

# Maple Spring

# Water Cup



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*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and  
he who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

*He who does not love does not know God;*

*for God is love.*

*1 John 4:7,8*



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 FEBRUARY**

Sally Kaufman

Elsie Michael

Delores McClellan

Mary Borosky

Connie Martin

Patty (M) Shaffer



and Deanna Fisher

and Arlene Stevens

and Edna Mae Thomas

and Sue Unger

and Marlin Mishler

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...Moxham Church of the Brethren is our  
prayer partner church for the year 2012. Let us at  
Maple Spring keep them in our prayers.*

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**Maple Spring is on the web** at [maplespringcob.org](http://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.

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In the Hospital since the last issue:

Sue Coughenour

Carole Horner

Ray Mishler

Ruth Mishler

Ray Shaffer

Anna Ruth Spangler

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

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Our sympathy to the family of **Betty Curo** who passed away on January 2, 2012.

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

# From the Pastor....

## "IT'S A MATTER OF THE HEART"

What is the heart? One definition is that it is *"That organ that distinguishes the living from the dead."* Another definition is *"the heart is the seat of the intellect as well as the seat of emotions."* In Jeremiah 17:9 we read, *"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"*

The truth is that often our hearts are divided. Throughout our lives we have struggles when we have to choose whether to follow God or our old sinful nature. Let's be realistic, at times the ways of the world still attract us, and in certain areas, we want to follow them. And our hearts will be torn. A divided heart is pulled by the ways of the world and the guidance of God.

Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said, *"A man cannot serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to one and despise the other,"* (Matthew 6:24).

What's the condition of your heart today? Have you given your heart to Jesus? Are you still in love with Jesus? Do you need some "heart" surgery? The good news of the Gospel is that God will give us a new heart if we ask him to. May our prayer be as David's, *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me,"* (Psalm 51:10)

It really is a matter of the heart.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

## Birthdays and Anniversaries For February

1.	Seth Slaughaupt Brianna Williams	
2.	Robert & Betty Waring Cliff & Sally Stutzman	
3.		
4.	Ethan Pribish Faith Safko	
5.		
6.	Diana Croyle Emma L. Thomas	87
7.	Tabitha Blanset	
8.	Laura Gary	
9.	Emily Felton Christopher Shaffer Kirsten Shaulis	
10.	Elsie Michael Bill Watkins	80
11.	Brenda Brewer Emily Bridge Lila Hershberger	71
	Mary Edna Stevenson	92
12.		
13.	Gloria Holder Barbara Korber Marlin Mishler	78
14.	Brittany Blough Mike Lysic Daniel Zambanini	
15.	Ruth Friedline Ruth Lape	81
16.	Kevin & Carol Lape	
17.	Meghan Good Ronald Punako, Sr. Carole Rose	72
18.	Wendy Myers Daniel Sinclair	
19.	Samantha Shaffer	
20.	George Adams IV Courtney Blough	
21.		
22.	Audrey Hoffman Ray & Ruth Mishler Luke Temyer Ron Weible	
23.	Kevin Lape	
24.	David Callihan	
25.	Laura Soha	
26.	Tracey Seganos	

## Challenge for February

Why me? Why him? Why her? They are so young, why would you let this happen to them? If we knew the answers to these questions, would it make us feel better? Could we make sense out of what is happening if we knew the answers? Experiencing pain and suffering brings us face to face with the One who made us. Instead of trying to find out the “why’s” we need to focus our attention on Jesus, He has all the answers we will ever need. We need to trust in Him and know He has our best interest at heart. Isaiah 41:13 says *“for I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you”*. So when we are experiencing pain and suffering let us lean on Jesus and remember He is all the strength we will ever need. He never promised it would be easy but He will see us through all the storms life has to offer. His promise to us from the beginning of time to the end of time is that He will be with us always.

## In the Nursery for February

### February 5

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible  
Church.....Jeremy & Molly Stultz  
.....Emily Bridge

### February 12

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

### February 19

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

### February 26

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible  
Church.....Krista & Samantha Shaffer

# Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

*SANCTUARY - a place of refuge, where one is safe, a place providing protection, a house of worship.*

This past October there was to be a wedding at our church; Laurel Lichvar and Jake Rosenbaum were getting married. I was doing the flowers and there was a bit of set up to get the sanctuary ready for their special day. It was going to be a busy Saturday at work so I decided to come up to the church before I went into work and do what I could and then come back at 11 with the fresh flowers and a helper.

Everything I had planned to do went well and I was ready to leave but had to go out to the car for something. I left the lights on in the altar area. The lights above the pulpit, the baptismal pool and the picture above the altar were all on because even after all these years I have not figured out which switch is for what light so I turned them all on. As I left the sanctuary I turned off all the other lights because what I needed was to go in the altar area.

As I was putting empty boxes in the car and getting out whatever else I needed, I heard a car coming down the road. This car pulled into the parking lot up alongside mine. (When I relayed this tale to my sister later in the day, I shared with her that our grandmother would have said that the young man inside appeared to be a little “down on his luck”.) His window was down on the driver’s side, I soon found out that was because he needed to open the door from the outside.

His first words were, “I knew it would be beautiful inside.” “I come past here often but never saw the church with the lights on.”

I was parked at the sidewalk at the main door going into the sanctuary. A few years ago these doors had been replaced with all glass doors. I looked up from the back of my car and with the new glass doors, the white bows that I had just placed on every other pew going down the middle aisle and the lights on only in the altar area, what an invitation to behold.

I closed the back of my car, had in hand whatever I was taking in and wondered where this encounter was headed. The young man said no more but was following me. I got to the doors and looked back. The man had fallen to his knees on the sidewalk and was praying. Quietly opening the door, I went up front and placed my last decoration for now and stood and looked around the sanctuary with renewed interest and appreciation, very thankful for how richly we are blessed. I should have turned the lights off but couldn’t bring myself to.

Leaving, I went out to the parking lot. The young man and his car were gone. I heard him come down the road, but didn’t hear him leave.

The sanctuary would be where Laurel and Jake would begin their married lives together later that day. The sanctuary had been a beacon to a passing traveler. That day the sanctuary reminded me, by way of a stranger, to enjoy the beauty that I am privileged to be around all the time.

...Jo Berkey

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and Holy, Tried and True  
With Thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOGAR EMANUEL . . .

January is a month that is bustling with activity for the children at Hogar Emanuel. It is a time when the kids are enjoying their school break, which means it is also time for extra visits from work groups; and a time for many Christmas and New Year celebrations. Once again this year, the kids enjoyed spending time with board member, Amber Haupt and her group from Western PA during their holiday celebrations. They welcomed the New Year with a special meal of baked pork chops, potato salad, rice, and of course, *homemade* tortillas. The tables were adorned with white table cloths and pretty floral centerpieces to provide a very festive atmosphere.

The children were also excited to share the holidays with Lauren Farrell this year. Lauren completed her two years of Brethren Volunteer Service at Hogar Emanuel last April, but returned for a visit due to her love for the children. Currently, we are pleased to that Anja Zimmermann from Switzerland is sharing her life with the children until June 2012. There is no doubt about it — spending time with the children at Hogar Emanuel is an awesome experience that changes your life forever.

If you are over twenty-one, have a love for helping God's children, can speak Spanish, and are willing to commit to two-year's volunteer service in a foreign country; please contact Dan McFadden at Brethren Volunteer Service (mcfaddengb@brethren.org) to discuss the possibility of serving at Hogar Emanuel.

**Marisol** came to Hogar Enmanuel April 2006 due to abuse and neglect by her parents. Her mother died of unknown causes a year ago. She is an affectionate, sweet, playful, lovable little girl who will be going into second grade next year. She has had the privilege of studying in a bilingual school since preschool. Her favorite subject is

Spanish and she wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Marisol fondly recalls a trip to KFC she took last month as a reward for successfully completing the school year. She has one older brother at the home, Franklin, with whom she is very close. She says that she likes living at Hogar Enmanuel. Her favorite thing to do is to play with her friends and draw. Marisol is a budding artist. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite foods are pizza and pineapple. She is well loved by all of the other children, staff and volunteers of the home. Please keep Marisol and her brother, Franklin, in your prayers this month.

Reina is our STAR employee this month. She is the beloved psychologist of Hogar Enmanuel. She came to us in September 2010 and has been a blessing to the home and the children. She was born and raised in San Pedro Sula and grew up in a Christian Mennonite family where she learned about Jesus and his love for those in need. As a child she studied violin, took swimming lessons, and English classes. She graduated with a degree in Psychology in April 2009 from the Catholic University of Honduras, where she met her husband. After graduating she volunteered for a year in a psychiatric hospital before being hired on part time at CHF International, a center for women who are victims of trafficking, and part time at Hogar Enmanuel. Her year long stint with CHF ended and she now works full time with our children. She believes that God brought her here for a reason. She says that she likes the atmosphere of the home, working with the children, assessing their needs and feels satisfied when she sees their smiles. Her plans for the future include returning to school to study either family counseling or special education, as well as having a family of her own someday. Please keep Reina and her husband in your prayers this month.

## Sponsorship Coupon

Please provide your name and address and mail this coupon with your donation to:  
 WESTERN PA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS  
 MISSION PROGRAM - HONDURAS  
 115 Spring Rd.  
 Hollsopple, PA 15935

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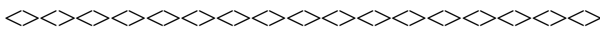
	General Fund—use where needed most
	Child Sponsorship—providing for the basic needs of the children
	If you desire to be assigned to a specific child, contact Rona.
	Staff Sponsorship—providing for the on-site care of the children
	Maintenance & Development—providing for the maintenance and improvement of the facilities
	Nursery Fund—providing for infant care.
	Gift Fund—providing for birthday/Christmas gifts
	New Bridge Program—helping our adolescents prepare for independent living
	Special fund _____ (specify)
\$	TOTAL ENCLOSED

**Dates to remember...**



**February**

- 1 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 2 at 6:00 pm... Valentine Celebration
- 5 at 8:30 am...Church Service
  - 10:45 am...Church Service
- ..... Youth Soup Sale.....
- 8 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 12 at 8:30 am...Church Service
  - 10:45 am...Church Service
  - 6:30-8:00...Kidz Klub
    - ....Sunday Nite Youth
- 15 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 18 at 5:30 pm...Game Dinner
- 19 at 8:30 am...Church Service
  - 10:45 am...Church Service
  - 6:30-8:00...Kidz Klub
    - ....Youth Bowling
- 22 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 25 8:30-2:00...Deacon Workshop
- 26 at 10:45 am...Morning service
  - Youth Lunch(meatloaf)
  - 6:30-8:00...Kidz Klub
    - ....Sunday Nite Youth
  - 6:45 pm...Lenten Service here
- 29 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice



**St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry**

The food items for February are bar soap, Easter candy for children, jelly or jam There is a box in the annex for the donations. Please **do not** donate **out-dated** items.



**New Address**

Kent & Hope Bass  
324 McDowell Drive  
Wake Forest, NC 27587



**Please remember in Prayer the following who are actively serving our country..**

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



**You're Invited:  
Family Night Out**



Sponsored by Christian Education Commission  
 When: Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm  
 Where: Hooversville Community Building  
 Cost: Admission is free  
 \$2.00 for Rental skates

No rollerblades please!!  
 Please have children accompanied  
 by an adult!



**New Members**

New members were received on January 8<sup>th</sup>.  
 They were: Holly Hull  
 Brianna Hull  
 Ron Weible

# Women's Fellowship news-

September, 2011 thru January, 2012:

Reorganized in September, 2011:

President: Deanna Fisher

Secretary: Connie Martin

Assistant Secretary: Emma Thomas

Treasurer: Dawna Todaro

Kitchen Committee: Ruth Ott and Connie Martin

Dining Room Committee: Thelma Keim and Nancy Weimer

Auction: Thelma Keim

Program Committee: Sally Kaufman

Funeral Meal Coordinators: Linda Baraniak and Ruth Ott

Ham Pot Pie (Camp Harmony): Robyn Blanset, Ruth Ott and Deanna Fisher

Nominating Committee: Dolores Lape and Nancy Dunmyer

Mother/Daughter Banquet: Connie Zanoni and Carol Leverknight

Key Ladies at the Brethren Home : Emma Thomas and Diane Bridge

## **October:**

...7 we served Paul Edmiston's auction.

..21 Soup Visitation Day. Delivered 33 Quarts to shut-in. Served a luncheon to approximately 30 people in the fellowship hall.

Auxiliary fund drive was held the month of October

## **November:**

... 7 held a cabinet meeting.

...17 served Conemaugh Township Area Ministries for Thanksgiving Service.

..17 Birthday Party at Laurel View Village. Purchased gifts for 6 men and 3 women. Sally Kaufman was in charge of party.

## **December:**

...6 Covered Dish Dinner, families invited.

The cabinet met to discuss our Christmas gift list this year and we decided to recognize all our members over 85 (13 total). We recognized 9 Nursing home residents, we had 3 who had illnesses during the year and Norma for her dedicated service to the Women's Fellowship. We made donations to Children's Aid Society, New Day and House of Hope.

Discussed beginning a Prayer shawl ministry and all were in agreement. Connie Zanoni will organize this for us.

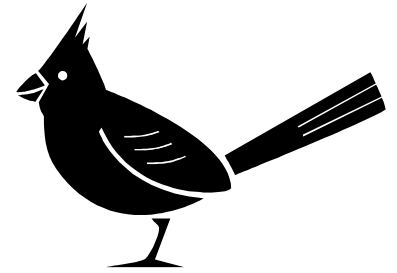
Discussed the greeting card ministry and we are not sure if we will continue doing this.

## **January:**

...21 Women's Fellowship served Men's Prayer Breakfast.

January and February is our winter project months. Anyone desiring to donate to the Brethren home may do so at this time by placing in envelope and marking for Winter Project and putting in offering plate. We also have some little brown envelopes which we will place in the annex.

January, 2012



**Incline your ear, and come unto me:  
Hear, and your soul shall live.**

ISAIAH 55:3 KJV

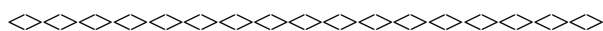
What do we hear in the silence of winter? I like to step out into the silence after snow has blanketed the earth. Whether it is in the night or in the day, the silence is so peaceful. I find that I need to tune in God and his presence during these times of silence. Have you ever stopped to listen at the sounds of silence? The soft whisper of the wind which gently blows through the branches of the trees, you also feel the soft touch on your cheeks and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. If you are out in the daytime, in the silence, you the small chirp of a bird. As one searches to locate where the sound came from, you see a Cardinal, in his bright red coat, calling out to his mate. If one is patience enough, soon the female will appear. They are soon enjoying a meal around the bird feeder. Sometimes if you watch closely, you will see the male feeding the female. Watching in the silence, one hears God calling, come unto me, **hear**, and your soul shall live.

January is a quiet month, a time of resolution. The earth is frozen, frost clings to everything, making a beautiful scene for one to marvel at God's creation. The silence speaks to us and are we listening? Are we open to what God is telling us?

*BUTTERFLY BLESSINGS,  
LINDA*

**An Invitation to Share  
how God  
has Worked in your Life**

The Spiritual Formation Team is requesting your help in putting together a devotional of God Stories of Western PA. We are inviting you to think of a time when God touched your life in some way. This does not have to be dramatic. It could be something simple like a time when you were going through a difficult time and the Lord touched you through a friend, a song, nature, etc. Or it might be something that the Holy Spirit directed you to do to impact someone else's life. We are hoping to do a one-year devotional so we would also like some stories for the holidays and other special days including: New Year's, Right to Life, Martin Luther King, Jr., President's, Valentine's, Ash Wednesday, Passion Week, Easter, National Day of Prayer, Ascension, Pentecost, World Day of Prayer, Mother's, Memorial, Children's, Fathers, Independence, Labor, Grandparents, Columbus, Veterans, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. Please write a short, uplifting **testimony** or **meditation** (350 words or less) and include a related **Bible verse**, brief **prayer**, and a sentence or two about yourself (including where you go to church). We also invite you to submit photos taken in Western PA. The deadline for submitting your entry and/or photos is **April 1, 2012**. Our goal is to have the devotional published by District Conference of next year. It would make a great Christmas gift. Thank you for your help with this project. If you would like to be on our prayer team or have questions or entries, you may call Joy Derck at 724-354-3386 or email her at [jderck@ymail.com](mailto:jderck@ymail.com). With thanksgiving to God for all He has done, The Spiritual Formation Team



**"Women on the Move"**

April 20-21, 2012

The Antiochain Village Conference Center

Sponsored by the District Women's Fellowship. Victoria Smith will be the leader. Her ministry will truly bring you blessings too numerous to count. Registration and money is due by February 15<sup>th</sup>. For more info call 724-547-3772.

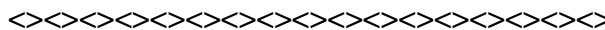
**Blanket+**

For more than 60 years, congregations across the U.S. have been responding to Jesus' call to be neighbors to those in need, in partnership with Church World Service.

When disaster strikes, people need blankets--- and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. And, as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training and other resources to help them rebuild their lives.

**February** will be Blanket+ Fund Drive. \$25.00 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by an earthquake or other disasters.

**Please be generous in your support**

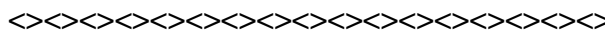


**Sisters in Christ  
Fellowship Night**

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 pm

Do you like music? Do you like to sing? Come join us for an "old fashioned Hymn sing!" Campfire songs, Praise songs and Hymns (of your choice) will be the program venue.

We will pretend that we're sitting around a campfire or that we are in a large cathedral and WE'LL BE THE CHOIR! Come join us for a night of music and fun! We'll be in the fellowship hall and soft drinks will be provided.



**Easter Cantata**

Easter Community Choir Cantata will be held Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> here. Practices will begin Sunday, Feb. 5, 2-4 pm at Maple Spring, The cantata, "*The Rose of Calvary*", with Linda Golden as the director.

**LENTEN SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 2012**  
**The Johnstown Area Churches of the Brethren**  
**Theme: Trees of the Bible**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<u>Ash Wednesday</u>			
Feb. 22 6:00 PM	Pleasant Hill	Terry Gindlesperger	The Captive Daughter of Zion
<u>Lenten Sunday evenings</u>			
Feb 26 7:00 PM	Maple Spring	Phil King	The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
March 4 7:00 PM	Conemaugh	Dan Shaffer	The Tree Planted by Streams of Water
March 11 7:00 PM	Roxbury	Guy Myers	The Tree Zacchaeus Climbed
March 18 7:00 PM	Tire Hill	Rob Rummel	The Tree of Calvary
March 25 7:00 PM	Walnut Grove	Carolyn Willoughby	The Tree of Life in Heaven

The host church plans the worship and supplies the musicians, ushers, and worship leader. The host church also provides a fellowship hall and a light snack. The host church supplies child care staff and facilities. Hymn sing begins at 6:45 and worship service at 7:00 p.m. We should all strive to be finished with worship by 8:00 p.m. since we desire to make this more family oriented. Every effort should be made to include all age groups. If your church has projection technology, please coordinate with the speaker to include this in the evening worship.

The offerings will be split evenly between the Camp Harmony and New Day, Inc. Offerings should be deposited in your own church account and a check made out to "Johnstown Churches of the Brethren" and mailed to Eric Kabler, Treasurer, 126 Clermont Street, Johnstown, PA 15904. The offering "call to giving" will feature Camp Harmony on February 26, March 4, 11 and New Day, Inc. on March 18, 25. No offering will be received on Ash Wednesday.

# "Soup"er Bowl Sunday

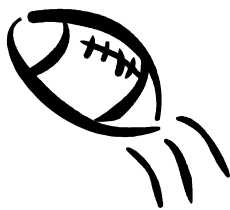
February 5, 2012

"Give One, Take One"

**Give One:** The youth will be collecting cans of soup for the local food pantry.

**Take One:** The youth will also be selling chili and potato soup for \$5 per quart as a fund raiser for our summer activities.

Please let us know how much food to make by signing up at the bulletin boards or call Krista Shaffer (525-0403).



**Thank You!**



## Youth Activities for February

Feb. 12 at 6:30 pm Sunday Nite Youth at Krista's  
19 6:30-8:30 pm **Bowling**  
26... **Youth Dinner** after church (meatloaf Dinner)  
at 6:30 pm Sunday Nite Youth at Krista's  
March 4 at 6:30 pm Sunday Nite Youth at Krista's

# OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

Spread Love !!

I'd like to be the kind of friend that you have been to me;  
I'd like to be the special help that you'd be glad to be.  
I know I'm blessed, for only God can make a friend like you;  
You know just how to cheer me up whenever I feel blue,  
Could I but have one wish fulfilled, this one only would it be...  
I'd like to be the kind of friend you've always been to me.  
....Anonymous

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