they may have lost someone very special to them and they feel alone and empty! This situation is an invitation to all of us to reach out to them and love them. When the Lord commanded us to LOVE ONE ANOTHER, He didn’t mean just on Valentine’s Day! The love we receive from God should make us feel “warm and fuzzy” every day, because He is within our

hearts if we’ve accepted Jesus as our Savior. Sure, we all have our bad days, but we should remember that God is always with us and we are never alone!

Did you ever hear this remark – “few things in life are more absurd than a grumpy Christian! How can we be grumpy if Jesus is in our heart? I guess it’s because a lot of people say they are a Christian, but it is only through “head knowledge” and Christ is not their Savior, therefore they don’t have Him and His love in their heart.

GOD IS LOVE!! We don’t know true love if we don’t know God and have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior! We must know God and His Son to experience love in its truest meaning! God’s love in our hearts produces a “light” that shines through our eyes, spills from our mouth and reaches to others through our hands and feet in His service!

In this new year, let us vow to love more, love much, and love all because GOD’S LOVE CONQUERS ALL!!

In Christ’s Love,

Blaine & Carol Leverknight

Monthly Visiting Deacons

Arbutus Blough
Brian Eppley

Weekly Visiting Deacons

Jan 31-Feb. 6 Mearl & Carole Horner
Feb. 7-13 Brian Eppley, Arbutus Blough
Feb. 14-20 Blaine & Carol Leverknight
Feb. 21-27 Elsie Michael & Nancy Dunmyer

Continue to remember those from our visitation list:

Ruth Brown	Laural View Village
Betty Curo	Somerset St, Jerome
Rose Eash	Speigle Rd, Hollsopple
Dorothy Eppley	Walnut St, Davidsville
Stella Edmiston	Church of the Brethren Home
Mary Ellen Mishler	Meadowview, Berlin
Gale Shipley	Akers St.,Jtwn
Donald Stutzman	Woodstown Hwy, Hollsopple
Aldine Thomas	Meadowview, Berlin

Installation Service

The Rev. Guy Myers was installed as pastor of Maple Spring Church of the Brethren, during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service on January 10th.

Pastor Myers was licensed into the Christian ministry in 1983. He received pastoral training through Logos Bible Training Center and Trinity College of the Bible, Newburg, Ind.

Pastor Myers was ordained into the pastoral ministry in 1990 by the Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren. He served as pastor of Conemaugh Church of the Brethren for the past 21 years and district moderator. Currently, Pastor Myers is moderator of four local congregations. He and his wife, Wendy, reside in Cover Hill.

New Carpet

New carpet was installed in the sanctuary the week of January 4th by REC Carpets. The Trustees spearheaded the project. It sure made the church look new and fresh. Thanks for your work on this project!

Help Needed

Meals on Wheels Appeal...Due to the economy and increased costs, Meals on Wheels is asking for monetary donations. We receive no government aid. We are asking if once a year the churches in the area we serve would provide an envelope for those wishing to donate to us. Substitute drivers are also needed, especially during the winter months. If you have any further questions call Shirley Verna at 814-479-4289.

Lenten Services

- Feb 21 Arbutus CoB
Abby Shaffer...Woman at the Well
Feb 28 Tire Hill CoB
Carolyn Willoughby....Widow of Nain
Mar 7 Maple Spring CoB
Ruby Mader...Mother of Man Born Blind
Mar 14 Moxham CoB
Amelia Derr...Pilate's Wife
Mar 21 Pleasant Hill CoB
Linda Reininger....Mary, Mother of our Lord

Light refreshments and social time will follow the service. Hymn Sing begins at 6:45 and worship service at 7:00 pm.

UNDERSTANDING the PARABLES of JESUS

*"I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter what has been hidden since the
foundation of the world." Matthew 13:35*

Anyone interested in exploring the "Parables of Jesus" is cordially invited to attend the Willing Workers Class beginning Sunday, February [7th at](#) 9:30 am, Harold Goughenour will be teaching. PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLES!



The Children of **Cliff** and **Sally Stutzman** invites you to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary at an Open House on February 14, 2010 at the Maple Spring Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall, from 2-4 pm. No gifts please!

Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry

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January 19, 2010

Dear Friend,

Sisters in Christ invites you to join hearts with us for a valentine celebration at Beka House. We hope that you will invite your husband, family member, or another Sister in Christ to share this special evening. Our speakers for the evening are Dan and Abby Shaffer. Dan is program Director at Camp Harmony. Abby is the Children/Youth Coordinator of the Western PA District Church of the Brethren. They will be speaking on "True Affection," using scripture from 1 Corinthians 13:13. *"There are three things that remain Faith, Hope, and Love and the greatest of these is Love."*

Thursday, February 4, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Beka House

5977 Somerset Pike
Boswell PA 15531

Reservations can be made by calling Sue Unger at Maple Spring Church of the Brethren – 479-7062.

Reservations are limited to 100. Reservation deadline is February 2. Cost is \$11.00 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Menu

Roast Beef

Salad

Mashed Potatoes

Filling Balls

Carrots

Rolls and Beverage

Pie

Please make checks payable to "Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry" and mail to:

106 Spring Road
Hollsopple PA 15935

Sincerely,
Sisters in Christ

"...Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another..." Hebrews 10:25

Camp Harmony

Arctic Camp

February 5-6
3rd/4th/5th Grades

Travel to Camp Harmony to learn and to be challenged by being difficult:

- ...by showing love instead of hate.
- ...by being selfless instead of being selfish.
- ...by forgiving instead of holding grudges.

Chuck

Madera

Resource Leader

Super Hero Training Camp

April 9-10
3rd/4th/5th Grades

With all the recent hype of superhero movies, learn what it means to be a REAL Hero.

How does that relate to your Christian walk?

Discover your own hidden powers and design your own costume in this active training camp for super heroes.

Chuck Madera will be the resource leader for the Super Hero Training Camp.



Cross County Ski Trip

Saturday February 20th
\$15.00 with rentals
\$10.00 with out rentals
Arrive: 9 am

Depart: noon

Join us as we ski and explore the Laurel Mountain.

Our guides will teach you how to ski and the essentials of great winter activities.

Adult Cooking Classes

16 years+

Men and Women may attend
Camp Harmony
Saturday, Feb. 20th
and

Saturday, May 8th

\$25.00 / each class

Arrive: 9 am

Depart: 2 pm

Join our resident chef Nikki as she teaches you how to prepare exotic and unique dishes in our spacious kitchen.

Of course you'll get to eat what you make and that's the best part.

Nikki will also teach a few tricks of the trade to make daily cooking a little easier.

Each class will feature different foods.



Sometimes cutting an onion can be so emotional

Sweetheart Dinner

Camp Harmony
February 16th

\$20.00 / couple

5 pm

Bring your favorite guy or gal to a wonderful evening of fine dining and entertainment.

Come dresses to the nines or your favorite jeans.

Call the Camp office at the toll free number 888-745-2267 to make reservations.

All proceeds will benefit the camp scholarship fund.

Help send a boy or girl to camp.

Weekend for Women

18 years+

Camp Harmony

Friday, February 26

Saturday, February 27

\$50.00-Friday & Saturday

\$20.00-Saturday

* Breathe some color and life into your world

*A weekend just for women

*A weekend to offer refreshing worship to our God.

Listen to engaging speakers and laugh yourself into tears.

Invite your:

...Daughter-18+

...your mom

...best friend

...your hairdresser

...your ladies from choir

...your ladies from the

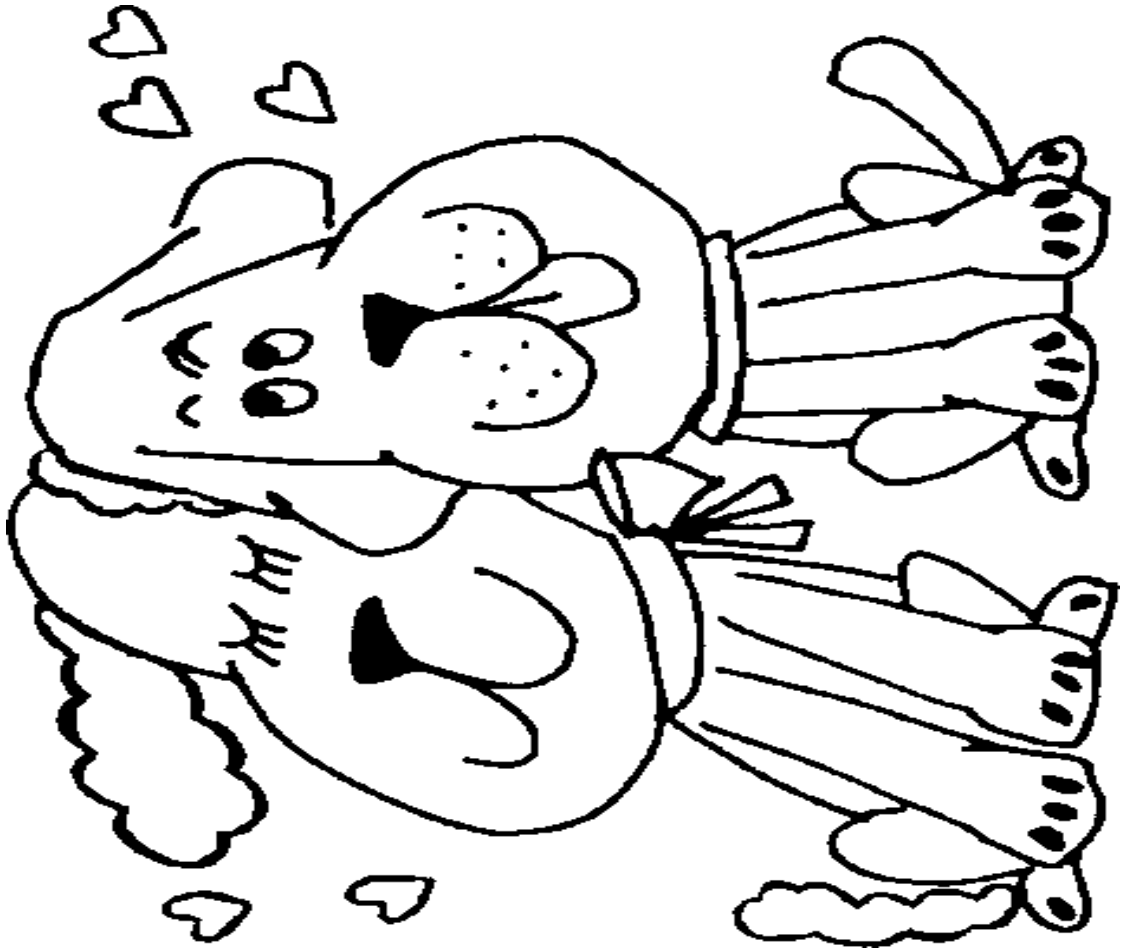
Sunday School class

...your co-worker

...your neighbor

Ladies come for a weekend at Camp and take a moment to enjoy the beauty of God's winter scenery

JUST FOR KIDS



Color the happy couple

The Christian Education Commission is hosting a Family Fun Night of skating at Hooversville Community Center on March 5 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The only cost is \$1.00 for skate rentals. **Everyone** is welcome to come and enjoy the fun!

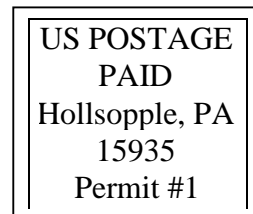
OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

Things to remember during these difficult times in our country and the world!

10. The Bible will still have the answers
9. Prayer will still work
8. The HOLY Spirit will still move throughout the world
7. God will still be honored in the praises of His people
6. There will still be God-anointed preaching
5. The church will grow in spite of Satanic opposition
4. God will still pour out blessings on His people
3. There will still be room at the cross
2. Jesus will still love you
1. Jesus will still save the lost

Be glad some things never change! Be strong in the LORD and love Him with your whole heart.

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